

LOWE FARM SCHOOL

November 2010 Newsletter

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Another month here and gone! November is upon us. We accomplished a lot last month. Teachers have completed their class profiles; students have presented a unique project at our Character Ed Assembly. The school fund-raising has been very successful thanks to the hard work of Mrs. Ewbank. We also had a lot of sports; soccer and volleyball in intramurals, and soccer and cross country against other schools. Thank you to Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Johnston for coaching soccer and Mrs. Penner for the Cross Country. We had more than 25% of the school population participate. Way to go! Student Council have fund-raised over \$70 for Terry Fox with the walk/run event. We also welcomed our new Educational Assistant, Ann Harder. By the time you read this, we'll have just finished our Fall Frolics.

We have a lot of upcoming events in November; Fall Supper, Remembrance Day, Oral Reporting and volleyball tournaments. A huge thank you goes out to Angie Isaak, Trina Landry and Mrs. Brown for coaching the volleyball teams.

Parent Teacher Association has been very active, working towards trying to get some features for the playground completed before the snow arrives. This is becoming a challenge with the recent rains. We look forward to enjoying the hill when the snow does arrive to stay.

Congratulations to the staff and students for another successful month.

Mr. Rob Fiola



PTA Update - October 2010

The Lowe Farm School Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) has held two meetings since the start of our school year. A big welcome to Principal Rob Fiola who now joins our meetings. Volunteers on our PTA committee include: Marie Doell, secretary, Dorothy Suderman, bookkeeper, Trina Landry and Rob Fiola, accounting, Alice Brown, teacher rep and Valerie Klassen, Chair. We are also grateful to our members at large: Mary Blatz, Lillian Groening and Dulaney Blatz. Parents are welcome to attend our PTA meeting; please contact Valerie Klassen at 829-3977 (evenings) for details.

The PTA has been working hard towards our playground project. The second hill has been re-shaped and we are waiting on a few safety concerns to be addressed before we install our slides alongside this smaller hill. We are also hopeful that the monkey bars will be installed again soon. And before the white stuff arrives, we will need to put into place additional borders to contain sand and pea gravel for these features.

We understand that our students are busy using our big hill, the sand moat and new swings that have been installed earlier. On order is additional pea gravel for the swings area to meet standards. Drainage of large puddles on our playground have been addressed; weeping tile, laser-ditching and even a dry creek lined with wood chips has been installed. These are all major components that needed to happen before the fun elements of the playground are added.

Currently, we are waiting for a quotation on the construction costs of a feature grain elevator to grace our playground. This elevator, while including our community's agriculture focus, will be a multi-purpose structure. It will house storage for student recreational equipment and toys and will feature a horizontal climbing wall along one side. Already we have corporate sponsorship for part of this, and we are actively pursuing grant monies to assist us with the construction costs.

Allow us the opportunity to thank the many great people that have contributed their talents, energies, time and resources to give us a hand. Special



Lowe Farm School

FALL SUPPER

Friday, November 5, 2010

5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

at the

Lowe Farm Community Centre

Adults: \$10.00

12 & Under: \$5.00

EVERYONE WELCOME

thanks to Abe Suderman and his little 'ho for work on the hills and digging drainage, to Ed Giesbrecht and his skid-steer work, to Jason Doell for transporting wood shavings to the playground, to all the parents who were busy with shovels, wheelbarrows and rakes putting the wood shavings down. Special thanks to Peter Harder and his wealth of knowledge and assistance with all this; we continue to be in awe! There are many more to thank, and we regret if we have missed mention. Tributes will continue to be forthcoming!

Mrs. Valerie Klassen,
Chairperson



Vocational Education Tour

On October 5th the grade 7/8 class, Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Lilke boarded a bus in the morning to take a tour of the vocational education sites that the students in our division may attend. Our tour guide, Mr. Harv Giesbrecht, took us to Morris, St. Jean, Dominion City, Altona, Winkler and Morden to see the various options available to students in high school. The vocational education program is an excellent way for students to acquire high school credits while having the opportunity to take courses that are of interest to them and can prepare them for jobs when they graduate.

