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Jump Rope for Heart

Roland School held their Jump Rope for Heart the week of May 5-9, 2008. Each class had their own jump off activities in the gym with prizes for everybody! During the week, the students collected donations towards the Heart and Stroke Foundation. We are proud to announce that we raised more than the 2006 Jump Rope year. Our 2008 totals were \$2273.96!! This is quite an amazing accomplishment for our small school. Great job everybody! (Prizes should be arriving at school by the middle of June.)



Early Dismissal

On May 14 Roland School held the last early dismissal for the year. Following our school plan of technology and the Literacy with ICT continuum, the theme was computer applications. Cindy introduced google docs. Google docs are an online document that can be accessed anywhere with an internet connection. An account is free and easy to set up. Each staff set up their own account and we worked on a document all at the same time. The document was a celebration of how we have used technology in our classrooms this year. We discussed the many advantages to using this application.

Sheila and Erin then shared flickr toys and how they can be used with students in creating projects such as magazine covers for social studies, posters, trading cards, etc. All you need is to upload a picture and follow the steps. There is a link on our school wiki. Sheila and Erin also showed us their digital movie that they created at their last LwICT professional development session. They used moviemaker and a video camera to create their movie. We have these programs at our school on most computers. We came up with many ideas of projects that we could generate with students using these fun applications.

Together We're Better

May 31, 2008

- Grade 3 & 4's to Farm Safety in Miami—June 6th
- "Athletes in Action" - June 9th for Sports Blast.
- Gr. 3 & 4 Field Trip to Fort Whyte—June 12th
- Gr. 1 & 2 & K Field Trip to Wpg. Children's Museum— June 13th
- Sports Day—June 19th
- No School—June 20th
- Sports Rain Date-June 24
- Kids on the Block puppet show—June 25th— whole school to Graysville.
- Last Day of Classes— June 27th.
- **Donelli fundraiser due June 2nd**

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Trip to Winnipeg Symphony

The Grades 5 and 6 class went to the WSO Music In Motion concert with Miami 5 & 6 class at the Centennial Concert Hall in Winnipeg on May 13th and most of them really enjoyed the aerial gymnast (a gymnast who climbed ropes to the ceiling and did acrobatic moves in the air with the ropes), the hoop dancing (Aboriginal music) and the ballet dancers. They were studying the pieces for the concert and now they are playing ukuleles and popular music for the rest of the year.

K-6 Music News

Roland School has been doing a lot in music in May and we're getting things wrapped up for the year and it has been a lot of fun. Kindergarten has just started to read music notation, played circle singing games, and started a Pictures at an Exhibition movement unit. Grades 1 and 2 have played circle singing games and sung folk songs with instruments and will start our Pictures at An Exhibition Unit soon. Grades 3 and 4 have been continuing on their Beethoven Lives Upstairs Unit and just finishing up with that and will continue on a Summer Olympic Games Unit. In Art, they have been doing triangle art, and pictures of spring and moonlight (based on Beethoven's Moonlight Sonata). Until Next time everyone....remember that music is what feelings sound like. Ms. Walker

Kindergarten Classroom Report

WOW!! I can't believe that May has flown by already! Time flies when you're having fun is true!

We are almost done our unit on Community Helpers, we have been working on a booklet that everyone is enjoying.

As always we are practicing our numbers and are starting to recognize number words as well. Along with numbers we have done some sorting. The class has caught on VERY quickly and really enjoy trying to find out new ways to sort object AND ourselves! We have learned that we can sort objects by colour, size, shape, anything!

We have learned many Nursery Rhymes such as Humpty Dumpty, Hey Diddle Diddle and Jack and Jill. We like Humpty Dumpty so much that we are going to make a claymation movie about it. We have already made all the characters out of plasticine and the background. Now we're ready to actually shoot the movie. Please go to our wiki to see Nursery Rhyme links at <http://rolandelementaryschool.pbwiki.com/> and click on 'Kindergarten' on the sidebar.

As always practicing the alphabet and the letter sounds at home is a good thing to practice.

