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Hydro Presentation:

Grade 3/4 Manitoba Hydro Safety Presentation

The grade 3 – 6 classes enjoyed a presentation by Gary and Brian with Manitoba Hydro on February 27, 2008. The presentation was on electrical safety. Here are some comments and things they learned:

“Don’t overload plugs” – Courtney

“When your lawn is wet don’t have electrical cords plugged in” – Renee

“Electricity tries to find the quickest way to the ground.” – Jaime

“Call before you dig.” - Keenan

“Stay in your vehicle if you can when your car crashes a hydro pole.” – Esteban

“Never go near a transformer.” – Tony

“I liked seeing the safety board.” – Dane

“The video was interesting.” - Jennifer

Grade 5/6 Manitoba Hydro Safety Presentation

We liked the part when the presenter showed the simulations of the plastic people getting shocked. By Benny, Wade, and Emily. When a fallen hydro line touches your car, you either stay in the car and wait for the fire department to arrive or you jump out and away from the vehicle and land with both feet together. Then you slowly shuffle away from the vehicle. By Derek, Joeanna, Steven, Jessica, Emma, Teresa, Mzi, and Conor. In conclusion, we learned that we should never play around electricity. By Bobby and Jacob

Playground Safety

Our school playground is available to the community after school hours. A reminder that all motorized vehicles are prohibited on school grounds. Thanks for keeping our school safe for all to enjoy.

Noon skating – We have two Friday skating days left this year. February 29 and March 7.

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Special points of interest:

- ☺ Thank you to PAC for holding a movie night in the school gym.
- ☺ Remember student-led conferences are coming up on March 27 & 28.
- ☺ Gr. 5 & 6's go to the Brier on Mar. 11th.
- ☺ English Classes in Carman (EAL)

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Kindergarten Classroom Report: - Miss McIntosh

This month we've had a lot of interesting things going on. We've finished our unit about paper. We did many experiments to help us decide what kind of paper is best for absorption and colouring on. We found that napkins are the best for absorption and that everyday paper is the best for colouring on!

We're starting a unit called 'People Around Us' in social studies. A note went home this month about bringing a family photo to school. It would also be appreciated if parents could also email me a family picture at erinmcintosh97@hotmail.com.

This month we had our Valentine's Day party. We made Valentine's Day crowns, counted with cinnamon hearts, had treats, exchanged Valentine's cards and watched a special Blue's Clues movie called, Love Day.

Since it is 'I Love to Read' month we had many guest readers, Constable Mitch MacDonald, Jared McIntosh and Alex North of Winkler Flyers and even Mrs. McIntosh!

We've been working very hard at learning how to print numbers zero to four and our goal is to get to ten! We've been continuing with the Animated Literacy program to learn letters and their sounds. Any practice with counting and letters at home will benefit your child at school!

We've also started to practice for our spring concert Carnival of the Animals which will be April 29, 2008. A letter has sent home about the children's parts in the play and costumes.

Don't forget to check out our class Wiki at <http://rolandelementaryschool.pbwiki.com/> and go to the kindergarten link on the sidebar. There are some educational websites, pictures of the class busy at work and play and our caring Photo Story.



Grade 1 & 2 Classroom Report: Mrs. Kent

While the cold weather has gotten us down this month, we have tried to keep up our spirits and a positive attitude. We have completed our science unit on 'The 5 Senses'. In addition to their sense of sight the students enjoyed learning about their other senses - touch, hearing, smell, and taste. We have now begun a unit on 'Characteristics and Needs of Living Things'.

The highlight of our month was our Guest Readers to celebrate "I Love to Read". We'd like to thank Rita Fife, Jackie Hodgson, Alex North, Jared McIntosh, Gerry Wieler, and Helen Adrian for coming to our classroom to read to us.

The class has begun to practice for our spring concert. The Kindergarten and Gr. 1 & 2 class will present "The Carnival of the Animals" at the end of April.

We'll see you in March!



Grade 3 & 4 Classroom Report: Mrs. Benner

February has brought some changes to the 3/4 classroom, Mrs. Benner is back and is so happy to be in the classroom with her students again! Some of our routines have had some small changes but we're adjusting well.

In mathematics we have been doing some patterning with numbers and have moved into multiplication and division, we're really getting quick at our facts!

In science we have been learning about **sound** and even made our own instruments. The students did a wonderful job on creating a unique instrument and shared them with the rest of the school at a Monday assembly.