One of the highlights of the trip was the lunch stop at Dairy Queen in Winkler. It was a great day.

Mrs. Alice Brown

Thank You...

- Thank you to parents who came for noon hour supervision on October 7th – **Gerry Brown, Marie Doell** and **Michelle Ginter**. Your help was much appreciated.



**Lowe Farm School
Remembrance Day Service
Wednesday, November 10, 2010
11:00 a.m.
Lowe Farm School Gym**

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Fundraising Update

CARD/CALENDAR LAMONTAGNE FUNDRAISER

Orders have arrived and should be distributed by now. We want to thank all those who supported the fundraiser, we had excellent sales. Lowe Farm School will realize a profit of **\$1356.03!** These funds will be used for class field trips, etc.

MOM'S PANTRY PRODUCTS

The Mom's Pantry Products fundraiser orders have all been submitted and we are looking at a delivery date towards the middle of November. Notes will go home with students once a date has been set for our delivery.



Terry Fox Walk/Run

The students and staff of Lowe Farm School participated in a Terry Fox Walk/Run on Thursday, September 30, 2010. We were fortunate to have an RCMP escort as well as Mr. Harder with the Lowe Farm Fire Department van. Students and staff were encouraged to donate towards the cause and a cheque in the amount of \$74.54 was forwarded to The Terry Fox Foundation. Thank you to all who donated.



School Cancellations

Winter is quickly approaching and with it comes the possibility of inclement weather. Should stormy weather hit us it is the superintendent of the school division who is responsible for the cancellation of school. Wind chill, road conditions, and visibility are all considered. **The decision to close schools will be aired on CJOB (AM 680), CFAM (AM 950), CBC (990).** The first announcement is usually on the air by 7:00 a.m. and repeated during morning broadcasts. School cancellations are also posted on

the school division website as well as available at www.cjob.com (usually earlier than 7:00 a.m.)

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Wed., Nov. 10 Low Farm School Remembrance Day Service 11:00 a.m.
Thurs., Nov. 11 Remembrance Day – no classes
Fri., Nov. 12 Inservice Day – no classes
Thurs., Nov. 25 Parent/Teacher Oral Reports 4-8 p.m.
Fri., Nov. 26 Parent/Teacher Oral Reports 9 a.m.-12 noon
Fri., Nov. 26 Inservice Day – no classes
Wed., Dec. 15 Low Farm School Christmas Concert 7:00 p.m. (storm date Dec. 16)
Wed., Dec. 22 Last day of classes before Christmas Break
Thurs., Jan. 6 Classes resume
Fri., Jan. 28 School Inservice
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

mistake it would be greatly appreciated if it could be return it to the school as soon as possible please. Thank you very much.



Parent/Teacher Oral Reports

Thurs., Nov. 25 from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Fri., Nov. 26 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
Please call Mrs. Ewbank (746-8068) at the school to book your appointment(s).

S P O R T S



Please note that the
Low Farm Co-op
has an
ALLERGY FRIENDLY DISPLAY
that might assist you when looking for healthy,
allergy friendly snacks for your child's/children's
lunch boxes.



7/8 SOCCER

Soccer results from the grade 7/8 tournament held in Rosenort on October 6:

- The girls tied Rosenort 0-0, tied Starbuck 2-2, beat Oak Bluff 2-0 and lost to Morris 0-2.
- The boys tied Rosenort 1-1, lost to Cuddy 0-4, lost to Morris 0-6, and lost to Heritage 0-2.

Character Education

On Wednesday, October 27th we had an assembly for our Character Education theme; **Uniqueness**. Since September our school has been focusing on how each of us are different. We have been learning about appreciating how everyone is an individual. The grade 5/6 class sang a song, "When I Believe". The grade 7/8 class presented three skits and readings based on books related to uniqueness. The students then went on a "Gallery Walk" in groups to each classroom to see and hear the work done on the theme of uniqueness.