Our field trip is scheduled for Friday June 13 to the Manitoba Museum and the Planetarium. A letter will be coming out soon with more information.



Grade 1 & 2 Classroom Report

This month has flown by and we have been looking forward to the warmer weather spring has brought and are anticipating our Field trip into Winnipeg.

We have shared our 'habitat' dioramas and brief reports on an 'animal', and have begun a new Science unit about 'Characteristics of Objects and Materials'. This unit guides students to distinguish between

objects and materials, helping students understand that objects are made from materials with specific characteristics.

We also have a short Social Studies unit coming up on 'Connecting with Others'. In this unit students will explore their responsibilities and rights as members of communities and learn about the various ways people help and depend upon one another.

In Math the Gr. 2 class has continued to work on number concepts, particularly Place Value and adding and subtracting with and without regrouping. We will examine a few of the 'geometry' and 'measurement' outcomes before the year ends.



Grade 3 & 4 Classroom Report

The end of the school year is fast approaching and the 3/4 class is working hard to get through our current units in anticipation for a couple special units for June! In mathematics we are working on measurement, the students are enjoying exploring with various measurement tools around the classroom, school and school yard. Science has been a real buzz of excitement as the students made their own compasses and used balloons in the classroom to explore static electricity as part of the **forces** unit. Canada has been the topic in social studies with a final project of each student creating a magazine cover on the computer to display their knowledge for the provinces and territories. We are currently delving into Manitoba, and learning more about the history and geography of the province in which we live. In French class the students got in touch with emotions through learning about clowns, their clown pictures have been on display in the hallway. In E.L.A. the students have been working in groups to create puppet plays, they wrote the plays, made the puppets and the scenery. I am looking forward to each group's presentation of their puppet play.

This month it was the grade 3/4's turn to present at a weekly assembly. Our theme for the month was being a good citizen. The students wrote acrostic poems and presented a class compiled poem at assembly. Way to go 3/4 students for your display of citizenship!



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*Potato & Blossom Festival in Carman is June 13th & 14th
(Jacques Chenier, Bouncy Rides, Choo Choo Train, Dee
Dee the Clown etc. visit www.townofcarman.com*

Healthy Care Aide Certificate (RRC in Carman)

*Starts –Sept. 2008 at Midland Adult Education Centre.
Cost: \$1116.—745-2095*

*Athletes in Action will be at Roland School on June 9th for
Sports Blast. They will be taking each class to do a variety
of different sports/games.*

*Kids on the Block Puppet Show in Graysville . Whole
school will be travelling to Graysville School for the
morning.*

Please go to our wikiwebsite-<http://rolandelementaryschool.pbwiki.com>



Grade 5 & 6 Classroom Report

May has been flying by with Jump Rope, Running club, gardening, fundraisers, and so much more!! It has been great that the weather is finally starting to co-operate so that we can spend more time outdoors.

Grade 5 Poetry—We continue to do our poetry of the day. We have started to find a favourite author in Bruce Lansky poems Grade 5's have enjoyed his sense of humour.

In Math we have started our unit on fractions. We used geoboards to understand the concepts of fractions. We are now using our Quest and the computer to reinforce what we are learning. Don't forget about those homework folders.

In Social Studies we have moved on to studying about Nouvelle France (New France). We read some famous letters, discussed how the government worked, researched Chief Donnacona, and we have also watched a video about the history of the colonies.

In Phys Ed classes we have been working on throwing and catching skills in the gym, playing t-ball with K-4, and baseball skills with gr.5/6.

In Health we are talking about goal setting. Ask your child what goal they have set for themselves. We talked about how the goal needs to be something they can achieve and measure.

In French we continue our unit on Les extraterrestres. (the aliens) We just learned a song/game called Bonjour Monsieur, Bonjour Madame. Ask your child to sing it to you! We also play games to learn our vocabulary words and read about our alien character in our Visage. We plan to create a children's story in French to share with the younger grades.

Reminders to gr. 5/6 hand their Donelli fundraiser for RHSPAC and the China fundraiser for Canadian Red Cross to the office.