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DATES TO REMEMBER

- Remembrance Day Service - November 10, 2008
- School Holiday—November 11, 2008
- Room Parents Meeting - November 12, 2008 @ 12:30
- Reports go Home—November 17, 2008
- Parent Teacher Interviews - November 19, 2008

Just a friendly reminder...WAS is a Nut Aware School.

NEXT EARLY DISMISSAL: Monday, December 1 at 2:30 P.M.

ABSENT/LATE REMINDER

Please notify the school before 9:30 am if your child is going to be absent from school for illness or other reasons. This also applies if your child is going to be late.

REPORT CARD PILOT AT WAS

You will find attached an information letter regarding the new report card being piloted at WAS this year. We would like to give you an opportunity to learn more about the new document. A meeting is set for Thursday, November 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the gym. At that time we will show you the new report card and answer any questions that you might have about how it will be implemented. If your son/daughter is in grades 1-5 you will be receiving the new report card on Monday, November 17. You will also have the opportunity to ask your classroom teachers any questions you may have at interviews on Wednesday, November 19.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Interviews will be held at WAS on Wednesday, November 19 from 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. You will receive a scheduled interview time in a letter to be sent home on November 13 with your child. This interview time will give you an opportunity to discuss the new K-5 report cards, so student attendance is optional, but not required at this time. Grade 6 students may attend the interview with their parents.

WATCH FOR REPORT CARDS ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17.

SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING - NOTE DATE CHANGE

The SCC will meeting on Tuesday, November 25 at 7:00 p.m. (not the 18th as previously set). Everyone is welcome to attend. Our new SCC members are: Megan Santa, Christine Paquette, Jasmine Green, Trina Watterodt, Jannelle Ernst, Janet Hutchison, Jodie Mirosovsky, and Kelly Jarego.

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

Our Remembrance Day service will be held on Monday, November 10 at 2:00 p.m. Parents are invited to attend as we remember those who fought for our freedom. Poppy Collection Each of the children will be receiving a poppy to wear at our service. Money will be collected and presented to our legion members that day. If you are willing to give a donation, please send it with your son/daughter on Monday morning. Thanks for supporting a very worthy cause.

BUS TRAVEL REMINDERS

Please be aware that if your son/daughter wishes to ride on a bus (other than their own) for any reason, you must contact the bus driver and make arrangements for them to do so. Thanks for your support in this matter.

ROOM PARENT MEETING

Our next room parent meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 12 at 12:30-1:30 p.m. Thanks to those who have volunteered their time to support the activities for our children at WAS. Watch for information to follow on upcoming events.

S.R.C. HALLOWEEN DANCE

The annual S.R.C. Halloween Costume Dance was on Friday, October 24. The Grade 4-6 students came in great costumes and had a fabulous time. A BIG thank you goes out to the High School S.R.C. and volunteers who ran a great dance.

Costume winners for the evening were:

Best Homemade- Crayon Box; Chantal Berezowski, Jacy Kerr, Hayley Acton, Shivawn Robson, Morgan Doetzel, also McKenzie Acton, Smore

Funniest- Jaron Klootwyk, hippy;

Most Creative- Amy Leith, Alien; Caitlyn Chilliak, Ace of Diamonds

EDUCATION WEEK ACTIVITIES A HUGE SUCCESS submitted by Mrs. Mireau

The Education Week activities held during the last week in October were a huge success. Everyone enjoyed the baby picture bulletin board of the staff. Students especially enjoyed guessing who each baby picture was. Names of each staff member were revealed on Monday. The display is still up on the bulletin board beside the staff room door.

The used book exchange was held on the stage with over 500 books being swapped among the students. It was a wonderful event and will likely be repeated next year.

There was excellent participation in the home-school reading challenge. Over 100 entries were received. Lucky winners of the draw were Spencer Clarke in grade 4 and Erika Hawes in Kindergarten. Each received a \$15.00 gift certificate to McNally Robinson book store.

Many thanks go to Miss Mailloux, an intern in our school, for the many hours she spent organizing these events. It was a great way to celebrate Education Week.

FOOD HAMPERS

Walter Aseltine School will be assisting the Rosetown Food Bank with contributions of food for the Christmas Hampers. The deadline is Friday, December 5th for donations. Donations may be dropped off in the front lobby of the school.

VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

Approximately 20 WAS students from grades 4-6 attended a volleyball tournament hosted by Harris on Saturday, October 25th. Students from D'Arcy and Plenty also attended. Students were divided into four teams and competed in a round robin tournament with the top two teams advancing to the finals. A big thank you to Mrs. Mireau for coaching and to Harris for hosting. A great fun filled day!

