



Lowe Farm School

October Newsletter

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Wow, September has zoomed past. What an exciting start. Our enrollment has increased from 86 to 99 students as of September 27th. We have a new Kindergarten classroom and teacher, Melinda Colpitts. Thanks to volunteers from grades 5 – 8, we have intramurals for students from grades 1 to 8. We have also successfully completed our Strong Beginnings.

It was a real pleasure seeing so many families come out to Meet the Teacher Night, even though the weather was less than cooperative. The PTA had a nice turnout for their first meeting of the year and plans for the Natural Playground are really moving along. Now we just have to wait for the rain to stop and the grounds to dry so that we can get some equipment in to do the work. Watch for opportunities to help out with an upcoming work session being planned.

We have a new reporting plan that will include an oral report in November followed by a written report in late January and June. In the spring, students will participate in Student Led Conferences. In summary, we will have; two written, one oral and one student led conference this year. Please watch for more info to follow in the next newsletter.

In October, students will be participating in Inter-school activities like Soccer, Cross Country running and volleyball. Teachers will be meeting to do class profiles in order to review the needs of each classroom. These profiles, combined with the Strong Beginnings info, will enable us to allocate resources where the highest needs are.

Congratulations to the staff and students for a very exciting September and we look forward to much the same in October.

Dates to Remember:

Fri., Oct. 1	Divisional Inservice – no classes
Mon., Oct .4	School Inservice – no classes
Mon., Oct. 11	Thanksgiving Day – no classes
Fri., Oct. 22	Provincial S.A.G. Day – no classes
Thurs., Nov. 11	Remembrance Day – no classes
Fri., Nov. 12	Inservice Day – no classes
Fri., Nov. 26	Inservice Day – no classes
Wed., Dec. 22	Last day of classes before Christmas Break

2010-2011

Student Council Team Elections

LEADERSHIP TEAM:

Grade 8	Jillana Groening
Grade 7	Emily Isaak

FINANCE TEAM:

Grade 8	Trent Siemens
Grade 7	Megan Boulton

REPORTING TEAM:

Grade 8	Margaretha Fehr
Grade 7	Jennifer Heidebrecht

SPORTS TEAM:

Grade 8	Rudy Neufeld
Grade 7	Joshua Harder

CLASSROOM REPS:

Grade 5	Fernando Neufeld Alternate, George Buhler
Grade 6	Alesa Isaak Alternate, Nettie Buhler
Grade 7	Annie Schroeder Alternate, Brielle Martens
Grade 8	Amanda Paetkau Alternate, Bryan Klassen

Thank you . . .

. . . parents for being so conscientious about sending **nut free** items for your child's nutrition break as well as lunches. Your efforts are very much appreciated. We just wanted to remind parents to check labels for **coconut (this includes coconut oil)** as we have had some items come to school with coconut or coconut oil. **Our nut allergy in the school includes all kinds of nuts as well as coconut (including coconut oil) and peas.** Thanks again for your co-operation, it truly is much appreciated.

Parent/Student Handbook

All families should have received the 2010-2011 edition of the Lowe Farm School Parent/Student Handbook. If you family has not received one, please contact the secretary at the school.

Bike Helmets

The Lowe Farm School staff and PTA would like to **encourage students to wear their bike helmets** when riding their bikes to and from school. There is a lot of traffic around the school when students are being transported by buses or parents. Accidents can happen so quickly and we want the children to be protected as much as possible.

Pre-school/Community Connections

Our pre-school program is off to a good start as it began on September 22nd and runs each Wednesday morning from 9 – 11 a.m. We are fortunate to have Mrs. Resler as the instructor again this year.

If you are wondering about our Community Connections program, it will begin soon. It is a program which is open to parents and their infant to 4 year old children. The program is designed to develop a connection between the school and families in the area. It uses pre-school programs to improve early literacy as well as teach English to families that need it. There was no cost to the program. Further information will be forwarded to parents soon.

Fundraising Update

Our **Card/Calendar, etc. fundraiser** has wrapped up. Sales were great and a final tally will be reported on in the next newsletter. Thank you to all who participated and supported the fundraiser.

Our **Mom's Pantry Products fundraiser** is set to begin. This is an excellent opportunity to stock up on Christmas baking supplies for the up and coming holiday season. The fundraiser has a wide variety of baking needs perfect for those special things you like to cook up for your family. Permission forms for the fundraiser went out on September 28th. Please have all order forms returned to the school by **Thursday, October 21st, 2010.**

School Canteen

Please take note that our school canteen hot food items will be listed on our monthly newsletter calendars. Order forms will be sent home for hot food items **other than** mini pizzas, chips and salsa and hot dogs. Those order forms will go home prior to the scheduled day and will need to be returned on the date stated on the form (along with money) so that we know how many orders to prepare for. Please keep checking the monthly calendars to see what is being offered in our canteen.

Right now we also have apple or orange juice available for 50¢ each in the canteen.

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.

Grandmas, Moms and Tots, Ladies Morning Out

Where: Emmanuel Gospel Church

When: Wednesday mornings

Time: 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Come for fellowship, friendship and crafts.

SPORTS

SOCCER:

The Red River Valley School Division grade 7 & 8 soccer tournament scheduled for September 29th in Rosenort has been postponed to October 6th due to wet grounds. The grade 5 & 6 tournament is scheduled for October 8th with the rain date as October 13th. Parents are welcome to attend the tournaments and lend their support to the students. The students love to hear you cheer!

CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING:

The Red River Valley School Division Cross Country meet will be held on Thursday, October 21st. Interested students will soon start training for the meet.

VOLLEYBALL:

Students are also preparing for volleyball season which is set to begin later in October.

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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



October 2010



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 <i>Divisional Inservice -no classes</i>	2
3	4 <i>School Inservice -no classes</i>	5 <i>World Teacher's Day</i>	6 <i>Grade 7/8 Soccer Tournament in Rosenort Mini pizza/chips & salsa day</i>	7	8 <i>Grade 5/6 Soccer Tournament in Rosenort Grade 7/8 Home Ec Hot dog day</i>	9
10	11 <i>Thanksgiving Day -no classes</i>	12	13 <i>Grade 5/6 Soccer rain date Mini pizza/chips & salsa day</i>	14	15 <i>Hot dog day</i>	16
17	18 <i>Mini pizza day</i>	19	20 <i>Mini pizza/chips & salsa day</i>	21 <i>Grade 7/8 Home Ec Grade 4-8 Cross Country in St. Malo</i>	22 <i>S.A.G. -no classes</i>	23
24	25 <i>Mini pizza day</i>	26	27 <i>Mini pizza/chips & salsa day</i>	28 <i>Volleyball in Morris</i>	29 <i>Hot dog day</i>	30
31 <i>Halloween</i>						