



# Roland School Newsletter

## Fire Prevention Presentation

*We would like to thank Mr. Bud Stuart and Mr. Glen Bartley for coming in and speaking to the students about fire safety, during this, Fire Safety Month. Their presentation included a video featuring "Nero and Ashcan" two characters that told students what to do to prevent fires or in case of fire. Glen showed the students how firefighters dressed and as they were able to watch him dress, the little ones were not afraid of what he looked like when he was finished.*

*Questions about what to do in case of a fire, and whom to call were answered. Mr. Stuart explained to the students how important it is they know their address. Students who live on the farm need to learn their section / township / range or legal description of the land to help rescue teams arrive quickly. Children understood that the fire department could also help in case of other emergencies.*

*Knowing where the exits are and how to escape in case of fire was discussed. The importance of making a family plan and having a family meeting place in case of fire should be discussed in all families.*

*Thanks again to Glen and Bud for their excellent presentation.*

## World Record Walk—Oct. 3

On October 3, 2007 Roland School participated in the World Record Walk. We started out at 11:30 a.m. and walked for 1 km around town. The World Record Walk is a 1 km walk that aims to create a culture of walking in Canada by starting a Walkolution. Walkable communities are safe for our children, good for our health, and are environmentally friendly. To kick-start the Walkolution, we are going to break the Guinness world record for the most people walking 1 km simultaneously.

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### Special points of interest:

- © A Big Thank You to Roland Cubs and Scouts for a donation of \$500.00 to our school. We are going to purchase a classroom set of Roland School T-Shirts and put the rest towards our Breakfast Program.
- © Also another Big Thank You to Melva Burnett for her donation of all the home baked cookies supplied for the Terry Fox Walk.
- © November Calendar

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## Book Fair—Oct. 16th & 17th

Our Book Fair was held on October 16th and 17th . We sold \$853.90 worth of books. We have now added some new books to our school library with the profit from the book sales. The winner of the family draw went to Austin and Taylor Reimer and each of their classrooms received some new books also.

Thank you to everyone who came out and supported our Book Fair.

## Early Dismissal—Oct. 24th

*On October 24, 2007 we had an early dismissal. The teachers met after school to discuss creativity in the classroom and in our school and what it looks like. We watched a video of Sir Ken Robinson. He is a speaker from the UK that promotes creativity in the classroom and brings up many points about how creativity can be seen in the class and how some classes undermine it.*

*After the video we had a short discussion about ways that we see creativity in Roland Elementary. Some ideas that we had were that we have Christmas concerts, art work is displayed, and the students are welcome to perform at weekly assemblies. It's very important to develop relationships, so that children feel secure and are able to grow and become creative. We see that kids are working on things together and interacting with each other. Activities like Book Buddies and special events. Allow students to follow their own interests in projects. Diversity in assignments, diversity in reading material and ways to share what they've learned. Students are put into a leadership role. They need to be creative in coming up with the ideas, within reason.*

*Roland Elementary is doing many things to promote creativity within the school. We realize that many students have different learning styles and need to address this when planning our lessons. We want the students to feel secure and that they can take risks in the classroom. It was a valuable discussion.*

## Healthy Snack Week—Oct. 15th—Oct. 19th

*The school provided a healthy snack for all the children on the dates of October 15<sup>th</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup> during the morning recess. On Monday Mr. Dennis and the grade 5-6 class prepared and served the students trail mix and an apple. On Tuesday the grade 5-6 class prepared and served the students cream cheese on a bagel and a Christmas orange. Ms. McIntosh and the grade 3-4 class served crackers, cheese and fruit on Wednesday. On Thursday Mrs. Wainikka and the grade five students prepared and served fruit and dip. Mrs. Kent ended our week of healthy snacks with parfaits made from yogurt, granola, and fruit.*

## Kindergarten Klips—Mrs. Gray

Hello Everyone. Our class has been very busy this past while. We have learned three letters, their sounds and how to print them. The letters are P-Polly Panda, U-Uncle Upton and O-Ollie Ostrich. Ask your children about these letters and their sounds and gestures. You probably saw our police hats that we made for the letter P. The children really enjoyed showing these off to the rest of the school. We have also started learning how to make some of our numbers. We have finished working on our colours and shapes. By the way our colouring skills are steadily improving. We work on our counting skills daily and we are also practising counting backwards from 10. Hope to see you all at Parent Interviews in November.

