

# Roland School Newsletter

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## From the Principal's Desk

Welcome back everybody! It is hard to believe that we are again back into the swing of things at school. Roland School has been a busy place this September. It is great to be back and following a routine again. I look forward to another great year at Roland watching our students learn and grow and interacting with parents in many exciting projects as the year progresses. We continue to strive and meet our school motto: Together We're Better!

We would like to welcome some new faces to our school this year. Mrs. Hayley Minty – new Kindergarten teacher, Mr. Nathan Strange – new gr.  $\frac{3}{4}$  teacher, Mrs. Judy Myrglod – new Educational Assistant, Mrs. Gloria Froese – new music teacher, Miss Julie Klassen – new Social Worker. Welcome to Roland School!

Our school is always so clean and shiny to start off the school year – thanks to Mr. Edgar our dedicated custodian. We remind students to always change their outdoor shoes and put on indoor shoes to keep our school clean!

At our assembly we went over our school rules for behaviour and reminders about expectations. We discussed above the line behaviours like being co-operative, polite, working hard, and sharing.

Butterfly Garden – Roland School is fortunate enough to have a beautiful Butterfly Garden at our school, thanks to the efforts of PAC council. Students have been taking turns weeding and taking care of our garden.

Congratulations! Phys. Ed. classes have started and several students have been recognized for their hard work in the gym following our ABCD rules – act safe, be ready, co-operate, and do your best. Congratulations to Gabby, Rachel, Caden, Timmy, Gr.  $\frac{3}{4}$  class, Gr. 5/6 class, Danny, Jimmy, Jennifer, Paul W. , and Tyson. Keep up the great work and watch for more recognitions as the year goes on.

Winnipeg Harvest – On Sept. 24 the grade 5/6 students helped out at Roland United Church to load boxes of food to send to Winnipeg Harvest to help with needy families. Thank you grade 5/6 students!

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### Special points of interest:

- Open House—Sept. 24th—  
Information about school goals, the Roland School Wiki and new report cards for Grade 5 & 6.
- Terry Fox Walk—Sept. 25th—2:20 p.m.—Whole school walks to the pumpkin and back. Juice and Cookies to follow.
- Pizza and Hot Dog days begin Oct. 2. Pizza starts the first Thursday of Oct.
- Roland School T-shirts available. Call school for an order form if interested.

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## Book Fair

Once again Roland School is hosting a Book Fair. It will be held in the school gym on Wednesday, October 15th and Thursday, October 16th, from 3:00—4:30 in the afternoons and again in the evenings from 7:00—8:30. All proceeds from the fair go directly into purchasing books for the school library. Your child/ren will be given an opportunity to view the books and make any purchases. Please invite friends and family to come and attend the fair. There will be a draw for one family to win \$25.00 worth of books for their home. Please come out and support your children's school library.

## Divisional In-Service—Sept. 26

Roland Staff attended a divisional in-service at Carman Community Hall on September 26th.

The Speaker for the divisional in-service was a nationally recognized presenter, Dr. Martin Brokenleg. He is the Director of Native Ministries and Professor of First Nations Theology and Ministry at the Vancouver School of Theology in Vancouver, B.C. He serves as a Vice President of Reclaiming Youth International, providing training for individuals who work with youth at

risk. He holds a doctorate in psychology and is a graduate of the Episcopal Divinity School.

### The speaker's topic include:

- At Risk Youth—Difference and Sameness
- Creating a Positive Youth Culture
- Culture and Helping
- Culture in the Classroom
- Growing Your Own Kids
- Talking Circles as Spiritual Tools
- The Circle of Courage—Early Childhood
- The Circle of Courage
- The Effect of Family Experience on Resiliency
- The Goals of Life
- The Spiritual Needs of Youth

## Enrolment at Roland School

Enrolment at Roland School this year is 67 students..

Kindergarten—9 students

Gr. 1 & 2—23 students

Gr. 3 & 4—18 students

Gr. 5 & 6—17 students



# Kindergarten News

The children have been settling in to their new surroundings quite smoothly. We have been learning about the rules of the classroom and the school, and the meaning of 'Respect'. We start every morning off at carpet corner. This is our class meeting time, when we do our calendar and weather as well as discuss any news we may have.

We have been learning to work together in our centers. I have been opening up about three centers a day and splitting the children into different groups. This way they are sure to play with different children which will help them get to know one another. So far we have opened the house center, bead table, art center, library, and Lego center.

After each recess the class meets at carpet corner and we read a story or two. This helps to settle the children back into the classroom after playing outside. So far we have been reading stories about starting school and manners. The favorite story of the class was *The Kissing Hand*, which is a book about Chester raccoon, who is unsure about starting school. We were surprised to find that Chester had come to our classroom when we were away and left us a scavenger hunt around the school which eventually led us back to a class treat. This really helped the students become familiar with the school.

In ELA we follow a program called Animated Literacy. This program introduces us to different letters through songs, movement, and puppet stories. So far we have been introduced to Polly Panda (P) and Uncle Upton (U). In math we are working on number recognition and we have touched somewhat on patterns using people and objects. In science we have begun with colors, and the children have created color books, which will be saved for their portfolios.

