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Woodlawn Early Years School April 2016 Newsletter



INTERIM PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

This school year certainly seems to be flying by. It has been a busy and exciting year at Woodlawn School. Our Makerspace is finally complete and the students have been enjoying making, creating, and tinkering in this new space. We thank all of you for your donations. I see many of the items that were donated going home as wonderful new creations with the students at the end of the day. I enjoy the conversations that I have with students about their creations. A lot of skills and curricular connections are being developed as the students work on their projects.

Our Celebration of Learning evening will take place on April 14. This is a wonderful opportunity for parents to participate as their children lead them through a variety of learning activities. This come and go event will take place between 5:00 and 6:30. Parents are invited to visit their children's classrooms as well as the gym, music room, and of course our new Makerspace. We are looking forward to celebrating the wonderful learning that takes place at Woodlawn School with you.

I would like to take a moment to say goodbye to Mrs. Claire Neufeld who was covering Mrs. Pam Barkman's leave since the beginning of the year. Claire will be missed by her students and all of the staff. We wish her much success in her future endeavors.

I would like to thank Tara Reimer for stepping in and doing a wonderful job as Interim Vice Principal. Mrs. Shelley Amos will return after spring break. I will resume my role as Vice Principal, and Tara will resume her role as resource teacher. I hope you all have a wonderful and relaxing spring break.

Karen Fraser

INTERIM VICE PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

March seemed to go by so quickly. We had an early taste of spring with the unseasonably warm weather. Of course this came with days when the playground was too slippery or too wet, but the students handled it well. Leading up to Spring Break, the students were excited and full of energy, but it didn't stop the learning! Walking down the halls, you continue to see the engaging learning that is happening. Teachers are doing a great job fostering the interests and learning styles of our students. Everyone has different ways they learn best (even as adults) and by having a variety of rich and engaging learning experiences, students have the opportunity to further develop their strengths and continue to grow in areas that may be more challenging.

Tara Reimer

COUNSELLOR'S CORNER

When there is a problem or conflict it is often in our nature to spend much time rehashing the details of what happened, deciding who is to blame for what, making excuses and giving shallow apologies when really wouldn't it be better to spend more time thinking and talking about what we need to do to fix it?

Restitution gives us 4 guiding questions to help keep us on track:

1. What do you want/need?
2. What are you doing?
3. Is it working?
4. Do you want to make a plan (to fix your mistake or to help you get what you really want/need)

Using these questions with our children helps them to focus on what it is they really want or need and how to get it while being the kind of person they want to be. It also helps them (and us) remember that we all make mistakes, but what we do to fix it afterwards is what really counts.

Stay well,
Sandy Kehler
School Counsellor

I'm not interested in...



On Thursday March 24, Woodlawn hosted our fourth annual Community Pancake Breakfast in the school gym at 8:00 am.

We held this awesome event together with our Pyjama Day and what a great success this was!

Our staff served 1200 pancakes, 700 milk/chocolate milk and coffee (for adults) to students, parents and staff. A special thank you to Woodlawn PAC member Sheri Bueckert for all of her help.

We appreciate all the parents and students for their attendance and donations and hope you enjoyed the morning event.



April Showers

We expect the playground to be wet and muddy for a few weeks with the snow melting.

Parents and guardians please send extra socks and dry clothes with your child in case theirs get wet/muddy.



Reminder:

A friendly reminder, if your child will be away from school or will be late or will not be returning to school after lunch please ensure you call the school at 204-326-6110 or email woodlawn@hsd.ca to let us know. If you know ahead of time that your child will be absent please write a note in their agenda. When the school is not advised of an absence or late arrival, the office begins a call back procedure to parents and emergency contacts. Many of these calls can be avoided if parents call ahead to advise us of the absence.

School Routines

As you enter the school you will see a sign that welcomes you to Woodlawn School. This sign reminds all visitors and parents to report directly to the office. The secretary will be happy to assist you. This allows the school to be aware of all adults in our building and minimizes disruptions to the learning and routines of the classroom. If you are picking up your child during the school day or dropping something off for your child please report to the office.

Please remember to use Henry Street in front of our school as a loading zone during school hours. Additional parking is available on the church parking lot directly across the street.

NO vehicle traffic is allowed on the school parking lot/bus lane area throughout the school day. RCMP will be monitoring.

Also note there is no public parking available at Entrance D (Barkman St.) at any time. All parking is reserved for school staff.

With the warmer weather on the way, please arrange a pick up location that is outside and near an entrance to the school (except the bus loop entrance) if you are picking up your child at the end of the day. This will help reduce the crowding in the halls by the classroom doors and at the front office at dismissal time (3:45). Make every effort to be punctual when picking up your children. Please ensure your child is aware of pickup arrangements before coming to school. Changes to routine pickup arrangements should be written in the agenda book. If a friend or relative is picking up a child from school the parent/guardian needs to notify the school or the classroom teacher by writing a note in the agenda. **If you must phone the school regarding pick up arrangements please call before 2:45 pm.**

SAFE CROSSING ON HENRY STREET

We have a school staff member, wearing a vest and using a flag, acting as a crossing guard in front of the school on Henry Street. The crossing guard assists families across the street from the step. All walking traffic going to the church lot is asked to cross at this spot for safety reasons. We also ask parents to meet their child(ren) on the school grounds and cross together. Please do not stand in the parking lot and wave your child(ren) to cross alone. Pylons and/or a no parking sign are used to block cars from parking in front of the steps. We hope this process is smooth and creates a safer environment for our families.



