

# Lowe Farm School

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Summer Holidays!!! Congratulations to all the students and staff on a great school year! I am very proud of the learning that has happened all year long. The learning ranges from reading, writing, math, drama, art and being good citizens. Lowe Farm School is very much like a large family and I appreciate all the support parents have provided to their children and our staff throughout the year. Please have a look at the attached Community Report for more info.

A big thank you goes out to the PTA who have raised close to \$20,000 this year towards a future play structure. What a huge amount of work. Congratulations! Let's continue to support their efforts and maybe by this time next year, we'll be enjoying the benefits of their hard work.

I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable summer. Remember to make time for family and to spend as much time as possible soaking up the sun!

Mr. Rob Fiola



## Vision Statement from Canadian Association of Optometrists

Present research confirms the importance of vision and eye health on students' learning. According to statistics provided by the Canadian Association of Optometrists, four out of every ten school-aged children have a vision problem that may negatively affect learning. Children who cannot see the board clearly, focus on a picture, or follow words in a book may not be able to reach their full potential.

Manitoba Health covers the cost of children's comprehensive eye examinations, therefore all families can access this **free** service. If you don't currently have a family optometrist, you can find one by going to the MAO website at [www.optometrists.mb.ca](http://www.optometrists.mb.ca) and selecting **Find an Optometrist**, or call the Manitoba Association of Optometrists @ 204-943-9811.



## PTA Report

A huge thank you goes to the Lowe Farm Coop for the donation of food, Lowe Farm Minor Ball for the donation of canteen items, private donations and Lowe Farm Recreation for allowing us the opportunity to raise funds for the play structure at the Summer Solstice. We were able to raise \$2300. Thank you to parent volunteers who helped make the day a success.

We would like to thank the Lowe Farm Coop, Access Credit Union (Lowe Farm Branch), Lowe Farm Café, CPS, Super Variety, Morris Bigway, Velocity, Canadian Tire (Winkler Location), Pembina Valley Auto, Prairie Foods of Plum Coulee as well as the many parents, school staff, and friends and family members who helped us sell Quad Raffle tickets. An approximate total amount raised with the quad raffle was **\$10,600.00!** A list of winners from the raffle will be sent home on the last day of school on a separate sheet.

With fundraisers like our annual Soup and Pie, the shopping party and generous donations from businesses like Prairie Agri Sales and Friesen Paint and Body, we have raised \$8,500.

For those interested in donating to the play structure and would like to receive tax deductible receipts, please make cheques payable to Red River Valley School Division and drop them off at the Lowe Farm School office. The play structures we are planning to purchase will cost us approximately \$50,000.

Enjoy your summer. We look forward to the upcoming year.

The Lowe Farm School PTA



## Thank You . . .

. . . to the **very kind mystery person** who paid the entry fees for all of the Lowe Farm School students who participated in the Hershey Track Meet in Carman in May. **THANK YOU VERY MUCH WHOEVER YOU ARE!!!**

. . . to the **Morris School Grade 7 & 8 Band** who treated students and staff to a concert on June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

. . . to **Curtis, Bev & Jordan Penner** for hosting our grade 5/6 class on Monday, June 16<sup>th</sup>. The students have recently been studying flight and the Penners were very gracious in allowing us to see their airplanes and teach us more about flight. Mr. Penner also brought in a CD for the students to watch prior to their visit to give them a greater understanding of flying. Thank you also to the Penners for the delicious snack the students were treated to before returning to the school.

. . . to **Access Credit Union, Ron & Michelle Ginter, Blair & Shannon Groening, Lowe Farm Co-op, Morris Husky** and **Portrayals Graphic Specialties** for their generous donations towards the purchase of **school t-shirts** for our students to wear on field trips and sporting events (such as track meets). The t-shirts look great and make it so much easier to spot our students amongst a crowd of people.

**PARENTS: If one of these green school t-shirts is brought home by accident by your child, please return it to the school as soon as possible.**

. . . to **John & Eva Harder** and **Prairie Agri Sales Ltd.** for their generous donations towards the purchase of a new **playground structure**.

