

LOWE FARM SCHOOL

June 27, 2013 Newsletter

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents of the Lowe Farm community for the opportunity to work with your children this last year. It continues to be an honor to work with such wonderful children. It takes a community to raise a child and the team at Lowe Farm School are glad to be a part of the community.

Staffing is always a challenging time for schools and this year has been no exception. We are happy to announce that many of the staff members are remaining for the 2013-14 school year. Unfortunately we have a few staff members who will be moving on in their careers. We sadly say goodbye to Ms. Flynn, Ms. Pettapiece and Ms. Friesen. We welcome back Mrs. Johnston and Ms. Harley in September and Mrs. Penner in January. We also welcome Mrs. Audrey Friesen to our staff. Here is the staff for the 2013-2014 school year:

K & Grade 1	Mrs. Colpitts
Grade 2 & 3	Mrs. Audrey Friesen (September to December), Mrs. Penner January and on
Grade 4	Mrs. Braden
Grade 5 & 6	Mr. Fiola and Ms. Harley
Grade 7 & 8/Guidance	Mrs. Brown
Guidance/Resource	Mrs. Brandt
Resource/KIDS/EAL	Mrs. Johnston
Phys. Ed.	To be determined

Returning Educational Assistants: Mrs. Resler, Mrs. Lilke, Mrs. Wiebe, Mrs. Harder and Mrs. Landry. School starts on September 5th for students. I look forward to seeing everyone again and also to welcoming any new families into the school.

Volunteer Appreciation

A Volunteer Appreciation was held on June 13th. Volunteers are an invaluable part of the school community. We very much appreciate all they do. To show our appreciation volunteers from throughout the school year were invited into the school gym to be our guests. They were treated to refreshments and baked goodies as well as a performance by the grade 3 and 4 class. Each guest received a flower and poem. Thank you to those who attended and a big thank you to Mrs. Braden for organizing the event.

Fundraising Summary

2012-2013

The following is a summary of this year's fundraisers. Thank you to all who participated and supported our yearly fundraising efforts. We especially want to thank Mrs. Ewbank for coordinating the fundraisers (except the Fall Supper).

CARD/CALENDAR FUNDRAISER

All participating students received prize incentives from the Lamontagne Chocolate Company. No additional prizes were awarded.

The Card/Calendar fundraiser raised **\$1246.23**.

MOM'S PANTRY PRODUCTS FUNDRAISER

The MPP fundraiser cleared **\$1985.51**.

Each of the top five sellers received a prize.

LAMONTAGNE CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER

The chocolate fundraiser profit was **\$1146.90**

Each of the top four fundraisers received a prize.

FALL SUPPER

Our biggest fundraiser of the school year is the community fall supper which is put on by the grade 5 – 8 students and their parents. This year we raised **\$2373.28** at the fall supper. Thank you very much to all students and parents who helped out and to Mrs. Brown and her parent committee for all the work they do to organize and prepare the meal. Thanks also to the staff who helped serve. The meal was excellent as always.

NOTE

Money raised from the fundraisers was used for:

- buying student organizers
- 2 picnic tables for outside
- a donation to the Lowe Farm Fire Department Christmas Food Hamper fund
- student council phone bills
- volleyball & basketball reffing
- Fall Frolic supplies
- Spirit Week supplies

- Rink Sod Turning supplies and treats
- Volleyball wind-up
- Recycling storage bin
- Prairie Exotics presentation
- Provincial Science Fair entries
- Pancake Breakfast supplies
- Capture My Heart prizes
- Capture My Shamrock prizes
- Music and class field trips
- grade 5-8 camp experience
- playground shed building permit
- donation to PTA for playground shed
- town clean-up treats
- flowers for our volunteer appreciation

Field Trips

Grade 5-8 Camp Experience

Our grade 5-8 students had a wonderful time at **Winkler Bible Camp** at the beginning of June. The grade 7 and 8s were there from June 5th to the 7th while the grade 5/6 class joined them on the 6th. Thank you to **Mrs. Angie Isaak** and **Mr. Nick Jones** for going along to supervise and **Mrs. Brown** for organizing the camp, much appreciated.

Kindergarten & Grade 5 & 6

The **Assiniboine Zoo** was a popular destination for field trips this year. Both our Kindergarten class and grade 5 and 6 class visited the zoo on separate occasions in June. Thank you to the parents who accompanied the Kindergarten students on this field trip: **Mrs. Erna Harder, Mrs. Angela Sawatzky** and **Mrs. Crystal Unger**. Your help is always appreciated.

SPORTS

Divisional Track Meet

The annual Red River Valley School Division Track Meet was held in Winnipeg on June 12th. Lowe Farm School grade 6-8 students participated in events. **Suzanne Giesbrecht** won third in the 400 m run. **Congratulations Suzanne!**

School Picnic

Whew! It was a hot one! The students and staff enjoyed a warm, sunny day of outdoor activities at the annual **School Picnic** on June 25th. Some of the activities included Wheelbarrow race, 3 legged race, egg-spoon race, fill the hoop, fill the bucket, cheesy face, water games and scavenger hunt to name a few.

