



# KNIGHTS' NEWS

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AIMING FOR THE FUTURE

## MESSAGE FROM ADMINISTRATION

By the time parents are reading this newsletter, we will be pretty much half-way through February. This is a good time to sit down with your child and discuss the upcoming Mid Year examinations. The examinations are less than a month away and are scheduled as follows:

**Science—Wednesday, March 3.**

**Mathematics—Thursday, March 4.**

**Social Studies—Monday, March 8.**

**Language Arts—Tuesday, March 9.**

Below you will find some suggestions to help students achieve at their optimum level. It is recommended that initial studying for term examinations takes place well prior to the exam period.

## STUDY, HOMEWORK, AND DOING YOUR BEST.

One of the most common questions parents have is: What can we do to help our child improve their marks by the end of the year? There are several steps that can be followed which will ensure success not only at junior high, but at all grade levels. Using these steps at home will make a tremendous difference.

1. Have a set time to do homework as well as additional time set for study nightly.
2. Have a quiet and comfortable work environment.
3. Monitor to ensure that work/study is actually being done.
4. Remain available to assist if required.
5. Ensure studying occurs throughout the term rather than the night/week prior to exams.
6. When your child indicates they have no homework, they **Do Have** study and review of the day's, week's and term's work.
7. Development of positive work habits can only improve results.
8. Be in contact with the teachers through interviews, telephone calls, e-mail or notes and letters.
9. Studying is not just reading over the material, but also rewriting, redoing, practicing, discussing with others, **asking** as well as **answering** questions.

With the Family Day weekend upon us, Families should spend some quality time together, however, this might be a good time for students to start preparing for the Mid Year examinations.

## COUNSELLOR'S REPORT

Grade 9 parents: please be aware of the following high school planning dates:

1. Feb 10 Bev Facey Open House; 6:45 pm
2. Feb 17 Salisbury Open House; 6:30 pm
3. Feb 22 Salisbury Honours Meeting; 7 pm
4. March 15 Boundary Exemption forms to designated school\*
5. April 15 Boundary Exemption forms to school of choice\*
6. April 22 Bev Facey to register their students at Clover Bar;

Salisbury's date to be determined.

As a service to our students, high school counsellors will visit Clover Bar to conduct the registrations. The grade 9 students will be prepared for these registration dates well in advance; expect your child to share information with you throughout the month of March.

**\*Be aware that boundary requests must be submitted to your designated high school first, then upon processing, the boundary requests are to be submitted to your school of choice. It is very important that you understand this process; contact Mr. Fras if you have any questions.**

Boundary exemption forms are available at Clover Bar (in the office), on the Clover Bar website ([www.cloverbar.ca](http://www.cloverbar.ca)); the grade 9 students have been made aware of the the process.

Please contact me with any questions,

Mr. Bishu J. Fras  
School Counsellor

### CLASS 72!

Congratulations to all students in class 72 for raising \$243.77 during their bake sale on January 19 and January 20.

On Monday, January 11, 2010 class 72 was reading the magazine article, *Earthquakes, Rock the World*. Little did we know that, within hours, Haiti would be devastated by an earthquake. Two students, Taylor Antoniuk and Amanda Fallow-Wojcik, voiced the idea of hosting a bake sale to raise money to help the victims. It did not take long for all of class 72 to organize the event. We wrote poems, which served as a backdrop for our selling areas, developed posters, gave up lunch hours to supervise the tables and made guest announcements to promote our endeavor. Most importantly class 72 rolled up their sleeves and created many mouth-watering delicacies. Thank you to all parents who also cleaned out their kitchen or ran to the store to buy extra goodies.



## CTS NEWS!

Term 3 has just started for the grade 7 CTS students. Fashion Studies students have been given a letter to take home to parents with information about what the students will need for their sewing project. Any questions should be directed to Mrs. Salomons at bev.salomons@ei.educ.ab.ca or by calling Clover Bar school at 780 467 2295.

