

WASKADA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

June 2010

Principal's Message

Well, here we are already at our final newsletter for this school year. Time does seem to fly faster and faster. Someone told me it has to do with getting older (I think I'll come up with a different reason than that!) Our staff and students have been busy with many activities this past month. Here are some of them.

Our grades 9-12 recently went to Brandon to participate in the divisional track and field meet.

Congratulations to all our participants, you all competed well and showed great sportsmanship. Congratulations to Amy and Alexis Wanner as well as Amanda Jolly who placed and advanced on to the next round, our thoughts and cheers will be with you as you compete at the 2010 Milk High School Provincial Track and Field Championships!

Our middle years students have been busy practicing for their upcoming divisional track meet which will take place in Brandon on June 2nd. Good luck to all our participants and let's hope the weather is great!

On behalf of Waskada School and staff, we would like to send out a huge thank-you to Penn-West for their generous monetary donation towards equipment for our school! We haven't finalized our plans for the money as yet, but are looking at purchasing some new technological items or some new gym equipment. Whatever we de-

ecided, it will be something everyone in the school can have access to.

As the month of June approaches, many field trips are being finalized. Good luck to everyone as they go on these trips and I hope everyone has a very enjoyable time. Please watch for permission slips coming home and if you have any questions or concerns about these trips please contact your child's teacher or the office.

Our staffing for next year has now been finalized. We regret that we are saying good-bye to Amy Morrison. Amy has been a great asset to our teaching staff and did a fantastic job in her first year of teaching. We will miss you Amy but we wish you the best of luck as you embark on a new adventure in Wawanesa.

We would like to take this time to welcome Rennen Romme-laere to our teaching staff for the upcoming school year. Rennen will be teaching Gr. 1-12 PE/Health as well as other courses such as some of our middle years and high school courses. We are looking forward to having Rennen be a part of our staff and are excited to have him in our school.

A parent sheet will be sent out shortly to our high school students/parents asking for interest in having a parent meeting to discuss next year's timetable and courses being offered. Please indicate whether or not you will be able to

attend. The date for the meeting will be listed on the sheet that goes home.

Exams will be quickly upon us. The last day of official classes for the grades 9-12 will be Friday June 11th. An exam schedule is listed further on in this newsletter. If you wish to allow your child to leave the school once exams are finished, please fill out the permission form they will be bringing home shortly and return it to the school. Anyone who does not have written permission to leave will be expected to remain at the school until 3:15pm. The grades 7/8 will be finished classes at the end of the day on June 18th, their schedule is also in this newsletter and they will also require permission to leave the school once they have finished their exam.

Don't forget our High School graduation day on June 24th! As in previous years, the ceremonies will take place in the school gym and are open to the public. The ceremonies begin at 7:30pm with the Grand March to follow.

That's all for now, have a great summer everyone and we'll see you back in the fall!

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 1—4—**Provincial Eng 40 Exam**

June 2—**Gr. 5-8 Track in Bdn**

June 3—**K-2 Field Trip to Souris/ Brandon** -In Souris, we will be crossing the Souris Swinging Bridge and having a play in the park. In Brandon, we will be participating in a Pond Tour and Critter Dipping at the Discovery Centre. Glow bowling at Thunderbird bowl will follow the Discovery Centre and our day will wind up with ice cream back in Souris.

June 8-9—**Provincial Applied 40 Exam**

June 9—The **Grade 5 - 8 class** will be travelling to Morden and Manitou this year for a day trip. At Morden they will visit the Canadian Fossil Discovery Center where they will learn about marine fossils that have been found in the area. After they will travel to the excavation site and dig to see if they can find any fossils. Later the class will travel to Manitou and participate in a zip-lining adventure.

June 10- **Gr. 3/4 Field Trip** - We will be travelling by bus to Spruce Woods Provincial Park for a Spirit Sands guided hike. Then we go on to Portage to board VIA Rail for the trip to Rivers. From there we will spend time at the beach in Rivers Provincial Park, before going for supper in Souris. We are hoping for a very warm day!

June 10-12—**Senior Provincial Track**—Good luck to Amy and Alexis Wanner and Amanda Jolly.

June 11—**Last day of classes for Gr. 9-12 students**

June 15—**Hydro presentation for Gr. 5/6 class**

June 15—**Gr. 9/10 Sci Exam**

June 16—**Exams -Gr. 9/10 ELA, Gr. 11 ELA**

June 17—**Exams -Math Essentials 10, Chem 40**

June 18—**Last day of classes for Gr. 7/8**

June 18—**Exams—Gr. 9/10 Soc St, Hist 11**

June 20—**Father's Day**

June 21—**Exams - 7/8 Soc St, Math 9, Intro to Pre-calc/Appl 10, PreCalc 30**

June 22—**7/8 Math Exam**

June 23—**7/8 Sci Exam**

June 23—**Kindergarten Graduation**

June 24—**7/8 ELA Exam**

June 24—**Waskada Grad— Banquet—5 pm; Ceremonies— 7:30 pm; Grand March to follow— Waskada School**

June 25 -**Grade 1 - 4 Fun Day.** More information will follow later.