Our Character Education focus for November and December is **trust and honesty**.

Mrs. Alice Brown

Lost

One of our students has lost a **blue Batman lunch kit**. If your child has brought it home by



CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING

This past Thursday (October 21) Lowe Farm students went to the Divisional Cross-Country meet in St. Malo. It was a beautiful day to spend running outside at a park! The students each had great runs and all of our participants finished strong. This year's runners were: Daniel Isaak, Jaysin Funk, Jonathan Enns, Savannah Siemens, Beth Klassen, Joanne Schroeder, Chloe Friesen, Cornie Giesbrecht, Fernando Neufeld, Lucas Redecop, Jonathon Berg, Bobby Froese, Suzanne Giesbrecht, Alesa Isaak, Tristan Landry, Nancy Sawatzky, Emily Isaak, Jillana Groening, Bryan Klassen, and Rudy Neufeld. Great running and great attitudes from all the participants.

Mrs. Lori Penner

5/6 SOCCER

Our grade 5/6 students joined forces with the grade 4/5/6 students from Domain School to participate in the tournament in Rosenort on October 8th. Although the boys did not win any games they had a wonderful time playing and getting to know the students from Domain. The girls tied one game and lost the other two but still had a great time on a wonderful sunny fall day.



VOLLEYBALL

The first volleyball tournament of the season was held in Morris on Thursday, October 28th. Both our boys' and girls' teams were excited about participating in the tournament. We will have the results for you in our next newsletter.

Here is a recipe to try out at home with your children for their school lunch kits!

Honey Crisp Bars

So crunchy and sweet—these won't last long!

Hard margarine (or butter)	3/4 cup	175 mL
Instant chocolate drink powder	2/3 cup	150 mL
Liquid honey	1/3 cup	75 mL
Crisp rice cereal	2 cups	500 mL

Cornflakes cereal	1 2/3 cups	400 mL
Graham cracker crumbs	2/3 cup	150 mL
Medium sweetened coconut	1/2 cup	125 mL

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Combine first 3 ingredients in large saucepan. Heat and stir on medium until margarine is melted. Remove from heat.



Add remaining 4 ingredients. Mix well. Press firmly in greased 9 x 13 inch (22 x 33 cm) pan. Cover. Chill for about 1 hour until firm. Cut into 6 rows lengthwise and 8 rows crosswise, for a total of 4 dozen (48) bars.

1 bar: 62 Calories; 3.5 g Total Fat (2.1 g Mono, 0.3 g Poly, 0.9 g Sat); 0 mg Cholesterol; 1 g Fibre; 0 g Protein; 72 mg Sodium



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<p><i>7</i></p> <p><i>Daylight Saving Time Ends</i></p> 	<p><i>8</i></p> <p><i>Mini pizza/Mac & cheese</i></p>	<p><i>9</i></p> <p><i>Volleyball Location TBA</i></p>	<p><i>10</i></p> <p><i>Remembrance Day Service 11:00 a.m.</i></p> <p><i>Mini pizza/chips & salsa</i></p>	<p><i>11</i></p> <p><i>Remembrance Day -no classes</i></p> 	<p><i>12</i></p> <p><i>Inservice Day -no classes</i></p>	<p><i>13</i></p>
<p><i>14</i></p>	<p><i>15</i></p> <p><i>Mini pizza/Mac & cheese</i></p>	<p><i>16</i></p> <p><i>Volleyball Finals—boys in Sanford, girls in Oak Bluff</i></p>	<p><i>17</i></p> <p><i>Gr. 7/8 Home Ec</i></p> <p><i>Mini pizza/chips & salsa</i></p>		<p><i>19</i></p> <p><i>Hot dog</i></p>	<p><i>20</i></p>
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<p><i>28</i></p>	<p><i>29</i></p> <p><i>Mini pizza/Mac & cheese</i></p>	<p><i>30</i></p> <p><i>Gr. 7/8 Home Ec</i></p>				