Kindergarten 2016/2017

Registration packages for children registered for Kindergarten, September 2016, will be mailed out at the beginning of May. If you registered a child and do not receive a package before the middle of May please contact the school. Woodlawn's Welcome to Kindergarten evening is May 18, 5:30 - 6:45 pm. Please join us for a

fun evening of activities and information. Activities will include a story, arts & crafts, gross motor play, a tour, and even a bus ride.

The Kindergarten Teachers, Resource Teachers, School Administration and our Speech Language Clinician will be available to answer questions.

Please RSVP to the school at 204-326-6110.

If you live in Woodlawn's catchment area and plan to send your child to Kindergarten in September 2016 but have not registered your child yet, please call Woodlawn School at 204-326-6110.

Please pass this information to any friend, neighbor or relative who may have children eligible for Kindergarten and who might not be aware of the registration process. To be eligible for Kindergarten children must be 5 years of age on or before December 31, 2016.



ROOTS OF EMPATHY

The staff at Woodlawn School works hard to teach the "whole child". This includes the academic, physical, emotional, and social aspects of every student under our care.

We have been trained and use a number of programs and techniques in each of the aspects mentioned above. We are excited to include a program called "Roots of Empathy" in the upcoming year. For more than ten years across Canada and internationally, thousands of children have learned about empathy and respect for one another with the lessons started through their Roots of Empathy baby.

A mother and her baby are invited into the classroom and help create a world of understanding and empathy. The sessions are led by trained school staff.

If you know of someone who has a baby between the ages of 2 months and 4 months that would be willing to participate in this worthwhile program, please encourage them to call Shelley Amos at 204-326-6110.

BATTERY RECYCLING CONTEST

Dear Woodlawn Families,

Earth Day is fast approaching - Friday April 22! In celebration of Earth Day our school has entered to participate in the new EcoKids Battery Busters: Spring Cleaning Contest! (Call2Recycle, EcoKids) We are encouraging the whole school and Woodlawn community to get involved. Our goal is to collect as many used batteries as possible for the chance to win prizes that will help support future development of our Woodlawn's Learning Garden - OLE.

How to participate!

From April 1 – 29, 2016 we will collect used single-use household batteries.

*Parents/ Guardians please note that the batteries have to be placed in a zip-lock bag or taped with non-conductive electrical tape. If you do not feel comfortable sending your child to school with the batteries please feel free to drop them off at the school. Bagged or taped batteries will be placed in the battery collection box.

The types of batteries that can be collected:

Consumer batteries each weighing less than 5 kg. Nickel Cadmium (Ni-Cd) Nickel Metal Hydride (Ni-MH) Lithium Ion (Li-Ion) Nickel Zinc (Ni-Zn) Small Sealed Lead Acid (SSLA/Pb) Cell Phones (and their batteries) - regardless of size, make, model or age.

One battery (or cell phone with battery) per bag!

Ni-MH, Ni-Cd If bags are unavailable, you can tape the exposed battery terminals with non-conductive electrical tape before placing them in the collection box.

These Batteries Require Bagging: Li-Ion, SSLA/Pb!

All rechargeable batteries weighing less than 5 kg each, and cell phones (with or without their batteries), and place in the box for recycling.

The Call2Recycle program does not accept alkaline, lithium primary, non-rechargeable or wet cell batteries.

Thank you for your participation,
From the Eco-Club

Information adapted from Call2Recycle Canada and EcoKids

<http://www.call2recycle.ca/what-happens-to-your-batteries-when-you-recycle-them/>

What Happens To Your Batteries When You Recycle Them?

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IT STARTS WITH COLLECTIONS



Call2Recycle collects & recycles
 Nickel Cadmium (Ni-Cd)
 Nickel Metal Hydride (Ni-MH)
 Nickel Zinc (Ni-Zn)
 Lithium Ion (Li-Ion)
 Small Sealed Lead Acid (SSLA/Pb)
 Single-Use/Alkaline
 Lithium Primary
 Cellphones

With over 34,000 collection sites in Canada and the U.S., there is a drop-off site within 15km of 91% of the Canadian population.

Collections are then sorted by type and chemistry.

Sorting

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RECHARGEABLE BATTERIES

SINGLE-USE BATTERIES

CELLPHONES

Collected batteries and cellphones are recycled into new products.

Nickel (Ni)

Used Ni-Cd, Ni-MH and Ni-Zn batteries are recycled into new products such as silverware, pots & pans, golf clubs and new batteries.



Alkaline

Used alkaline batteries are recycled into steel and new products such as sun screen and concrete aggregate.



Refurbished

Cellphones are refurbished or resold with proceeds helping to fund the recycling and education program.



Lithium (Li)

Used Li-Ion rechargeable batteries are recycled into steel, stainless steel and new batteries.



