

St. Theresa Newsletter PIKISKWEWIN



ST. THERESA HAS A NEW WEBSITE!

Go to www.sttheresaschool.ca to see it! Bookmark it so you can access it quickly!

It contains a lot of great info including a calendar. You can even click on the calendar to find out who is swimming each Wednesday! More info will continue to be added.

Important Upcoming-Dates:

March 9– Girl's Club Gr. 5s
 March 10– LSBC Meeting
 March 10– Old Time Dance Lessons 7-8 pm
 March 11– Swimming 4C, 1P, ES, 2A, KR, 1M, 3B, 3S
 March 12– Boy's Club Gr. 4s (Cooking)
 March 13– Report Cards Go Home
 March 13– Local Spelling Bee
 March 16– Calgary Opera 11:00
 March 16– Speech Online
 March 16– Boy's Club All Grades
 March 16– Girl's Club Gr. 6s
 March 17– Wear Green Day (St. Patrick's Day)
 March 17– Early Dismissal for Parent Teacher Interviews
 March 18– Gr. 6V Sewing Class
 March 18– Swimming 4/5M, 6V, 2L, 1M, 2M, 2W, KR, 4C
 March 19– PD Day/No School for Students
 March 20– Family Friday
 March 23– Girl's Club Grade 5
 March 24– Regional Spelling Bee
 March 24– Old Time Dance Lessons 7-8 pm
 March 25– 6V Sewing Class
 March 25–Swimming 1A, KG, 1P, ES, 3B, 4W, 3S, 4C
 March 26– 80s Day
 March 26– Boy's Club Grades 5 & 6 (Building)
 March 30– Boy's Club All Grades
 March 30– Girl's Club Grade 6s
 March 31– Staff Meeting/Early Dismissal

"COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS" SESSION

On March 18th from 10 am– 2pm Alberta Ed is holding community conversations to develop guiding principles for an amended Northland School Division Act.

This session will be held at Mistassiniy School.

We encourage all of our parents to attend this worthwhile endeavor to have your voices heard.

*For our parents in Sandy Lake, transportation will be provided if you like. A coach will pick you up at Sandy Lake School at 9:30 and return at 2:00 pm.



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BOOK BONUS

Every Friday and at each assembly, a student's name will be drawn from the book bonus jar.

The student whose name is drawn will receive a brand new book of their choice from a bin in the office to take home with them :)

1st March draw is this Friday, March 6

MONTHLY WRITING CONTEST

The theme is "St. Patrick's Day".

Category 1:

Write about who is worth more to you than gold.

Category 2:

Write about where you would hide your pot of gold if you were a leprechaun.

Due: March 23rd at 3:30 pm

A few of last month's winners were:

Jante Bigstone-Houle

Draven Muskego

Andrew Auger

Karissa Beaver

Brooke Weingarten

Isaiah Okemow

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LITERACY AT ST. THERESA

St. Theresa students in Kindergarten are making great leaps of success this year!

Several of our kindergarten students have shown enough progress that they have been able to be tested using PM Benchmarks. Of those tested in KG, some are reading at grade level and at grade one level!

Our KR class have progressed with their reading stamina and can now read for 10 continuous minutes with no interruptions!

Way to go, St. Theresa Kindergarteners!

PARENT LITERACY CORNER:

- We are always looking for parent volunteers to read to classes. Contact Mandi in the office if interested.

Parent "Literacy Tip of the Month": Make books special

- Let your child see you use a dictionary. Say, "Hmm, I'm not sure what that word means... I think I'll look it up." A print dictionary or an online dictionary will both do the same trick.



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ATTENDANCE- "EVERY DAY COUNTS"

This past month (February) students (and their parents) have worked really hard to improve our attendance rates, and we really appreciate the great effort!

Our overall school attendance for the month of February was 84.5%. Our goal each month is to be at 90% and higher. 49% of our student population attended 90% or more in February.

We had 104 students with PERFECT ATTENDANCE in February! These students will be treated to a special celebration this month in recognition of their dedication to attendance. To qualify for monthly perfect attendance awards, we use am and pm attendance numbers from our Maplewood program.

The following are our TOP 3 classes for attendance:

1. Mrs. Moore's Grade 4/5 Class 90.98%
2. Mrs. Courtoreille Grade 4 Class 89.29%
3. Mrs. Wheeler's Grade 4 Class 88.29%

*For our year end big prizes for yearly perfect attendance, this year we will be using Maplewood statistics as well as lates and leaving early from the school. For the end of the year awards, a student cannot have lates or left early any day. Teachers will be keeping track of this as well.

PLEASE TRY TO SEND YOUR CHILDREN TO SCHOOL ON TIME
BECAUSE EVERY MINUTE COUNTS, TOO!



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STUDENT COUNCIL FOR THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR:

Hailey Rathbone
Alex Dunham
Tannis Beaver
Colby Noskiye

New Members Coming Soon....

Thanks to Alexas Alook and Zaiden Sinclair for filling in this past month :)

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Each month students get nominated by their classroom teachers for having significant academic achievement and/or academic improvement. From these nominations, the Principal and Vice Principal meet to select a boy and girl from K-3 and 4-6 to be our school's STUDENTS OF THE MONTH.

For the month of February (announced at the March assembly), the winners are:

K-3

FEMALE: Nizel Beauregard 2M

Nizel is a kind, positive, hard work working girl. She is always on task and is a wonderful role model for her classmates. Her hard work has allowed her to go up three reading levels this year and improve her math skills all while being involved in extra-curricular activities such as cheerleading.

MALE: Zachary Favel 2W

Zachary has made great improvement in his academics since he has begun improving his attendance. Zachary has been successful in learning many new words and this is helping him improve his reading. His printing has gotten much neater and he is participating more in class with greater confidence. He has been working very hard to learn many sight words as well as all of the colour words. With his increased confidence, Zachary is much more willing to make chances and answer questions during class discussions, and he is not discouraged if he has to try again. In the new geometry unit, he is doing a great job learning all of the 2D and 3D shapes. Zachary has been doing his reading at home and this is improving his comprehension and his accuracy with new words he encounters. His teacher is very proud of him!

4-6

FEMALE: Brooke Weingarten

Brooke is a responsible hard worker whose marks reflect her hard work. She has improved her reading by three grade levels. She is the only student in her class to complete a book report based on questions in the spirit of Bloom's Taxonomy. Brooke exemplifies the monthly virtues with her kindness, helpfulness, and respect for others. She shows good sportsmanship in gym class and tries her best in all sports and activities. Her positive attitude and regular participation in all activities make Brooke a good team mate, exemplary student, and a student of the month.

MALE: Jamie Beaver -Houle

Jamie is being recognized for significantly improved attendance. He has been working extremely hard on all tasks given to him and he does not give up. He has improved immensely over the past month, and his teacher is very proud of him.