

F.W. Gilbert

Elementary School

Newsletter

May 2009

Spring Term Dates

May 13 - Early Dismissal at 2:15 p.m.

May 18 - Victoria Day - No School

May 25 - Professional Development Day - No Classes

June 29 - Morning Only - Last day of Classes - Progress Reports Home

June 30 - Administration Day

Grade One Informational Night

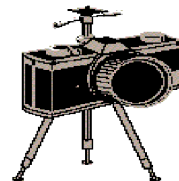
There will be an informational night for students entering grade 1 in September 2009 on Tuesday, June 9th at 6:30 p.m. in Room 7. It is important that all parents attend so they can learn what to expect when their little ones make the transition from 1/2 day to full.

Ready, Set, Grow A Day For Three and Four Year Olds
Tuesday, May 5th
Centennial School, Lac du Bonnet, 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Rooftop Photo - Wednesday, May 12th at 9:00 a.m.

Order forms have been sent home.

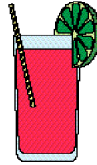
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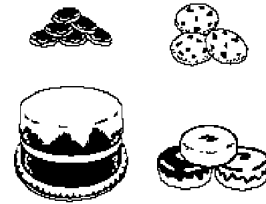
Volunteer Spring Tea

Date: May 29th

Time: 10:45 a.m.



The staff would like to invite all parents who have volunteered at the school this year to a Spring Tea. We appreciate all the help you have given us. We will have entertainment, dainties and refreshments. The students have special entertainment planned, so ALL parents are invited.



Please let the school know by May 22nd, if you are able to attend. Thank you.

Babysitting Course - May 19th-21st

Through the help of grassroots, the grade 6 students as part of the health curriculum, will be trained in the Red Cross Babysitting Course. Guest speakers will be RCMP Cst. UE Butler, Marilyn McNeill - EMT and Terry Smith - Child Care

June - Field Trips

Letters will be sent home from individual classrooms closer to the date of the field trips.

LOST & FOUND

We have quite a collection of items unclaimed by students. If parents have the opportunity to come to school we would appreciate it.

Manitoba Public Insurance & F.W. Gilbert
are holding a
Bike Safety Rodeo - Monday, June 1st



MPI will be looking at bikes and helmets for safety purposes as well as discussing road safety with all the students. Please ensure that your child brings their bikes and helmets that day.

Immunization Updates - Grade 4

May 21st - 1:30 p.m. - Final Hepatitis B

NEXT PAC MEETING: Monday, May 4th at 7:00 p.m.

Grade 6 Band at the Pinawa Secondary School - Spring Concert

An invitation is extended to all to come out to the P.S.S. Spring Band Concert on Thursday, June 4th. Starting at 7:00 p.m. The Grade 6 Band will open up the Spring Band Concert, also featuring the Grade 7 & 8 Bands, Concert and Jazz Bands.

Recognition Awards - April 2009

Nolan - Kindergarten, Liam - Grade 1, Chloe - Grade 1,
Carolina - Grade 2, Anna - Grade 3, Megan - Grade 4,
Lian - Grade 5, Eihab - Grade 5, Emilie - Grade 6

Way To Go Awards - April 2009

Emilie - KG, Deion - Grade 1, Alex - Grade 2, Miray - Grade 2,
Cassidy - Grade 3, Marc - Grade 4, Kaeli - Grade 5, Dylan - Grade 6

Way to Ride Awards - Good Bicycle Safety

Chloe - Grade 1, Hallee - Grade 2, Shawn - Grade 4, Aidan - Grade 5

Discovery night

Mark your calendars - Monday, May 11, 2009 at 7:00 pm sharp in FW Gilbert's gym.

Come out to see what the students have *learned, created, designed, completed, built, produced, discovered, cooked, photographed, accomplished, investigated.*

Students worked on robotics, forensics, orienteering, singing, woodworking, photography, cooking, mad science and easter egg dyeing.



A big thank you goes out to all the volunteers who have helped us with this endeavor. We couldn't have done this without you. Also thanks to the School District of Whiteshell for giving the students the opportunity to try something totally new and different from their everyday classes.

Principal's Message:

It is hard to believe we are into the month of May. The snow is gone and everything is starting to dry up nicely. The soccer and baseball leagues are starting up and spring is most definitely in the air. It is nice to see the buds on the trees and hopefully, soon we will see some spring flowers out in bloom.

I would like to remind parents to talk to their children about bike safety. We need to encourage them to ride in single file, use their hand signals, wear their helmets and be smart on the bicycles. Remind them that there is no riding their bikes across the parking lot or on school grounds. There has been too many near calls and we need the parents to help us get this message across.

