

Alonsa School Newsletter

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Principal's Message

Greetings from Alonsa School

Time flies. There is only one week left and the first semester will be over and a new semester will begin. At this point in the year, as the courses change so does the winter weather. The past few weeks of extreme cold and blowing snow will gradually ease up as we move into spring. Next Sunday, is rodent resurrection—ground day. We will have to wait to hear what the predictions are for the oncoming spring.

The course selections have been completed for the second semester. All students have a timetable that has been tailored for both the class and individual needs. It should be noted that there are two changes from the previous timetables. First, all Grade 9 students will be attending either the shop or home-ec courses in McCreary on Tuesday mornings. All Grade 10 students will be attending the shops course in McCreary on Friday mornings. Those students in Grade 11 or 12 who took the shops course in McCreary first semester will complete the course during this second semester on Tuesday afternoons. Second, there will no longer be a pull-out to attend the shop or Home-Ec course for the Grade 9 and 10 students. All their other

classes have been scheduled around the shops program. This re-scheduling results in more time in their assigned classes and changes in the designated time slots for classes. For most courses, the classes will no longer be just on slot from Monday to Friday. They will have additional time allotted in other time slots.

We are going to have a talent showcase in May of 2014. Students and any community members who would like to take part are asked to leave their names in the office so that planning may proceed. Singing, dancing and instrument playing or other talents are all welcome.

As you are aware, we are distributing progress reports to all students as of the last teaching Friday of most months. Students will be informed on the report how they are progressing in each of their courses during that month. We encourage Parents to call the school regarding connection with the Parent Portal so that Parents can view their child's progress at will. All marks and assignments in each course their child takes are available for Parents to see. This portal does not replace report cards or progress reports. It does allow Parents to keep up to date on how well their student is progressing

Just to make parents aware of the policy of Turtle River School Division regarding Loss of (Bus) Ridership Privileges. There are 4 reasons which may lead to the suspension of the bus ridership privileges. We ask that parents take note of these reasons and discuss them with their students.

- a) Inappropriate behavior on the bus may lead to loss of ridership privileges. This behavior could be misbehavior (getting out of the seat, moving between seats when the bus is moving, throwing objects, food, etc.), rowdiness (rough play at seat, loud noises), abusive (pushing, swearing, name calling) behavior towards the driver or other students, vandalism.

- b) Students who skip classes from school **may** not be allowed to ride the bus in the evening.
- c) Students suspended from school **will** have their bus riding privileges removed.
- d) Student inappropriately dressed for the weather may be denied the privilege of riding the bus. It does not take long for hypothermic to set in should a student not be appropriately dressed nor prepared for a bus breakdown.

We are and will be looking for pictures of local veterans for a Remembrance Day PowerPoint for 2014.

To note: Friday Jan 31 is the Semester break with Feb 3 being the first day of classes for the new semester.

Dates to Remember

January 31 - Admin Day (no classes)

February 3 - Start of Semester 2 for high school students

February 17 - Louis Riel Day - No Classes

February 19-21 - Book Fair

February 18 - 21 - I Love to Read Week

February 27 - 100th day of school

The grade twos/threes have been busy working up a storm since the Christmas break. We have started our school skating this month. It will be taking place on Wednesday afternoons from 1-2. I welcome any parents that wish to join us. The K/1s will be joining us this year.

February is a very busy month. We will be having reading activities throughout the school as it is **I Love to Read Month** and we are also celebrating our 100th day of school on February 27. Valentine's Day will also be celebrated this month. Keep a sharp eye out for all the activities that are coming up. I hope everyone has a great month.

- Ms. A. Caruk



YEARBOOKS HAVE ARRIVED!

The 2012-2013 yearbooks have arrived and have been distributed to those who pre-paid their order in full. If you haven't received yours yet please contact me at 204-767-2168 or banderson@trsd32.mb.ca.

If you have paid the deposit for your yearbook, it is here waiting for you! Please send in the remainder of the cost and I'll get it sent home right away!

I hope everyone enjoys this memorable keepsake!

- Mrs. B. Anderson ☺

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AT
GLEN'S CAFÉ
IN GLENELLA
SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 2014
\$20.00 PER PERSON**

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2014 TO BOOK YOUR TICKETS)*

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