



# 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 final full newsletter from Melita School for 2016!! It's so hard to believe the year is almost at an end....so far our weather has been pretty nice.....I worry it's going to be a hard adjustment whenever winter does finally decide to arrive! As usual, we have had many activities going on at Melita School this past month. Here is a recap of some of the events along with a few upcoming events!

Our community report was posted on our school web site at the end of October. This report highlights some things we did last year, as well as giving you an idea of the school plans we have for this school year. If you would like to receive a paper copy of this report, please contact the office and we will happily provide you with one.

Melita School held its annual Halloween parade on Monday Oct.31<sup>st</sup>. There were some amazing costumes and it was so nice to see lots of students (younger and older ones), dressed up for the event! Thanks to the parents and community members who also took the time to come out and see all the wonderful costumes and to also see some of our classes perform poems, songs and even dances!

Melita School held its annual Remembrance Day service on Thursday Nov.10<sup>th</sup>. We were very honored to have members of the Legion present as well as the RCMP and Cadets. It was also great to see so many community members come out and help us as a school honor our veterans and those still serving today. Thanks to all the students and staff who also performed various poems, songs and video tributes.

Our canteen is now being run privately. Roy and Michelle Thorne have decided to take this on and we are very happy they have so we can still have a canteen in our school. We wish Roy and Michelle the best of luck and success in this venture!

We had quite a few students and some staff attend the recent WE Day event in Winnipeg. By all accounts, it was another spectacular event that was also very inspiring!

Our volleyball teams continue to be very busy.....with provincials also underway or right around the corner! We wish the best of luck to all our teams as the season starts to wind down! Regardless of any final outcomes, all our teams have served us proud as a school by showing great sportsmanship and also by displaying some great volleyball skills!

## **Principal's Message.....continued**

Our staff have also been very busy getting report cards ready. You should have received your child's report by now and also been asked to attend a parent/student/teacher interview. If you were unable to make your scheduled time, please make alternative arrangements with your child's teacher. We are very proud to boast that we have a very high percentage of our parents and students that attend these informative interviews! It's a great way to make contact with the staff here and discuss how your child is doing in school overall! Thanks to all for making the time to attend these important interviews!

Our students and staff are also very busy planning and rehearsing for our winter concerts! Our band winter concert in the gym is Dec.6<sup>th</sup> and our elementary winter concerts at the theatre are as follows: K, 2, 4: Dec 12<sup>th</sup> and Gr.1, 3, 5 Dec 13<sup>th</sup>. All performances begin at 7:00pm.

Our last day of classes before our break is Thursday Dec.22<sup>nd</sup>, with classes beginning again on Monday Jan.9<sup>th</sup>. Our last day of canteen will be Wednesday Dec.21<sup>st</sup> and it will re-open again on Monday Jan.9<sup>th</sup>.

That seems to be pretty much all for now. On behalf of all the staff and students at Melita School, we wish you and yours a very safe and happy holiday season!

## **Grade 5 News**

I wanted to share with you some information about a project that my class has been participating in for the past five years. The Project Linus Manitoba Program is a 100% volunteer non-profit organization that provides homemade no sew fleece blankets to Manitoba children and families who are undergoing difficult situations. The students will be acting as "blanketeers" and donating them to our local Project Linus Manitoba in Brandon. All donations made in Manitoba, stay in Manitoba.

*The mission of the project reads as follows:*

*1] First, to provide love, a sense of security, warmth and comfort to children and their families who are seriously ill, traumatized or otherwise need a hug, through the gifts of new, handmade, washable blankets, quilts or afghans.*

*2] Second, the blanketeers are part of our mission; to provide a rewarding and fun service opportunity for interested individuals and groups in local communities, for the benefit of children and families.*

The students will be making these blankets on the afternoon of Wednesday, Nov 30/16. These blankets will be sent into Brandon before Christmas so they can be dispersed to those in need. You can also visit the Project Linus website at [www.plcanada.cjb.net](http://www.plcanada.cjb.net) for more information, or send me an email at [jodiek@shmb.ca](mailto:jodiek@shmb.ca).

Mrs. Kersten and Grade 5 Class

## **Grade 7/8 Girls Volleyball Season 2016**

The Junior Girls Volleyball team had a great season. Our team consisted of the following players:

Grade 7: Riley Fletcher, Emily Thompson, Reese Verplanche, Bailey Culbertson, Renee Bodin, Elizabeth Greig, Ashtyn Elliott

Grade 8: Rylee Kobs, Kristin Rink, Maria Rodriguez

The team played league games against Pierson, Boissevain and Killarney. They had close games and came out on the winning side against Pierson. The Zone tournament was held in Deloraine, where the girls ended up in some close battles to finish off their season. We would like to thank Britney Fletcher and Shayna Barnesky for coaching.

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

Melita School is collecting for the Christmas Cheer Board again this year.

### **Suggestions for non-perishable food donations include:**

#### **\*PLEASE NO DENTED CANS OR DATE EXPIRED ITEMS\***

|                         |                                   |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Stove Top Stuffing      | Cranberry Sauce and Applesauce    |
| 100% juice (1L cartons) | Cans of vegetables and fruits     |
| Hot Chocolate           | Box of Fancy Crackers             |
| Package of Cookies      | Chocolates, mixed candies or nuts |
| Peanut butter           | Bag of Oatmeal                    |

### **Individual or Group Projects:**

You are welcome to make cloth gift bags or pillowcases. Large bags approx. 36in. long by 36in. wide are needed. Pillowcases in kid/teen prints serve a dual purpose. Knitted toques, mitts and scarves, baby articles accepted.

