

Lowefarm School

March 2015 Newsletter

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Well, our February has turned out to be super cold! We sure are beginning to be tired of indoor recesses. Thank goodness the school board has given us funding to purchase items for our extracurricular programs that we can use during indoor recess (Robotics, Board Games, Lego videos, Healthy Lifestyle Club). February was I Love to Read Month. Students enjoyed reading and being read to all month long. We also had author, Harriet Zaidman and MLA, Shannon Martin come work with our students. We had a great turnout for our Kindergarten registration evening. We are going to have a nice size Kindergarten class next year! Basketball season has come to a near conclusion with both girls and boys teams doing very well. The boys will play the finals in Lowe Farm vs. J.A. Cuddy School the last week before Spring Break. Congratulations boys! A big thank you goes to Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Landry for their time working with the basketball teams.

March looks like it is going to be very busy! Students are beginning to work on their portfolios for Student Led Conferences. Teachers are preparing student report cards. In sports, the badminton team will begin practices for their tournaments in April. Grades 5 and 6 will be participating in the fun Floor Hockey tournament in Morris. Student council is busy preparing for Spirit Week to be held the last week before Spring Break.

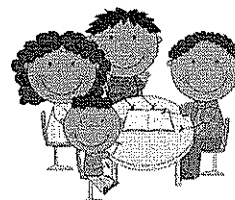
We will welcome Mr. Nick Jones who will be replacing Mr. Fiola for 3 weeks in Phys. Ed. We look forward to his skills in rugby and badminton during this time.

On a sad note, Lowe Farm School would like to express their deepest sympathy for the recent tragic loss suffered by the Froese family. If you or your child would like support in dealing with this loss, please don't hesitate to call the school. The Red River Valley School Division Crisis Response Team and the school team are available to provide support.

Mr. Rob Fiola

Bake Sale Fundraiser

Our grade 7 and 8 students held a **Bake Sale** in February to help raise funds towards the PTA play-ground structure. They raised **\$104.35** which will be presented to the PTA in the very near future. Good job 7/8s!



Student Led Conferences

As mentioned in the last issue of our newsletter **Student Led Conferences** will be held on **Thursday, March 19 from 4 – 8 p.m. and Friday, March 20 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon**. Appointment letters will be distributed to our families on March 2 and 3 so please watch for these in your child's backpack. If the appointment time you have been given does not work for you, please contact the school secretary, Mrs. Ewbank, as soon as possible.

Preschool Registration

It won't be long and we will be finished the 2014-2015 school year and another successful Pre-school program thanks to Mrs. Betty Resler, our Pre-school teacher. We are so lucky to have her continue this program each year. We are now starting to plan for next year's Pre-School program. If you have a child who was born in 2011, who will attend Kindergarten in September 2016 at Lowe Farm School and you would like them to participate in our Pre-school program beginning in September 2015, please call or drop by the school so that we may begin the registration process. In the past, Lowe Farm School's Pre-school program has been held one morning a week from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. with no cost to parents. The program runs from September to June.

Lowe Farm School SMART Goals

- By June of 2015, Lowe Farm School will purchase and utilize a minimum of 500 high quality books that will have cultural diversity, human equity and a wide variety of levels and interests to be creatively implemented in both the classroom and library.
- By June of 2015, Lowe Farm School will continue to have common Math language and strategies throughout each grade with an emphasis on creating a common Math assessment tool.
- By June of 2015, Lowe Farm School will involve students in a minimum of 5 active and socially engaging activities during lunch time, and Pre/Post school times.
- By June of 2015, Lowe Farm School will research, adopt and implement a common behavioural system based on Restitution principles.

Fundraising Summary

Low Farm School ran four major fundraisers this year including our annual Fall Supper. Our students, parents and community members alike have been extremely supportive of our fundraising efforts again and we are very thankful for that. To date this year, funds raised help to cover the cost of extras such as class trips, Robert Munsch, sports refs, student agendas, Christmas decorations, fall frolic and other student council events supplies, the student phone, and the grade 5-8 camp experience.

The following is a summary of our fundraising efforts for the school year:

Fundraiser	Grades that participate	Profit
Lamontagne Card/Gift Fundraiser	Kindergarten to Grade 8	\$612.36
Mom's Pantry Products	Kindergarten to Grade 8	\$1315.46
Low Farm School Fall Supper	Grades 5 – 8 students	\$3092.55
Chocolate/Cereal Bar Fundraiser	Kindergarten to Grade 8	\$1270.99
TOTAL		\$6291.36

Reading Month Wraps-Up

After enjoying a month filled with reading activities our finale was held on Thursday, February 26. A "Reading Celebration in the Gym" was held in the afternoon. It was a time when students could come to school in comfy clothes, pajamas if they wished, bring a stuffy, pillow or blanket to get comfortable with and **READ, READ, READ!**

Thank you to Miss Betsy Bergen and Mrs. Audrey Friesen for organizing our I Love to Read month activities.

