

Parents' Advisory Group Inc.
École Robert H. Smith School
Reports for Meeting on January 23rd, 2013

Administrative Report – Mr. T. Rossi and Mme. Labossiere

- Enrolment presently at 475.
- Parents are visiting the school for enrolment for the 2013-2014 school year.
- Our Open House January 31st at 9:30 a.m. and 1:30pm in MPR room for all grades.
- Registration nursery to grade 6 with the exception of kindergarten February 6th at 8:00am
- Registration kindergarten to grade 6 February 13th at 8:00am
- All student reference letters go through the office for any parent requesting a change of schools. The form will be completed in consultation with the present classroom teacher or teachers. We will complete the paper work together.
(divisional policy)
- Hepatitis B Grade 4 and HPV Grade 6 Girls Inoculation took place last week and once again thanks to all the fabulous parent volunteers for calming all our students.
- Mrs. Brenda Gorlick is here on behalf of the Artist in the Schools Program. She is currently working with our grade 1-4 students.
- Brenda will be working with our grade 5 and 6 students this year with the musical which has a "decades" theme. The kids are all excited along with the teachers.
- Grade 5 and 6 "Page to Stage" Drama Club being organized by Mme Labossiere, Mme Maynard and Mr. Leochko. Group of students working together writing the script for the musical.
- Science Fair is open to all students in grades 4-6. Projects to be completed at home and are due Monday March 4th. Names are submitted to the division Friday March 15th. Winnipeg School Division Science Fair takes place Thursday April 17th to Saturday April 20th.
- Mad Science Enrichment for grades 3-6 on Tuesday and Thursday at 3:40pm-

5:00pm starting Tuesday January 29th for groups A, B, C and D or Thursday January 31st for groups E, F, G.

- Robotics Enrichment for grades 5 and 6 starts Thursday February 7th at 5:30pm. M Abdel and Ms Guld supervising. Students must be accompanied by an adult.
- Track and Speed Skating Practice Schedule was synrevoiced home to all parents. Speed skating at MTS to be confirmed in the near future.
- Community Breakfast is Friday March 1st. A committee has been struck in the school and planning is underway. Letter going home in the very near future.
- Festival du Voyageur Day on Friday February 15th during Manitoba's French Week. Jacques Chenier performing for the children in the afternoon.
- Many classrooms helped at Christmas time with hampers, Winnipeg Harvest, Third World Counties, Agape House, and more. The families from Lord Selkirk School were touched by our generous donation.
- Staff PD Day on Monday February 4th. School closed.
- Thumbody Grade 3 Self Esteem Program. We are looking for 2-3 parents to volunteer and coordinate the program. Training is provided. See our resource teachers.
- RHS Idol information sent home through our synrevoice system. Open for grades 1-6. Auditions will take place in early February. A number of students will be selected to perform at the breakfast and all the students that were selected will perform during the afternoon.
- Tell Them from Me School Survey for grade 4 to 6 students. Optional and will take place during the month of February at school.
- Grade 7 Presentations taking place in our school. River Heights presented already and Earl Grey is coming January 31st at 9:00am.
- Reminder that there is no student patrol supervision when the temperature reaches -35 degrees Celsius or less. -34 degrees Celsius means shortened time for student patrols. Thank you to Mr. Briggs, Mrs. McCallum and Ms. Jackson for helping us during those very cold days.

Important Dates:

- January 10th, 2013 Ecole River Heights Grade 7 School Presented at our school.
- January 30th, 2013 Grade 5 and 6 Track Meet at U of M.

- January 31st, 2013 Earl Grey Grade 7 Presentation at our School at 9:00am.
- February 4th, 2013 Non-Instructional Day – All French Immersion Staff at Kelvin High School and JB Mitchell, Brock Corydon, Riverview and our school English Program Staff will be at our school.
- February 15th, 2013 Voyageur Activity Day-Dress as a voyageur!
- February 18th, 2013 Louis Riel Day Statutory Holiday
- TBA Speed Skating at MTS Centre.

T. Rossi
Principal
S. Labossière
Vice Principal

Environment Report – Nadine Karpinski and Simone Smith

The Winter Concert bake sale was a huge success for the Playground project! We sent out a thank-you, through the school newsletter, to the parents who helped by donating baking and their time. The event was great because it started to create awareness of the project with our school's families and extended families. Looking ahead, we are currently waiting on the Master Plan re-work from Scatliff, Miller + Murray that takes into account a modification of the amphitheatre and a smaller breakdown of the project phases. We hope to gain approval for the cost of the re-work at the next PAG meeting. In terms of grants, there are a few due in the next couple of months that we plan to submit. We also have a few ideas for fundraising, namely a penny drive that we hope to start in February. We are still looking for committee members who are interested in one or any of the following: grant writing, marketing and communication, in-school fundraising, and community/corporate fundraising. You can always reach us by email at rhsplayground@gmail.com

Volunteers – Daryla Christie and Shauna Filuk

Happy New Year to everyone in our school!

After a nice and relaxing holiday break we have been back at it recruiting volunteers for various events going on in our school.

Thank you goes out to our parent volunteers that helped with the second round of HEP B & HPV shots on January 15th. The morning ran very smoothly and the children were well taken care of. The third vaccination will take place in May.

The second Fun Lunch took place in early December prior to the holiday break. It was again well organized and a big success thanks to Tara, Kirsten, and Barb! The Fun Lunch Coordinators continue to contact most of the volunteers themselves for each classroom. In the end, we assisted by sending an email out through the Classroom Reps asking for more volunteers that were still needed in some classrooms. We were available at the school as well helping out where it was needed. The next Fun Lunch is towards the end of February.

We continue to use the Classroom Reps as a liaison with all the parents for different volunteer opportunities. We have recently contacted the reps to forward a few requests for further volunteers for the upcoming Family Dance on February 8th.

As always, there are upcoming events and activities to help out with at Ecole Robert H. Smith. Our job is made easier with all the wonderful group of volunteers that are always willing to assist in any way they can.