

Lowe Farm School

February 2011 Newsletter

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Well, here we are half-way through 2010-2011 and we are still growing. We recently welcomed John, Abe, Annie, Natasha, Jose, Daniel, and Daphnee to Lowe Farm, which brings us up to 107 students (from 86 in August)!

January to March are three important months for school, as students begin to apply their knowledge from the previous 4 months in projects and activities in the classroom. It is the time where a lot of work is completed. You will see the results in the report cards coming out February 3rd.

Technology continues to be a focus for Lowe Farm; the teachers learned more about smartboards at a workshop presented by an internationally known presenter, Joan Badger on the 27th of January and the netbooks (mini wireless laptops) we purchased this year are now being used in classrooms and hallways. Basketball teams are playing very well, competing hard and learning a lot. Our character education theme for the next few weeks is "Positive Attitude and Cheerfulness" (we may need it to get through the tough months of the winter).

In February, we can look forward to another great service fundraiser, the Soup and Pie event at the Lowe Farm Recreation Centre on Sunday, February 6th. The PTA has asked that parents pitch in by donating a pie or silent auction prize. Please read the ad on this page. Grade 5 - 8 students will be participating in Winter Camp on February 7th and 8th thanks to the funds raised at the Fall Supper. These students will also be participating in a steal your heart activity on Valentine's Day. It sounds like another month of hard work mixed in with fun at Lowe Farm School. (A little secret.... It's staff appreciation week, February 14th - 18th.)

Mr. Rob Fiola, Principal

Report Card Return Slip

On February 3rd you will receive your child's report card. In the envelope you will find a light purple **REPORT CARD RETURN SLIP**. Please fill out the return slip and send it back to school with your child. Please keep your child's report card at home for your records.

Congratulations...

...to our student council coloring contest winners:

Kindergarten	Halle Falk
Grade 1 & 2	Jayda Doell
Grade 3 & 4	Jaysin Funk
Grade 5 & 6	Nettie Buhler
Grade 7 & 8	Jessica Schroeder

...to **Trent Siemens** (Grade 8) who won second prize in the Red River Echo Christmas Story Writing contest.



Lowe Farm School Parent Teacher Association **Soup & Pie Lunch FUNDRAISER**

**Sunday, February 6, 2011
11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

at the
Low Farm Community Centre

Savour home-made soups and tasty pies!

Donations for the meal are requested.

A Silent Auction will also take place - please consider donating good used/new items for the auction. This is an excellent opportunity to pass along re-gifted items, sportswear, craft items, toys and housewares.

Please drop off donations at the school prior to February 4 OR at the Lowe Farm Community Centre from 9:30-11:00 on February 6, 2011.

*All proceeds will support
our natural playground project.*

Everyone is welcome!

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Earlier in January we sent home a letter to all parents regarding two Community Connection programs that are available for parents and preschool children. The programs are being put on in conjunction with the Red River Valley Parent and Child Association. This is a reminder of what the programs have to offer and the dates they will be held.

ALPHABET SOUP

Alphabet Soup is a parent and preschool children program that focuses on nutrition and literacy. It is to teach preschool children (2 – 5 years of age) and their parents the basics of healthy eating through the love of reading, rhyme and song. Parents attend the program with their children.

The program will run from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on the following dates:

Tuesday, January 18, 2011
Tuesday, February 15, 2011
Tuesday, March 15, 2011
Tuesday, April 19, 2011
Tuesday, May 17, 2011
June TBA

PLAY TO LEARN, LEARN TO PLAY

Bookmates Play to Learn, Learn to Play is a five week program which focuses on the power of play. The program offers parents the opportunity to explore the importance of play through group discussion, bookmaking, songs and games. Parents are encouraged to see the value of play in their children's lives as well as their own lives. Children have an opportunity to explore their world by choosing activities at a variety of play centres. Parents engage in child-led play with their own child. Families join together for group games and songs. This program is also open to children 2 – 5 years of age and their parents. Parents attend the program with their children.

The program will run from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on the following dates:

Thursday, January 27, 2011
Thursday, February 24, 2011
Thursday, March 24, 2011
Thursday, April 28, 2011
Thursday, May 26, 2011

Mrs. Cheryl Crick will be the instructor for both programs. **If you are interested in participating in either of these programs please call Mrs. Rose-Marie Ewbank at the school (746-8068) to register.**



**Low Farm School
Grade 7 & 8
present**

UNWRAPPED

Dessert Theatre

Wednesday, March 16, 2011

7:00 p.m.

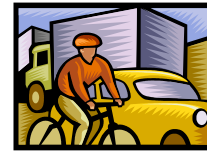
Tickets: \$5.00 each

Pre-school FREE

Please call

Mrs. Ewbank at the school (746-8068)

to purchase your tickets.



