



# MELITA SCHOOL NEWS



MAY 2017

## Principal's Message

Welcome to our June edition of our school newsletter. It's so hard to believe we are nearing the end of another school year! We still have lots to do...so here is a brief re-cap of some events we have been busy with and a snapshot of some upcoming events.

On April 17<sup>th</sup>, while our high school staff were busy with reports, our K-8 staff were busy in our PLC's. We were planning ideas for the upcoming school year and also met with a member of the department to discuss how to move forward with numeracy goals. We found this day to be very informative and we all gained many useful ideas!

We recently held our "Welcome to K day" in May. This was a day where we invited our upcoming Kindergarten students and parents to come and visit our school. We also did some early testing on our new K students and went over with the parents, how Kindergarten will look for the upcoming school year. We are pleased to announce we are able to extend our full time Kindergarten program to now begin in second term (Beginning of February) rather than waiting until after spring break! It is with the generous help of our board and school division that this is possible. If you have a child who is eligible for Kindergarten next year, and missed our welcome day, please contact the office to register as soon as you can.

Our students in grades 4-12 once again completed the "Tell Them from Me" surveys. These surveys are voluntary and are anonymous. The surveys provide our school with a report that gives us information on things such as student engagement, feelings of safety and ideas that students may have for programs moving forward. After we receive the reports, we as a staff meet to discuss the reports and use them to help guide our school plans.

We recently were fortunate to have the "Artist in the School" program again this year...thanks to Mrs. Bodin! Our students in K-4 enjoyed learning different dance routines and provided us with quite an amazing show of talent at the end of the week!

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Recently, we had some of our grades participate in a celebration of Manitoba's birthday. We partnered up with our local Sunrise Credit Union and made some crafts for them to display for Manitoba's birthday. Then the Sunrise staff came to our school and provided the children with pizza on May 12<sup>th</sup>....

Manitoba's birthday! Thanks very much to the staff at our local Sunrise Credit Union...we really appreciated that wonderful surprise!

Our students have also been busy practicing for the spring track meets. Our high school have already gone for theirs and we are proud to say that Zach Louttit is going on to compete in Provincials in Winnipeg.... good luck Zach! Our grades 5-8 also recently held their local track meet. Despite the cool temperatures, the meet went ahead! Thanks to Mr. Behrmann and Mr. Corrigan and our volunteer students for helping to run all the events! Thanks goes as well to Mrs. Sheila Harmon and Ms. Kalena Green for helping to organize this. Also thanks to all our 5-8 staff who helped take groups around to their various events! We will be hosting Deloraine, Waskada and Pierson here to compete with our 5-8 students on June 12<sup>th</sup> (providing the weather co-operates). This has changed a bit this year due to the Sportsplex being unavailable for our regular Brandon meet. Our K-4 Participation Day will be on May 31<sup>st</sup>.... all are invited to come and watch, and there will also be a undergrad fundraising bar-b-que at this event.

Our drama class along with other students, recently held a Variety concert at the theatre. Judging from the performances I saw, we definitely have a lot of talent in our school! Thanks to all who performed and to those who came out to support them. Also, big thanks to the Prairie Vision Arts Council for the use of the theatre once again!

Our field trips have started.... thus you will see permission forms coming home. If you ever have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's teacher. Thanks to our volunteer chaperones...we really appreciate the help!

Just a reminder.... yearbook order forms are out for this year's yearbook. If you wish to have one, please remember to order as we really do not order many extra!

A reminder.... graduation this year is June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Our ceremonies in the gym begin at 4:30. Our awards day is set for June 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 in the gym and is open to the public. Buses will be going home early that day as they will be leaving here at 2:00.

That's it for now!

## Grade 5 News

On May 16, 2017 the Grade 5 students took a field trip to the Food Ethos Farm (Curtis Brown and Ashley) at Coulter, MB. Students were excited to learn about bees, cattle grazing, pigs, chickens, and various plants. A big thank you to Curtis, Ashley and Danial Forster for spending time with the students and answering all their questions.

Enroute back to Melita, we made stops at the Coultervale School, Elva Elevators and Kim's Greenhouse. Thank you to Kim for donating hen & chick bedding plants for the Grade 5's to take home, much appreciated.

## Band News

Upcoming Events:

\*June 7<sup>th</sup> (Wed) Lunch 'N' Listen Concert. 12 noon in the gym, all band members. Everyone is welcome to bring your lunch or order beef on a bun and eat while you listen to the band's final concert.

\*June 27<sup>th</sup> (Tues) Grade 6 concert at Legion Hall (Multiculturalism Day) 12 noon

## June Exam Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		June 14 Last day classes Grade 12	June 15 Applied 40 Prov Exam Last day classes Grade 11	June 16 Biology 40 History 30 Last day classes Grade 9 & 10
June 19 ELA 30 1 <sup>st</sup> nations Grade 9 SS	June 20 PreCalc 30 InPCalc/Applied 20	June 21 Science 20 Physics 40 Math 9	June 22	June 23 Grade
			June 29 Awards	June 30 Admin. Day

All Grade 9 Students must write ELA..... can be exempt in the other subjects.

All Grade 10 Students must write Intro Precalc/Applied 20 and 1<sup>st</sup> Nations .....can be exempt in the other subjects.

Grade 11 & 12's must write all exams

## Prairie Vision Arts Summer Program Funding

Melita, Pierson Waskada Area Youth

**Purpose:** To provide registration fee assistance to students attending a summer camp, workshop or other training program in the areas of visual, literary or performing arts.

Ex. Band Camp, Music Education Camp, Dance Workshop, Painting, Photography, Drama, Drawing, etc.

