



MELITA SCHOOL NEWS

MARCH 2017



Principal's Message

Welcome to our Melita School newsletter.....our first one since it officially became spring!

At the beginning of March, our resource team with the assistance of some community volunteers, conducted our annual hearing/vision testing. Letters were sent home if any issues were flagged. Thanks to our volunteers....without them, we wouldn't be able to do this so efficiently!

We were finally able to have our annual band festival concert, despite yet another storm delay from Mother Nature! Thanks to Ms. Baird and all of our band students....everyone performed so well and it was a very enjoyable evening. Thanks to all the people who came out to support this event.....we are always so very proud to have such a great turnout at our concerts!

On March 10th our K-8 teachers worked on reports while our high school met for some PD. At our PD sessions, we discussed any concerns, tried to come up with solutions and updated all of our class profiles in order to give us a better picture of each class. We use this information to help tailor our teaching and to help us address the individual needs of our students.

Currently we are planning our Welcome to K day which is on May 4th. If you have a child who is going to be eligible for Kindergarten next year, please be sure to phone the school and let us know. After we receive all the names, we will be sending letters home to parents letting them know how the welcome day is going to look and what time to arrive.

Our staff and students have also been busy participating and running badminton practices. The dates for the badminton tournaments have not yet been set, but that information will be coming out after spring break.

We are also proud to announce that Ms.Green has started an intramural basketball program for our middle years students. There are quite a few that have signed up and that's great to see.....looks like we may have many future basketball players in the upcoming years!

Speaking of basketball.....our season officially came to an end. We are very proud of the way our boys performed this season! Thanks to Ms. Green and Marty Tilbury for all their hours of dedication to working with this group of boys. Thanks also to the parents for driving to games and for the great support that was shown as basketball was finally brought back to our school after many years of being absent!

Our staff continue to meet monthly for our K-8 PLC's and we are moving forward in terms of the common data we are collecting from our students. It is hoped that by collecting this data, it will give us a better picture of where the strengths and challenges are in our reading and comprehension. Then as a team, we can strategize as to how to best help our students move forward.

Reports went home on March 17th for the K-8 students. High school did not receive a report at this time, but will be receiving one in April. All K-12 parent teacher interviews were conducted on the evenings of March 20th and 21st. If you were unable to attend on 1 of those evenings, please be sure to re-schedule with your child's teacher....it is very important that we have these interviews and gives us a chance to discuss things with both students and parents present.

That's about all for now.....I hope everyone has a great spring break and we will see you back for classes on April 3rd.....don't forget, Kindergarten begins full time after spring break!



**PRAIRIE MOUNTAIN HEALTH
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Parents of all 3 year olds:

There will be a special day for pre-schoolers who were born between **June 1, 2013 and May 30, 2014.**

At that time we will have a Speech Pathologist, a Physiotherapist or Occupational Therapist and a Public Health Nurse available to discuss the development of your child.

Date: April 11, 2017 Southwest Horizon Division Office Melita

In order to ensure that we have adequate time to complete each child's assessment, we will be seeing children by appointment.

Parents of children born between these dates that have not received a letter from the Public Health office and would like their child to attend, please contact:

Public Health Nurse – Stacey Gardiner-Graham
Deloraine Office (204) 747-1820
Melita Office (204) 522-4312

BAND NEWS

- there will be **no Spring Fundraiser** for the Band Parents
- Final Band Parent Meeting: Thursday May 12th at 6pm in the band room. (everyone is welcome)
- June 7th (Wed) (Tentative date): Lunch 'N Listen Concert in the gym at 12 noon, all bands will take part, bring your lunch and come hear our final concert.
- June 26th (Mon): Grade 6 band presentation at Morrow Park on Main Street at 12 noon.

2017 Dates to Remember:

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| Mar. 24 | Admin Day No Classes |
| Mar. 27 - 31 | Spring Break |
| Apr. 3 | Classes Resume |
| Apr. 14 | Good Friday No Classes |
| Apr. 17 | Admin Day No Classes |
| Apr. 20 | Brandon Band Festival (Grade 7/8) |
| May 4 | Kindergarten meetings |
| May 8- 12 | K-4 Artist in the School |
| May 22 | Victoria Day No Classes |
| June 7 | Band Lunch and Listen 12 Noon |
| June 23 | Graduation Ceremonies @ 4:30pm |
| June 26 | Grade 6 Concert Morrow Park |
| June 29 | Awards/Celebration Day 9:30 Gym |
| June 30 | Admin Day No Classes |

Welcome to Kindergarten meetings will be held on May 4
for the 2017-2018 school year.

Please contact the school at 1-866-422-5113
if your child will be the age of 5 by December 31, 2017