The water games and water slide were big hits in the hot temperatures. The students also enjoyed a treat of watermelon in the afternoon. Thank you to **Mrs. Colpitts, Mrs. Braden & Miss Harley** for organizing the fun-filled event and to **Mrs. Brown** and **Mrs. Landry** for their canteen work. Everyone was certainly poached by the end of the day!

Lowe Farm School

DAY OF CELEBRATION

Thursday, June 27, 2013

10:00 A.M. EARLY YEARS CELEBRATION

Kindergarten Students Perform Kindergarten Diplomas

Presented by: Mrs. Melinda Colpitts

Grade 1 & 2 Students Perform Grade 1 & 2 Presentations

Presented by: Miss Jessica Flynn

Grade 3 & 4 Students Perform Grade 3 & 4 Presentations

Presented by: Mrs. Courtney Braden

1:00 P.M. MIDDLE YEARS CELEBRATION

Grade 5 & 6 Students Perform

Grade 5 – 7 "Music/Guitar" Certificates

Presented by: Mrs. Melinda Colpitts & Mr. Kurt Tittlemier

Grades 5 – 6 "Art" Certificates

Presented by: Ms. Kristen Harley

Grade 7 "Art" & "Drama" Certificates

Presented by: Mrs. Alice Brown

"Grade 7 Arts Award"

Sponsored by: VITERRA, KANE AG SITE

Presented by: Mr. Ed "Bear" Landry

"Most Improved Grade 5 Student"

Sponsored by: PATERSON GRAIN, MORRIS

Presented by: Ms. Barb Pettapiece & Ms. Kristen Harley

"Most Improved Grade 6 Student"

Sponsored by: PATERSON GRAIN, MORRIS

Presented by: Ms. Barb Pettapiece & Ms. Kristen Harley

"Most Improved Grade 7 Student"

Sponsored by: PATERSON GRAIN, MORRIS

Presented by: Mrs. Alice Brown

"Top Athletic Awards" - Grades 5 – 7 Male & Female

Presented by: Ms. Barb Pettapiece

Grades 5 – 7 "German" Certificates

Presented by: Mrs. Alice Brown

Grade 5 "General Proficiency Award"

Sponsored by: JOHN A. WIEBE MEMORIAL

Presented by: Ms. Barb Pettapiece & Ms. Kristen Harley

Grade 6 "General Proficiency Award"

Sponsored by: JOHN A. WIEBE MEMORIAL

Presented by: Ms. Barb Pettapiece & Ms. Kristen Harley

Grade 7 "General Proficiency Award"

Sponsored by: JOHN A. WIEBE MEMORIAL

Presented by: Mrs. Alice Brown

Grade 5 "Aggregate Award"

Sponsored by: LOWE FARM CO-OP

Presented by: Mr. John Norman

Grade 6 "Aggregate Award"

Sponsored by: LOWE FARM CO-OP

Presented by: Mr. John Norman

Grade 7 "Aggregate Award"

Sponsored by: ACCESS CREDIT UNION, Lowe Farm Branch

Presented by: Mr. Dennis Matthies

Grade 5, 6 & 7 "Scholastic Awards"

Math, Science, Social Studies, English Language Arts

Presented by: Ms. Barb Pettapiece, Ms. Kristen Harley & Mrs. Alice Brown

Grades 5, 6 & 7 "Honour Roll & First Class Honour Roll"

Sponsored by: LANDMARK FEEDS & ELITE SWINE

Presented by: Ms. Barb Pettapiece, Ms. Kristen Harley & Mrs. Alice Brown

Grades 5, 6 & 7 "Diligence Awards"

Sponsored by: LOWE FARM GROCERY

Presented by: Ms. Barb Pettapiece, Ms. Kristen Harley & Mrs. Alice Brown

Grade 5, 6 & 7 "Citizenship Awards"

Sponsored by: JOHN A. WIEBE MEMORIAL

Presented by: Ms. Barb Pettapiece, Ms. Kristen Harley & Mrs. Alice Brown

Grade 5 & 6 "Most Improved Social Studies Student"

Sponsored by: MRS. PATRICIA MAERTENS MEMORIAL

Presented by: Mr. Gerry Maertens

Grade 7 & 8 "Most Improved Social Studies Student"

Sponsored by: MRS. PATRICIA MAERTENS MEMORIAL

Presented by: Mr. Gerry Maertens

Grade 7 & 8 Guitar Students Perform

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Grade 8 "German" Certificates

Presented by: Mrs. Alice Brown

"German Proficiency Award"