**Eligibility:** Applicants must be a resident of the region encompassing the Rural Municipality of Brenda–Waskada, the Rural Municipality of Two Borders, the Town of Pierson, or the Town of Melita. The application is open to a student of any age that meets selected summer program registration requirements and has not received any other funding or financial support.

Applications available from Marie @ 204–522–6359 [marietilbury@mymts.net](mailto:marietilbury@mymts.net) or Pat @ 204–522–3983 [patfranklin@mymts.net](mailto:patfranklin@mymts.net)

**Awards:** Each applicant has the possibility of receiving 1/2 the registration fee covered up to a maximum of \$200.00 May–Sept intake dates

## Prairie Vision Arts Scholarship for High School Graduates

Melita, Pierson, Waskada School

**Purpose:** To provide tuition assistance to students who choose to further their education in the Arts Field and/or recognize those who have participated in the Arts within the community and are pursuing training or a degree at the university or college level. For the purpose of this scholarship, arts are defined as vocal and instrumental music, music education, performance, music therapy, composition, art, art history, arts education, creative writing, drama, theatre, media arts, film studies, dance, photography, graphic design, costume design, architecture, interior design or animation.

**Eligibility:** Applicant must be a resident of the region encompassing the Municipality of Two Borders, the Town of Pierson, the town of Melita or the RM of Brenda–Waskada. Applicants must be a high school graduate attending Melita, Pierson, or Waskada School and be attending a post-secondary institution the following school year.

**Awards:** A \$400.00 scholarship will be made available to high school seniors pursuing a degree or training with \$400. Paid on completion of year 1. Proof of course completion required.

Applications will be reviewed by the Arts Council Board of Directors. The Arts Council reserves the right to distribute no funding if applications do not meet standards of acceptability as judged by the Board of Directors. More than once scholarship may be given in a year. Scholarship cheques are paid directly to the recipient.

**Application Procedure:** Contact Marie 204–522–6359 [marietilbury@mymts.net](mailto:marietilbury@mymts.net) or Pat 204–522–3953 [patfranklin@mymts.net](mailto:patfranklin@mymts.net) Application Deadline–June 12.

## **Melita Greenhouse Club**

This year Melita School offered a Greenhouse Club to interested students in the middle years. The greenhouse club began in April and will run until June. Students planted and nurtured a variety of annual flowers, and perennials as well as some vegetables and herbs. Some of the students have been enjoying lettuce, arugula and radishes already! The group meets during lunch break, 2-3 times a week. The students will be planting some flowers at the school as well as bringing some home to plant and enjoy. We will also be going to Central Park to plant flowers in the containers at the Cenotaph. If you have any greenhouse-type flower/vegetable containers that you would like to get rid of, the school greenhouse would gladly reuse them, thanks in advance!

Mrs. Shnitka and Mrs. Bodin

## **Artist in the School**

Grades K-4 had a lot of fun working with artist Judy Cook in May. Judy is part of the Artist in the School program partly sponsored by the Manitoba Arts Council. Judy taught the students in each grade dance moves to a song. By the end of the week the students were ready to perform their dance in front of an audience of family and friends. All of the students enjoyed working with Judy and put on a great show! Judy is also the author of a book called "When Dinosaurs go Dancing". The kindergarten class danced to this title. This book is available at the Blossom Boutique.

## **2017 Dates to Remember:**

June 7	Band Lunch and Listen 12 Noon (Beef on a Bun)
June 12	Divisional 5-8 Track & Field (held in Melita)
June 23	Graduation Ceremonies @ 4:30pm
June 27	Grade 6 Concert Legion Hall
June 29	Awards/Celebration Day 9:30 Gym
June 30	Admin Day No Classes

# Melita School Band Parent Group is **BEEFING UP** The Lunch & Listen Final Band Concert

All funds raised will go toward the purchase of 2 new  
classroom instruments this school year.



The Band Parent Support Group is hosting a Beef on a Bun **Wednesday, June 7th** starting at 11:30 AM in conjunction with the **Melita School Band Grades 6-12 Lunch & Listen Concert** that starts at 12 noon in the school gymnasium.

Open to anyone in the community who wishes to support the band program and partake in a delicious lunch. Business group orders welcome.

We encourage pre-orders so sufficient supplies can be purchased.  
Meals may be picked up at the gymnasium front entrance doors any time after 11:30 am.  
Classroom orders will be delivered.

Please return to your teacher, the school office or email order numbers to Marie @ [marietilbury@mymts.net](mailto:marietilbury@mymts.net)  
Orders due Monday, June 5 @ 12 noon  
*Extras available on site while supplies last.*

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➤ Please place a check mark or quantity number beside your selection(s).

Name - \_\_\_\_\_ Grade/Teacher- \_\_\_\_\_

**Beef on a Bun - \$5 - indicate number wanted**

\_\_\_ White    \_\_\_ Whole Wheat    \_\_\_ Gluten Free

**Beverage - \$1- Juice Box/Water**

\_\_\_ Apple Juice    \_\_\_ Orange Juice    \_\_\_ Fruit Punch    \_\_\_ 5 Alive    \_\_\_ Bottled Water

**Chips - \$2 -** \_\_\_ Plain    \_\_\_ S & V    \_\_\_ Ketchup    \_\_\_ Nacho

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Total number of items - \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of money enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Cheques payable to Melita School Band if cheque is your preferred choice of payment.

**WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT!**

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Melita School 2016-2017

**YEARBOOKS**

**On Sale Now!**

**Student Name**\_\_\_\_\_

**Grade**\_\_\_\_\_

**Hardcover K-12 Yearbook @ \$35.00**

**Total Amount enclosed \$**\_\_\_\_\_

**Cheque payable to Melita School.**

The yearbook will be sent home with the student  
in September unless special instructions for  
pick up are given below

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