PHONE BOOK RECYCLING

The new phone books for the community will soon be arriving and our school is once again taking on the task of collecting previous editions or recycling. SaskTel will give our school ten cents for every outdated directory. Phone books can be dropped off at Walter Aseltine School or at Tunes & Trinkets, not later than Friday, December 12th. Your participation is greatly appreciated.



Drug and Alcohol Awareness Wellness Network (DAWN)

DAWN is a newly formed regional team that works with west central Saskatchewan communities to decrease the use/misuse of drugs and alcohol.

The DAWN committee will be displaying a booth in your school during Parent/Teacher Interviews.

Stop by and see what we are all about!

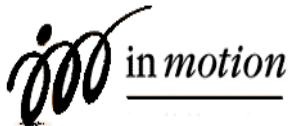
We look forward to seeing and chatting with you!

Sincerely

The DAWN Committee

GRADE 6 STUDENTS COLLECT FOR FOOD BANK

The Grade 6 students collected for the local food bank on Halloween Day. This activity replaces the collecting for U.N.I.C.E.F that had been done in the past. The Grade 6 students would like to thank the community for their generosity and "treats" that they received. We collected a great deal of food!



During the month of October there were three in motion challenges. There were over 50 participants for each challenge. The draw winners were:

Week 1 - Curtis Decker, Amanda Decker and Jeff Hill

Week 2 - Kaitlin McDonald, Eli Ortman and Carsan Crossman

Week 3 - Eric Robbie, Madison Wickett and Shelby Brown

All of the forms were entered to win a t-shirt at the end of the challenge. The winner was Brendan McCann.

Thanks to everyone who participated.

Coming Events:

1. Santa's Hut will be held in conjunction with Santa's Day on December 6, 2008 at the Rosetown Community Hall for Children 14 years and younger from 11:00 am—3:00 pm. Donations can be dropped at Niccolls Mobility or call Eleanor Seib at 882-4054 or call Wendy at the Crisis Centre 463-6655.
2. Story Time and Craft—Saturday, November 8th - "Animals", Saturday, December 6th - "Christmas" All children Welcome! (All dates subject to change) Phone 882-3566
3. Rosetown Elkette Figure Skating Club Bottle Drive—On November 11th, starting at 4:30, the skaters will be going door to door in Rosetown collecting your cans and bottles. If you will not be home, please leave on the curb with a note. We thank you in advance for your support and helping us keep our ice rental costs low.
4. The Rosetown Elkette Skating club will be pre-selling Poinsettias for \$20.00. We will be pre-selling at the Rosetown Co-op on Saturday, November 22 from 9:00-3:00, or just give us a call at 831-7568. They will be ready for pickup or delivery on November 24 at the Rosetown Skating Rink at 6:30 pm. Thank you in advance for supporting your Rosetown Elkette Skating Club.



Pilot Report Card 2008-2009

Sun West School Division is excited to introduce a new report card for kindergarten to grade 5. It is being tested in five schools in the division this year, of which our school is one. The report card will provide information about academic achievement and student behaviour. The new reporting system is based on the following principles:

- Students will understand how and why they are being assessed.
- Students will be assessed on their individual achievement.
- Effort, attitude, participation, attendance, timely submission of work and compliance are evaluated separately from academic achievement.
- Students will be reassessed without penalty if they have shown further learning

Student achievement on the new report card is graded on a four point scale:

- = 1 (beginning to achieve but with limited mastery)
- = 2 (progressing with partial mastery, showing some degree of understanding)
- = 3 (proficient; working at grade level)
- = 4 (exceptional; superior mastery)

Most students will achieve a 2 or 3, indicating partial or solid mastery.

A term summary will be included with the report card to outline the content taught in each subject during the term.

Learning behaviours, including such things as respect, cooperation, effort and responsibility will also be assessed and graded on a four point scale:

- = C (consistently exhibits behaviour)
- = U (usually demonstrates behaviours)
- = S (sometimes demonstrates behaviours)
- = R (rarely demonstrates behaviours)

Parents of children in piloting schools will see the new report card when it comes home in November prior to parent-teacher interviews. Full implementation of the new elementary level report card in the rest of the school division is planned for the 2009-2010- school year. We encourage you to talk to your child's teacher if you would like to learn more about this new report card. If you would like to learn more, please plan to attend a meeting on November 13 at 7:00 p.m. in our gym.