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# AEMYS NEWSLETTER

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## NOVEMBER 2009

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### IMPORTANT DATES IN NOVEMBER

November 5- 2<sup>nd</sup> dose of immunization for Gr. 4 and Gr. 6 girls.

November 6- Hot Dog Day.

November 9 – PAC meeting @ 7:00 P.M.

November 10 – Remembrance Day Service @ 11:15 in the Gym.

November 11- Remembrance Day. No classes.

November 16- & 17 – Kindergarten Registration for children born in 2005.

November 18- Picture Retakes at 9:00 A.M.

November 18 (Evening) Student Conferences.

November 19 (Evening) Student Conferences.

November 20 (Morning) Student Conferences.

November 23- Early dismissal @ 2:00 P.M.

November 27 – Hot Dog Day.

### Principal's Message

November is upon us and we will again be having our annual Remembrance Day assembly on November 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:20am. Community members are welcome to join us.

Student Included Conferences will be occurring this month and we will again be having two evening sessions and one morning session. A student included conference is a meeting between a student, his/her parents or guardian and the homeroom teacher. The student discusses his/her academic progress and goals for their academic success. Appointment times will be scheduled for thirty minutes and we urge you to stick to the schedule. We have 298 interviews to conduct and time is very precious. If you do not receive a conference note please contact the school.

The school is in the process of beginning a composting program and once implemented each classroom will have a collection bucket for compostables. Our goal is to revitalize the school flower gardens and eventually build an outdoor classroom.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the CO-OP for their donation of fresh fruit to the school. For the past 4 years, the CO-OP has been providing fruit that we make available to students when they have not had enough for breakfast or feel they need a little extra snack throughout the day. This support has been appreciated and helps ensure students at our school are ready to learn.

Have a great November!

## **ARBORG PARENT ADVISORY NEWS**

We are again having a Christmas Raffle to be drawn at the 3-4 Christmas Concert (Dec. 16) 7:00 P.M.

We are looking for any donations of items for the Christmas basket or monetary contribution will also be appreciated. Please drop the donations off at the school office.

### **Remembrance Day Tradition**

At 11 am on 11 November 1918 the guns of the Western Front fell silent after more than four years continuous warfare. The allied armies had driven the German invaders back, having inflicted heavy defeats upon them over the preceding four months. In November the Germans called for an armistice (suspension of fighting) in order to secure a peace settlement. They accepted the allied terms of unconditional surrender. The eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month attained a special significance in the post-war years. The moment when hostilities ceased on the Western Front became universally associated with the remembrance of those who had died in the war. This first modern world conflict had brought about the mobilization of over 70 million people and left between 9 and 13 million dead, perhaps as many as one-third of them with no known grave. The allied nations chose this day and time for the commemoration of their war dead.

### **Poem on Peanut Allergies**

I'm just a kid  
Playful, active and bold.  
But don't feed me peanuts  
Please let me grow old.

It's harder for me  
Than it will be for you.  
I'm not ready for heaven,  
There's too much to do.

If I touch, smell or taste  
What's inside those shells  
I won't play anymore  
Or run for school bells

With the touch of that peanut  
It's anaphylactic shock  
My throat will swell up  
And it's off to the doc.

So feed them to elephants  
But please not to me  
Cause I love this world  
And my family.

We are asking parents to not send food to our school that contains peanuts. If your child has a peanut allergy, school can be a death-camp. Please take a minute to educate your children about this. For a peanut-allergy child, contact with peanuts, peanut butter, peanut oils etc. can be fatal. It's usually not an allergy kids outgrow, the allergy may even intensify with each exposure. Teach your children the dangers of swapping snacks, candy/cookies etc. with other school friends. Some peanut-allergy kids have been taught as toddlers always be not to accept anything but school days are days of challenge and kids will kids.

## **Emergency Closing of Schools**

When schools are being closed due to weather or road conditions, all parents will be notified by our new calling service. Announcements to the public will be made via radio stations. The stations will be notified by 6:30 a.m. The following radio stations will be contacted: CFQX, CBW, CFRW, CKRC, CKY, and CJOB.

