



Lowe Farm School

December Newsletter

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It is the end of November as I write this message and there is no snow on the ground! November has been a real treat weather-wise and school-wise. Thank you to all of you for supporting our Fall Supper on the 25th. It was a real pleasure seeing the community come to share a fabulous dinner! Way to go Mrs. Brown!

In November, we added a .5 grade 1 teacher (Mrs. Colpitts), and in the process, lowered the number of students in each of the grade 1 – 4 classrooms. Three candidate teachers (learning to be teachers) have enriched our staff and are making an immediate impact on the lives of the children in the school. We have hired a Low German pre-school instructor (Tina Voth). We have also welcomed 2 more students to our family. Four more students will be joining us in December. That will bring our total enrollment up to 113 students. (up from 84 in June 2010) What an exciting time for our school and community.

The grade 7/8 students attended the "ME to WE" Day where they learned how to make a difference by helping others in the community and the world. We look forward to seeing what the students come up with in their quest to help others. Through the Artists in the School program, Randy Guest and Leigh-Anne Kehler visited to teach us how to make films and to tell stories. You can join us on the 21st of December to see all the hard work at our LFS Film Fest.

In December, we will be working hard on the Christmas Concert. Domain School will again be joining us for a dress rehearsal the afternoon of the concert. We look forward to having the community come to join us for both the Concert (14th) and the Film Fest (21st). See you all then!! ☺

Mr. Rob Fiola

School Cancellation

It is that time of year again when stormy winter weather can hit us at any time. The superintendent of the school division is responsible for the cancellation of school. Wind chill, road conditions, and visibility are all considered. **The decision to close schools will be aired on CJOB (AM 680), CFAM (AM 950), CBC (990).** The first announcement is usually on the air by 7:00 a.m. and repeated during morning broadcasts. School cancellations are also posted on the school division website.



Low Farm School
Christmas Concert
Wednesday, December 14, 2011
7:00 p.m.
 (Storm date – Thurs., Dec. 15, 2011)
Low Farm School Gymnasium
Everyone Welcome!

**FREE USED COMPUTERS
AVAILABLE AS IS ON FIRST
COME FIRST SERVED BASIS.
Please contact the school.
Thank you.**

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Wed., Dec. 14 Lowe Farm School Christmas Concert
7:00 p.m. in school gym
- Thurs., Dec. 15 Concert Storm Date
- Wed., Dec. 21 LFS Film Fest 10:45 a.m.
- Thurs., Dec. 22 Last day of classes before
Christmas break**
- Mon., Jan. 9 Classes Resume
- Fri., Jan. 27 Inservice Day – no classes
- Fri., Feb. 3 Divisional Inservice – no classes
- Mon., Feb. 20 Louis Riel Day – no classes
- Fri., Feb. 24 Inservice Day – no classes
- Fri., Mar. 23 Last day of classes before Spring Break
- Mon., Apr. 2 Classes resume

The students of Lowe Farm School would like to invite the community to come and attend our first ever



LFS Film Fest

Wednesday, December 21, 2011
at 10:45 a.m.

Lowe Farm School Gymnasium

Students have been working with

Artists in the School,

Randy Guest and Leigh-Anne Kehler,

learning all about

filming, editing and storytelling.

Now they want to share

the finished product with you.

Everyone Welcome to Attend

Fundraising Update

MOM'S PANTRY PRODUCTS

Thank you to all those who participated and supported our annual Mom's Pantry Products fundraiser again this year. We made a profit of **\$1333.70!**

FALL SUPPER

Lowe Farm School held its annual Fall Supper a little later this year due to availability of our local community centre, or the lack there of. We were thrilled to be able to host the supper before the busy Christmas season was upon us. The Fall Supper was held on a beautiful Friday, November 25th and was extremely well attended. We would like to thank **Mrs. Alice Brown** and her organizing committee consisting of **Mrs. Trina Landry, Mrs. Angie Isaak** and **Mrs. Ann Harder**.

Thank you also to the parents of the grade 5 – 8 students for their help before, during and after the fall supper as well as the food donations they made. Thanks also to the students and school staff who helped with set up, serving, ticket sales and clean up. A big **THANK YOU** also to **Granny's Poultry Co-operative** (turkeys), **Kroeker Farms** (potatoes), **Peter & Ann Harder** (carrots) and **Earl & Val Bergman** (corn) for their generous donations. **All was much appreciated.**

Preliminary numbers show that we made a profit of approximately **\$1840.00** to be used towards camp.

CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER

We are about to begin our chocolate fundraiser again going with the **Lamontagne chocolates** selling for \$2.00 each. A new addition to the fundraiser this year will be a **healthy alternative of a cereal bar**. There will be 4 varieties (blueberry, cherry, cranberry/ apple and apricot) to choose from each weighing 40 grams. They will sell for \$2.00 each as well. There are 30 items per case for the chocolates and the cereal bars. There will be a limited amount of the cereal bars as we are doing a trial run on them this year. The chocolates and cereal bars would make excellent stocking stuffers for your family. The cereal bars meet government guidelines for healthy nutrition in schools, are peanut-free and nut free and have no trans-fat and no cholesterol. They will be a perfect treat for slipping into your child's school lunch! The fundraiser will run the whole month of December and wind up on January 9th.



Lowe Farm School

CANTEEN

will be

CLOSED

on

Thurs., Dec. 22, 2011.



SPORTS

VOLLEYBALL

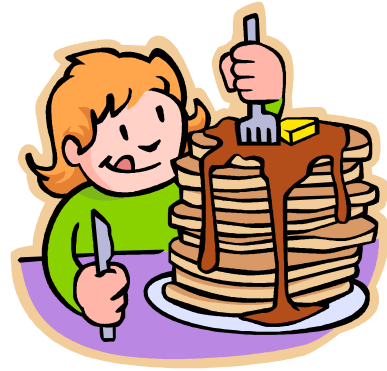
Both the boys' and girls' travelled to Sanford on November 2nd to participate in the volleyball tournament there. Although they did not win any games, they did have a wonderful time developing their skills.

On November 9th the teams travelled to Oak Bluff. The boys played three sets against Starbuck and won one. They lost their three sets against Oak Bluff. The girls lost two to Oak Bluff, beat Starbuck both sets and lost two to St. Malo.

The final tournaments of the season were held on November 15th. The boys' team played in Rosenort while the girls played in Morris. The boys lost both sets to J.A. Cuddy and St. Pierre. They lost their first game against Starbuck and won a very close second game to them. This meant the two teams played a third game and Lowe Farm lost the third game. They played hard and earned every point they made. The girls lost all of their games but had some extremely good challenging games with lots of three hits. The coaches were very proud of the way the students played and appreciated the effort each one of them made.

Thank you to our volleyball coaches for their dedication to our teams. Without this volunteer support our students would not have the opportunity to play.

Thank you very much to **MRS. TRINA LANDRY** and **MR. JORDAN PENNER** who coached the boys' team. A **big thank you** also TO **MRS. ALICE BROWN** and **MRS. ANGIE ISAAK** for coaching the girls' team.



Start your Christmas morning off with a batch of:

Good Old Fashioned Pancakes

Ingredients

- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 3 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon white sugar
- 1 1/4 cups milk
- 1 egg
- 3 tablespoons butter, melted

Directions

1. In a large bowl, sift together the flour, baking powder, salt and sugar. Make a well in the center and pour in the milk, egg and melted butter; mix until smooth.
2. Heat a lightly oiled griddle or frying pan over medium high heat. Pour or scoop the batter onto the griddle, using approximately 1/4 cup for each pancake. Brown on both sides and serve hot.

You can always adjust the recipe to suit your family's taste by exchanging whole wheat flour for all purpose, add blueberries or chocolate chips to the batter and try different toppings on your pancakes.



December 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Character Ed Assembly 10:30 a.m.	2 Hot dog	3
4	5 Mini pizza/mac & cheese	6 Plaut-dietshe Mama en Me 10:00 –11:30 a.m.	7 Pre-school 9-11 Gr. 7/8 Home Ec Mini pizza/chips & salsa	8	9 Hot dog	10
11	12 Gr. 1-6 to Domain School to watch Concert rehearsal Mini pizza/mac & cheese	13 Plaut-dietshe Mama en Me 10:00 –11:30 a.m.	14 Pre-school 9-11 LFS Christmas Concert 7:00 p.m. Mini pizza/chips & salsa	15 Concert storm date	16 Artist in the School Hot dog	17
18	19 Mini pizza/mac & cheese	20 Plaut-dietshe Mama en Me 10:00 –11:30 a.m.	21 Pre-school 9-11 LFS Film Fest 10:45 a.m. Mini pizza/chips & salsa	22 Gr. 7/8 Home Ec, Last day of classes before Christmas Holidays NO CANTEEN	23 Christmas Holidays begin -no classes	24 Christmas Eve
25  Merry Christmas	26 Boxing Day	27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve Classes resume January 9, 2012

