

# Lowe Farm School



January 2011 Newsletter

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It was great to see everyone out for the Christmas Concert. Thank you also for the support with the World Vision project and the Christmas Hamper.

December marked 3 weeks of hard work in preparation for the Christmas Concert. We also culminated our theme of Honesty and Trust at our Character Education Assembly. January promises to be a month of hard work; report cards will be prepared, basketball season begins and student council will be organizing a school clothing sale.

We wish you and your family a safe, happy and healthy Holiday Season.

Mr. Rob Fiola



## Student Council Report

### WORLD VISION

Students were very generous with their World Vision donations. All classes reached their goals. The K-2 students raised money for toys, grade 3 & 4 mosquito nets, 5 & 6 agricultural package and 7 & 8 blankets. **A total of \$277 was collected. Well done students!**

### FOOD HAMPER

Thank you to all the students who supported our food hamper collection. We received everything from soup to teddy bears. Wonderful!

### Dates to Remember:

Thurs., Jan. 6 Classes resume  
Fri., Jan. 28 School Inservice – no classes  
Thurs., Feb. 3 Report Cards go home  
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

## ROOF TOP PICTURE

Lifetouch has dropped off our big **Roof Top** picture which will be displayed in the hallway along with all of the others. This picture is available to order by students/families if they wish. It may be ordered in the **11" x 14" size for \$15.00** or **8" x 10" size for \$12.00**. If you wish to place an order for the Roof Top picture please do so with Mrs. Ewbank by **January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011**.



## Soup/Hot Meal Days

Once again we are fortunate to have a group of parent volunteers who are willing to organize some soup/hot meal days for our students. As in the past, these days will be every second Thursday from the start of January to the end of March. **The first SOUP DAY will be Thursday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011**. Order forms will go home with students a couple of days before. The order forms should come back to school the morning of the soup/hot meal day if your child wishes to place an order. Parents should also send soup mugs, spoons and money for their child's order. Please label your child's soup mug.

## Town Bus Reminder

During the colder months of the school year the **Lowe Farm School town bus** will be making the rounds. Mr. Wes Klassen will begin picking up town students on **Monday, December 6** at the following locations between **8:20 – 8:25 a.m.:**

**5<sup>th</sup> Street West & 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Street West & 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Street East & 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue**

The pick-ups are for the **mornings only**. There will be no drop off at the end of the day.

# Fundraising Update

## **FALL SUPPER**

The books are closed on another successful Community Fall Supper. Lowe Farm School grade 5-8s and their parents raised **\$2580.14** to go towards their winter camp outing scheduled for February! Thank you again to all who came out to support the fall supper.

## **CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER**

Students are busily selling Lamontagne Chocolates. These make great last minute stocking stuffers for the special people in your life. The fundraiser will wrap up on January 6, 2011.



## Student Work

### THE LITTLE TIRED DONKEY

by Savannah Siemens, Grade 4

"I don't know, he looks pretty tiny to me." "But remember, he's your last offer for miles around," said the Animal Seller. "But he's the UGLY grey colour, you know the latest style is brown." "Yeah, I know, I know," the Animal Seller sighed. "But he's the last animal for the winter." "Well, then, the deal's done. I'll get no donkey and you will get NO money. Just face it, pretty soon he will be turned into another donkey's breakfast," said the man with laughter in his voice!

All those words the man had said stabbed through the donkey insides. "But he's not a full grown donkey yet," protested the Animal Seller. "Yet," mocked the man. "Look at his hooves, they're so tiny." "Get off of my land you, you...THING!" yelled the Seller. "This is no way to end the... Get off with you already," screamed the Seller as he interrupted. The man slowly walked away and the Seller did the same. That next morning, just after breakfast, the Seller heard some gentle, quiet voices outside the door. He opened it slowly and saw a man and a woman; their faces worried. "What's the matter? Come in," said the Seller. "Oh, we can't come in. Sorry. Nothing's the matter except that our donkey seems to be missing," said the man. "Yes," said the woman. "We opened the stable door and it was empty. We walked here thinking you could sell us one. Any one." "Well, I have one last donkey which is a tiny grey," said the Seller, wishing he could give the poor couple something more. "Oh, thank you," squealed the woman. But then her voice dropped as she

whispered, "How much do we have to pay?"

"Nothing, nothing at all," said the Seller. "Now, Mary, we better hurry. We have a long way to go," said Joseph. "Yes, but I'm hungry, and wouldn't you like something to eat," asked Mary? "Yes, but we don't have even a bit of bread and butter," said Joseph. "Come into the barn and after you will come in and have a good breakfast," said the Seller. "Oh! You don't mean it," said Mary. Her face shone and her eyes sparkled. But the most amazing thing was her smile! Her smile shone brightly, grinning from ear to ear. Her rosy red cheeks parted even more and could make anyone smile.

After breakfast Mary and Joseph took the donkey and left. It was a very sad moment between my old owner and me for we had been together for the longest time. At last we departed with tears in our eyes. "Don't worry," said Joseph, "We'll take good care of him." I took one last glance at the Seller; sighed, and went out of the farm for my first time of my life.

Days dragged by. We would walk non-stop until midnight then stop for the night and food. Then in the morning we would wake up to eat, then start walking before the early birds woke up. I worried about Mary the whole way while Joseph led me. This went on for about a month. When at last we reached Bethlehem how good those walls looked! Vines hung around on the walls and trumpets rang. We walked into Bethlehem in the morning. That day we explored Bethlehem. There were many more buildings and houses than the village they had lived in. When night arrived there was no place to stay. Inn after inn they tried and tried but again and again they found nothing. It was always the same answer. "No room," said a man gruffly. "Sorry, there's not a bed left," said a woman kindly. "Too many people," muttered a man. "No room in here," said another man, "but we have a stable," he said doubtfully. "Half price."

