

# Winnipeg Beach School Newsletter



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## Message from Administration

June 2010

June has arrived at last, with the excitement of class Field Trips, Sports Days and end-of-term projects and activities! When the weather cooperates, our garden is becoming a hive of activity, with K-7 students, community supporters and even families involved. Cheryl Cohan continues to inspire us with her vision of a natural healing space, with heritage plants, an old historical sidewalk and lovely driftwood accent climber. We'll be extending our community partnership efforts to the Town Office garden, and in return they'll assist us with watering over the summer.

Our staff is transforming too, and we'll be sad to say goodbye to our pleasant, caring Secretary for the past 10 years, Pat Adams. She is moving to Ottawa, to be closer to her daughter. We wish you all the best, Pat. Michelle Poloski will be transferring to Sigurbjorg Stephanson School in Gimli in September, after many years at here Winnipeg Beach. We will miss her energetic team spirit and warm personality.

Ms Shawna Rudd, our new Principal, hails from Ashern, MB, where she was Elementary Principal for many years. She has a wealth of experience and a strong leadership attitude

On Friday, May 28th, all teaching and support staff, joined by parent rep, Tricia Witt, school board member, Karen Edwards, and Principal, Shawna Rudd, worked as a team to develop our 2010-2011 School Plan. It was gratifying to see everyone's deep concern for engaging and supporting our students.

As the final weeks wind down, and term II assignments, report cards, Honour Roll awards and certificates come to the forefront, we must remember that the unique qualities each student brings to school every day are much more important gifts.

Summer is on its' way.....



## Student Registration

Our school office will reopen on August 30, 2010. Families who move during the summer are asked to register their children at that time so class lists can be finalized. We would appreciate your help in telling families who move into your neighborhood this summer of this request.



### REPORT CARDS

All report cards will be sent home with the students on June 30<sup>th</sup>. Please remember that June 30<sup>th</sup> is a **HALF-DAY** with dismissal at 12:05 P.M.

### Appropriate Dress

Warm weather often causes students to make different choices in clothing. Please assist us by reminding your children that the school learning environment is not an appropriate place for "beach" type clothing. Thank You.



### Nutrition News

Did you know?

- Children who eat breakfast are more likely to maintain a healthy weight
- Less than half of children eat 5 - 10 servings of fruits and vegetables a day.
- Good eating habits in children have immediate and long term benefits.

### Parents. . .

Please notify the office if your child (ren) will be leaving Winnipeg Beach School at the end of the school year.

Thank You!



### Library News

The last day to sign books out of our library is June 9<sup>th</sup>. All books must be returned by June 28<sup>th</sup>.



### Early Dismissal

Please Note:

The Evergreen School Division 2010/2011 Calendar is attached to this newsletter. This Calendar provides information regarding the 6 Day Cycle, Admin/PD Days, Holidays and **Early Dismissal Days**.

The Evergreen School Division will be dismissing students at 2:00 p.m. on the following dates:

Monday, September 20, 2010  
Monday, October 18, 2010  
Monday, November 15, 2010  
Monday, January 17, 2010  
Monday, February 14, 2010  
Monday, March 21, 2010  
Monday April 18, 2010  
Monday, May 16, 2010

## Lost & Found

All items in the Lost & Found box will be donated to Goodwill at the end of June 2010. Please have your child check the lost and found box for lost items or, if you visit the school, feel free to browse through this box.



**Happy Fathers Day!**  
**June 20, 2010**

## Medication Notice to Parents

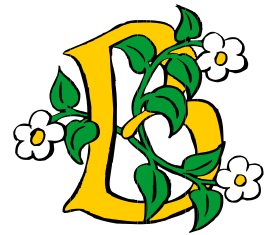
To promote a safe school environment, the school will destroy any medication left at the school over the summer vacation. The school will take the medication to the nearest pharmacy that participates in the hazardous waste disposal program. This action ensures that outdated medication is not administered to your child and eliminates storage of medication at the school over the summer. To ensure that the school does not dispose of wanted medication, please pickup your child's medication prior to the summer vacation. Please note that medication **CANNOT** be sent home with your child.



You are cordially invited to attend the  
Open House at  
Dr. George Johnson Middle School  
June 7, 2010

Presentation at 7:00 pm in Gym  
Come in, look around, ask questions, and  
view what our wonderful school  
has to offer our students.