I would like to thank all the parents for sending in notes with the agenda's and keeping the lines of communication open. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Hello!!!

My name is Hayley Minty and I am the new Kindergarten teacher at Roland School. I was born and raised in Carman Manitoba on my family's farm with my younger brother Brett. I attended both elementary school and high school in Carman. When I was 19 I moved to Winnipeg to take the two year Early Childhood Education program at Red River, so that I could work in a Day care. Once I completed the program I decided to go further in my education, so I moved to Brandon to attend the education program at Brandon University. I graduated last May and then I spent May and June teaching grade 5 and 6 at Graysville School. I was excited when the K position became available because I have always enjoyed working with this age group and have had lots of experience from my day care work. I was recently married, and now my husband and I live in Carman with our dog Sophie. I am ecstatic about starting my teaching career at Roland School.



## Grade 5 & 6 Classroom Report—Mrs. Wainikka

September has been a busy month so far at Roland School. The grade 5/6 class have been getting back into routines and I am excited for a great year. I will be teaching grade 5/6 poetry, vocabulary builders, computer, French, and Phys. Ed. and Health, and Art. Every Day 2 and 6 for the first two periods we work on a poem theme and vocabulary words. We have been studying and writing Haiku and Cinquain poems. In our vocabulary we have been learning about personality words like humane, modest, etc. We will also be using freerice.com as a vocabulary game where every vocabulary word we get correct, rice is donated to needy countries in Bangladesh.

In computer we have started our epearl portfolios and we will be adding new artifacts this week. Ask your child to show you their portfolio at home.

In French we have started our unit on Natalie au Quebec. It is about a girl that goes to Quebec and learns to speak French.

In Phys. Ed. we have done our mile run as our endurance fitness test and we have been practicing soccer skills and low organized games.

In Health we have talked about respect and how to treat oth-

ers respectfully. The Lion's Quest program will parallel our work in Health. The first unit has been Building a School Community where we have interviewed each other and created Buddy Bags where each student has a secret buddy for one week. Each secret buddy needs to do nice things for their partner for one week.

In Art we created fall motif candles using real leaves and bees wax candles.

## Gr. 3 & 4 Classroom Report—Mr. Strange

Dear Grade 3 / 4 parents and students;

Isocrates once said "to teach is to learn twice"; this quote has been especially true for me so far this year. This is my first time in a grade 3 / 4 classroom and I have been learning right alongside the students; it has been amazing.

The grade 3 / 4 class is an inquisitive bunch with enthusiasm and energy. They ask great questions and come to school each and every day with the intention of learning and achieving. It is because of this energy that I have chosen to start the year with an Identity unit in ELA. The students have been able to show me who they are and have also learned a bit about me in the process. They have been exposed to some really great texts including "Diaries of a Wimpy Kid", "My name was Hussien" and "A Bad Case of the Stripes". Be sure to ask them about all of the great books that they are choosing and reading.

In Social Studies we have been studying our Identity as Canadians. We have been looking at things that define us as Canadians and set us apart from the rest of the globe. Each student has created a picture book to illustrate the words to O' Canada. It is impressive how creative they are and just how much they love their country.

Math has started with our Number Unit. The students have really benefitted from their previous math instruction. They all show interest and pride in knowing their place value, number comparison and greater than/ less than. Be sure to ask them about some "Math Magic" that they have learned; it is a fun way to practice math skills.

Science has been a great way to get outside and get dirty. Our soils unit has been very hands on and lots of fun. The students have created their very own compost to learn about how materials break down; luckily it hasn't stunk up the classroom!

French is another new subject for me and a lot of our students. We have been going over the basics through songs and worksheets. We are also learning to find new words in our French/English dictionary. The kids really have lots of fun with this subject!

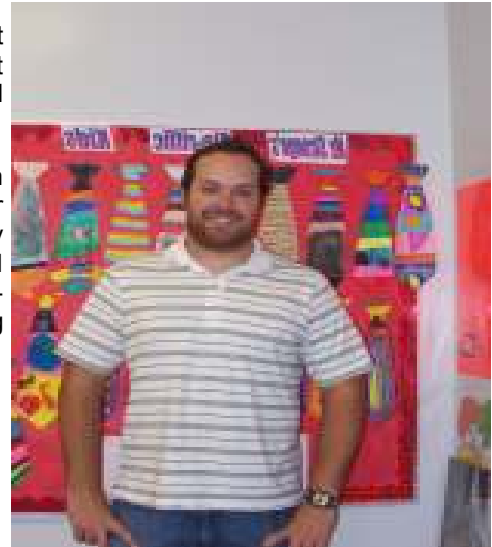
**That is a brief look at our great start to the school year! Check the Wiki for updates and always feel free to call if you have any questions, comments or concerns. See you in October!**

Dear parents;

My name is Nathan Strange and I am the Grade 3 / 4 teacher at Roland School this year. I have had the chance to talk to many of you at Open House, on the phone or just passing in the hallway at the school. I look forward meeting everyone before this school year is through.