TRAFFIC SAFETY

During the month of December there were a number of events where pedestrians have been struck by vehicles in our province and in some cases, a death occurred. All though the majority of these accidents happened in cities we are not immune to such incidents in the rural setting. We encourage parents to speak with their children about **TRAFFIC SAFETY**. Students should be aware of vehicles around them at all times when they are going to and from school either on foot or when being dropped off by their parents or a school bus. It is even more so important during the winter months when road conditions may be slippery and motorists may have difficulties stopping, especially if the need to stop occurs suddenly. Please encourage your children to stay on sidewalks or on the sides of the road, to watch for on-coming traffic, to stay by the school door when it is time to enter and not run around on the bus route or parking lot. We are also asking students to please stay off of the memorial sign by the entrance as well as off the large garbage bin to the north of the school. Your assistance in making sure all students arrive at school and home safely is much appreciated.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Thurs., Feb. 3 Report Cards go home
Sun., Feb. 6 PTA Soup & Pie Fundraiser at the Lowe Farm Community Centre 11:30 – 2:00
Fri., Feb. 18 Divisional Inservice – no classes
Mon., Feb. 21 Louis Riel Day – no classes
Fri., Mar. 25 Last day of classes before Spring Break
Mon., Apr. 4 Classes resume
Fri., Apr. 15 School Inservice – no classes
Fri., April 22 Good Friday – no classes
Mon., May 23 Victoria Day – no classes
Wed., June 29 Last day of classes
Thurs., June 30 Admin Day – no classes

LOST & FOUND

We have an astounding number of articles in the Lost & Found. The next time you are in the school please take the time to search through for any of your child's belongings. It is surprising what is left behind – including a beautiful pair of black bib style ski pants! **Anything that is not claimed by Spring Break will be taken to MCC or otherwise put to good use.**

SPORTS

BASKETBALL

Basketball season has begun and our teams have been practising hard. Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Isaak are coaching the girls' team. Mr. Fiola and Mrs. Landry are coaching the boys' team. The teams have only played two games so far this season as one game was postponed due to unfavourable weather. Here are the results of the games played to date:

January 20 Lowe Farm travelled to St. Malo
Girls won 63 – 36
Boys lost 52 – 33

January 26 Lowe Farm hosted Oak Bluff
Girls lost 46 - 40
Boys lost 56 – 31

Future BASKETBALL games:

- Monday, January 31 in Sanford
- Thursday, February 10 Rosenort at Lowe Farm
- Monday, February 14 in Starbuck
- Wednesday, February 16 Morris at Lowe Farm

Come on out and watch some great games. The teams love the community support.

RAISIN OATMEAL MUFFINS

1 cup quick cooking oats
1 cup buttermilk
1 egg
1/2 cup brown sugar, packed
1/2 cup melted butter or vegetable oil
1 cup sifted flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 to 3/4 cup raisins, craisins or currants
Preheat oven to 400°F degrees.

Note: If buttermilk is not on hand, 1/2 cup milk and 1/2 cup sour cream or yogurt may be substituted. Try different flavors of yogurt for new flavor variations!

Pour the buttermilk (or other liquid) over oatmeal and allow to soak while mixing the dry ingredients. Add egg and sugar to the oatmeal mixture and combine well.

Note: If desired, soak raisins, craisins or currants in 2 tablespoons rum 15 minutes before mixing into batter to plump, refresh and add extra flavor. They can also be heated in water in the microwave for 30 seconds or so for a similar effect.

In a medium bowl, combine the dry ingredients and mix together well. Pour in the melted butter or vegetable oil; stir. Add raisins, craisins, currants (or a mixture of these). Combine all ingredients and stir together just until mixed.

Bake for 15-20 minutes. Makes 12-14 medium or 6 Texas style muffins.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<i>1</i> KIDS Program	<i>2</i> Pre-school 9-11 Mini Pizza/Chips & Salsa	<i>3</i> KIDS Program, REPORT CARDS TO HOME	<i>4</i> Hot Dog	<i>5</i>
<i>6</i> LFS PTA Soup & Pie Lunch 11:30—2:00 at the Community Centre	<i>7</i> Grade 5 & 6 day trip to Winkler Bible Camp, Grade 7 & 8 overnight trip to Winkler Bible Camp NO CANTEEN	<i>8</i> KIDS Program, Grade 7 & 8s return	<i>9</i> Pre-school 9-11, Grade 7/8 Home Ec Mini Pizza/Chips & Salsa	<i>10</i> KIDS Program Basketball- Rosenort at Lowe Farm Soup Day	<i>11</i> Hot Dog	<i>12</i>
<i>13</i> Staff Appreciation Week	<i>14</i> Valentine's Day Basketball- Lowe Farm @ Starbuck Mini Pizza/ Mac & Cheese	<i>15</i> KIDS Program	<i>16</i> Pre-school 9-11 Basketball- Morris @ Lowe Farm Mini Pizza/Chips & Salsa	<i>17</i> KIDS Program	<i>18</i> Divisional Inservice Day -no classes	<i>19</i>
<i>20</i>	<i>21</i> Louis Riel Day -no classes	<i>22</i> KIDS Program	<i>23</i> Pre-school 9-11, Grade 7/8 Home Ec Mini Pizza/ Chips & Salsa Mini Pizza/Chips & Salsa	<i>24</i> KIDS Program Soup Day	<i>25</i> Possibly Grade 5 & 6 Floor Hockey Hot dog	<i>26</i>
<i>27</i>	<i>28</i> PTA Meeting 5:30 p.m. Mini Pizza/Mac & Cheese					