Mrs. Carol Findlay retired as the School Board Secretary and we wish her all the best in her next endeavors. She is looking forward to gardening and reading and enjoying her time off. Thank you for always supporting our school and students. We will miss you.

May is a busy month with lots of activities. Please make sure to mark the different events on your calendar. Discovery Night will be Monday, May 11 at 7:00 pm. We hope all parents and community members will come out and join us for this special evening. The grade 6's will be doing the Red Cross Babysitting Course during the week of the 19th of May. Shelley Senkow, from Addictions Foundation of Manitoba will be coming in to talk to the grade 6 class about drugs and alcohol abuse the morning of Thursday, May 28th from 9:00-11:45 a.m. All Parents are welcome to attend. MPI's Bike Safety Rodeo will be on June 1st so please make sure your child rides their bike that day.

Remember to mark on your calendar and come to our Volunteer Tea which will be held Friday, May 29th at 10:45. It is open to all parents. It is our way to thank the countless number of people who give of themselves and their time to make FW Gilbert a better place. Mrs. Wryha has planned special entertainment by the students that day. Don't forget to phone the school if you are coming.

Darcia Light

Kindergarten Video

Thank you to Amy Attas, Ms. Sturton, Mrs. Bigelow and of course the 2008-09 FW Gilbert Kindergarten Class for creating a wonderful video about a day in the life of a Kindergartener. They did an amazing job of helping explain what happens during the day for the new students coming to Gilbert in the fall. For their efforts each student got a copy of the video. There will be a copy in the public library for the new students to view over the summer.

Hello Parents/Caregivers:

PAC is gearing up for another school lunchtime event on Thursday, May 14. We are going to set up a buffet style snack bar loaded with healthy food choices to accompany the children's lunches for the day. We would like to get some general feedback from yourselves to help us determine quantities for ordering. Please scan the list below and return, by email, your top 3 -4 choices and indicate if your child will be attending. We need this information as soon as possible, so please reply by May 4, 2009. We are hoping to charge between \$.25 and \$.50 per item to ensure students will be able to purchase a few options. Our idea for pursuing this kind of a lunch event was that it would provide the students with a "cafeteria/canteen" style experience where they could be responsible for not only choosing their snack items but also making the purchase themselves. If this event proves to be successful, we feel it could be offered on a more regular basis in the coming years to help supplement the childrens' existing winter lunch program.

Whole strawberries with/without vanilla yogurt dip

Cantaloupe chunks

Baby carrots with/without ranch dip

Celery sticks with Cheez whiz

Individual yogurt tubs or tubes

Cheese cubes with crackers

Ham or Garlic Sausage chunks

Thank-you in advance for responding to this request.
F.W. Gilbert School PAC

Please reply to jvhayter@mts.net

Mary, Mary, Quite Contrary, How Does Your Garden Grow?

F. W. Gilbert School, in partnership with grassroots, Children's Place Day Care and the Pinawa Cooperative Nursery School, will be building a garden just outside the school's front door. We have applied for several grants to help pay for that very necessary garden element, the fence. We will also be purchasing wood to make nine raised beds, one for each class, the day care and the nursery school, tools, as well as some interesting books about gardening.

Along with the excitement of being able to grow things with our classmates, we would like to start composting any food scraps leftover from meals. We hope to have a weather station for keeping track of rainfall, temperature and wind direction. As well, we will put up some bird houses built during the recent wood working workshops and possibly a few bird feeders.

An additional feature which we will be constructing is a shade arbour on the east side of the school. We hope to plant vines here to give some shelter during the hottest parts of the year.

The LGD has very graciously offered to assist with sod removal, post holes and the delivery of top soil. (The sod will be transported around the corner to add to the soon to be developed toboggan hill.)

As soon as that is done, we will be looking for volunteers to help move the dirt from the big pile into the raised beds. Knowing that many hands (and wheelbarrows!) make light work, we are hoping that we will be able to get a few volunteers from each class.

If you are able to help out (it should take only a few hours if we get enough volunteers), please give the school office a call.

A big thank you to Tamara Tinant and Kristen Ticknor who have spearheaded this effort on behalf of grassroots.

Triple P Tips: Homework

Children are usually expected to spend some time out of school hours doing homework and study. It is important for parents to find out what is expected of their child. Homework time provides a chance to help your child develop good study habits and routines. It should not be a time of stress or pressure. It should be a pleasant time when parents provide encouragement and offer help if needed.

Why do homework problems occur?

Homework problems can occur because of poor planning, such as leaving things to the last minute. Some children have difficulties because they do not understand the work. Some avoid homework, or do it quickly with little care, because they would rather be doing something else.