We have been virtually travelling through India in social studies. We have experienced some of the art and food from this country. We have also learned what life is like for children the same age and that some don't even get to attend school. We sure are lucky in Canada!

Television is currently our theme in French, we are practicing our vocabulary and enjoying our song!

The grade 3/4 class is busily working on filling their jelly bean jar, they are halfway already this month alone!!! Keep up the great work 3/4's! Who know's what the surprise will be when the jar is full!



Grade 5 & 6 Classroom Report- Mr. Dennis

Reader's Workshop: Student's continue to develop skills for before, during and after reading to strengthen their ability to read more fluently and with more comprehension. The student's practice their reading using novels that they choose for themselves at their own reading levels. We have also been reading the novel Hadassah as a class and lots of short stories. I am encouraged with the improvement I see in the students' interest and skill in reading. Please encourage your child to read for their home reading log every day.

Writer's Workshop: We are learning how to write short stories. This includes a number of learning outcomes: generating a list of details, putting them in logical order, determining which detail to zoom in on as the main idea, an opening that captures the reader's attention, writing paragraphs and how to quickly tie up the details and ideas in to bring our writing to a close.

Mathematics - The grade six students will be finishing up their unit called "Using Operations" in the next week or two. There will be a unit test when we are finished.

Social Studies – The grade six students are studying WWII.

Science – The students are doing research projects on planets, moons, stars, comets, asteroids, meteors, etc.

Grade 5 & 6 Classroom Report—Mrs. Wainikka

Cold, cold, cold. We are happy about a break from the indoor recesses and the cold wind-chill. We are hoping for spring to come soon!

The grade 5 Math – The grade 5's have been working on multiplication and division with bigger numbers. We learned how to do long division – Remember your rap song that we did – **DIVIDE MULTIPLY SUBTRACT and BRING DOWN**. Try to sing the rap song for your parents. I know you all have such great rhythm! The grade 5's have also started math homework folders. Every week they have some math work sheet that they need to complete for the next week. The assignments follow the work we have been doing in class. We always write the due dates in our agendas.

In poetry the gr. 5 class continue to read our daily Giggle poetry of the day. We have writing family poems. Everybody wrote a poem about their brother/sister. There was also a family interview sheet that was sent home to interview a family member and then we will write a poem about this person. Please fill these in and send back to school as soon as possible.

We are still reading “My Teacher Glows in the Dark”.

In Social Studies the grade 5 class continue researching about aboriginal tools. The grade 5's created the criteria of what the assignment would like. We will share these projects with the class.

The grade 5/6 class have continued to work on their epearl portfolios. We have now added 2 – 3 artifacts and we plan to have them ready for parents in March.

Phys. Ed. – K – gr. 2 classes have been working on movement skills – running, jumping, hopping, galloping, skipping. We have also been playing low organized games.

Gr. 3 – 6 have been working on curling – learning how to slide, in-turn and out-turn, sweeping, and playing mini curling games.

Grade 5 and 6 class participated in a curling clinic on February 26/08 at the Roland Rink. Blaine Rutter – qualified level 2 curling coach and Al Friesen from Altona came to the rink to go over all the basic curling skills and help with a two end game. Thanks also to Gary Unrau for helping at the rink that day.

Permission slips for our field trip to the Brier on March 11 were sent home last week. Everybody is getting excited about going to watch the best curlers in the country. Please remember to send back these permission slips this week!



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Dates to Remember:

March 10th—PAC Mtg. Roland School 5:30
March 10th—Board Budget Mtg. Div. Office 7:00
March 11- Gr. 5&6 Field Trip to Wpg. Brier
March 12- Early Dismissal
March 14—No School, Admin Day
March 21- No School, Good Friday
March 27th—Student-led conferences eve
March 28th- No School Student-led conf. a.m.
March 31—Spring Break begins

I Love to Read Month

I Love to Read month was a great success. We had a variety of guest readers in the gr. 5/6 classroom. Mrs. Jolene Reimer, Mr. Fred Colvin, Jared McIntosh and Alex North from the Winkler Flyers, Mrs. Adrian, Mrs. Kent, Mrs. Benner, and Mrs. Bell. Our theme of reading and caring went together very well.



English Classes in Carman

English Classes in Carman (EAL)

English classes will start Apr. 7th at Midland Adult Education Centre in Carman. Pembina Valley Language/Education for Adults will provide an instructor for a 6 to 8 week period prior to summer break. Classes will be 3 days a week, in evening or daytime. To register or for more information call Minnie Davis 745-2095 or email maec@prsdmb.ca