

Low Farm School

November 2011 Newsletter

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

What a beautiful fall we have been experiencing so far. The students have really been enjoying the great additions the PTA has made to the playground. Parts of the old play structure were resurrected and placed in a play area for the students to enjoy. The outdoor classroom doubles as a play area and the new picnic tables are well used at lunch. It is a real pleasure to see how active the students remain, all recess long. Way to go PTA!

October was a very active time for teachers to be involved in professional learning activities. Students have also been involved in Soccer, Cross Country Run, Volleyball and Fall Frolics. Congratulations to the student council on their excellent work on the Terry Fox Run and the Fall Frolics. It looks like the school is in good hands with this new batch of young leaders.

I am pleased to announce that RRVSD has provided funding for us to create a parent/child pre-school program. We are looking for a community member who is bilingual in both English and Low German who would work once a week teaching nursery rhymes and games to parents and pre-school children in Low German. The idea is to invite families in to the school and to provide reading materials and activities that can be brought home. If you are interested in applying for this position, please refer to the advertisement in this newsletter or contact me at rfiola@rrvzd.ca or call me at 253-8299 for more information. If you are interested in registering to participate, please contact Rose-Marie at 746-8068.

In November, we look forward to having two professional artists in the school to teach staff and students how to make and edit films. It is sure to be fun and exciting. We will also be welcoming Melinda Colpitts all day as we have hired her to teach the grade 1 students in the afternoon. In addition, we will be welcoming 3 candidate teachers who will be helping out in the 3 classes from grades 3 – 8. We also look forward to seeing parents at the Oral Report time.

Let's hope for another beautiful month.

Mr. Rob Fiola



WANTED:

Low German Speaking Nursery Instructor \$13/hr. (contract)

REQUIREMENTS:

- Bilingual, (Low German & English)
- Experience with young children and adults.
- Available once a week for 2 hours a week.
- Child registry and police record check

Paid training will be provided.

The instructor will be responsible for planning and implementing an adult/child program in Low German.

START DATE:

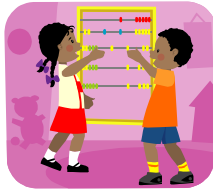
**Training begins the last two weeks of November
Program begins the week of December 5th**

Interested applicants should provide a description of experience and/or a resume.

**Deadline for application: November 14th, 2011
Drop off application at the school or
e-mail rfiola@rrvzd.ca**

Terry Fox Run

On Friday, September 30th students and staff at Low Farm School honoured the efforts of Terry Fox by participating in a Terry Fox walk/run in the afternoon. Students and staff were also encouraged to make a small donation towards the efforts of cancer research and the Terry Fox Foundation. Low Farm School collected and donated **\$111.25** to the cause.



Low German Nursery Program for parents and pre-school children

Once a week, enjoy nursery rhymes,
games and activities, all offered in
Low German!

Program starts the week of Dec. 5th, 2011

To register please call Rose-Marie at
746-8068



Dates to Remember:

- Fri., Nov. 4 School Inservice/Admin Day – no classes
- Fri., Nov. 11 Remembrance Day – no classes
- Thurs., Nov. 17 Oral Reports 4:30 – 8:30 p.m.
- Fri., Nov. 18 School Inservice/Admin Day – no classes
Oral Reports 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon
- Wed., Dec. 14 Lowe Farm School Christmas Concert
7:00 p.m.
- Thurs., Dec. 15 Concert Storm Date
- Thurs., Dec. 22 Last day of classes before Christmas
break
- Mon., Jan. 9 Classes Resume
- Fri., Jan. 27 Inservice Day – no classes

School Cancellation

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.

CANTEEN REMINDER

The Lowe Farm School canteen committee wishes to thank students and parents for their continued support. Our hot items have been literally selling like hot cakes.

**We want to remind
students and parents that
hot items are only sold on
certain days of the week
and
NOT available every day.**

OUR CANTEEN SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS:

- Mondays – Mini pizzas and/or Mac & Cheese**
- Wednesdays – Mini pizzas and/or chips and salsa**
- Fridays – Hot dogs**

We would also like to let you know that chocolate milk and Sun Chips are now available in the canteen for \$.75 each.

BOOK ORDERS

Book Orders are due on November 17th so that they are back in time for Christmas. If you do not want your child to receive the order when it comes please indicate on your order form or contact Mrs. Johnston at the school.



Lowe Farm School REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

Thursday, November 10, 2011
10:00 a.m.

in the school gym
Everyone is welcome to attend!



PTA Taco in a Bag Fundraiser

This fundraiser raised \$81.75 and the profits will be donated towards the purchase of kitchen essentials for the Lowe Farm School Nutrition Program. Thank you very much to our volunteers and donators of ingredients for making this lunch fundraiser a success.

**The next PTA meeting will be held on
Monday, November 28, 2011**

All parents are welcome to attend
and become involved with the PTA
The more the merrier!



Parent/Teacher Oral Report

Lowe Farm School will follow the same format as last year for reporting to parents. We will host Oral Reports in November. A written report card will go home at the beginning of February, Student Led Conferences will be held in April and a final written report card will go home at the end of June.

Teachers are looking forward to meeting with parents during **Oral Reports** which will be held on
Thurs., Nov. 17 from 4:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Fri., Nov. 18 from 8:30 a.m. – 12 noon.
**Please call the school at 746-8068 to
make your appointment(s)**

Fundraising Update

Our **Norcard Fundraiser** is all done and finished now. Customers should have received their orders by now and we would like to **thank all who supported the fundraiser. We had a net profit of \$793.89.**

Orders for **Mom's Pantry Products** have been collected and will be delivered later in November. The final tally of that fundraiser has not been done yet but will be reported in the next newsletter. We should realize a profit greater than the last two Mom's Pantry Products fundraisers. WOW!

