



# Walter Aseltine School

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

- Thanksgiving Holiday - Oct 13, 2008
- Division Level PD, No School - Oct 20, 2008
- Picture Retakes - Oct 22, 2008
- SRC Dance for Grades 4-6 - Oct 24, 2008
- Book Fair - November 5 & 6, 2008

NEXT EARLY DISMISSAL: Monday November 3 at 2:30 P.M.

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

## 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.

## STAFF PARKING LOT

It has come to the attention of our staff on supervision that some parents may be parking and watching their children play at lunch time. We do not mind this happening, however, we would appreciate it if you could identify yourself to the supervisor so we know who is out there. Safety is always one of our primary concerns and as such we need to know all of our visitors.

## TERRY FOX

Thanks to everyone who sponsored our children on the Terry Fox Run on Friday, September 26. Special thanks to the RCMP who escorted us on our journey. Our grand total collected was \$3760.85. Congratulations on a job well done!

## PICTURE RETAKES

Just a reminder that picture retakes will take place October 22, 2008.

## **School Community Council Annual Meeting**

Wednesday, October 22, 2008

7:00 p.m. in the WAS gymnasium

### **Agenda:**

Review of Financial Statement

Election of Parent and Community Representatives

Come and join us and get involved in our School Community!

## NOTES FROM THE LIBRARY

We have received our information package from Scholastic about the Book Fair and it is really exciting. We still need a few more volunteers so if you have any time on November 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> please let us know. I would also like to remind parents that we do take donations of Children's Books at the Library and what we do not use is moved to other places that need books. Thank-You for your volunteering and donations all are greatly appreciated.

## SOCCER

A soccer tournament for grades 4 - 6 took place in D'Arcy on Saturday, September 27, 2008. Walter Aseltine sent approximately 40 students. They were split into five teams and participated in a round robin tournament. Team five coached by Mrs. Ross of Harris won the tournament.

Due to the coaches, staff, parents and students the tournament was a great success! Everyone played well and showed great sportsmanship. Thank you to Mrs. Mireau and Mrs. Kampen for coaching and to all the parents who drove students to the tournament. A tournament would not be possible without your efforts.

The next tournament will be volleyball in Harris on Saturday, October 25, 2008. Hope to see you there.

Thank you.

John Kadler

## VOLUNTEERING AT WAS

Thanks to those who are planning to volunteer at our school (baking in classrooms, helping with Book Fairs, etc.) Reminder to any new families in our community, or first-time volunteers to our school-we ask that you stop at the RCMP detachment and have a criminal record/vulnerable sector check completed. Our intent is to keep WAS safe for all children. Thanks for your support in this matter.

## FIRE SAFETY

This past week was Fire Safety week. Thanks to our local fire department who supplied booklets, stickers and CDs to our students. Try to take some time as a family to discuss your escape route at home. It will be time well spent if ever you need to be prepared.

## EDUCATION WEEK

"Reading More Into Education"-coming October 26-November 1

Watch for more information coming your way. Events will be held throughout the week.

## NEW REPORT CARDS COMING!

WAS will be piloting the new Sun West K-5 report card this year. Teachers are receiving inservices on the new format. You will see the new report card when they are handed out on November 17. Watch for more information to follow.

## CLASSROOM PRESENTATIONS

Kristin Karppinen, our school student counselor will be giving presentations to all of our classes on the theme of anti-bullying. Topics covered will assist children in getting along with others and help them deal with bullying situations they may encounter.

### CAT 4 TESTING

All students in grades 3 and 6 will be receiving CAT 4 testing during the weeks of October 14-24. These are standardized tests which are administered to all grade 3 and 6 students in Sun West school division. Information gathered is used to plan for future instruction. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the office.

### FOOD BANK DRIVE

On Friday, October 31, 2008 the grade six students of Walter Aseltine School will once again be canvassing the homes of Rosetown for the local food bank. This will take place from approximately 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.. If anyone wishes to make a donation and knows they will not be at home they may simply leave the donation in a bag on the front step of their home. Thank you in advance for your contribution to the Rosetown Food Bank.

### KINDERGARTEN MEDIEVAL FEAST

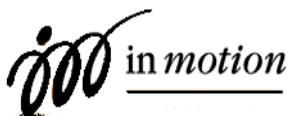
On October 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, K1 and K2 held their annual medieval feast. Kindergarten princesses, princes, kings and queens gathered, with their parents, for a fun filled noon hour of chants and a medieval meal. The meal was eaten in true medieval style... with their hands! A big thank you to Mrs. Kampen and her Grade 4 class and Mrs. Olivier and her Grade 5 class for helping the Kindergartens build their fantastic crowns! Also, thanks to the room parents and volunteers for all their help!

### GRADE 5 and 6 VOLLEYBALL

The Grade 5 and 6, boys and girls, Volleyball practices are being coached by Miss Crossman and Miss Mailloux. Over 25 enthusiastic players have been coming out for practices, on Tuesdays from 3:30 to 4:30. Practices will continue for the month of October.

### GRADE THREE FAMILY HERITAGE LUNCH

On Tuesday, October 7, the Grade three class from Mrs. Mireau and Miss Mailloux's room held a family heritage lunch to celebrate family heritage. The lunch culminated a unit of study on family heritage, similarities and differences. Students brought samples of their favourite family foods, many being traditional or ethnic recipes. Among the delicious foods enjoyed were: perogies, short-bread cookies, fudge, Norwegian leftsa, beat niks, blue berry muffins, meringues, garlic sausage, kreble, "nothings", pizza, popcorn, crab apple juice, chocolate marshmallow desert, granola crumble ice cream, jello jigglers, banana loaf, cheese bacon biscuits, pfeffernuts, Norwegian crackers and cheese. It was all topped off with beef on a bun for the dozen or so parents in attendance. Thank you to all the parents and grandparents who prepared such delicious food for this special event.



October is in motion month. Watch for a school challenge to be announced soon.

