



# MELITA SCHOOL NEWS

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Please note:

In an effort to save paper and be more environmentally friendly, we have decided to discontinue sending out our newsletter in the mail to all community members. Rather, we will make the newsletter accessible from our website at <http://schools.shmb.ca/mci/>

If you wish to obtain a paper copy of the newsletter, please phone the office and we will gladly provide you one! Thank-you (1866-422-5113)

## Principal's Message

Welcome to our first Melita School newsletter for 2017! I hope everyone had a nice, relaxing holiday....despite the storms.....and got to spend some time with family and friends. Here are a few of the happenings since our last newsletter at Melita School and a few upcoming events.

All of our winter concerts were very well attended! Our students and staff all put a lot of work into these events. It is so wonderful to see such huge support from the parents and the community....we had great attendance at all of these, despite having to reschedule our band concert a few times! Thanks for the support and thanks to our staff and students for all the time and effort they put into these performances.....they are always such a pleasure to watch!

Just a reminder.....if you have NOT been receiving automated phone calls for things such as school closures.....please contact the school and let us know so we can ensure you are listed correctly on our system.

Our Big Read program began after our return from the break. This program is geared towards our K-4 students. We enlist the help of volunteer readers to come in to our library on Tuesday and Thursday mornings before school starts to read a book to any child who chooses to attend. We also provide a small snack of a juice box and granola bar to the children. Our goal with this program is to promote the love of reading and thus hopefully see an increase in children choosing to read for pleasure...thus improving their overall reading skills in the process! Thanks to Luanne Heath for organizing our volunteer readers and Mrs. Deb Green for assisting with this program. We would also like to thank our volunteer readers...without them, we couldn't run this program! Also...a big thank you goes out to our local Sunrise Credit Union.....they made a donation to help cover the cost of the snacks we provide and they have also provided some volunteer readers for us from their staff!

Melita School would like to officially welcome Riley Lougheed as our new head

custodian! Riley is a former student of ours and we are excited to have him back in our building! We would also like to officially welcome Melissa Baker and Angie Maffenbeier to our staff as EA's!

Our Senior student council hosted another successful spirit week before the break....thanks so much to our students and staff who put a lot of effort into keeping our school spirit alive and strong! We would also like to thank the community for once again supporting their calendar fundraiser that was held before the break. We were very fortunate to have lots of donations come in for prizes from our local businesses! Thanks also to everyone who purchased tickets. Also....thanks to all who helped support all our other fundraisers that have been held....we truly appreciate any and all support that we receive!

Our high school are entering into their final exams as the end of term 1 approaches. Exam week is officially Jan.31-Feb.3rd. You will see an exam schedule further on in the newsletter and it can also be found on our school website under the gr.9-12 major assignments and tests. Please note that the Applied 30 exam had to be moved from the original date of Feb 1st to Feb 3rd instead due to a conflict.

Senior high reports will be coming out in the beginning of February. Please watch for those. Also, term 2 begins on Feb.6th.....all TAG teachers will be contacting parents to let them know of their child's choices in subjects for term 2. If you have any questions or concerns with their choice, please contact your child's TAG teacher ASAP.

Melita School is very happy to report that we have a JV basketball team up and running this year due to the dedication of Ms. Kalena Green and Mr. Marty Tilbury and some super enthusiastic students! So far, they have started the season off with a bang and are doing very well! Thanks to parents who are volunteering to drive and thanks again for the support we are seeing in the stands in terms of spectators at our games!

That's about it for now.....as always, if you ever have any questions or concerns, please contact the office....communication is key to helping us work together as a team to try and provide the best possible education we can here at Melita School!

**Student council will be releasing school clothing information within the next two weeks. A brochure with possible items and prices will be sent home with students. Stay tuned!!**

## **Melita School Drama Class Presents .....**

**"Murder Me Always"**. is a dinner theatre and a murder mystery where the audience members try and guess who the murderer is. We are performing on Monday, February 20th at 6:00 pm in the Melita gym. Dinner is being catered by the grad class, and tickets are \$20. Tickets can be purchased at the school office, or from one of the cast members.

The cast members are: Lantz Skidmore, Branden Tilbury, Blake Kirkup, Zack Louttit, Russell Pulliney, Rebecca Kirby, Haven Morrison, Grace Gervin, Kendal Rink, Jack Kirkup and Cyrell Gayumba.