## **LIFETOUCH PHOTOGRAPHY-(SCHOOL PHOTOS)**

The following timeline outlines what you can expect from Lifetouch after picture day:

1. Packages will arrive approximately 21 days following Picture Day;
2. Christmas delivery is not guaranteed on late orders.
3. Student requiring retakes must return complete picture package to photographer on retake day.
4. Questions regarding orders can be directed to below contacts.

Direct Parent Inquires to our Customer Service Line 1-866-443-9640

Direct Parent Late Orders to: Lifetouch Canada at Unit #1-1410 Mountain Ave.  
Winnipeg, Manitoba R2X 0A4

## **NEWS FROM THE GYM**

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the Terry Fox Run/ Walk at the end of Sept. We raised almost \$300.00 which went towards cancer research.

Congratulations to the grade 8 boys volleyball team who placed first in our tournament that was held here on October 26<sup>th</sup>. The grade 7 boys came second. Other teams here were Riverton, Inwood, Fisher Branch and Eriksdale.

Thank-you to all the students and Mrs. Sparkes who worked the canteen that day, and to Ben Airey, Tessa Johnson, and Micheala Sigurdson who helped scorekeep all day.

The Grade 7 & 8 girls also did well at a volleyball tournament in Gimli on the same day.

Divisionals will be held in Gimli on Friday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> for both the boys and girls.

In the gym this month, we will be finishing up Volleyball, and going into some fitness testing and starting some handball, and indoor soccer.

Congratulations to the following students who went to a day long training on becoming a Peer Mediator: Kelly Beukes, Hannah Smolinski, Sabrina Nagy, Bailey Sigvaldason, Darcie Stanowski, Ben Airey, Gabrielle Barkman, Katherine Orbanski, Tessa Johnson, Matthew Baudler, Beth Johnson, Tayler Rechik, Jensen Fridfinnson.

## Successful Fundraiser!

We would like to thank everyone who participated in our Fall Fundraiser. With your support we were able to raise over \$6000. This money will be used for Artist in the School, Manitoba Theater for Young People, playground equipment and other special events.

Fundraisier Committee

## Library News

We will be having our annual Book Fair during Parent Teacher Conferences again this year!

This year the book fair will be:

Wednesday Nov. 18 from 6:00-8:30 pm

Thursday Nov. 19 from 6:00-8:30 pm

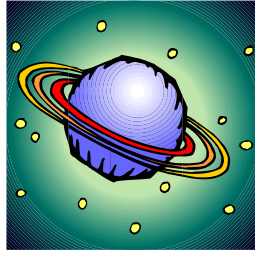
Friday Nov. 20 from 9:00-11:30 am

It will be open to students on Thursday during school and Monday (Nov.23), first recess.

The theme this year is Galaxy of Books. Enter to win \$25 in books for your family PLUS \$25 for your child's classroom! Enter your coupon in the ballot box at the Fair.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Mrs. Barylski



## **Unusual Absenteeism Reporting in Evergreen School Division**

School Divisions in Manitoba have been asked by the Minister of Education Citizenship & Youth to share information with parents on unusual absenteeism due to H1N1 flu. This is done to make sure that parents have the information they need to make informed decisions about the health of their children.

School divisions will post the information for each of its schools on their divisional websites. The report will say:

“No unusual absenteeism reported”  
Or  
“Higher than usual absenteeism reported”

As Of (Date/Time)

When a school reports “higher than usual absenteeism”, local Public Health will also be contacted for expert advice and direction. Public health will tell the schools if any changes need to be made to reduce the spread of infection and schools will inform parents of these recommended changes.

It is important to note that absenteeism reports may not be because of the flu. Absenteeism may be related to other medical or non-medical reasons.

To see the daily Absenteeism report for your child's school, please visit the Evergreen School Division website, H1N1 Flu Information Page, at [www.esd.mb.ca](http://www.esd.mb.ca)

For more information on how to reduce your risk of H1N1 flu, visit [www.manitoba.ca/flu](http://www.manitoba.ca/flu)

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PAC Meeting  
October 13, 2009

Present: Koby, Tanya, Mr. Harding, Archie, Mrs. Marteinson, Mrs. C, Judy, Karen

1. Koby called meeting to order

2. Judy adopted AGM minutes from September/08, Mrs. Marteinson seconded.

Mrs. C adopted June minutes, Mr. Harding seconded.