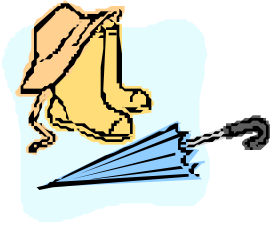
How to prepare your child for homework

- Let your child relax after school. Offer an afternoon snack and let your child tell you about their day.
- Ask your child about their homework and when it needs to be done.
- Set a time for doing homework, perhaps after they have relaxed but before they start playing or watching television.
- Set up a good study environment - a clear table, a well lit space, few distractions.

How to encourage your child to do homework

- Help your child get started.
- Praise your child for working on their homework.
- Wait until your child asks for help.
- Help your child solve problems for themselves.
- Show an interest in your child's work.
- Encourage desirable behaviour.
- Praise and reward your child when they have finished doing their homework.

For further information on this or other tip sheets, contact a Triple P provider: Terry Smith (753-2660) or Jackie Sturton (753-2559).



May 2009

Events for Families with children Kindergarten age & under

StoryTime - Watch for details

July & August Pinawa Public Library tba

Ready, Set, Grow - Three & four year old readiness clinic

Tuesday, May 5 Centennial School 1:00-6:00

Soccer- 4-7 year olds-Call Pinawa Recreation Commission

Wednesdays High School field 5:45-6:45

T-Ball- 4-7 year olds-Call Pinawa Recreation Commission

Mondays F. W. Gilbert Diamond 5:45-6:45

Potluck and Play -BBQ (Bring a potluck dish & meat for BBQ) Last month-Resumes in October

Tuesday, May 12 (Date changed) F.W. Gilbert School Gym 5:00-6:30

La Leche League/Baby Cafe

Monday, May 11 (Date changed) Alliance Church 10:00-11:30

Food for Thought-Women's Health-Health Practitioner

Thursday, May 21 Alliance Church 11:30-1:30

Parenting Seminar-Hold on to your kids by Pamela Whyte

Monday, May 25 Alliance Church 7:00-9:00

Playgroup-Last month-Resumes in September

Friday, May 1, 8, 15(Wilma -2700) Nursery School Room 9:00-11:45

Tiny Tots Playgroup -End of season Wind Up Party-Potluck snack

Monday, May 4 (Liane 348-2583) 7 Sisters Comm. Hall 1:00-3:15

Toy Lending Library

Tuesdays (contact Kirstyn -2946) Nursery School Room 6:00-7:00

grassroots and LLC-Pinawa Present

Hold On To Your Kids

Parenting Seminar

by



Pamela Whyte



Faculty of Neufeld Institute

The presentation is designed for parents and the other important adults in children's lives. Pamela will introduce the pivotal importance of children's relationships to those responsible for them and outline the shocking impact on today's society of competing attachments with peers. The content is relevant to parents of any age, from infants right through to adult children.

Many have commented on how much hardship and confusion they could have avoided had this material been available to them right from the beginning.

Date: Monday, May 25, 2009

Place: Pinawa Alliance Church

1 Bessborough Ave, Pinawa

Time: 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Refreshments provided.

For further information contact:

Jackie Sturton 753-2559 OR Connie Holmlund 345-1231

Relationship Matters

**EXCEPTIONAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITY FOR ANYONE
WORKING WITH CHILDREN OF ALL AGES OR WITH
ADULTS WHO MAY HAVE ATTACHMENT ISSUES**

PAMELA WHYTE: is a faculty member of Neufeld Institute and a Winnipeg based parent educator and consultant. She works with parents, professionals and organizations to provide insight which will allow them to understand children from the inside out. Pamela presents with compassion, enthusiasm and insight and has an intuitive ability to connect with her clients. As a mother of three, she has personal and practical understanding of the joys and challenges of parenting.



RELATIONSHIP MATTERS:

is a one day workshop that will reveal why it matters how and whom a child attaches to.

Pamela will also discuss common behavior problems that result from relationship difficulties and present strategies for dealing with these problems, without risking the relationship.

Date: Monday, May 25, 2009

Time: 9:30 am. - 4:00 pm.

Place: Pinawa Alliance Church

1 Bessborough Ave., Pinawa MB

Cost: \$60.00, includes lunch, refreshments, snacks and workshop material. Cheques payable to North Eastman Health Association.
TO REGISTER: Contact Sandi Smith@ 753-5243 or email ssmith@neha.mb.ca





Coffieman's

AFRICAN DRUMMING

AND

DANCE WORKSHOP



Call Donna Wryha @ 753-2465

Pinawa Community Centre

Date: Saturday, May 30/09

Drumming: 10:00 am - 11:00 am

Dancing: 11:15 am - 12:15 pm

Cost: \$35.00 Adults

\$25.00 Children

Oh
YES!



Register
NOW!

DRUMS PROVIDED