

Bothwell School News

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Principal's Message

If you've been at school during opening announcements, you've heard our volunteer student greeters doing the opening morning announcements. Keep up the good work students- it is so nice to see how you are helping our school! Announcements are posted on-line daily for your convenience. Check out our school website at www.bothwell.hsd.ca and special thanks to Mrs. Unger for her management of the school website.

Daily school attendance is important for all students. Students who attend school regularly are more engaged in learning, have a greater sense of belonging to the school community and are more likely to obtain a high school diploma. Perfect attendance should be a goal because with even missing school 2 days a month, a student misses the equivalent of one month of school a year. We encourage you to have discussions with your child about having regular, daily school attendance. For more information on attendance go to: www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/attendance

Options Day for grade 5-8 students during noon hour on day 5's include Badger Zone in the Learning Commons, Computer, Library, Gym and Outside. It has been great to see how some students are showing leadership and friendship during this time.

This past month was pre-registration for next year's kindergarten students. If you or someone you know has not yet registered their child for September 2017, please call the school.

Prior to report cards being distributed this month, teachers are to document if they have contacted parents/guardians to inform them of any potential concerns. In previous years we sent out interim reports, and now to establish more effective communication, teachers will be either emailing or phoning you with information. We want to work together with families to support your child's progress. Please know that we also welcome your contact (phone call, arranged visits, or emails) to ensure we have proactive conversations. Working as a team is very important in our school- we care about your children!

Mrs. Rekrut

School Spirit Week

The Ignite committee has organized a Spirit Week to kick off the last week before Spring Break. Students and staff are encouraged to take part and find a way to be involved!

Moody Monday: *Wear comfy pajamas and carry your favourite stuffed animal around all day*

Twin Tuesday: *Wear matching outfits with a friend or dress up like one of the Bothwell staff members*

Wacky Wednesday: *Pull out your craziest clothes and style your hair in a really wacky 'do*

Theatre Thursday: *Dress up like your favourite character from a book or movie*

Formal Friday: *Wear your fanciest outfit!*



K—GR. 8 TERM TWO REPORT CARDS

WILL BE SENT HOME **FRIDAY, MARCH 17**



PARENT / TEACHER CONFERENCES

are

Thursday, MARCH 23

from 4:10-6:30

BY REQUEST OF PARENTS OR TEACHERS.
Enclosed with all report cards will be a letter regarding Parent Teacher Conferences.

Parent Notes/Pick-up Changes

We want to ensure the safety of our students, so please send a note with your child in the morning of any different arrangements for your child(ren) to be picked up from school. If arrangements change during the day please contact the school well in advance (**at least 1 hour beforehand**) with those alternate plans. Students are to be signed out at office if leaving earlier than regular dismissal, and parents should include the following information:

- Who is picking them up
- Time of pick up
- Alternate plans
(ie. walk instead of getting picked up)

*Please note that Kindergarten students are to be picked up by 11:50

OUTDOOR RECESS

Our policy is for students to go outside for recesses. If your child has a cold and you feel they are well enough to attend school they are to go outside for some fresh air and a break in their day.

But please know that during recess time, any student that begins to feel unwell may talk with a supervisor and our staff will work together to ensure students are taken care of and helped– we care about your children!

The reason we have this policy is because fresh air and play is a good thing throughout the day and we do not have regularly scheduled indoor supervision available to students.



PARENTS YOU ARE INVITED
TO OUR
WINTER ACTIVITY DAY
Wednesday Afternoon March 8th in the
afternoon.

Dress Warmly!
Hope to See You There!



Pre School Reminder!!

Just a reminder to all families of pre school aged children and especially families with 2017-18 Kindergarten students—our pre school group meets Tuesday afternoons from 1:15-3:15.

This is excellent prep for kindergarten next year! You are welcome!



JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

WHO: GRADE 1-6 Students

WHEN: FRIDAY AFTERNOON, Mar. 24

WHERE: BOTHWELL SCHOOL GYM

Students in Grades 1-6 will be bringing home pledge forms. Students can earn great prizes while raising money for the

Heart and Stroke Foundation.

Parents are invited to come jump with your kids!

We need a few parent volunteers on March 24 to prepare and serve healthy snacks. If you are able to help prepare snacks & help serve, please call the school.



**World Down Syndrome Day
March 21 at 1:30 in the Gym**

**Wear Lots of Socks for
Down Syndrome!**

Join us as we show support and build awareness!

3-21 (March 21) is internationally recognized as World Down Syndrome Day, signifying a third copy of the 21st chromosome. In honour of that extra chromosome,

**Please wear LOTS OF SOCKS
on March 21st
to celebrate World Down Syndrome Day!**

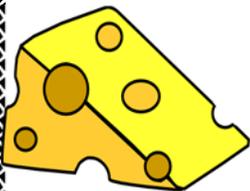
Show how much fun a little something extra can bring! Wear socks on your feet, as a bracelet, in your hair—we don't care where! Maybe, you can wear 21 socks that day!



Money collected for donation will be forwarded to the Down Syndrome society. New pairs of socks may also be donated. If you would like to donate socks, Hayden, Barbara and Emily will be bringing the socks and making sock stuffies to bring to a local charity. You can also buy a raffle ticket on March 21 for \$1.00 to win a stuffy! THANK YOU to our students leading this endeavor!