Thank You . . .

. . . to the following ladies who came in to supervise students during the noon hour on Monday, February 9, 2015 while the staff enjoyed lunch together to celebrate Teacher (Staff) Appreciation Week: **Mrs. Marie Doell, Mrs. Tara Falk, Mrs. Lillian Groening, Mrs. Angela Sawatzky and Mrs. Anna Schmitt. A BIG THANK YOU** ladies, for taking the time out of your busy schedules to help us out. It was very much appreciated.

. . . to **Prairie Agri Sales Ltd.** for their generous donation towards the school play structure fund. Amazing support, thank you!

FIELD TRIPS

Our grade 3-6 students attended **Festival du Voyageur** in Winnipeg on Thursday, February 19th. Although it was a very cold day, they had a fabulous time. The grade 3 and 4 students took part in the Maple Forest, Puppet Folk Theatre, Horse Power, Follow the Tracks (Nature Walk) while the grade 5 and 6 students participated in The Metis Women, It's a Deal – Trading, Horse Power and Fort Gibraltar.

SPORTS

Basketball

Low Farm hosted St. Malo on Monday, February 2, 2015. St. Malo over took both of our teams by scores of 57-30 for the boys and 32-24 for the girls.

The Rosenort grade 7 & 8 basketball teams paid a visit to Lowe Farm School on Monday, February 9 to take on our teams. The boys' team beat Rosenort 32-24, while the girls lost 50-12.

The final regular season game took place on February 17th when Morris visited Lowe Farm. The boys' won 38-31 while the girls lost 32-20.

With regular season play over and done with our boys secured a playoff spot, placing third in the division. They played in St. Malo on Tuesday, February 24 in the semi-final match. Lowe Farm beat St. Malo in a very well played game. With this victory the boys moved to the league championship game against J.A. Cuddy in Sanford. This final game will be played during the week just before Spring Break. Keep your ears open so you can come and cheer on the guys.

Thank you to our coaches, Mr. Fiola, Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Landry.

Curling

Our grade 8 students enjoyed a day of curling in the annual Red River Valley School Division curling bonspiel in Morris on February 13th. By all accounts, the students enjoyed a fun day in the friendship format of the bonspiel.

Floor Hockey

Our grade 5 and 6 students along with Ms. Harley, Mrs. Johnston and a parent volunteer will be attending the divisional grade 5 and 6 floor hockey tournament. The tournament will take place on Friday, March 6, 2015 in Morris beginning at 10:00 a.m. Parents are welcome to attend the tournament and cheer on the students.



Look for me in Rainbows

Time for me to go now, I won't say goodbye;
Look for me in rainbows, way up in the sky.
In the morning sunrise when all the world is new,
Just look for me and love me, as you know I loved you.

Time for me to leave you, I won't say goodbye;
Look for me in rainbows, high up in the sky.
In the evening sunset, when all the world is through,
Just look for me and love me, and I'll be close to you.

It won't be forever, the day will come and then
My loving arms will hold you, when we meet again.

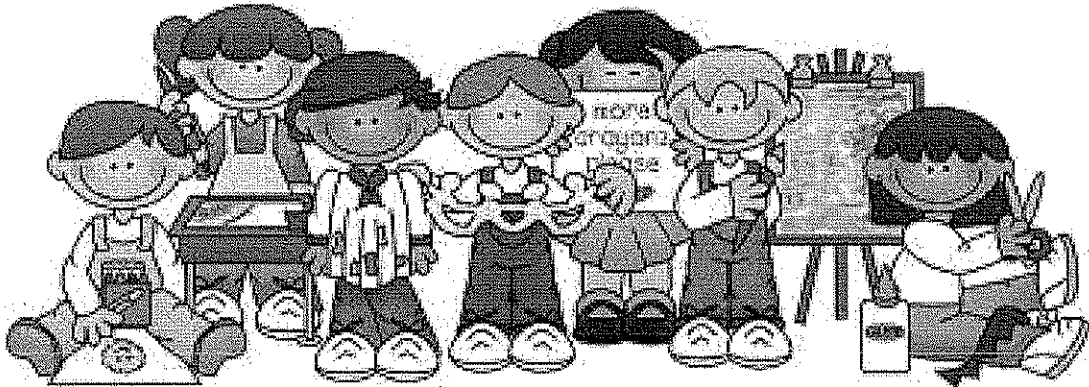
Time for us to part now, we won't say goodbye;
Look for me in rainbows, shining in the sky.
Every waking moment, and all your whole life through
Just look for me and love me, as you know I loved you.

Just wish me to be near you,
And I'll be there with you.

Music and lyrics: Conn Bernard (1990). Vicki Brown

In memory of Bobby, Timmy, Danny & Henry Froese

Lowe Farm School KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION



The early registration deadline is
April 30, 2015.

