



West St. Paul School Community Newsletter

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JUNE, 2011 YEAR-END NEWS

Take Care of yourself, Take Care of each other, Take Care of this place.

Farewells

We wish our Grade 8 students a fond farewell. Many of them have been at West St. Paul since Kindergarten. We have strong relationships with these students and we are going to miss their personalities and talents. It's always surprisingly emotional to leave this place. We wish them well in their high school career.

We also wish to say farewell to five staff members who will not be returning next year. A BIG THANKS to Mrs. Brown, Mr. Van Dongen, Mr. Holmes, Mrs. Mudry and Mrs. Foss for all their hard work and dedication as valuable members of the West St. Paul School Community. We hope you all find a great place to share your teaching talents.

Mr. Calisto will be moving to Belmont School to be the vice principal. He is kind of a West St. Paul institution as he has been teaching here for twenty years! We will miss him, but know this is a wonderful opportunity for him.

We welcome back Mrs. Rempel, Mrs. Rioux and Mrs. Tabor who are all returning from maternity leave. We also welcome Mrs. Walker who is joining us from Elwick School.

We are expanding yet again for next year. We have added another classroom for the fall. Our music room will now be in Red River Hall, so Middle School students will be eating their lunches in the classrooms next year. We have completed Phase One of a construction project, which is to add a wheelchair accessible bathroom (called a grooming room in today's language). Over the summer you will see some changes begin to the front of our school as construction begins on a new foyer that will incorporate an elevator and alternate entrance into Red River Hall.

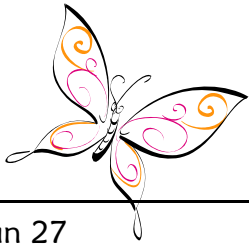
We know this construction will cause some confusion and a change in student and parent movement patterns once construction begins. We are not exactly sure what that will be like, but we ask for your patience and understanding in the process.

The West St. Paul staff wishes you a relaxing and enjoyable summer!

Tell Us about Your Trees

Students were delighted and excited to partake in West St. Paul School's tree planting project, in which over 1600 tree seedlings were sent home to be planted in students' yards. The school received over 1000 hybrid poplar and over 500 white spruce seedlings from the Government of Manitoba's Trees for Tomorrow program. These seedlings were then divided up and distributed to the students to take home. Classrooms and hallways were filled with excited chatter as students each received three seedlings to carefully carry home. Students promised to take care of the seedlings and give them the attention they need to grow into strong trees that will not only fight climate change, but also provide shade and beauty to the West St. Paul community.

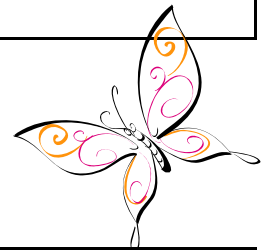




2011-2012 IMPORTANT DATES AT A GLANCE

Jun 27	Middle Years Activity Day - Thunder Mountain
Jun 28	Middle Years Activity Day - Bird's Hill Park
Jun 29	Grade 8 Farewell @ Larter's - 6:00-10:00 p.m.
Jun 30	Last day of school - Assembly - 8:30 a.m. Early Dismissal - Kindergarten @ 9:30 a.m. Early Dismissal - Gr.1-8 @ 10:45 a.m.

LOOKING AHEAD...



Aug 31 - Sep 2	Call school office to book your orientation time
Sep 6/7	Orientation Days
Sep 8	First Day of Classes
Sep 12/13	Middle Years @ Camp Roseau River
Oct 7	Divisional PD Day - NO SCHOOL
Oct 10	Thanksgiving Day - NO SCHOOL
Oct 21	SAG In-service - NO SCHOOL
Nov 11	Remembrance Day - NO SCHOOL
Nov 25	Parent/Teacher Conferences - NO SCHOOL
Dec 23 - Jan 6	Winter Break—SCHOOL CLOSED
Jan 9	Classes Resume
Feb 20	Louis Riel Day - NO SCHOOL
Mar 16	Parent/Teacher Conferences - NO SCHOOL
Mar 26 - Mar 30	Spring Break - NO SCHOOL
May 21	Victoria Day - NO SCHOOL
Jun 29	Last Day of Classes - EARLY DISMISSAL

Please keep this list of dates handy. However, during the year, other professional development days and special events will be planned. Monthly newsletters will provide updates and the information will be posted on our school website...www.7oaks.org/school/weststpaul/Pages

FROM THE GYM...



TRACK & FIELD

We had 65 Middle Years track and field athletes at West St. Paul School. 25 of them made the qualifying standards to represent our school at Provincials held on June 8th at the University of Manitoba Stadium. It was a good experience and the students had fun. Many of them had personal bests and some even received medals for finishing in the top 3.

MANITOBA MARATHON

Every Monday and Wednesday after school many students flocked to the gym to train to run a leg of the relay at the Manitoba Marathon, which was held on Father's Day, June 19th. This training was very critical for the students to attend, so they could run their relay safely. As the weeks went by, the training got a lot more demanding, and even scared some participants off. When the day of the Marathon finally arrived, we were down to six students in the club; however, we were not out of determination. We made it down to the Marathon, ran our relay with success on our side the whole way, and had a great time. Through my experience, I learned that you really have to set a goal for yourself to be able to complete the training, and know what you are capable of. We are definitely able to thank our coaches Ms Los, Mr. Zylstra, and Mrs. Shewchuk for helping prepare us for the event. Maybe next year we will all do the half Marathon!

~ Kristin P.