I grew up on a farm 5 miles east of Craik Saskatchewan; a town that is not much larger than Roland. My father Wayne is a Grain Farmer and my mother Debbie is a Lab Technologist at the hospital in Craik. My younger sister Breanne is taking her grade 12 in Moose Jaw. Last year I taught in a Grade 6, 7 and 8 classroom at Starlite Colony. This past summer my wife Denise and I were married on August 2<sup>nd</sup>; she is teaching Grade 1 at Maple Leaf School in Morden.

Hopefully this brief write-up has given you an idea of who I am. Hope to see you around the school; have a great October!



## Grade 1 & 2 Classroom Report—Mrs. Kent

*4-H museum.*

*The Grade 1 & 2 students are beginning to settle down into their routines. We have a total of 23 students this year, 10 Grade One students and 13 Grade Two students. I appreciate the leadership the Grade Two students have taken in assisting the Grade Ones with learning our Opening Routines and keeping an eye on them when we are doing cross-graded tasks.*

*We have been looking at "Our Community" in Social Studies. We would like to thank Mrs. Myrtle Rudd for coming to visit us. Mrs. Rudd told us about Mr. Edgar VanWyck (the man behind the 'great pumpkin') and the*

*In Math the Grade Ones have been working on counting, and printing numbers. We have been learning to recognize numbers using the 'Power of 10' cards (looking at dot patterns). The Grade Two students have begun to learn addition strategies using the routine of 'conditioning facts'. This is meant to help them recall addition facts quickly and accurately. We have also been 'sorting' using different frames and establishing sorting 'rules'.*

*The Grade Twos have begun 'Spelling Tests'. We will look at various word patterns (words with 'ch' in them). A Study Sheet will be*

*sent home and parents are asked to help their child by having them complete it (if necessary) or practice their words with them. There is a great website off of our class wiki called 'Spelling City'. I will post the class words to study there and the students can use a variety of activities to help them practice their words. Words not spelled correctly on a Spelling Test will reappear the next week on their study sheet.*

*We are off to a roaring start, looking forward to a great year.*

*Sheila Kent*

## Mrs. Froese—Music Teacher

It is exciting to be in Roland as the music teacher. My role from Nursery School Teacher in Elm Creek to Music Itinerant (itinerant meaning travelling from place to place, so I'm thinking I like the sound of Music Gypsy better :) It will be a big stretch for me, one that I'm excited about and enjoying. I will be travelling between Miami, Roland,

Graysville and Elm Creek. I will have the opportunity to be in Roland every day 1, 3 and 6.

We have been enjoying some fall and back to school themes in music class. Another thing that is on the agenda is the annual Christmas Concert. We are planning to have a K - 3 Christmas concert this year. A tentative date has been set for December 4th so mark your calendar!

Before we can think about Christmas, we have some nice fall weather and activities to enjoy.

If there are any concerns please feel free to contact me.

Gloria Froese



## Gr. 5 & 6 Report—Mr. Dennis

**Reader's Workshop** - We are working on reading strategies every day to improve our reading comprehension and fluency. Our daily reading time is called SQUIRT; please check with your child to see what squirt means. **Writer's Workshop** - The students have begun to practice finding interesting ideas to write about, listing details, organizing their details, writing their first drafts and editing their work to improve their compositions. **Cursive Writing** - Students are expected to write in cursive writing much more in grades 5-6 verses printing. **Spelling** – We will have a spelling test every Friday or second Friday. We always start the week with a spelling pre-test. The students will be given a list of the spelling words to practice the words they got wrong for a few minutes each day at home. They should say the word, spell the word. and write the word 3-5 times each day. **Mathematics** – We will be finished our first unit called "Patterns, Relationships and Graphs, in about a week and then we will have a final test to assess the students cumulative learning. **Social Studies** – The students have been learning about Canada from 1867-1918. So far we have focused on Canadian geography. **Science** – In Science the students are about to complete their unit on simple machines. The students have created some very good machines.

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Please go to our new wiki website-<http://rolandelementaryschool.pbwiki.com>

Dates to Remember:

Oct. 3 -Picture Day—9:00 a.m.

Oct. 7—Bus Evacuation

Oct. 13th—No School. Thanksgiving

Oct.15 & 16th—Book Fair 3-4:30 & 7-8:30

Oct. 20—24th—Healthy Snack Week

Oct. 28th—Picture retakes

Oct. 29th—Early Dismissal

For families who need financial assistance for organized sports, there are Kidsport Applications available at Roland School.

Roland Nursery School will run in the kindergarten room of the Roland School again this year. Nursery School will run one morning a week from 9:00 to 11:30. Cost is \$7.10 per session. Subsidy is available. To register or for more information call April at 435-2725. The new Nursery School instructor is Kelly Enns from Carman.

Nursery School starts Sept. 30th in Roland School 9:00—11:30 a.m.

