

## *(Parents' Advisory Group) PAG NEWS*

### **SOUTH DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Newly elected Trustee Rita Hildahl was welcomed at the third and final SDAC meeting of the 2008-2009 term, held on April 15.

The Budget is still making the news: Check out the PAG website for daily/weekly updates.

We are seeking an alternate SDAC Representative for 2009-2010. "The SDAC position consists of a representative from the Parents' Advisory Group and an alternate, whose role is to attend SDAC meetings if the rep is unavailable. It is hoped that the alternate would consider transitioning into the position of rep the following year."

If interested, please contact me via the PAG website or @ 475-3177.

Salín Guttormsson  
SDAC Rep 2008-2009.

### **VOLUNTEERS**

May is shaping up to be a busy month. We have a number of opportunities for you to share your talents with the staff and students of "Robert H."

- 1) Spring Musical "TREASURE ISLAND" May 6 & 7. There are still a few spots where a helping hand could be used. Please contact Mme. Thompson at 488-1137 if you are able to assist.
- 2) PLANT PICK-UP time is on May 12. We need your help to unload, organize, fill orders, and help direct people in the right direction.
- 3) Final Staff Appreciation is May 13. We need recess helpers, servers and of course some yummy treats to go with the delicious lattes / cappuccinos that will be served that morning.
- 4) The last HepB and HPV vaccination is on May 21. We will contact the "usual suspects" to help with the juice a wagon wheel patrol.
- 5) Home Reading is looking for a couple of extra helpers to take over the Tuesday and Friday book exchange duties.
- 6) Resource is starting a new program but before they are able to do so they need a "FEW" things cut out...if you have some spare time at home or are able to drop by the school we can certainly use your scissor skills!
- 7) LAST but not LEAST.....the PICNIC is literally right around the corner – June 3. There are so many great opportunities to volunteer for this fabulous family event. Watch for a separate flyer to help you decide where you'd like to help out!

Enjoy the showers, the flowers will soon follow!!

Tara(489-9797) and Patti(487-6321)

## **PAG 2009-2010**

PAG is a group of dedicated parents working with the administration to make the school a great place for our children to learn and grow.

It a great opportunity to become involved in the school. We currently have a few open positions for next year. Please contact Adelle Burton, Nominations Committee Chairperson at [pagvicechair@gmail.com](mailto:pagvicechair@gmail.com) or 489-5932 if you are interested in any of the positions. Voting will take place at our Annual General Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 16 at 6:30 pm.

### Current Nominations

Chair – Kathleen Reid

Vice Chair – position open

Secretary – position open

Treasurer – Lisa Emre

Fun Lunch – position open

Promotions / Fundraising – Heather Pare (1 position open)

Volunteer Recruitment – Tara McCallum, Corinne Pommer

Callback – Doug Odowichuk

Block Parents – position open

Picnic – Sheila Reed

Environment – Jane McSwiggan and Nadine Karpinski

Staff Appreciation – Rosanna Deluca-Poole

South – End Advisory Committee – Salin Guttormsson

French Program – Patti Chiappetti-Sharpe

Directors at Large – Paula Jasper-Hall and Bonnie Cadieux

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION**

We are proposing to amend the PAG's Constitution at the AGM scheduled to take place on June 16, 2009.

Most of the amendments relate to "housekeeping" matters(grammatical/typographical errors).

However, we are also considering two other changes:

- 1.To have future AGMs take place no later than May 30 of each year, so as to allow for a reasonable period of transition between retiring and newly elected Directors; and
2. To create a new Standing Committee for "Communications". This position would involve maintenance of the PAG website, collection of Newsletter Submissions and monitoring/co-ordinating information sent through the School.

Formal Notice and details of all amendments will be posted, as required, at the School by May 15, 2009 and will also be available on the PAG website.

Should you wish to propose any other amendments to be voted on at the June 16, 2009 AGM, please use the Form available on the PAG website. Deadline for submissions is **May 15, 2009**.

### *Environment Committee News*

#### **Plant Sale!**

Please remember to pick up your plant orders on **Tuesday May 12<sup>th</sup>** between 12.30pm and 3.45pm in the school gym We can accommodate a small number of pick-ups outside this time, please let us know in advance if you need to make alternative arrangements. Thank you to the parents who gave us feedback about difficulty with plant pick up due to work schedules. We will take this into consideration for ongoing planning.

We welcome volunteer help for the plant sale day, breakfast and lunch are served. We have a 6.45 am start and welcome early morning help even for an hour or two to get the gym set up .

#### **Composting**

Are you aware that we compost all waste food products in our school.??

Since October 2008, the lunch programme, school, and PAG have been in partnership with Samborski Garden Supplies. The compost bin is rented from Samborski's who also provide pick up of the compost every couple of weeks. All waste food products including meat are composted as Samborski's runs a huge commercial composting operation. Compost is collected daily by the lunch programme and in the staff room. Waste food from fun lunch and other events is also collected for composting.

When we run or host an event at the school the large gray compost tote is used to collect all of the waste food. We purchase compostable plates and utensils which can be put in the tote. When you come to an event at the school where food is served, please look out for the signs instructing you where to put your food waste and recycling.

We are very proud to be the first elementary school in WSD to initiate composting. It is a great learning experience for our children to participate daily in this sustainable development activity.

We wish to thank Barbara Coombs of River Heights Community Centre Board of Directors for initiating the project, Mary Melnychuk of Resource Conservation Manitoba for providing the information to the children at assembly and Cheryl Holmes and Penny Trudel who run our school lunch programme for their hard work in running the composting on a daily basis.

#### **Summer Watering & Weeding**

It's that time of the year again, we will be sending out notices for help over the summer to water and weed the gardens. This year we promise the hoses will work! We look forward to your great support as always.

## **Cool Websites, with gratitude to Salín Guttormsson**

[www.majestapromotions.ca/dedicate/](http://www.majestapromotions.ca/dedicate/)

See how you can donate to the efforts of Tree Canada by dedicating a tree and supporting the effort to plant over 37,000 trees across Canada to help preserve shoreline habitat.

[www.resourceconservation.mb.ca](http://www.resourceconservation.mb.ca)

All you need to know about composting and environmentally friendly living in Manitoba.

[www.prairieflores.com](http://www.prairieflores.com)

Pre-order native Manitoba plants grown from seed. Shop for your plants at the Living Prairie Museum on Friday May 15<sup>th</sup> from 3.00pm-6.00pm and on Saturday and Sunday May 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> from 10.00am-4.00pm, and every Sunday from May 24<sup>th</sup> to June 28<sup>th</sup> 12.00pm-4.00pm Contact Aimee McDonald at 797-7523 for further.

Happy Spring.....Jane McSwiggan & Nadine Karpinski