## Grade One & Two Classroom Report—Sheila Kent

*October is coming to a close and it's hard to believe that our second month of school has gone by. This month the students have been thinking about all of the things that they are Thankful for and 'giving thanks' by writing and sending Thank you notes to various people.*

*We have been caught-up in the adventures of Brad and Sean of "barewilderness". We watched the posted videos and came to appreciate the bravery of these two men as they struggled to survive against the elements of an unforgiving wilderness.*

*In Math the Grade Two students have continued to work on 'conditioning facts' strategies as well as data gathering. The Grade Ones have been practicing counting, and patterning.*

*We have started our first Science theme. 'Daily & Seasonal Changes' explores the changes in the environment that happen daily as well as over time. Since this is the beginning of Fall we have been discussing 'Seasons'.*

*In Spelling the Grade Ones have been reviewing letter sounds and learning to focus on the beginning and ending sounds of words. They have been learning to form each letter studied correctly and have been printing them in their printing booklets. Grade Twos continue to develop their sight vocabulary and practice words with ch, sh, th, and wh.*

*Until, November.*

## Grade Three & Four Classroom Report—Miss McIntosh

*As a class the grade three's and four's came up with everything that was exciting and new in the month of October and we wrote this newsletter together! The book fair was something that was very exciting in our room because Austin won a \$25.00 gift certificate for books in our classroom. We received three books that we plan on reading aloud in class. Way to go Austin!*

*We're also very excited to be writing our Fall/Halloween stories in Writers' Workshop. Some students are flying through their web, draft and final copy process. I can't wait to see the finished products! We've also started a new shapes unit in math. We are studying 3D shapes and having lots of fun playing SHAPO and learning our shapes! Our new unit in French is 'Les Animaux de Compagnie' or pets. We've been busy making posters of our pets and singing our French song 'Mes Chers Amis'. In our Globaltrek program we have just finished making boats and filling them with rice to see if they float or sink. We really enjoyed ourselves learning that water is one of the most important things in Thai life. In science we are finishing up our Habitats and Community unit with a research project. We are all busy finding information about our animals.*

*We would like to thank the grade five and six class for organizing Healthy Snack Week. We thought the snacks were delicious and that you did a great job!*

*Just a reminder that the students have daily homework to be done in their agendas and weekly book reports due in their Home Reading. Thanks!*

## Grade Five & Six Classroom Report—Mrs. Wainikka

It is hard to believe it is almost November. The gr. 5/6 class has been very busy again this month.

Grade 5 – In math we have been working on representing and showing numbers. We played a calculator game where we needed to know the place value of each number in order to play the game. We continue to do our math problems, mental math strategies, and multiplication facts every math class.

In Poetry, we have been reading riddles on the computer. We have learned the steps involved in writing a riddle and we will be publishing our work. We will be reading and writing limericks next.

In Social Studies, the grade 5's finished doing some research on the wikipedia web site to find out about Arctic plants. We have also been reading First Nation's stories and we will be finding out about animals that may have lived during the Ice Age.

In our combined Social Studies with the grade 6 class, we have continued to study the map of Canada, provinces and capitals, and regions of Canada.

In Health the grade 5/6 class have discussed the fitness components and how physical activity and healthy living help our daily life. We also are entering a coloring contest that emphasizes the new Canada Food Guide. These will be due in Nov.

We are still working on the Les T-shirt unit in French. We interviewed each other, in French about our favorite winter/summer activities. We then designed a t-shirt for our partner. They are posted on our bulletin board.

