

Lowe Farm School

June 2011 Newsletter

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents:

Spring has arrived and we have survived another flood season! Let's hope we get enough sunshine to get those crops seeded, because we certainly have enough moisture!! The students are having a lot of fun on the newly installed monkey bars and outdoor volleyball net.

May has been another busy month for Lowe Farm. We had students attend the Wellness Fair in Sanford and had a visit from Stephen Jones from the St. Boniface Research Centre to work on Scientists in the classroom. Students from Grade 1 - 8 were able to learn about germs, diabetes, and heart illnesses through a variety of hands on activities. We hosted the South RRVSD softball tournament and raised \$70 for the Heart and Stroke Foundation through the Jump Rope for Heart Jump off.

In June we will be having Stepping Stones for our Pre-school students and our pre-school celebration marking a very successful year. Thanks to Mrs. Resler for her hard work and loving care. The grade 7/8 students will be writing a Math and a Science exam and the rest of the students will be participating in a variety of year-end assessments. In addition to the many field trips planned, we will be having our annual picnic, awards and a new Fun Activities Day on the last day of school organized by the student council and grade 7/8 classroom. The grade 6 - 8 students will be participating in Track and Field at the U of Manitoba.

I am pleased to announce that the school will be getting a face-lift by getting the exterior painted! Weather permitting; the work will be completed prior to September 2011. The PTA is also planning many playground upgrades that will include a storage building in the shape of a grain elevator, slides, basketball standards and an outdoor classroom.

I know that many of you will continue to be very busy over the next few weeks with community sports and outdoor activities. Please save a little time to come and help out at the next playground work day, June 10th at 3:30 pm. In the meantime, enjoy the beautiful weather. (Hopefully) ☺

Mr. Rob Fiola

Provincial Science Fair

Lowe Farm School students fared very well at the Manitoba Schools Science Symposium at the University of Manitoba at the end of April, beginning of May. Grade 8 student, **Jillana Groening**, received a **GOLD** medal for her project "Breakout". Grade 7 students **Rayne Milne and Emily Isaak** received a **BRONZE** medal for their project entitled "Bring On The Wind". **Alesa Isaak and Nancy Sawatzky** (both in grade 6) were thrilled to receive **GOLD** for their project "What's In Your Paper?" **Alesa and Nancy also received a special award for best group in Physical Science which rewarded them each a plaque and \$50.** *Congratulations* to all of you! We are very proud of your accomplishments.



DATES TO REMEMBER:

June 3	Grade 7/8 Math Exam
June 8	Grade 1-4 Field Trip
	Grade 7/8 Science Exam
June 15	Grade 6 - 8 Track Meet at the U of M
	Last Pre-school day
June 21	Grade 7/8 Field Trip
June 24	School Picnic
June 28	Day of Celebration
June 29	Last day of classes
June 30	Admin Day - no classes



Scientist in the Classroom

On Monday, May 16 and Thursday, May 19, Stephen Jones came to our school for Scientists in the Classroom. On Monday we talked about cells and heart diseases. We also used a small EKG machine to measure Jessica's and Jessie's heart rates. We also had a fake patient that we had to ask questions to find out what was wrong with him. After we talked about this patient we looked at a video of a pig heart that was still beating. Monday was more of a learning session for everyone, but we sure needed it if we were to understand Thursday's session.

On Thursday we went into the heart, literally! Stephen brought a few pig hearts for us to dissect. He showed us how to find the right and left ventricle and the right and left atrium. The younger kids dissected lungs and looked at brains that had been soaked in a chemical to keep it from falling apart. Making some of the cuts was a little difficult because of the extremely thick outer layer. It was also slimy and it stunk. Bottom line is that the Scientist in the Classroom was super awesome and gross, er.....interesting.

Submitted by: Jillana, Emily, Rudy and Steven



The following are comments made by the grade 1 and 2 students about what they learned from Scientist in the Classroom:

We learned that germs eat stuff.

We learned there are good and bad germs.

We learned that we all have germs on our hands.

We learned that we cannot see germs with our eyes.

We learned that we can see germs if we put them in a strong microscope.

We learned that germs make germs very quickly

We learned to always use soap and wash your hands when you go to the bathroom.

We learned that hand sanitizer does not stop germs from growing on our hands.

We learned that there are only a little bit of germs when you wash your hands.



PLAY BALL!

On a glorious, sunny day Lowe Farm School hosted the Red River Valley School Division South Grade 5 – 8 Baseball Tournament. Morris, Rosenort, Domain and St. Pierre Schools joined us for a wonderful day outside. The Domain grade 4-6 students joined our grade 5/6 teams.

The 7/8 girls was a very close pool with Rosenort coming out on top in the end. 7/8 boys won two out of 3 of their round robin games to become one of the top two. They played their final game against Morris and Morris won. The 5/6 boys had a fun day but unfortunately lost all of their games. The grade 5/6 girls won all three of their round robin games. They then played St. Pierre in the finals – St. Pierre won the final game. Thanks to coaches Brown, Fiola, Johnston who coached our grade 7/8 girls, grade 7/8 boys and grade 5/6 girls respectively. Special thanks to coach Loewen who volunteered to coach the 5/6 boys. Everyone's help was much appreciated. Congratulations to all teams who won their categories.

We would like to say **THANK YOU** to all the parents, high school students and staff (too many to mention) who volunteered to ump, base ump, score keep and help out in the canteen. Without your help this tournament would not be a success. A very **BIG THANK YOU** goes out to the Morris and Rosenort Schools for allowing high school students to come and help out. We very much appreciate your support in this area and without it we would not have been able to host the tournament.



