

# I.S.D. CONNECTIONS



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 MINISTER OFFICIALLY OPENS CAPITAL PROJECTS TOTALLING \$3.5 MILLION IN INTERLAKE SCHOOL DIVISION

Education Minister Nancy Allan joined local dignitaries, staff and students at Balmoral Elementary School and Stonewall Collegiate Institute in the Interlake School Division today to celebrate the official grand opening of two renovation projects totalling \$3.5 million.

"I am pleased to be in the Interlake region to officially open these capital projects. Our government is proud to invest in infrastructure projects like these, which improve the learning environment and help the students become more physically active," Allan said.

The minister dedicated the new library at Balmoral school, which serves 110 students from kindergarten through Grade 8. The \$1-million renovation project includes a new 1,500-square-foot library and computer room. The renovations also include space for a new 1,400-square-foot life-skills suite and administration area. The new Lois McKenzie Library is named in honour of a long-time local teacher. The new and renovated spaces will serve the current and future education needs of the kindergarten to Grade 8 students of the school, said Allan.

A bronze plaque was also unveiled at Stonewall Collegiate to commemorate renovations and an addition to the school gym. The 3,536-square-foot addition has increased the size of the original gym and added a fitness and mechanical room to better meet the current and future physical education needs of students, the minister said. About 672 grade 9 to 12 students a year will be able to enjoy the new gymnasium. This \$2.5-million project included replacement of a veneer wall and a new roof. The school division contributed almost \$185,500 towards the renovations.

These capital projects followed the design, environmental and energy requirements set out in the Manitoba government's Green Building Policy.

"I offer sincere best wishes to the board of trustees and the administration for their dedication and support in having these capital projects completed," said Allan. "These improvements will be enjoyed by all students and staff for many years to come."



Stonewall Centennial Grade 7 & 8 choral students, led by Bambi Rutherford, sing national anthem at Moose Game.



Minister Nancy Allan and Board Chair Fran Frederickson unveil a bronze plaque to mark the renovations and new additions to Stonewall Collegiate gym

If you are looking for information about Stonewall Collegiate and the programs offered, check out their website [www.isd21.mb.ca/SCI](http://www.isd21.mb.ca/SCI). Daily announcements are posted every day as well, so if you are trying to stay on top of what has been taking place or what is coming up... check it out!!



BRANT ARGYLE

Brant Argyle School is implementing a multi-level program this year. The difference between split grades and multi-level is that there are no grade levels. Programming for students is based on the curricula but students are on a continuum in each subject area. For example, students in the second multi-level classroom may be working on any outcome from the Grade 3-5 ELA curriculum. They may even be working on outcomes at the Grade 2 or 6 level.

As part of this project, we are piloting a Grade 5 outcome based report card. We sent out two Grade 5 report cards in November, the divisional report and our new

outcome based report card. The response from parents indicates a preference for the outcome based report card.

The multi-level philosophy is closely aligned with the concept of Universal Design and we have integrated the two programs to attempt to offer an inclusive program that engages all students in all subject areas. Universal Design is a system which provides for alternative formative assessment, and allows all students to show their understanding of concepts in a format that is based on their strong multiple intelligences. Students are expected to utilize all multiple intelligences throughout the year. In this way they are

able to succeed but are also challenged.

Cooperative groups are used so that older students or students who have mastered outcomes help teach concepts to other students. Leadership skills, cooperative skills, social and emotional skills are all taught and practiced in these groups.

The staff, students, and parents at Brant Argyle are on this journey together and student and parent input as to the success of the program is on-going.

Please call or come for a day if you are interested in learning more!

**School Cancellations**  
 Wind chill of  $-45^{\circ}\text{C}$  or greater, temperature of  $-40^{\circ}\text{C}$  or greater and inclement weather (blizzards, heavy snow, icy roads - generally unsafe driving conditions) will dictate cancellation of school buses and schools within the division. Please listen to your local radio station for cancellation information or check our website [www.isd21mb.ca](http://www.isd21mb.ca)

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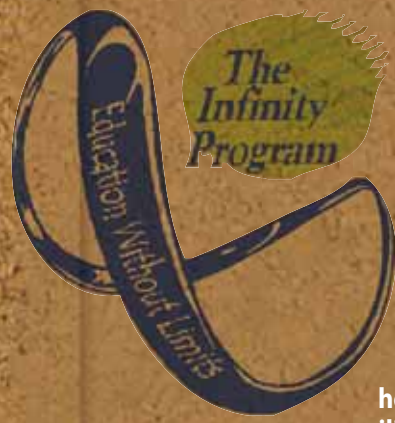


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AND PROSPEROUS  
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**STONEWALL COLLEGIATE INVITATION:**  
**Alcohol & other Drug Issues**  
Information for Parents and Communities  
Concerned about your young person?  
Seeking support for your family?  
Wanting to become more informed about  
the issues young people are facing in our  
community?

Please join us on  
**Thursday, January 20**  
at 7:00 - SCI Library



"It's more understanding to personal issues and feelings...that's a big factor in life and accomplishments."

The face of alternative education in the Interlake School Division has seen some changes. The Infinity Program (T.I.P) is a divisional program designed to provide the unengaged learner with an alternative place for education. The Infinity Program focuses heavily on the development of relationships and resiliency, and building on a base of values and empowerment within the student. The staff at Infinity support and encourage students to develop within three main areas of his or her life: home, school and community. The students appreciate the atmosphere which promotes independence and learning through a small student to staff ratio allowing for individual talents, strengths and passions to be explored and developed within an individualized mentorship capacity.