The class has been fascinated with following the progress of Conor's dad on his adventure recently. We watch the "barewilderness" videos whenever they have been posted on the site. We have sent Brad and Sean emails commenting, asking questions, and wishing them good luck. Thank-you to Brad and Sean for allowing our class the opportunity to be part of your adventure. It was fascinating.

Phys. Ed. – Grade 5/6 class have been playing volleyball in gym. We have practicing our skills – bumping, setting, serving. We have played a game called King's court in teams of 3. Just a reminder to students to have their gym clothes for every gym class and to keep their PALs up to date.

Grade ¾ class have also been practicing volleyball skills and playing King's court.

Grade ½ class has been working on balance and movement skills.

K class have been practicing safety rules, manners, finding our own space, and ball exploration.

Healthy Minds – We are looking for donations of jam, margarine, and fruit for the breakfast program. Thank you!

## Grade Five & Six Classroom Report—Mr. Dennis

### **English Language Arts**

*In Reader's Workshop the students are picking strategies to work on in order to improve their fluency and comprehension.*

*In Writer's Workshop the students are learning how to pick good ideas to write about and they are writing stories to practice this trait in their writing.*

*Spelling – Every Monday is our spelling pre-test day and Friday is our posttest. Each week the students bring home their spelling list words in their Home School Journals. This list should go on the fridge so that the students can practice the words they spelled incorrectly. A little while ago I sent home a sheet of paper called “How to Study A Word” to help students learn how to learn how to spell words. Students are required to write their words in cursive writing. Students also practice words throughout the week that they did not write legibly.*

*Cursive Writing - Students are expected to write in cursive writing verses printing in grade 5-6.*

**Mathematics** - *The grade six students have completed the unit on Relationships and Graphs and they have started working on the unit Exploring Large and Small Numbers.*

**Social Studies** – *The grade six students have just finished studying World War I and next they will be learning about the social changes that occurred between 1919 and 1945*

**Science** – *In Science the grade 5-6 students have completed the unit on Weather.*

**Character Education** – *We are learning about being and expressing thankfulness to encourage our student's character development as part of our character education program.*

**Computer** – *The students are working on their keyboarding skills using Ultra Key.*

**Homework** – *The grades 5-6 students need to work on mastering their spelling words and they should read for a minimum of 15 minutes a day as homework. It is best if they have a time and a location to do their homework each day. One idea that has worked for many parents is for students to have a snack after they get home and then do their homework before going out to play. Kids that ride the bus might try to do their work on the bus ride home.*

## Dear Parents,

This year marks the 10th anniversary of the Campbell's Labels for Education program, and with your help, Roland School can make this the best year ever! The Labels for Education program is a great way to earn FREE merchandise for our school, and label collection and redemption is so easy.

Participation in the program is simply save the labels from eligible Campbell's products and send them to the school. Products eligible for redemption in the program include:

- Campbell's soups-including Chunky, Ready to Enjoy and condensed soups, and Ready to Enjoy broths.
- Prego Sauces
- Campbell's Chunky Chili
- Pepperidge Farm Goldfish crackers
- V8
- Selected Campbell's Foodservice products.

Triple your efforts by asking family and friends to collect labels on behalf of our school.

If you have any questions, or would like to help with our labels for Education collection drive, please contact our program coordinator, Connie Dueck at 343-2101. Don't forget to visit [www.labelsforeducation.ca](http://www.labelsforeducation.ca) for a complete listing of eligible products and more information about the program.

As the students were told at assembly we are having a label collection contest for the month of November. Collect as many labels as you can, put into an envelope or bag with child's name and hand into school by Friday, Nov. 30th to be eligible for the prizes.

Thank you for your ongoing support. Together with Campbells' Labels for Education we can build a better school for our children—one label at a time.

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**Dates to Remember:**

**November 1—Our first pizza day starts**

**November 5—No School Admin Day**

**November 9—Remembrance Day Service at School—  
3 p.m.**

**November 14—Grade 4—Hep B. Shots**

**November 15—Student-led Conferences—Evening**

**November 16— Student-led Conferences—Morning**

**November 16—No School**

**November 23—No School—SAG**

**November 28—Early Dismissal**