



THE RIVER



FEBRUARY, 2009

Feb. 12 – Early dismissal at 2:30.

Feb. 13 – Grades 1 – 8
Parent/Teacher Conferences

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I LOVE TO READ MONTH

École Riverside School will be celebrating reading during the month of February with several activities planned during the month. Just one of these activities is called D.E.A.R., or as we call it **Drop Everything And Read**. Another is called *Who is the Author? or *What is the Title of that Book? Other games and activities related to reading are planned for the month.

Rachel's Challenge

École Riverside school would like to inform everyone about a new school group called the Friends of Rachel Club. Friends of Rachel (FOR) is a program that inspires, instructs, and enables students to bring positive change to the school atmosphere. The group focuses on promoting acts of kindness, fundraising for good causes, positive school atmosphere, and recognition of others. The group has already sat down

and wrote Thank You cards for sport volunteers at our school. At the moment, FOR are working on fundraising activities to raise money to buy a Wii game system for the residents of the personal care home. The first fundraiser planned is a candy-gram sale for Saint Valentine's Day! Keep watching the River for more updates on the FOR club.

Cold Weather Continues

A reminder that our students need to be always dressed for our weather conditions. Students do not spend recess outside if temperatures reach -30 degrees or colder. In the case of a fire or evacuation, all students are required to be outside and possibly must walk to an alternate location for a short period of time, therefore, it is important to be dressed properly.

A reminder that there is no supervision before 8:50 and before 12:55 on the playground.

February Reminders

Feb. 2 – We welcome members of Freeze Frame Manitoba to our school. They will be giving a full day workshop to our grade 6 English class on video production. Sounds like a lot of fun!

February 4 a.m. and Feb. 5 p.m. - Freeze Frame and MPI will present a video

workshop with the grade 7 immersion class. The end result will be video announcements about safety.

Feb. 9 – Grade 5 ski trip to Mystery Mountain.

Feb. 12 – Early dismissal at 2:30 and...

French and English Scholastic Book Fair in the library from 9:00 – 4:00.

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Feb.13 – Last day of Scholastic English and French Book Fair in the library. 9:00 – 6:00

Feb. 16 – Louis Riel Day – **No school** for all.

Feb. 15 – 18 – Grade 7 and 8 immersion classes are on their trip to the Vestival du Voyageur.

Feb. 19 – Choir will be cancelled for this day.

Feb. 24 – School Science Fair. Viewing at 6:00 p.m.

March 3 – Grade 8 composite photos and K-8 class photos along with individual retakes. If having retakes, please bring in the first package you received.

March 9 – Grade 6 and 7 ski trip to Mystery Mountain.

Spring Break ☺

It seems far away right now but Spring Break will run from March 28 until April 5, 2009. Call the travel agent!

Lost and Found

On February 13th (Parent/Teacher conferences), please stop by the Lost and Found boxes in the school. Articles of winter clothing, gym clothes, school supplies etc. that have gone missing may be claimed there. Items not claimed will be donated to those who are less fortunate.

Check Mate !

Chess club has resumed. Grade 3 will participate on Mondays, grade 4 on Tuesdays and grade 5 on Wednesdays. All times are from 3:40 until 4:15.

Lunch Program

The lunch program at our school is in need of lunch monitors. We are also always in need of substitutes to start as soon as possible. The rate is \$15.00 for the hour and you would be providing a great service to our school. If interested, please contact Tina at 679-0922.

Thank You !

A big Thank You goes out to all those who baked and brought in articles to be sold at our bake sale, with profits going to the grade 7 – 8 trip to Festival du Voyageur. (And I can personally vouch that every item was delicious!)

Strong Parents; Healthy Families Conference

The conference is organized by Hello Parents, a network of organizations within Thompson who provide special services and supports to families. The conference is scheduled for February 17-18 at the Juniper Centre on Nelson Road. Free lunch will be offered both days and should be noted on the registration form which is available through

Mr. McDonald at school. The presenter will be Pamela Whyte from Winnipeg discussing the *Keys to Raising Children*. Register before February 10th for chances at a door prize.

News From the Gym

Basketball season has begun! There are two teams representing École Riverside School. Girls' practise is held on Wednesday and Friday mornings at 8:00. The boys practise on Tuesday and Thursday at 8:00 am. Both teams will have games on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school. The schedule is posted outside the gym. Come and support our teams.

Jump Rope For Heart has also begun. This will be held at lunch time for students.

Mondays – Grade 3

Tuesdays – Grade 4

Wednesdays – Grade 5

Thursdays – Grade 2

Fridays – Grade 6

Remember to bring your gym clothes and a lunch.

The students participating are also asked to get sponsors and to raise money to go towards the Heart and Stroke Foundation. We would like to break our fundraising record from last year which was \$6400. Every cent counts! The money is due by **Monday, March 2nd**.

What counts in sports is not the victory, but the magnificence of the struggle.

- Joe Paterno

Hoodies, shirts...

While in the school for Parent/Teacher conferences on February 13, drop by the office to see Mrs. Hainstock. She can show you examples of hoodies and shirts with the Riverside School crest and you can try them on to find your size. The choices of colour are great. Mrs. Hainstock will order them for you.

Festival of the Arts

So you think you can dance, sing, recite poetry, play an instrument or create great art work? The Thompson Festival of the Arts 2009 edition wants YOU or your class to participate in this creative events program. You may obtain your registration form from Mrs. Hudson in the library. The deadline for registration is February 12. École Riverside School will also sponsor those classes who wish to enter the competition by paying the registration fee.

Science Fair

The students of Riverside School are in the planning stages of their science Fair projects. Their curiosity, hard work, scientific research and experimentation will (as it has been in the past) produce interesting scientific discoveries. The school Science Fair will be held during the day of February 24 with judging in the morning and exposition in the afternoon. A viewing for parents and guests begins at 6:00 in the evening of the same day.

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