June 28—**Gr. 1-6 Swimming** - 12:30 to 2:00. Notes and permission forms will be going home later. We will be needing drivers.

June 29—**Last day of classes for Gr. 1-6**

June 30— **Admin Day**

Happy Summer Holidays!

REMINDER -

There will not be any Hot Lunches in the month of June. The canteen will be closed after June 11. Thank you to all the parents who have helped with hot lunches throughout the year. A special thanks to Wendy May and Tanis Bennie who helped organize the lunches.

THANK YOU

The Grads would like to thank everyone who supported their BBQ on May 18. Thanks to everyone who purchased plants as well, as a portion of those sales went to the Grads.

BIKE SAFETY

The following letter was sent home with the Gr. 7-12 students. In case you did not receive it, we are including it in the newsletter. Dear Parents/Guardians;

Recently some of our older students have decided to bring their bicycles to school in order to use them for "trick" riding at noon. The students have been instructed that due to safety concerns, there will be no bike riding on school property, during school hours. The safety concern has risen due to the younger students being outside during this time and the potential for collisions. There are also concerns over the tricks the older students are choosing to do such as jumping their bikes over obstacles and in some cases, over each other. In an effort to maintain safety, we have asked the students to please refrain from riding their bikes on school property, particularly during noon hours and recesses. As parents/guardians, you also need to be made aware that those students that have been given permission to leave the school grounds at noon may still decide to leave with their bikes and may choose to use that time to

perform their “bike tricks” around town. In that case, the school is not responsible for what happens off school grounds as the students have been given parental permission to leave. Upon the student’s return to our grounds, we will then once again be responsible for them.

It is my hope that the students who choose to leave school grounds to perform these stunts will give thought to the potential dangers involved before someone gets injured. I am hoping that by having a conversation with them about the dangers, we can avoid potential injuries. If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at the office.

Denise Benton

WASKADA’S ELC DAYCARE

We are now establishing a potential list for our ELC Daycare. If you are interested in spaces for your children, please contact Waskada School immediately at 1-866-422-5117.

FAREWELL FOR MARK SATTERLY AND FAMILY

Tues., June 1

7:30 pm

Waskada United Church
Short program followed by presentation and lunch.

Everyone is welcome to come and say good bye to Mark and his family.

DONATE BLOOD! DELORAINE SCHOOL

Monday, June 21

1:00—3:00 pm

5:00— 8:00 pm

Anyone between their 17th and 71st birthday (regular donor) or 17th and 61st birthday (first-time donor) can donate.

Call—1-888-2-DONATE
Sponsored by Deloraine Ladies
2000 Club

SPRING INTO SUMMER EVENT

Tues. June 8

7:30 pm

Waskada United Church

Dessert/Tea/Coffee—\$3

Bake Table

Raffle on Gift Baskets

Chinese Auction Items

Door Prize

Everyone is invited to come for a fun evening!

Sponsored by Waskada Evening
Circle Group

HOW TO GET GOOD GRADES

1. Believe in Yourself

“To succeed, we must first believe that we can.”

2. Be organized

“ If you are organized, you have what you need, when you need it.”

-Use an assignment notebook.

-Use three-ring binders for class notes.

-Use folders for schoolwork.

-Keep your locker and backpack neat.

-Get organized before you go to bed.

3. Manage your time well.

-Use class time and study halls.

-Create your own study plan.

-Prepare for interruptions.

4. Be Successful in the Classroom

-Learn how to adapt to different teachers.

-Be in school, on time, everyday.

-Be prepared for each class.

-Sit in the front of the class if possible.

-Always do your homework.

-Participate in class.

-Be a good group member.

-Treat others with courtesy and respect.

-Involve your parents.

5. Take Good Notes

-Be an active listener.

-Take notes to help you pay attention.

-Recognize important information.

-Take notes that are easy to read.

-Go over your notes as soon as possible.

-Get notes if you are absent.

6. Know How to Read a Textbook

-Scan. Read. Review.

7. Study Smart

-Find a good place to study.

-Get started.

-Know your learning style.

-Organize your study time.

-Know how to study for tests.

-Use tricks to help you memorize information.

-Know how to write a paper.

-Use tricks when making a presentation or speech.

8. Use Test-Taking Strategies

-Get off to a good start.

-Develop a plan.

-Mark questions that you want to return to.

-Increase your odds on multiple-choice questions.

-Look for key words in True/False questions.

-Know how to approach essay questions.

-Improve your math test scores.

-Be prepared for open book tests.

-Check answers.

-Go over all returned tests.

9. Reduce Test Anxiety

“A little anxiety before a test improves your concentration and alertness. Excessive worry, or test anxiety, will lower your test scores.”

10. Get Help When You Need It

“When you have a problem, do something to resolve it.”