Jump Rope for Heart

Student Council organized a Jump Rope for Heart Skip-a-thon on May 27th. Students were divided into groups to rotate through ten different skipping stations. Once each station was visited the students participated in class level skip off competitions. They had a wonderful afternoon and after working up a sweat enjoyed a Freezie treat. Students were encouraged to donate a loonie or twoonie to this worthwhile cause and funds totalling \$79.00 were forwarded to the Heart & Stroke Foundation.



Grade 7 & 8 Exam Schedule

Our grade 7 & 8 students will be writing their exams in the very near future. They will write 2 exams this year as per the following schedule:

- Friday, June 3 Math Exam
- Wednesday, June 8 Science Exam

PARENTS:

- **PLEASE CHECK YOUR CHILD(REN)'S BACKPACK AND/OR ORGANIZER THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF JUNE FOR NOTES GOING HOME REGARDING END OF THE YEAR FESTIVITIES.**
- **PLEASE ALSO REMEMBER TO CHECK OUT OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE, lowefarm.rrvsd.ca FOR THE LATEST SCHOOL INFORMATION.**

Red River Valley School Division 2011-2012 Calendar

2011

- Mon., Sept. 5 Labour Day – no classes
 Tues., Sept. 6 School Inservice/Admin Day – no classes
 Wed., Sept. 7 Classes begin
 Thurs., Sept. 22 Strong Beginnings – details to follow
 Fri., Sept. 23 Strong Beginnings – details to follow
 Mon., Oct. 10 Thanksgiving Day – no classes
 Tues., Oct. 11 Divisional Inservice – no classes
 Fri., Oct. 21 Provincial S.A.G. Day – no classes
 Fri., Nov. 4 School Inservice/Admin Day – no classes
 Fri., Nov. 11 Remembrance Day – no classes
 Fri., Nov. 18 School Inservice/Admin Day – no classes
 Thurs., Dec. 22 Last day of classes before Christmas break

2012

- Mon., Jan. 9 Classes Resume
 Fri., Jan 27 School Inservice – no classes
 Fri., Feb. 3 Divisional Inservice – no classes
 Mon., Feb. 20 Louis Riel Day – no classes
 Fri., Feb. 24 School Inservice/Admin Day – no classes
 Fri., Mar. 23 Last day of classes before Spring Break
 Mon., Apr. 2 Classes Resume
 Fri., Apr. 6 Good Friday – no classes
 Fri., Apr. 13 School Inservice/Admin Day – no classes
 Mon., May 21 Victoria Day – no classes
 Thurs., June 28 Last day of classes
 Fri., June 29 School Inservice/Admin Day – no classes

MORRIS BINGO

Morris Parent-Child Center Fundraiser

109 Mulvey St. East, Morris, Manitoba

Bingo starts Wednesday, June 22 and will run every 2nd Wednesday after that date.

Door opens 6:15 p.m.

Early Bird Bingo 7:00 p.m.

Regular Bingo 7:30 p.m.



Lowe Farm School

SCHOOL PICNIC

Friday, June 24, 2011

9:00 a.m.

Parents welcome to attend.



BOAT FLOAT

The grade 7/8 class made boats out of plasticine. They then tested how well they could float and how many pennies they could hold. They placed penny by penny into their boat until it sunk. They then remodelled their boat and tried again to get as many as possible. The top team to get the most pennies in the first try was Bryan, Trent and Rudy with 19 pennies. The top team on the second try was Josh and Alex who got 42 pennies. Samuel's father built a boat at home and brought it for the demonstration. In the end, it held a total of \$6.65 in pennies.

Submitted by: Jackson & Rayne



More Scientist in the Classroom



Lowe Farm School

Day of Celebration

Tuesday, June 28, 2011

Early Years Celebration

10:00 a.m.

Middle Years Celebration

1:00 p.m.

Everyone Welcome to Attend!

DVBS

Inside Out & Upside Down on Main Street

July 11 – 15, 2011 from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

at the Lowe Farm Community Centre

All children entering Kindergarten and up to those going into grade 7 are welcome to attend.

Please contact Michelle Ginter at 746-2775 for further information.

Happy Father's Day
Sunday, June 19, 2011

June 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <i>Preschool 9-11</i>	2	3 <i>Gr. 7/8 Math Exam in AM, Gr. 7/8 Home Ec</i>	4
			<i>Mini pizza/Chips & salsa</i>		<i>Hot Dog</i>	
5	6	7	8 <i>Preschool 9—11 Grade 1-4 Field Trip Gr. 7/8 Science Exam in AM Mini pizza/Chips & salsa</i>	9	10 <i>PTA Playground Work Day 3:30 p.m.</i>	11
	<i>Mini pizza/Mac & cheese</i>				<i>Hot dog</i>	
12	13	14	15 <i>Last Preschool 9—11 Gr. 6-8 Track Meet at U of M</i>	16	17	18
	<i>PTA Meeting 5:30 p.m. Mini pizza/Mac & cheese</i>		<i>Mini pizza/Chips & salsa</i>		<i>Hot dog</i>	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Happy Father's Day	<i>Mini pizza/Mac & cheese</i>	<i>Tentative Gr. 7/8 Field Trip date</i>	<i>Mini pizza/Chips & salsa</i>	<i>Last day for canteen</i>	<i>School Picnic</i>	
26	27	28	29	30		
		<i>Day of Celebration</i>	<i>Last day of classes</i>	<i>Admin Day -no classes</i>		