Refreshments



## WINNIPEG BEACH SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY GARDEN -Roots and Shoots Update

Our lovely little garden has seen some very green thumbs in the last week. Tiny Tots and WBS school kids, PAC members and families have given the garden the tender loving care it needs every spring. Thanks to all who have pitched in to clear grass and weeds, to smooth mounds of dirt, to move soil, plant flowers, trim trees and more. We are also carrying on our excavation of the "secret sidewalk" that has now become a windy path and a bit of a sitting area. Volunteers carved seating into the big old driftwood log, and a crew of artists will paint a nice mural sometime in June (anyone and everyone can help - please do!)

Now that much of the spring clean up is done - on to more fun! We have trees and shrubs to plant by the bell, flowers, herbs and veggies for the beds - and we will plant a patch of pumpkins, beans and corn (traditional native 3 sisters' garden).

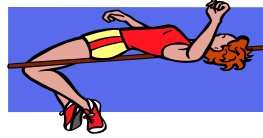
The garden is for kids and families and all in the community - so please pitch in and enjoy - any help and ideas are welcome and valued. If anyone would like to add or donate anything, feel free. It would be great to see some bird feeders, benches, seating, wind chimes, any garden art, another raised bed, etc. etc. (we also need tools, gloves, paint, markers, an arbor a trellis - the kitchen sink...!) We are working on creating a fun and comfy environment for people of all ages and abilities- a few little hills, a few garden beds, some historical elements, art, seating, and a relaxing atmosphere.

If you would like to contribute in any way - please do - and if you feel you need a bit of direction, please call Cheryl at 204 642 2452.

## Upcoming Events

- June 1<sup>st</sup> Kindergarten and Grade 1 Field Trip to Oak Hammock Marsh
- June 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade 6 and 7 Band students will be going to the Gimli High School for a Band Concert at 1:00 P.M.
- June 4<sup>th</sup> WBS Track Divisional (rain date - June 7<sup>th</sup>)
- June 8<sup>th</sup> Youth Forum for Grades 4 to 6 at Dr. George Johnson School
- June 11<sup>th</sup> Outdoor Yard Sale - Hot dogs will be sold. (Also, it's not too late if you have any items to donate, please feel free to do so. We appreciate your support!)
- June 18<sup>th</sup> Middle Years Field Trip to Camp Arnes
- June 21<sup>st</sup> Admin Day - no school
- June 22<sup>nd</sup> Tabloid Day
- June 24<sup>th</sup> Kindergarten Graduation - 11:00 - 12:00 in the gym
- June 25<sup>th</sup> Peer Mediator/ Student Helper Field Trip to IMAX and the Golf Dome
- June 28<sup>th</sup> Family Picnic - 12:00 - 2:00 P.M.
- June 29<sup>th</sup> Awards Assembly - 1:00 P.M.
- June 30<sup>th</sup> Last Day of school - students out at 12:05 P.M.

# GYM NEWS



June 4<sup>th</sup>

## Track and Field

Our divisional track and field day will be held at Arborg Collegiate. Grade 5, 6 & 7 students will be competing in run, jump and throw events. The rain date is scheduled for Monday, June 7th. Fingers crossed for sunshine!!☺



June 8<sup>th</sup>

## The Wonders of Water (WOW )

Grades 4 & 6 will be attending a Youth Forum in Gimli. One of the divisional initiatives is to educate students on sustainable development. As a way to promote this topic, a youth forum has been planned for grade 4, 6 & 8 students in our division. The forum has been called **The Wonders of Water (WOW)** and will have numerous activities that demonstrate how water impacts our environment, economics, and health/wellness.



June 11<sup>th</sup>

## Yard Sale/Hot Dog Sale

The Grade 6 Kiwanis group is having an outdoor yard sale at our school. If the weather is good the sale will be set up at the bus loop. If it is raining, it will be held in the gym. Donations are graciously accepted. Any donations can be dropped off to the Grade 6 classroom. Kiwanis members will also be in attendance. They will be helping our students cook and sell hotdogs. The sale will be held from 11:30-2:30. Please show your support! Funds raised will go towards the installation of new basketball hoops in our gym.

June 14<sup>th</sup>



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## EY Dance Activities/Formal Middle Years Dance

The Grade 6 Kiwanis group will be hosting a “Formal Middle Years Dance” from 1:00-3:00. Dress code is formal – students are asked to wear their finest attire!! There will

be an entrance fee of \$2.00. There will also be a canteen for snacks and beverages. Money raised will go towards funding our new basketball nets for our school. There will also be dance activities organized for our early years students in the am.



June 18<sup>th</sup>

### **Camp Arnes Field Trip**

Grade 5, 6 & 7 students will be attending Camp Arnes for a fun day of outdoor physical education. Experiences will include ziplining, high ropes, archery, minigolf and many other outdoor activities.