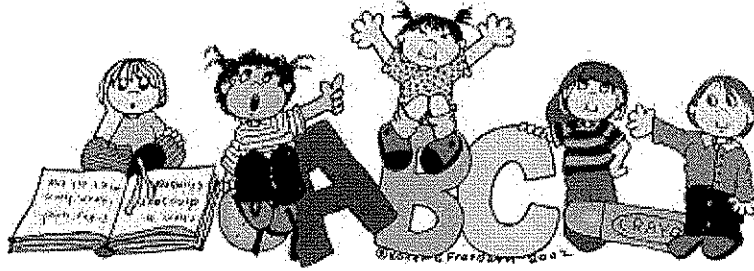
**Do you have a child or children
born in 2010 or earlier?**

**If so, now is the time to register them for the
2015-2016 KINDERGARTEN SESSION.**

**Please call Mrs. Ewbank at
Low Farm School at 204-746-8068
to register your child(ren).**

**If you have any questions please feel free to call us,
we'll be happy to help you.**

**Low Farm School offers your child(ren)
quality education in a setting which strongly promotes
community values.**



A GYM TALE

A Parent-Child Preschool Gym & Story Time Program

Ages 0-5 years welcome to attend with their parents.

*Being held at the Lowe Farm School from
10:00 – 11:30 a.m. on the following dates:*

February 2 & 23, 2015

March 2 & 23, 2015

April 6 & 27, 2015

Gym Time, Crafts, Games, Stories,

Bookmaking, Fun!

**Please contact Lowe Farm School for more information at
204-746-8068 or lowefarm@rrvsd.ca**

MEET with other parents of young children; SHARE questions, concerns and ideas about being a parent; LEARN about child development, safety, health and behaviour; DISCUSS real-life parenting situations; WORK together with the support of a trained facilitator; DISCOVER positive ways of parenting.

Nobody's Perfect Parenting

*Support for moms and dads with
children from birth to age five.*

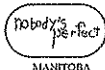
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DATES:

March 9 + 16, April 13 + 20

TIME: 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

**LOCATION: Lowe Farm School
Computer Lab**



CHILDREN WITH



Coping Strategies for the child

MONDAY MARCH 23, 2015 @ 7:00pm

A presentation by RRVSD

Divisional Psychologist, Zlata Hajin

Divisional Social Workers,

Michelle Cadieux & Jacqueline Tymchuk

All parents of
Preschool age & Kindergarten
to Grade 8 children are invited
to attend this informative session
at Lowe Farm School


- › *Recognizing Symptoms & Triggers*
- › *Strategies to help manage*
- › *Questions & Answers*

For more information contact:

Low Farm School
204-746-8068



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
1	2 <i>A Gym Tale</i> 10—11:30, GIRLS 11:35-12:30 <i>Mini pizza/mac & cheese</i>	3 <i>Kindergarten, Preschool #1</i>	4 <i>Chips & salsa</i>	5 <i>Kindergarten, Preschool #2</i> <i>Soup Day</i>	6 <i>Gr. 5/6 Floor Hockey in Morris</i> <i>Hot dog</i>	7	
8 <i>Daylight Saving Time begins</i>	9 <i>Nobody's Perfect 10-11:30</i> <i>Mini pizza/mac & cheese</i>	10 <i>Kindergarten, Preschool #1</i> <i>PTA Taco in a Bag</i>	11 <i>Chips & salsa</i>	12 <i>Kindergarten, Preschool #2</i>	13 <i>Kindergarten, Gr. 7/8 Home Ec, K-6 to Morris for Robert Munsch</i> <i>Hot dog</i>	14	
15	16 <i>Nobody's Perfect 10-11:30</i> <i>Mini pizza/mac & cheese</i>	17 <i>Kindergarten, Preschool #1, Report cards go home</i>  Happy St. Patrick's Day	18 <i>Chips & salsa</i>	19 <i>Kindergarten, Preschool #2, Student Led Conferences 4-8 p.m.</i> <i>Last Soup Day</i>	20 <i>Inschool Admin/ Inservice Day -no classes</i> <i>Student Led Conferences 9 a.m.—12 noon</i>	21	
22	23 <i>A Gym Tale 10-11:30, GIRLS 11:35-12:30, Helping the Anxious Child Parenting Seminar 7:00 p.m., Mini pizza/mac & cheese</i>	24 <i>Kindergarten, Preschool #1</i> <i>PTA Meeting 4:00 p.m.</i>	25 <i>Chips & salsa</i>	26 <i>Kindergarten, Preschool #2</i> <i>PTA Sub Day</i>	27 <i>Kindergarten, Last day of classes before Spring Break</i> <i>Hot dog</i>	28	
29	30	31	Spring Break				Classes resume on Monday, April 6, 2015

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Student's Name: _____

Bus Driver's Name: _____

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Other information: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

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