Your continued support in our school fundraisers is always appreciated. Thank you very much.

UNSANCTIONIZED FUNDRAISING

It has come to our attention that some students from Lowe Farm School have been collecting money for charity (for the poor) in Lowe Farm. This is an initiative that the students have taken upon themselves after classroom discussions regarding helping those in need. These collections are in no way sanctioned by the school. If the school chooses to fundraise for the poor or any charity of sorts, students will come to your door with a letter or proper documentation from the school stating so. Money that has been previously collected by some of our students will be forwarded to a worthwhile charity. We are terribly sorry for what has happened and will do our utmost to insure that it does not happen again. If you have any questions whatsoever about this matter please do not hesitate to call us.



WANTED

**Old dress up clothes/costumes and baby dolls (clothed) all in good condition for the Kindergarten House Center.
Please contact Mrs. Colpitts
if you are able to help out.
Thank you very much.**





On a cool autumn day there is nothing better than coming home to a hot bowl of soup. Try this recipe out for your family.

Delicious Ham & Potato Soup

Ingredients

- 3 1/2 cups peeled and diced potatoes
- 1/3 cup diced celery
- 1/3 cup finely chopped onion
- 3/4 cup diced cooked ham
- 3 1/4 cups water
- 2 tablespoons chicken bouillon granules
- 1/2 teaspoon salt, or to taste
- 1 teaspoon ground white or black pepper, or to taste
- 5 tablespoons butter
- 5 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 2 cups milk

Directions

1. Combine the potatoes, celery, onion, ham and water in a stockpot. Bring to a boil, then cook over medium heat until potatoes are tender, about 10 to 15 minutes. Stir in the chicken bouillon, salt and pepper.
2. In a separate saucepan, melt butter over medium-low heat. Whisk in flour with a fork, and cook, stirring constantly until thick, about 1 minute. Slowly stir in milk as not to allow lumps to form until all of the milk has been added. Continue stirring over medium-low heat until thick, 4 to 5 minutes.
3. Stir the milk mixture into the stockpot, and cook soup until heated through. Serve immediately.

SPORTS

SOCCER

Our grade 5/6 students participated in the soccer tournament in Rosenort on Friday, October 7th. Like our grade 7/8s they joined up with Domain. They played well and had a wonderful time getting to know the students from Domain. **Thank you** to **Mr. Jones** and **Mr. Fiola** for coaching the teams.

CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING

Quite a number of students at Lowe Farm School participate in the **Running Club** led by Mrs. Lori Penner. They usually meet twice a week to run at noon hour. Some of these students went on to participate in the divisional cross country run at **St. Malo Provincial Park on Thursday, October 20, 2011**. **Zoe Blatz, Brooke Fehr, Zakury Funk, Justina Giesbrecht, Daniel Isaak, Jenny Martens, Jessica Wieler, Virginia Blatz, Jaysin Funk, Savannah Siemens, George Buhler, Samantha Fehr, Chloe Friesen, Cornie Giesbrecht, Pedro Fehr Guenther, Lucas Redecop, Joanne Schroeder, Bobby Froese, Suzanne Giesbrecht, Alesa Isaak and Tristan Landry** all ran. **Emily Isaak** assisted during the day. Congratulations to all the students who participated and completed the run. **Thank you** to **Mrs. Penner** for coaching the students and to **Emily** for her assistance. All is much appreciated.

VOLLEYBALL

Our grade 6-8 boys' and 7-8 girls' volleyball teams have been busy practicing for the new volleyball season. On October 26th they travelled to St. Pierre to play their first games. Our girls' team is coached by **Mrs. Alice Brown and Mrs. Angie Isaak**, our boys' team is coached by **Mrs. Trina Landry and Mr. Jordan Penner**. Results from the October 26th trip to St. Pierre are as follows:

BOYS

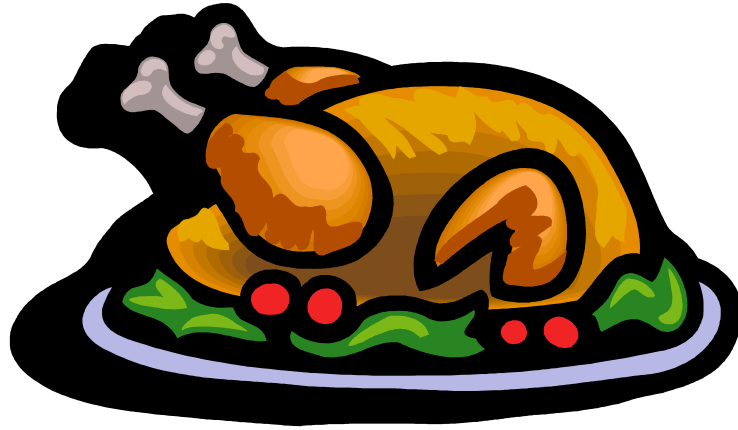
Lowe Farm vs. St. Pierre won one, lost two
Lowe Farm vs. Rosenort close but lost all three

GIRLS

Lowe Farm vs. St. Malo lost three, played well
Lowe Farm vs. Rosenort won one, lost two

The schedule for the season is as follows:

- Wed., Nov. 2, 2011 at J.A. Cuddy in Sanford
- Wed., Nov. 9, 2011 in Oak Bluff
- Tues. Nov. 15, 2011 Finals
(Boys in Rosenort, Girls in Morris)



LOWE FARM SCHOOL
Fall Supper

Friday, November 25, 2011

5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

at the

Lowe Farm Community Centre

Adults: \$10.00

12 & Under: \$5.00

EVERYONE WELCOME!