Lithium Primary

Used Li-based primary batteries are recycled into new products such as silverware, stainless steel, golf clubs and new batteries.



Recycled

Cellphones unable to be refurbished are wholly recycled and manufactured into new products.



Lead (SSLA/Pb)

Used SSLA/Pb batteries are recycled into new Pb-based batteries.



➤ **39 million kgs**

Call2Recycle has diverted over 39 million kgs of batteries from landfills since 1996.

Visit call2recycle.ca to learn how you can answer the call to recycle.



Spring Picture Day - Friday, April 22nd

Spring picture day is April 22nd. Forms will be sent home with students. If you would like a sibling photo of your children please be sure to complete the form and return it to the school with one of your children.

Stars of the Future



Children born between July 1, 2012, and December 31, 2012, together with their parents, are invited to attend a **Stars of the Future** clinic. Stars of the Future is a FREE screening program for children that live in South East Manitoba. It is a onetime appointment, designed to find out how your child is doing in the areas of speech & language, hearing, growth and development.

The appointment is one hour long. Appointments may be booked by calling 204-346-6136 and leaving a message. For more information on Stars of the Future go to www.healthychildcoalition.ca. Appointment times do fill up quickly, so we encourage you to book your appointment early.

Clinics will be held in the following communities:

Steinbach: April 6 th and 7 th ; May 4 th and 5 th	Vita: April 22 nd PM only
St. Pierre: April 8 th	Sprague: April 26 th AM only
Ste. Anne: April 20 th	Niverville: April 28 th
Dominion City: April 22 nd AM only	Lorette: May 17 th

Stars of the Future is offered **FREE** to families living in the former South East/Santé Sud Est Health region through a partnership with Southern Health-Santé Sud, South East Children's Therapy Initiative and Healthy Child Coalition - South East.

CREATION OF 2016-2017 CLASS LISTS

Staff will soon be meeting to determine class lists for the 2016-2017 school year. This is a complex process and as in previous years we are seeking parental understanding and support of this process.

It is our strong belief that the learning atmosphere in the classroom must be the first consideration in the formation of class groupings. Classes are organized to ensure Appropriate Education takes place for all students. We make every effort to minimize the potential for negative student interactions.

Staff teams strive to create classes that are heterogeneous and balanced in all respects. The following criteria (in no specific order) are considered when determining class lists:

- Student abilities
- Our knowledge of social interactions and dynamics between individual students and groups of students
- Student/teacher match
- Placement of students new to Woodlawn School
- Male/female ratio
- Parental information
- Approximately equal class sizes

Parents can assist the class formation process by:

1. Helping their children to understand the importance of class formation.
2. Supporting placements that have been made.

Given the criteria used to generate class groupings, it can sometimes be difficult to accommodate requests that we get to place a particular student with another student or group of students. It is equally difficult to accommodate requests for a particular teacher. We will do our best to accommodate requests, that are based on student specific needs, but we do not guarantee that requests will be honoured. Any such requests should be submitted in writing by April 30, 2016 to the school administration. Late requests will not be considered.

Given appropriate support at home and at school, it has been our experience that the vast majority of placements are successful. Where a placement is proving to be difficult, we ask that parents and students give it the time required for friendships and classroom community building to develop.

The name of your child(ren)'s teacher for 16/17 will be included with the June report card. Should you have any concerns, you are asked to put them in writing addressed to administration. Concerns will be dealt with upon return in August 2016. Once the lists are compiled, administration tries not to make adjustments. However, certain circumstances may arise where placements need to be altered due to students leaving or enrolling, registration of new students with high needs etc. In these instances, parents will be notified in late August of the change in order to prepare your child.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to your child's education at Woodlawn School.

Shelley Amos
Principal

Karen Fraser
Vice Principal



April 2016



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Chocolate or white milk for sale at lunchtime everyday. .75 each	Please send exact change with your child for milk and hot lunches.			1 Spring Break March 28- April 1	2
3	4 Day 4 Classes Resume	5 Day 5	6 Day 6 Ham Pizza \$2.00 per slice	7 Day 1	8 Day 0 Admin/PD Day -No Classes	9
10	11 Day 2	12 Day 3	13 Day 4 Pepperoni Pizza \$2.00 per slice	14 Day 5 Celebration of Learning 5:00 - 6:30 pm	15 Day 6 Hot Lunch - Chicken Noodle Soup & a Bun or ½ Turkey Sandwich or ½ Turkey Wrap \$3.00 each Bus Evacuation Drills	16
17	18 Day 1	19 Day 2	20 Day 3 Ham Pizza \$2.00 per slice	21 Day 4	22 Day 5 Hot Lunch - Chicken Noodle Soup & a Bun or ½ ham Sandwich or ½ Ham Wrap \$3.00 each Earth Day Spring Picture Day	23
24	25 Day 6	26 Day 1	27 Day 2 Pepperoni Pizza \$2.00 per slice	28 Day 3	29 Day 4 Hot Lunch - Chicken Noodle Soup & a Bun or ½ Turkey Sandwich or ½ Turkey Wrap \$3.00 each	30