**BOTHWELL SCHOOL PAC WILL BE
HOSTING THEIR ANNUAL BOTHWELL
CHEESE
FUNDRAISER to COVER THE
COST OF A
SCHOOL YEARBOOK**



March 24—April 10

The PAC cheese fundraiser will start March 24 and continues through until Monday, April 10. Each student selling 20 items will receive \$20 towards a Bothwell School 2016/17 yearbook. Funds raised over and above the cost of yearbooks will be put toward the school picnic held at the end of the year. The cost of purchasing a yearbook without fundraising efforts is \$20.00.

Lost and Found



A table with lost and found items will be set up in the front foyer on Friday, March 24. Please take the time to look through the items for those that may belong to your child.

All remaining items will be brought to



Parents/Guardians: We Want to Know
Who's Reading Our Newsletter!

Hidden somewhere in the newsletter are these cartoon eyes. Email the school at bothwell@hds.ca with the page # and you'll be entered to win a piece of pizza for your child on a pizza day this year! The winners name will be drawn one week after the newsletter is sent out.

February winner: Billie Jo Hunter



1 Free Slice!



**Grade 8 SRSS Orientation and
Parent/Student Information
Evening & Open House**

Grade 8 student SRSS Orientation is March 9 in the afternoon and students will be bussed to the SRSS for this event.

The SRSS is also hosting a special meeting of Grade 8 parents and students on Thursday, March 9 that will start with a parent/student information session at 6:30 in the SRSS Gold Gymnasium, followed by an Open House at 7:00. Come and explore the facilities and course offerings.



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**Grade 8 Farewell
Information**



Friday, June 23, 2017 is the date scheduled to hold this celebration!

Each year, an evening is set aside to acknowledge and celebrate the time the eldest students of Bothwell School have been a part of our school community– and we will wish them well as they make the transition to grade 9!

In the past, parents/guardians have worked with students to plan a farewell evening for the out-going class. As a parent/guardian, you are welcome to be involved. Please contact the school if you are interested in volunteering to help plan and organize a farewell for your child and their classmates. The parent committee will be asked to meet at the school in April with Mrs. Rekrut.

Please contact the school if you are interested in helping to plan this exciting event!

BOTHWELL SCHOOL DRAGON BOAT TEAM

Bothwell School, together with coach Ms. Roy, would like to register a DRAGON BOAT race team this year in the Manitoba School Dragon Boat Challenge which takes place on Sunday, June 4. The team will be made up of grade 7, 8 students. A Parent information letter/commitment & permission form will be sent home early March with students who have shown interest. The deadline to register a team is March 24. On the water practices will be booked for May.





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24 February 2017

Attention: Parents and Guardians

RE: Mumps in Manitoba

Since September 2016, Manitoba has been experiencing an outbreak of Mumps. As of February 10, 2017 there have been 162 confirmed cases. In recent weeks the spread of mumps has expanded throughout Manitoba and now includes cases in pre-school and school aged populations. Manitoba Health, Seniors and Active Living (MHSAL) would like to ensure that all parents and guardians are aware of the situation and know how to recognize the symptoms of mumps, understand how to prevent its spread and know what to do if they suspect they or their child(ren) may be infected with the mumps virus.

The mumps virus can be spread to others from two to three days before symptoms appear until four to five days after symptoms appear. Some people infected with mumps may not have any symptoms at all, but can still spread the virus to other people.

What are the signs and symptoms of mumps?

Mumps often starts with cold-like symptoms, including:

- Swollen and tender glands at the jaw line on one or both sides of the face;
- Fever; and,
- Headache and muscle aches.

Although there can be rare complications from mumps, such as hearing loss and sterility, the vast majority of cases are mild, with full recovery in one to two weeks.

How is mumps spread?

Mumps is spread by direct contact with the saliva of an infected person, such as through coughing, sneezing, sharing drinks (e.g. water bottles, straws) or kissing.

A person with no symptoms can transmit infection. Individuals with mumps will be asked to restrict their contact with others to reduce the possible spread of mumps.

(Mumps in Manitoba Continued...)

Mumps prevention

To reduce the spread of mumps, people should:

- wash their hands often with soap and water or use hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available;
- avoid sharing drinking glasses or eating utensils;
- cover coughs and sneezes with the forearm or a tissue; and,
- STAY HOME** when sick.

Immunization against mumps using a mumps-containing vaccine is available free-of-charge to Manitobans as part of Manitoba's Routine Immunization Schedule with the following Vaccine Eligibility Criteria:

- All children 12 months of age or older are eligible to receive 2 doses of MMRV vaccine. Doses are administered at 12 months and 4-6 years of age.
- Those born during or after 1985 are eligible for 2 doses of MMR vaccine;
- Those born between 1970 and 1984 who have not received a vaccine containing measles or mumps or have not had natural measles or mumps infection are eligible for one dose of MMR vaccine;
- Non-immune health care workers, regardless of age, are eligible for 2 doses of MMR vaccine; and,
- Non-immune students born before 1970 are eligible for 1 dose; students born in 1970 or later are eligible for 2 doses of MMR vaccine.

Contact your health care provider to determine if you need to be immunized against mumps.

What to do if you think you or your child(ren) have mumps

People who think they might have mumps, or have been in close contact with someone who has been diagnosed with mumps, should phone their health care provider or phone Health Links - Info Santé at 204-788- 8200 or 1-888-315-9257 (toll-free) for more information.

If visiting a physician or health care provider, it is best to call ahead and make an appointment so health care staff can take steps to reduce the exposure of other people to the virus.

For more information about mumps, visit the MHSAL mumps disease webpage at:
www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/diseases/mumps.html.

Sincerely,

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