Joseph counted out the money carefully and gave it to the innkeeper. The innkeeper led Joseph who led the donkey on which Mary rode on.

In a minute they had reached the stable. "I'm sorry," said the innkeeper. Sorry that he couldn't give the young couple something more. "But it's the only place I have left." And with that he left. Mary and Joseph made beds in the straw and they slept soundly. I, the donkey woke up to the sound of a baby. Not crying, but a soothing sound.

A few minutes later, seven shepherds came crowding in, exclaiming happily over the Lord's birth. They said that angels had told them to come to Bethlehem and find this stable, for the Lord had come!

That same night three wise men came and told the same story.

Everyone, everything, and everywhere, everyone was happy. For the Prince of Peace, Mighty Counsellor, The Lord had come!

## *School Christmas Concert*

A large crowd was in attendance to take in our annual Christmas Concert on December 15<sup>th</sup>. Audience members were welcomed by the sounds of Christmas songs played by some of our piano lesson students followed by a welcome from our student council. The Kindergarten class opened the program with a Christmas poem and Jingle Bells. The grade 1 to 4 students then performed the Miracle at Midnight! which celebrated the birth of Jesus. The grade 5 and 6 students presented two short plays/poems: Wonderful Christmas and Jesus' Christmas Party. This was followed by the grade 7 and 8's poem God's Christmas List. The audience was then treated to the musical sounds of our grade 7 and 8 guitar students combined with our grade 5 – 8 German choir. The grade 7 and 8s ended the evening with the poem The Christmas Star.

Thank you to all who attended and to the students and staff for their hard work preparing for the evening. **A BIG THANK YOU to Mrs. Geraldine Brown, our pianist and the Lowe Farm Recreation Commission for treat bags for all the children.** It was a wonderful evening.

## *Stay Active as a Family Through the Winter*

Some people feel that the bitter cold of winter makes it difficult to stay active. But our bodies need physical activity year round in order to stay healthy.

"Families don't have to hibernate in the winter, as long as they're dressing for the weather," says Lisa Scharf, Physical Activity Manager at the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Manitoba. Experts recommend that we get 30-60 minutes of physical activity most days of the week. Here are some ways to stay active as a family during the winter time:

1. Go skating: Every year The Forks builds a skating trail along the Assiniboine and Red Rivers, and it is one of the longest trails in the world. And there are many other outdoor and indoor places to skate across the province. Ice skating will strengthen your heart and lungs, and tone your muscles.
2. Build a snowman: Make it a family tradition to go out and build a snowman every winter. Or even better: build a snowman "family". It takes teamwork to build a snowman, so not only will your family be getting the heart healthy benefits of physical activity, but you will be bonding as a family.
3. Take a walk: The outdoors will look very different when everything is covered with white, but it is still beautiful, so go for a walk

as a family. Bring a camera, and capture lasting heart healthy memories to put in the photo album. If the weather is too cold to walk outdoors, walk indoors at a mall or a gym.

4. Go tobogganing: Take your sleds out, and go to a hill as a family. Climbing up a hill is a great physical activity, and sliding back down again is great fun.

It is important to remember to dress for the weather during outdoor activities over the winter. "Dress in layers, and be sure to wear proper clothing such as toques and mitts," says Scharf. "Make sure you go out in the daylight, that you go out as a group, and that people know where you're going."

According to Scharf, participating in physical activity builds quality family relationships. "This winter, schedule in some physical activity to do together as a family. Your body, and your heart, will thank you."



## *Seasons Greetings from the Lowe Farm School Staff*

Mr. Rob Fiola  
Mrs. Melinda Colpitts  
Miss Jessica Flynn  
Mrs. Lori Penner  
Mrs. Jennifer Johnston  
Mrs. Alice Brown  
Mrs. Marla Brandt  
Mrs. Diane Lilke  
Mrs. Betty Resler  
Mrs. Sharmen Wiebe  
Mrs. Ann Harder  
Mr. Peter Harder  
Mrs. Rose-Marie Ewbank

*May your holiday season  
be filled with  
treasured moments spent  
with family and friends.  
God Bless You All.*



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6 <i>Classes Resume</i>	7  <i>Hot Dog</i>	8
9	10 <i>5:30 p.m. PTA Meeting</i>  <i>Mini Pizza/ Mac &amp; Cheese</i>	11 <i>KIDS program begins</i>	12  <i>Mini Pizza/ Chips &amp; Salsa</i>	13 <i>KIDS program</i>  <i>Soup Day</i>	14  <i>Hot Dog</i>	15
16	17 <i>Gr. 7/8 Home Ec Basketball season begins</i>  <i>Mini Pizza/ Mac &amp; Cheese</i>	18 <i>KIDS program</i>	19  <i>Mini Pizza/ Chips &amp; Salsa</i>	20 <i>KIDS program</i>	21  <i>Hot Dog</i>	22
23	24  <i>Mini Pizza/ Mac &amp; Cheese</i>	25 <i>KIDS program</i>	26  <i>Mini Pizza/ Chips &amp; Salsa</i>	27 <i>Gr. 7/8 Home Ec</i>  <i>KIDS program</i>  <i>Soup Day</i>	28 <i>School Inservice - no classes</i>	29
30	31  <i>Mini Pizza/ Mac &amp; Cheese</i>			February 3, 2011  <i>Report Cards go home</i>		