Tap Club 2010-2011

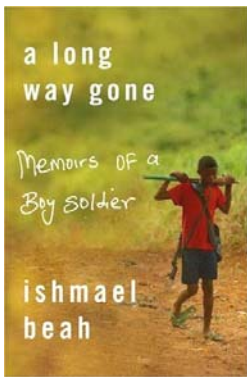
This year tap club learned 2 dances to perform. We danced to *Singing in the Rain/Umbrella* (from Glee) and *Santa Claus is Coming to Town*. It was a wonderful experience and we all had a **lot** of fun dancing with Ms. Greening and Ms. Burrridge. We performed at West St. Paul's Winter Concert, Victory School's dance assembly, West St. Paul's Volunteer Reception, Arts in the Park and West St. Paul's Got Talent!

This is Ms. Greening and Ms. Burrridge's second year teaching tap at West St. Paul school. We love learning how to tap dance and we have a lot of fun!

Please join next year!

Written by: Harmony and Janine

Social Justice in Grade 7: Child Soldiers Presentation



All year, Mr. Holmes' Grade 7 class has been reading books that focus on themes of social justice. At the beginning of the year, we read a book called *Iqbal* which focused on child slavery. During the second term, we read a novel called *A Little Piece of Ground* which focused on the ongoing conflict between Palestine and Israel. Recently, we finished a memoir entitled *A Long Way Gone* by Ishmael Beah.

This is a true story about a 12 year old boy from Sierra Leone who is forced to fight in his country's civil war. The book details the experience most child soldiers go through. Ishmael was separated from his family, was given drugs, and brainwashed by adults to kill. Near the end of the memoir Ishmael is rescued by representatives from UNICEF and is taken away to be rehabilitated. Ishmael now works as a spokesman for the United Nations and runs his own charity organization.

On Friday, June 17th Mr. Holmes' and Mr. Rempel's classes were lucky enough to attend a presentation done by Esther, the nurse who helped rehabilitate Ishmael Beah. The presentation was done by three people. Melrose talked about the causes and impacts of the civil war in Sierra Leone. Esther talked about her experience rehabilitating Ishmael and answered the students' questions. Nyange, a grade 11 student from Windsor Park Collegiate and a survivor of the civil war in Sierra Leone, talked about the importance of getting an education. Nyange also talked about her charity organization *Global Backpacks for Sierra Leone*. Nyange's charity raises money and collects backpacks and school supplies for less fortunate students in Sierra Leone. Next year she will travel to Sierra Leone and deliver the backpacks and supplies she has collected. If you are interested in making a donation please talk to Mr. Holmes before the end of the year.

The presentation was very educational and emotional. We were all very lucky to hear first-hand accounts of what it is like to live through and survive a war. The students learned from Nyange how lucky they are to live in a safe country where they receive a free education and how important it is not to take this for granted. These three women are a perfect example of a concept we have been trying to learn all year - that one person CAN make a difference in the world!!



West St. Paul Arts in the Park



JUNE FIELD TRIPS

GRADE 1 CLASSES TO SIX PINES FARM

FORT WHYTE



I don't know where to begin! It was a long bus ride. Everybody was just waiting to arrive at Fort Whyte. Once we arrived, everyone at Fort Whyte greeted us with a **big HELLO!** They put us into 2 groups. Our group leader was Ed. He took us orienteering which is a kind of sport where you use maps to find your destination. He also taught us how to use a compass. After all that, we had lunch. After lunch we had to go on a big walk to get to a little beach where we went kayaking and canoeing. While on the kayaks and canoes, we played games like tag and a game a little like basketball. Then we stayed at Fort Whyte after the school day was over to swim at the beach. A lot of people jumped off the dock even though the water was **FREEZING COLD.** We even got marshmallows to roast on a fire! It was **SUCH** a fun day!!!

Written by Connor N. and Stephen D.



SPLASH ISLAND - ROOMS 6 & 17



SHOW & SAVE

DISCOUNT CARD & COUPON BOOK

Grade Eight Fundraising

The 2011-2012 Grade 8 students will be selling Show and Save booklets to help raise funds for the year- end events.

The Show And Save card and booklet will be sold at a cost of \$15 each. Each booklet comes with coupons for Fun Food, Casual and Fine Dining, Golfing, Fun and Entertainment, as well as some coupons for Merchandise and Services.

Each Grade 8 student who chooses to sell these booklets will collect the \$15 (cash or cheque) and hand it in to their teachers, who will then supply them with the books purchased. The students will then give the booklets to those whom have ordered.

If you would like a Show and Save Coupon Book, let a Grade 8 student know; or, you can call the school (339-1964) and we'll make sure you get one.

PARENT/CHILD PRESCHOOL SUMMER PROGRAM

The Seven Oaks School Division would like to invite you to join us for FREE parent-child preschool programming (for ages 0 to 6 years) at O.V. Jewitt Community School and R.F. Morrison School. We will be open for programs from July 13 to August 20, 2010.

O.V. Jewitt will be open on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and R.F. Morrison School on Thursdays and Fridays. Programs run from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Parents/adult caregivers and children, please join us in our community schools. We will have loads of fun reading wonderful books, playing, singing, exploring through art and sharing a nutritious snack.

For more information and to register call:

Cheryl Rajfur at 339-1964 or Chris Turnbull at 633-1714



CANADA DAY CELEBRATION
FRIDAY, JULY 1
SUNOVA CENTRE, WEST ST. PAUL
Events start at 9:00 a.m.
Fireworks at 11:00 p.m.



Please visit our school website for more details.