



RUSSELL REID ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

MARCH 2015 NEWSLETTER

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Dates to Remember...



March 16—20—MARCH BREAK!
March 13—Pizza Day
March 27—Pizza Day
March 27—Intermediate Phys. Ed. Trip
March 30—Gr. 8 Grad Photos, SK Photos

Student Values

- Last year, as Colour Houses, the students completed activities to determine their school values. These values were posted in the common hall in the school. This year teachers will focus lessons on these student values. Here are the students' value statements:
- WE want everyone to feel safe, respected, and welcomed in our school where there is no bullying.
- WE want to feel safe at school, be able to make new friends and have more opportunities for active learning. WE need our teachers to respectfully learn along side us as we encounter new learning and be patient in explaining things.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Achievement

Teachers will be participating in Math Learning Cycles soon. Our goal is to have our first meeting by the end of March. Our focus for this math learning cycle is on building and using math vocabulary and applying what we know to new problems.

Mrs. Nash, Mrs. Sloggett, Mrs. Meyer are participating in SIM (Support, Intervention, Monitoring) this term. During our second meeting, we consulted Ministry of Education documents becoming more familiar and comfortable with teaching strategies designed to improve student communication and thinking in math.

Engagement

I would like to thank Mrs. Rees for coaching the junior basketball team. Mr. Pasek coached our team during the pool games. Our team made it to the semi-finals tournament at Cobblestone School. Our kids played well and represented our school respectfully. Ms. Fitzpatrick coached our intermediate girls and boys. The boys competed in their pooled games. The girls advanced to the semi-finals. Thank you to our staff, volunteer parent coaches and students for representing our school.

Environment

Mrs. Kolesar, Mrs. Kargus are the two teacher representatives in our School Greening Community Project. Mr. Vandeven and Mrs. Christensen are our two parent representatives on our committee. Chuck Beach represents the Earth Week Committee. Dennis Wendland is our consultant for the committee and Jim McCracken is our landscape architect consultant.

To date, we have raised \$13000 for our project. We are applying for other grants. We will be doing many fundraisers around the school too. The popcorn sales profit are put towards the project. Our grade eight students are raising funds through the sale of re-usable bags and denim pencil cases (stay tuned!). We are also "Building a Tree" where students can purchase a leaf for five dollars, a flower bloom for ten dollars and a bird's nest for twenty dollars. The committee is also sending home a brochure to describe our project and to outline different ways families can contribute.

We are also running a newspaper drive for the week of March 2nd to March 13th. For every pound of newspaper, Hartmann will contribute five cents. If your company is looking for projects to donate their charitable funds, please consider our School Greening Project. I have included a letter for which you can give to your company for their consideration. If you own your own business and wish to contribute, please look at our brochure coming home soon!

The remainder of the year promises to be very busy. Our last movie night is in April. We have EQAO in May and June, Welcome to Kindergarten Orientation in May, Grandparents' Day in May. I hope the students share upcoming events with you and we look forward to seeing you in our school.

Parking Problems

Parking on Cambridge Drive is quite congested due to the amount of people parking on it and to the snowbanks created on each side of the road. To alleviate traffic flow problems, please park on Woodlawn and have your children walk to Woodlawn. This idea would work for the students in grades four through eight.

Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

Christina Brittain, Principal

Inclement Weather

Russell Reid Elementary School is located in Zone 4. If you listen to CKPC radio station (92.1 FM, 1380 AM) in the morning of those questionable days, you will be informed of school closures and bus cancellations or delays. The Transportation Consortium has a new website which contains information on bus cancellations and delays (www.stsbhn.ca).



SPORTS ACTION FROM RUSSELL REID!!!

The **Intermediate Boys Basketball Team** played their pool games on February 9th at Russell Reid. They won their first game against Central by 11 points. Their second game they lost by 4 points to Glen Morris. A big thank you goes out to the boys for showing up to all the practices.

The team consisted of: Brayden T., Danny N., Jason P., Charlie M., Zach B., Tyson N., Isaiah R., Stuart M., Matthew P., Jonathan L., Tyler O., and Nathan G. Thanks to all parents who came to cheer us on!!

The **Junior Basketball Team** Congratulations to the Junior Basketball team for their efforts at all of their games. Russell Reid hosted the pool games for Bellview, Mt. Pleasant and Brier Park. Russell Reid played well through out the games defeating Bellview and Brier Park. This qualified them to play in the "Junior Elite Eight" tournament on March 2nd, where they won 2 out of their 3 games. The team played well together, had a great season, and memorable moments were experienced by each player. The junior basketball team wishes to thank Mrs. Rees, Caleb Rees, and Mr. and Mrs. Pasek for coaching them. Team players are: Brayden L., Tavon P., Sam M., Maya M., Dakota W., Sammie R., Sydney F., Nathan P., James O., Eric S., Will D., Julia H., Philip C., Cassie C.. Thank you to Emma S., Ashley F. and Brianna B. for scorekeeping and timing. Together, we can accomplish so much.

The **Intermediate Girls Basketball Team** played in the "Elite 8" Tournament at N.P.C. on Feb 26th. We did not advance to the next round but the girls played as a team in each game and never gave up till the final buzzer. Ms. Fitzpatrick would like to thank Emma, Candace and Ashley for being team leaders on the court. Erica for playing even though she was not feeling well and to Kyla and Ellie for coming out so that the girls could have a team. Most improved player goes out to Brianna for flying through the air to get those rebounds. A special thank you goes out to Mrs. Rees and Mr. Folmes for driving the girls to the tournaments and to the parents and grandparents for coming out to cheer us on.



Head Lice Check

Outbreaks of cases of head lice among school children often occur following summer vacation and other school breaks. The effective management and control of head lice requires commitment and teamwork.

A team at Russell Reid has been doing head lice checks. We recommend that parents/guardians check their children's heads regularly and especially before returning to school after the March break.

Your assistance with this will be greatly appreciated.

A Note From Your School's Public Health Nurse...March is Nutrition Month! Give Breakfast a Boost

Breakfast gives children the energy they need to get ready for the day. It is important for their learning because it helps them focus at school. A balanced breakfast has foods from at least three of the four food groups from Canada's Food Guide. Include a mix of foods every day to help your children get the nutrients and energy they need. Try these quick and easy breakfast ideas:

Ready-to-eat cereal topped with sliced banana and yogurt. Look for cereals that have 2 g (grams) or more of fibre, Cheese on whole wheat toast, pear, and 100% fruit juice, Vegetables and cheese wrapped in a whole wheat tortilla, Whole grain bagel, hard-boiled egg, orange, and chocolate milk, Baked beans in a whole grain pita pocket, milk, and a piece of fruit, hot cereal (e.g. oatmeal) with raisins, and fortified soy beverage.