### **Donate:**

Children 12 & under receive UNWRAPPED NEW TOYS, socks, hat, scarf, mitts/gloves and other clothing items. NEW BOOKS are welcome for all ages

**NO ADULT GIFTS, CANDLES, HOUSEHOLD ITEMS OR USED PLUSH TOYS**

**Donation Deadline is December 5**

## **BAND NEWS**

- Winter Concert for all band students, grades 6-12; Tues Dec. 6th  
Band students are to be in their warm-up rooms by 6:30 dressed in concert attire; back pants, black shoes, black socks, white dress shirts. (boys collared, long sleeved shirts, girls no tank tops)
- The next Band Parent meeting will be Tues. Jan 10th at 6pm in the band room. All band parents and students are welcome. If you can't attend the meeting please feel free to contact Ms. Baird so she can forward you the minutes.
- The Senior Band (9-12) will be going to the Winnipeg Optimist Festival on Feb. 22/23rd. All Senior Band Students are to hand-in their permission form and trip fees which are due Dec. 1st (\$50) and Feb. 1st(\$25).

## **7/8 Boys Volleyball**

The 7/8 boys volleyball had a team of 12 players this year. They include Jules Gayumba, Gabe Hume, Wyatt Weirenga, Dakota Abraham, Mikey Vanbeselaere, Liam Vercaigne, Carter Snyder, Brian Hume, Darius Ternovetsky, Blake Harmon, Josh Slack, and AJ Laurcola. Coaches for the year were Scott Behrmann and Heather McCutcheon. We played 5 games throughout the short season. League tournament was on November 7 in Killarney. Skills were developed and improvement was shown throughout the year. A big thank you goes out to the parents for driving us to the out of town games.  
Good season, boys!

## **Middle Years Student Council**

The Middle Years Student Council hosted their first dance of the year on Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. There was a good turn out, and we would like to express our thanks to Haley Wierenga for being our DJ for the evening. Also, our greatest appreciation to Buffy Barnesky, Donna Fletcher, Ida Wierenga, Meagan Whittome and Darryl Riddoch for chaperoning. The future success of our dances will depend on parent chaperones, so if you would like to assist us in this capacity, please contact Cindy.

## **Exam Schedule**

**Mon. Jan.30 Regular Classes**

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

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

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

**Friday - exam make up day/storm day**

## **Melita School Mitten Tree Project**

Please donate a new pair of mitts, a toque or a scarf to decorate our Mitten Tree.

All donations will be given to our local Christmas Cheer Board.

Items are needed by December 5th, 2016

Donations can be dropped off at the office at Melita School or can be sent with a student.

### **2016-2017 Dates to Remember:**

|                         |   |
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| <b>Dec. 6</b>           | <b>Band Winter Concert 7:00pm</b>                                       |
| <b>Dec. 12</b>          | <b>Elementary Concert (Theatre) Kindergarten, Gr. 2 &amp; 4 7:00 pm</b> |
| <b>Dec. 13</b>          | <b>Elementary Concert (Theatre) Grades 1, 3 &amp; 5 7:00 pm</b>         |
| <b>Dec. 22</b>          | <b>Last Day of Classes</b>  |
| <b>Dec. 23 - Jan. 6</b> | <b>Christmas Break</b>  |
| <b>Jan. 9</b>           | <b>First Day of Classes</b>   |
| <b>Feb. 6</b>           | <b>Term 2 Begins</b>  |
| <b>Feb. 20</b>          | <b>Louis Riel Day No Classes</b>  |
| <b>Feb. 27</b>          | <b>PD No Classes</b>  |
| <b>Mar. 7</b>           | <b>Band Festival Concert 7:00pm</b>                                     |
| <b>Mar. 10</b>          | <b>Admin Day No Classes</b>   |
| <b>Mar. 21</b>          | <b>Evening Interviews 4:00-7:00</b>                                     |
| <b>Mar. 22</b>          | <b>Evening Interviews 4:00-6:30</b>                                     |
| <b>Mar. 24</b>          | <b>Admin Day No Classes</b>   |
| <b>Mar. 27 - 31</b>     | <b>Spring Break</b>   |
| <b>Apr. 3</b>           | <b>Classes Resume</b>   |
| <b>Apr. 14</b>          | <b>Good Friday No Classes</b>   |
| <b>Apr. 17</b>          | <b>Admin Day No Classes</b>   |
| <b>May 8- 12</b>        | <b>K-4 Artist in the School</b>   |
| <b>May 22</b>           | <b>Victoria Day No Classes</b>  |
| <b>June 7</b>           | <b>Band Lunch and Listen 12 Noon</b>                                    |
| <b>June 23</b>          | <b>Graduation Ceremonies</b>  |
| <b>June 26</b>          | <b>Grade 6 Concert Morrow Park</b>                                      |
| <b>June 29</b>          | <b>Awards/Celebration Day 9:30 Gym</b>                                  |
| <b>June 30</b>          | <b>Admin Day No Classes</b>   |