June 22<sup>nd</sup>

### **Early Years Tabloid Day**

A fun tabloid day “A Day at the Races” will be held for our early years students. Students will have an opportunity to participate in fun events which will be run by our middle years students. Any parents that would like to volunteer would be most welcome. Please let our office know if you are available to assist on this day. Activities will run from 1:30-3:00.



June 28<sup>th</sup>

### **Family Picnic**

Weather permitting; we will have our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Family Picnic in the Park. Parents and families can meet the students in the park (near the volleyball pit) from 12:00-2:00. Students are asked to pack a healthy bagged picnic style lunch on this day. Students can also bring a picnic blanket and a sun hat. Please apply sunscreen in the morning if it is going to be a hot day. Middle Years students will provide low organized sport activities for the early years children.

**HAVE A SAFE AND FANTASTIC SUMMER!!**

**Ms. McDevitt**

## ***STRONG BEGINNINGS with K-8 Students in September***

Evergreen School Division believes that all students can be successful when given the appropriate support to meet their unique needs. Assessment plays a major role in how students learn, their motivation to learn, and how teachers teach.

### **What is Strong Beginnings?**

**Strong Beginnings** is an assessment period at the beginning of the school year where teachers gather student assessment data through observations, conversations, learning activities, paper/pencil tasks, and student reflections about interests and learning. **Strong Beginnings** includes two days designated for conferences where students attend school by appointment. This process enables us to plan for a **Strong Beginning** for each student.

### **How will it work?**

On either Friday, September 24<sup>th</sup> or Monday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, each student from Kindergarten to Grade Eight will attend school by appointment for 60 minutes to participate in assessment activities in Language Arts and Mathematics. During this time, the student will meet individually with their teacher, as well as working independently or with another teacher, Education Assistant or volunteer. This is an opportunity for teachers to gather data about each child's learning that may not be evident during whole class assessment activities. It is also a chance to further develop the teacher-student relationship.

***Note: On September 24<sup>th</sup> and September 27<sup>th</sup>, there will be no regularly scheduled classes for K-8 students. Students will attend school by appointment only. Parents will be notified about their child's appointment upon returning to school in September 2010. It is very important your child attends his/her scheduled appointment.***

### **What will teachers learn through Strong Beginnings?**

Teachers, working with their students in an atmosphere of support and encouragement, will collect first hand information on each of the children about

- how they learn
- - their confidence as learners
- - the learning strategies they possess
- - their reading, writing and mathematical skills
- - their approach to problem-solving
- - their attitudes toward school and learning

### **How will the assessment information be used?**

- Teachers gain insight into what students understand in order to plan and guide instruction and provide helpful feedback to students
- Students develop an awareness of how they learn and use that awareness to adjust and advance their learning, taking an increased responsibility for their learning.
- To communicate with parents about their child's progress

**Questions?** Please call your school principal.

***We are very grateful for your support of this project. The opportunity to meet with children this way greatly accelerates what we know about them and helps us address learning and curricular issues early in the school year.***

# PAC NEWS

**Just a reminder to everyone:**

We have our "Think Recycle" program going on collecting ink cartridges, cell phones, and now digital cameras!  
Locations for these items to be dropped off are WBS Office, Park Place in Wpg Beach and The Source in Gimli.

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Campbell's labels

Please visit [www.labelsforeducation.ca](http://www.labelsforeducation.ca) for a list of eligible items, or pick one up from the school.

The drop off location- WBS office.

When school is out for the summer we will be moving the collection box to Park Place.

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We have recently started another fundraising opportunity. During the summer months please collect all Kool-aid jammer pouches as well as Del Monte pouches.

This is a recycling program combined with a way to raise money for the kids.

The drop off box will also be located at the Blue Rooster.

( PLEASE REMOVE STRAWS AND ENSURE THEY ARE AS EMPTY AS POSSIBLE)

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Winnipeg Beach school believes in going GREEN!

This is a great way to do your part and help in our efforts to raise money for the students!

## THANK YOU EVERYONE FOR YOUR SUPPORT

We also will be holding a community yard sale Saturday, June 12th , Main St., Wpg Beach. open to public 12:00 p.m - 6:00 p.m (set up will begin at 10 a.m)

If anyone is interested in reserving a table for 15\$, only 10\$ if you can bring your own, Call Dana at 389-3723.

All proceeds from this event go to WBS PAC.

Or if you have anything you would like donated to the WBS PAC table for the yard sale please feel free to drop it off Saturday June 12th at 10 a.m

There will also be a petting zoo beginning at noon.