The other two plays are one act plays, which they are presenting on Monday, February 27th at the Strand Theatre. The first play (directed by Cole Tilbury) is called "**The Moustache Guys**", and Verna Pulinney's play is called "**Nose for the News**" - both are comedies. Starting at 7:00 pm. Tickets would be \$5, and are available from the school office as well.

## **Melita and Area Christmas Cheer Board:**

The Melita and Area Christmas Cheer Board would like to thank Melita School for their generous donations again this year. Special mention to Mrs. Lee's class for the wonderful items on the mitten tree. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Dear Principals,

The 2017 Royal Manitoba Winter Fair is quickly approaching and is scheduled for Brandon's Keystone Centre Monday, March 27th – Saturday, April 1st, 2017. The Royal Manitoba Winter Fair features international caliber equestrian competitions, cattle shows, an amazing interactive Ag Education Area, a trade show, top notch entertainment and a terrific Petting Zoo! It's a wonderful place for a family to spend time during Spring Break.

Due to the generous support of sponsors, the Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba is able to provide **FREE** children's admission tickets to students ages 6 to 12. You can let your students know that these tickets can be downloaded from the Provincial Exhibition website, until March 26th, 2017, at **[www.provincialexhibition.com](http://www.provincialexhibition.com)**

We would also like to distribute information to your students regarding entering our Calf Scramble, Miss Piggy Scramble or the Pig Scramble. Hard copies of these application forms are also attached.

We wish to thank you for your help and interest in the 2017 Royal Manitoba Winter Fair.

Sincerely,

*Holly*

Holly Martinook Admin. Asst Provincial Exhibition of MB

## **BAND NEWS**

**Ms. Baird and the band students would like to wish a fond farewell to our Brazilian students and friends; Erasmo Germinio and Paola Ferreira. They have been a great asset to both the senior concert and jazz bands during the first semester and they will be greatly missed. Best of luck to you both!!**

### **Upcoming:**

- the next band parent committee meeting will Tues. Feb. 7th at 6pm in the band room. Everyone is welcome. If you are unable to attend but would like the minutes please e-mail Ms. Baird and she will send them your way.
- a number of Senior Band members still have the second payment (\$25) of their band trip fee due. Feb. 1st.
- Westman Honour Band - Feb. 10th and 11th, featuring 4 of our own band students. Come and watch an outstanding concert on Saturday Feb. 11th at 3pm in the Westman Centennial Aud. at BU.(admission charged)
- Senior Band trip to the Optimist Band Festival on Feb. 22nd/23rd. We will leave the school at 8am on the 22nd. Students are to have a bag lunch and be wearing their concert attire or have it in a back pack. We will be back by 6pm on the 23rd.
- March 7th at 7pm: Festival Band Concert in the gym for all band students.

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## **Exam Schedule**

**Mon. Jan.30 Regular Classes**

**Tues. Jan.31 Biology 30,Essentials Math 20, Science 9**

**Wed. Feb.1 Accounting 30, Geography 20, Trans Math 9**

**Thurs. Feb. 2 Physics 30, Essentials Math 30, ELA 20**

**Friday Feb. 3- Applied Math 30 (make up day/storm day)**

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## **Middle Years Student Council News**

Our second dance of the year was held on Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup>. Although our attendance was down, those in attendance enjoyed themselves, and we would like to thank our DJ, Haley Wierenga. Our appreciation is also extended to our parent chaperones: Jamimie VanGheluwe, Jen Schoonbaert, Jill Morrison, Laurie Renwick, Russell Snyder and Jen Champion; without our parents' support our dances would not be possible.

Council is planning a Spirit Week for February 13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> so stay tuned for the themes and activities.

### **2017 Dates to Remember:**

Jan. 31-Feb. 4	Exam Week (see schedule else where in newsletter)
Feb. 6	Term 2 Begins
Feb. 20	Louis Riel Day No Classes
Feb. 27	PD No Classes
Mar. 7	Band Festival Concert 7:00pm
Mar. 10	Admin Day No Classes
Mar. 20	Evening Interviews 4:00-7:00
Mar. 21	Evening Interviews 4:00-6:30
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
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
June 26	Grade 6 Concert Morrow Park
June 29	Awards/Celebration Day 9:30 Gym
June 30	Admin Day No Classes

### **Turtle Mountain Bible Camp**

Camp brochures are available in the office for anyone interested in attending camp.