Sponsored by: JOHN A. WIEBE MEMORIAL

Presented by: Mrs. Alice Brown

Grade 8 "Music (Guitar)" Certificates

Presented by: Mr. Kurt Tittlemier

Grade 8 "Art" & "Drama" Certificates

Presented by: Mrs. Brown & Mr. Kurt Tittlemier

Grade 8 "Arts" Award

Sponsored by: VITERRA, KANE AG SITE

Presented by: Mr. Ed "Bear" Landry

Grade 8 "Athletics" Award - Male & Female

Presented by: Ms. Barb Pettapiece

Kelvin Penner Memorial Award

Sponsored by: KANE COMMUNITY

Presented by: Mr. Ralph Groening

Grade 8 "General Proficiency Award"

Sponsored by: JOHN A. WIEBE MEMORIAL

Presented by: Mrs. Alice Brown

"Most Improved Grade 8 Student"

Sponsored by: PATERSON GRAIN, MORRIS

Presented by: Mrs. Alice Brown

"Early Years Mentorship Award"

Presented by: Mrs. Alice Brown

Grade 8 "Citizenship" Award
Sponsored by: JOHN A. WIEBE MEMORIAL
Presented by: Mrs. Alice Brown

Grade 8 "Scholastic" Awards
Math, Science, Social Studies, English Language
Arts
Presented by: Mrs. Marla Brandt

Grade 8 "Honour Roll & First Class Honour Roll"
Sponsored by: LANDMARK FEEDS/NUTRECO
Presented by: Mrs. Alice Brown

Grade 8 Diligence Award

Sponsored by: LOWE FARM GROCERY
Presented by: Mrs. Alice Brown

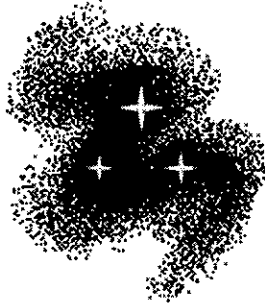
Grade 8 "Grand Aggregate" Award
Sponsored by: ACCESS CREDIT UNION, Lowe
Farm Branch
Presented by: Mr. Dennis Matthies

Grade 7 Roast of 2012 Grads

Presentation of Grade 8 Diplomas:
Presented by: Mr. Rob Fiola & Mrs. Alice Brown

Valedictorian Address

Lowe Farm School
wishes to say
"Thank You"
to the following sponsors of our
Day of Celebration:
ACCESS CREDIT UNION, Lowe Farm Branch
JOHN A. WIEBE MEMORIAL
KANE COMMUNITY
LANDMARK FEEDS & ELITE SWINE
LOWE FARM CO-OP
LOWE FARM GROCERY
PATERSON GRAIN, MORRIS
PATRICIA MAERTENS MEMORIAL
VITERRA, Kane Ag Site



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

God's Big Backyard, Under the Stars

DVBS Program

will run from July 8-12, 2013 from 7 - 9 p.m.

All children entering Kindergarten to entering Grade 7
are welcome to attend.

For more information contact Marie Doell at (204) 746-6947



RED RIVER VALLEY SCHOOL DIVISION TENTATIVE SCHOOL CALENDAR 2013-2014

2013

Monday, September 2	Labour Day – no classes
Tuesday, September 3	Administration Day – no classes
Wednesday, September 4	Divisional Professional Development Day – no classes
Thursday, September 5	Classes Begin
Friday, September 20	Strong Beginnings
Monday, September 23	Strong Beginnings
Monday, October 14	Thanksgiving Day – no classes
Friday, October 25	S.A.G.E. Conferences – no classes
Friday, November 1	Divisional Professional Development Day – no classes
Monday, November 11	Remembrance Day – no classes
Friday, November 15	School Inservice / Administration Day – no classes
Friday, November 29	School Inservice / Administration Day – no classes
Friday, December 20	Last day of classes before Christmas Holidays

2014

Monday, January 6	Classes Resume
Friday, January 31	Administration Day – no classes
Monday, February 17	Lois Riel Day – no classes
Friday, March 21	School Inservice / Administration Day – no classes
Friday, March 28	Last day of classes before Spring Break
Monday, April 7	Classes Resume
Thursday, April 17	School Inservice / Administration Day – no classes
Friday, April 18	Good Friday – no classes
Monday, May 19	Victoria Day – no classes
Thursday, June 26	Last day of classes
Friday, June 27	Administration Day – no classes

September 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Labour Day -no classes	3 Admin Day -no classes	4 Divisional Inservice Day -no classes	5 First Day of Classes Kindergarten AM only	6	7
8	9	10 Kindergarten AM only	11	12 Kindergarten AM only	13 Kindergarten All Day	14
15	16	17 Kindergarten All day	18	19 Kindergarten All day	20 Strong Beginnings	21
22	23 Strong Beginnings	24 Kindergarten All Day	25	26 Kindergarten All Day	27 Kindergarten All Day Picture Day	28
29	30				The school office will open August 26/13 but be closed the afternoon of August 29/13 due to a secretaries' inservice.	