. . . to the **PTA** for organizing and serving **Subway Days** and **Taco in a Bag Days** throughout a good portion of the school year.

. . . to **all parents** who went along on the **class field trips** to help with supervision. An extra set of eyes and hands are always appreciated! Thank you!

. . . **lastly but certainly not leastly, thank you and congratulations to our PTA Committee for a successful quad raffle!** This was a **very big** undertaking with some risk involved due to the fantastic prizes awarded. The group must be commended on being willing to take a chance to improve our student playground area. They worked hard! **THANK YOU!**



## FIELD TRIPS

June is always a busy month for class field trips. This year the **Kindergarten & Grade 1** students visited the **Children's Museum** on June 13<sup>th</sup>. They participated in the **Paper, Trees & Me** program as well as explored the museum on their own. **Grade 2 & 3** students visited the **Manitoba Museum** on June 10<sup>th</sup>. Besides exploring the museum they took in the **Inuit: People of the North** program and **Science Gallery**. **Grade 4** students also visited the **Manitoba Museum**, their date was June 20. They did a **Science Gallery self-guided tour** and then went on to **Great Big Adventure** for some fun. The **Grade 5 & 6** students went to **FortWhyte Alive** on June 13<sup>th</sup> and enjoyed both the "**A World of Difference**" and "**Predator & Prey**" programs. **Grade 7 & 8** students went to the **Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre** in Morden and then onto the **Winkler Aquatic Centre** for a swim, stopping for a bite to eat before coming home.



## TRACK MEETS

### Hershey Track

Congratulations to **Daniel Isaak** and **Christina Neufeld** who qualified for the **Hershey Track & Field Manitoba Championships** in Winnipeg on June 13 & 14. Both Daniel and Christina participated at the Hershey Track meet in Carman at the end of May in order to qualify for the provincial meet – Daniel placed 7<sup>th</sup> in the 11-12 year old boys ball throw and Christina placed 15<sup>th</sup> in the 11-12 year old girls standing long jump in Carman. Congratulations Daniel & Christina!

### RRVSD Track

The annual divisional track meet was held on Tuesday, June 17<sup>th</sup> at the University of Manitoba in Winnipeg. Congratulations to all Grade 6-8 track participants with special congratulations to: **Willie Berg** who placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in grade 6 boys 400m and 5<sup>th</sup> in grade 6 boys 100m, **Savannah Siemens** who placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in grade 7 girls triple jump, **Joanne Schroeder** who placed 5<sup>th</sup> in grade 8 girls high jump, **Fernando Neufeld** who placed 5<sup>th</sup> in grade 8 boys 100m and the **Grade 8 boys** placed 5<sup>th</sup> in 4x100 relay.

# School Picnic

Our annual school picnic committee (**Ms. Bergstresser, Mrs. Friesen, Miss Friesen & Ms. Harley**) planned activities for June 24<sup>th</sup>. This year they went with a Circus theme. Some afternoon activities were to include water and due to the coolness of the day were postponed to the afternoon of June 25. Activities that were enjoyed by students were **3 Legged Race, Parachute, Ring of Fire, Bubbles, Face Painting, Tug of War, Feed the Hippo and Tight Rope**. We even had an actual race car visit us from the Red River Speedway. **A big thank you goes out to Ryan Cousins**. It was nice to see a number of parents out to enjoy the day.

Thank you to our planning committee for organizing the day, **Mrs. Brown** for organizing our picnic canteen, other staff members for manning the stations, **Mr. Harder** for being the BBQ master and former **students Heidi and Joshua Harder, Emily & Alesa Isaak, Tristan Landry and Amanda Paetkau** who came in to help us out. Everyone's help was much appreciated.

Day of Celebration details are in printed copies only.



Wishing each and  
every one of you  
a wonderful,  
relaxing and safe  
summer.

Enjoy time with  
family and friends.

See you back  
Thurs., Sept. 4, 2014!