Since Christmas, many students have been missing school for various reasons. Missing a day of CTS can make it difficult for some students to complete their project. The end of term 2 is fast approaching. If your child has been on holidays or ill, please check with them to see if they are getting all the required work finished on time.

Students who are working on a knitting project, or who would like to learn how to knit, are invited to join Mrs. Salomons with their knitting on Thursdays during the lunch break. See Mrs. Salomons if there are any questions.

Bev Salomons

CTS Fashion Studies teacher

## RECIPE OF THE MONTH -An Oldie, but a Goodie...

### House of Wonders Cookies

#### Ingredients:

250 ml	Flour	5 ml	Baking Powder	2 ml	Salt
15 ml	Milk	125 ml	Shortening	15 ml	Sugar
2 ml	Vanilla	1	Egg, beaten	As desired- Jam	

#### Procedure:

1. Sift the dry ingredients together.
2. Cut shortening in with a pastry blender until quite fine.
3. Add the egg, milk & vanilla and stir gently with a fork.
4. Knead very lightly, just long enough to combine all ingredients.
5. Cover with saran wrap and refrigerate for about 1 hour.
6. Pre-heat the oven to 400°F
7. Lightly flour your work space.
8. Roll out cookie dough about 1 cm. thick.
9. Cut into small squares.
10. Put a small spoonful of jam into the middle of each square.
11. Fold up the corners of the dough to resemble the roof of a house.
12. Bake in the bottom of a muffin tin for about 10 mins or until light brown.



Yields: 1-2 doz (depending on size of squares)

Source: Reddy Makes Cookies (1955)

# DATES TO REMEMBER

## FEBRUARY

February 11	Interim Reports—Select Students
February 11	Newsletter Home
February 12	School Closure Day—No School
February 14	Valentine's Day
February 14	Chinese New Year
February 15	Family Day—No School
February 15-19	It's Great to be Canadian Week!
February 16-17	Grade 7 Band Trip
February 18	Capture Our Spirit Visit Norwood

## MARCH

March 1	Exam Study Week- No Night Homework (Classes continue as usual)
March 3	Early Dismissal
March 3	Food & Hat Day
March 3	House Colour Day
March 3	Mid Year Exam—Science (Grades 7, 8 & 9)
March 4	Mid Year Exam—Math (Grade 7, 8 & 9)
March 5	School Collaborative Day—No School
March 8	Mid Year Exam—Social Studies (Grade 7, 8 & 9)
March 9	Mid Year Exam—Language Arts (Grade 7, 8 & 9)
March 12	Newsletter Home
March 14	Day Light Savings Time Begins
March 16	Grade 6 Open House
March 16-18	EIPS Basketball Finals
March 17	Lollipop Sale
March 19-21	Ski Trip!
March 19	Report Cards Home
March 22	Student/Parent/Teacher Interviews—5:00-8:00PM
March 24	Student/Parent/Teacher Interviews—5:00-8:00PM
March 26	Interview in Lieu Day—No School
March 27-April 5	Spring Break!
April 6	Classes Resume After Spring Break

## 'CAPTURE OUR SPIRIT'!!!

We are excited to be presenting STARS Air Ambulance with a cheque for \$2616.44 later this month!!! We would have been over the \$3000 mark, but the Haitian catastrophe took precedence. We contributed close to \$600 in lollipop money to the Canadian Red Cross. We encourage everyone to continue their donations to aid agencies. We all have so much in comparison to the people of Haiti. Please help in the ongoing effort to feed the survivors and help them to deal with the horrific aftermath and rebuilding their lives!



## DID YOU KNOW???

February 14th-19th is 'Random Acts of Kindness' Week!!! The 'Capture Our Spirit' Team will be making every effort to engage in random acts during the week and 'make a difference' in the lives of students and staff at Clover Bar! It takes so little to impact the life of another. What will you be doing??