3. Old Business

a) Chilli fest review – playground equipment is paid for. Karen and Judy to write an article for the Spectator as a thank you to chilli fest and to outline their donations back to the community.

b) Other fundraiser – PartyLite is being looked into. Tupperware was also mentioned.

4. New Business

a) Appointing of Board/Executive

Chairperson – Karen Jenks

Co-Chairperson – Koby Wiebe

Secretary/Treasurer – Tanya Stogrin

Board members are – Judy Nichol, Archie Thompson, Art Kornelson, and Joe Stogrin

b) Muffins – Koby asking Annie to be in charge of arrangements. Karen to make for now.

c) Holes in front of school – Mr. Harding to talk to maintenance to talk to town about fixing.

5. Principals report – Staffing for 2009-2010

Early Years

- Renate Gruenenfelder (K)

- Cheryl Chwaliboga (1/2)

- Grace Marteinson (1/2)

- Sheila Stoyanowski (1/2)

- Gwen Stallard (3/4)

- Holly Elsworth (3/4)

- Cheryl Johnston (3/4)

Resource

- Heather Gudmudson

- Crystal MacDonald

Music

- Carlin Kilbrei

## Counselor

- Shelly Burak

## Middle Years

- Tanya Harding (5/6)
- Alicia Yablonski (5/6)
- Cheryl Bates (5/6)
- Richard Truscott (7/8)
- Dianna Kicenko (7/8)
- Wanda Sparkes (7/8)
- (7/8 & PhysEd)

## French/ Reading Recovery)

- Robin Paul-Ballard

## PhysEd

- Shelly Burak
- Cheryl Bates

1. Balanced School Day- Going very well. Students eating well and very little litter outside. We have also been walking for 10 minutes each day to promote activity and also challenge ourselves to attempt walking across Canada. Any feedback from the community?

2. School Division Planning- Scheduled for November 30. Can anyone from PAC attend as a parent representative? Judy Nichol to see if her calendar is free for that day.

3. Band Program- All instruments have now been ordered. Expected that student lessons will begin within two weeks.

4. Fruit- CO-OP is providing us fruit again this year. Kris Gudmundson has been helping to coordinate to ensure it began asap this year.

5. Grade 7/8 students will be getting a new report card this year. The new report card will be similar to the grade 5/6 report card implemented last year.

6. Needles- November 5th. Public health is requesting a parent volunteer. Who can look after juice and cookies. Karen to make cookies, Mr. Harding to buy juices.

7. Staffing- 298 students currently enrolled. Because of increased enrollment we now have two kindergarten classes and hired an additional half time teacher to teach grade 1-4 Phys.Ed.

8. School Connects- A new service the school division has that enables schools to send messages to parents in case of school closures, emergencies, etc.

9. Xmas raffle- we should start thinking about this early to have everything organized.

## 6. Correspondence

a) Town cheque came in for playground equipment

b) Donelli fundraiser – board voted no.

7. Next meeting – November 9th at 7:00pm.

8. Koby adjourned the meeting.

# 10th Annual Christmas Craft and Trade Fair

Saturday, November 28, 2009

10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Dr. George Johnson School Gym

Third Avenue, Gimli – Watch for signs!

Join us for a special holiday craft fair that will meet all of your holiday needs! Crafters, Bakers, Buskers, Silent Auction, Santa and much more will be on hand to make this event a must for the whole family

**North Pole Market**

**Mrs. Claus Canteen**

**Jingle Bell Rock Busking Stage**

**Santa's Studio (PHOTO'S AVAILABLE)**

10:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m.

**Silent Night Auction**

# **\*\*\*Awesome Christmas Raffles\*\*\***

**Hamper Donations Gratefully Accepted**

**“A Tin for the Bin”**

For more information call:

Cheryl @ 641-0242