## 'WOW IS NOW NEWS'!!!

Are you all feeling 'Olympic' this month with the onset of the games in Vancouver?? We hope to 'capture the spirit' with the residents of the Alzheimer Care Centre with Olympic crafts and games this month.

Please note if you are a parent of a 'Wow Is Now' Team member, you are most welcome to join us on any of our weekly outings to the Care Centre. We are continually striving for 'gold' in our quest to forge meaningful relationships with these valuable folks.

## CHARACTER EDUCATION

The Character Education word for the month of February is Tolerance!

*"I used to think anyone doing anything weird was weird. Now I know that it is the people that call others weird that are weird"*

*Paul McCartney*



Please return this portion of the newsletter to the office  
By February 18<sup>th</sup> to be eligible to win a prize!

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Class \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_



## BAKING BASICS 9 NEWS!!

Baking Basic students are working on Cooking Shows. These projects are due on February 22 and require some work at home. Please support your students as they plan & film. Also, our NAIT field trip is coming up on February 26. Permission forms will be coming home this week.

## LIBRARY NEWS

We are in the final month of the Reading Olympics. February's theme is "Sports". Students can read books or magazines associated with the theme, then fill in entry forms to go into weekly draws to receive prizes. Also, we are competing with other local schools for the most number of entries. Students are encouraged to visit the display in the library for inspired reading!



We are planning a special **GRAPHIC NOVEL EVENT Thursday February 25<sup>th</sup>**. We will hold a **BOOK SALE** in the library over lunchtime (12:17 - 12:47 PM). Parents, teachers and students will be able to purchase a huge array of the latest comics and graphic novels from Happy Harbor Comics (HHC).

Also, many L.A. classes will rotate through the library to see a presentation by Jay Bardyla, owner of HHC. He will be joined by graphic artists to share the secrets of creating this unique narrative art form. They will also judge entries and award prizes for our **CREATE YOUR OWN SUPERHERO** competition. Students are invited to submit their **comic art entries** to the library by Feb 25<sup>th</sup>. We hope it will be an exciting event!

We encourage students to take an active role in shaping their library. Therefore, a special student advisory committee will help select graphic novels for purchase. Also, please encourage students to **bring money** on that day to take advantage of this great opportunity. If you have any further questions, don't hesitate to contact me.

Louise England

Clover Bar Library

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## CONGRATULATIONS!!

A big congratulations goes out to Kai Uhrig in homeroom 73!! Kai won the January Newsletter draw, and won a movie pass! To enter the draw, bring your signed entry form (found on the bottom of page 5) to the office by February 18!!



## BAND NEWS!

Willy Wonka during the matinees on February 1 - 3 the Clover Bar music students enjoyed the privilege of opening for . Several other small ensembles also provided entertainment for the intermissions during the evening shows. A special thank you to the drama department for the opportunity to perform as well as to the students for their excellent participation.

The grade 7 band students will have the opportunity to attend a music retreat at Camp Nakamun. This tour will take place February 16 - 17, 2010. The retreat is a great opportunity for the students to not only learn about music, but to also to learn a little more about themselves. The direct benefits which will be achieved from the musical activities will include improved tone, breathing, articulation, notation, technique, posture, musicality, motivation, and discipline.

Musically Yours,  
Darryl Webb



Win Ferguson Community School is proud to present  
a multimedia presentation for parents, educators, and all community members:  
**WHO ARE YOU**  
when you are not being watched?



Karen Hobbs from the Society for Safe and Caring Schools and Communities, will present this **FREE** multimedia session introducing **practical strategies and resources** to assist in **preventing and responding** to cyberbullying, a 24/7 hidden form of bullying.

**March 8, 2010 @ 6:45-7:45 p.m.**

Win Ferguson Community School, 9529 - 89 Street, Fort Saskatchewan.

For more information please call 780-998-1441.