"The teachers talk to us and spend more one on one time... I get more work done and I'm not self conscious"

## Superintendent's Message

The 2010-2011 school year is well underway! Our students from Kindergarten to Grade 12 have embraced Social Justice, one of the division's goals. Students are doing amazing projects on local and world issues. They are being educated on becoming better global citizens. Many of these projects will be showcased to the Board of Trustees at the annual Showcase Day scheduled for April 7th, 2011.

The French Immersion Program at R. W. Bobby Bend School continues to grow. At this time there are 30 children registered in the French Immersion Kindergarten program for September 2011. In the 2011-2012 school year there will be French Immersion from Kindergarten to Grade 3. The division has committed to have a French Immersion program from Kindergarten to Grade 8, growing the program one year at a time.

You may have heard or read in the news recently about provincial report cards and students being required to stay in school until they reach 18 years of age. These new initiatives by the Manitoba Education will be shared with the Interlake School Division throughout the school year. Division staff will work closely with the Department to ensure that we have current assessment and reporting practices. Information will be shared with the community through their home schools as these initiatives move forward and information becomes available.

Finally, in an effort to improve communication and to ensure student safety, Interlake School Division is pleased to announce its subscription to SchoolConnects Automated Notification Service provided through Synervoice Technologies Inc. SchoolConnects can deliver a wide variety of school notices and reminders by phone and email to parents and staff at a very high speed. Examples include parent night invitations, report card distribution notices,

homework information messages, registration date reminders, school cancellation notices, etc. It will help enhance overall communication within our school community and improve our emergency preparedness. Although high schools have been using this system for several years, all of our other schools have only recently subscribed. As a result, Interlake School Division will utilize SchoolConnects to enhance student safety. When the Interlake School Division cancels school for storms or extreme cold, SchoolConnects will be used to notify all parents in the division. Parents will receive a prerecorded message, usually prior to 6:30 a.m. The system will only call the home telephone number as indicated on the Student Registration Form. This added measure of communication is to ensure the safety of all of our students. The division will continue its practice of notification to the designated radio stations as well as posting an announcement of cancellation on the division webpage [www.isd21.mb.ca](http://www.isd21.mb.ca). Parents that do not want to receive phone calls or emails from SchoolConnects can opt out of the service by notifying their child(ren's) school(s). The intention of SchoolConnects is not to replace school-to-parent direct communication, but rather to disseminate important information to parents in a timely manner and to ensure student safety.

On behalf of Assistant Superintendent Christine Penner and myself, I wish one and all a joyous festive season.

Respectfully,

Superintendent/CEO



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On October 15th eight students from Teulon Collegiate attended We Day in Vancouver. These grade eleven and twelve students, along with 18,000 other Canadian youth, were treated to a day of inspiration at Roger's Arena. Speakers such as Al Gore, Martin Sheen and the Rev. Jesse Jackson encouraged students to make positive change in their world. Rock bands Hedley and the Bare Naked Ladies also shared the stage and the message to get involved and be aware.

Craig and Marc Kielburger, founders of 'Free the Children' are at the heart of this day. Their foundation is built on three principles: educate, engage, empower. Over the last fifteen years, together with students across Canada, they have built 650 schools around the world and last year alone logged over 1,000,000 hours of volunteer time. Teulon Collegiate has pledged to be a 'WE

School of Action! This means they have committed to take one global and one local action over the course of the school year. The Reverend Jesse Jackson powerfully stated, "People say you are the future but you are our right now." The next step for these eight students is to come up with a plan of action for the upcoming year, keeping in mind that Free the Children's local spotlight this year is on Aboriginal Education. Students also plan on sharing this experience with schools in the Interlake. TCI would love to see participation in this program grow within the division.

If you would like to learn more about Free the Children go to [www.freethechildren.com](http://www.freethechildren.com).

## We Day - Vancouver



## Rosser Elementary



On November 19, 2010, the Grade 3 and Grade 4 class from Rosser Elementary School presented at the Social Justice: Educating for ACTION Conference sponsored by the Manitoba Association of School Superintendents. The students shared their journey toward a sustainable school in both word and song. Their presentation included the following: how they helped the environment by completing 4000 projects to earn Earth 4 status in the SEEDS foundation, how they help children locally and globally by raising money for school supplies, how they organized a book sale to support libraries in Africa and northern Manitoba, and how they made comforters for Haitian children. After the students' presentation, Ms. Rutherford spoke to the audience to encourage them to return to their schools and make a difference.

## Stony Mountain School

The Grade 8 students of Stony Mountain School worked as a team to collect winter socks for the Cardinal Foundation's annual sock drive for Siloam Mission. Men's socks were needed the most. The students made a presentation at the October assembly challenging students, parents and staff. Their goal was to collect one pair of socks for every student and staff member in the school. A daily collection and tally from classrooms (from November 1 - 15) resulted in an excess of 320 pairs of socks, surpassing their anticipated goal (214 students and 35 staff members). On November 15th, six large boxes of socks were delivered and were very well received and appreciated.



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## SPORTS NEWS

- Stonewall Collegiate's Golf team, coached by Mr. Dow, was successful in winning the Provincial Championship held on September 24th in Portage la Prairie
- SOCCER - The girls team from Stonewall Collegiate, coached by Mr. Charlie Cooke, had a very successful season culminating in a Provincial Championship in Swan River the weekend of October 15th - 16th. The boys team coached by Mr. Victor Andrade and Ms. Andrea Prigroski also had a great year, finishing second in the Province at Provincials.
- Grosse Ile School captured the small school banner at the Interlake School Division middle years Cross Country meet held October 15th at Green Acres Park in Teulon!
- FOOTBALL - The move the RAMS made into the Winnipeg High School Football League was a very good one!! They had a very successful first season as they advanced to the semi-finals on the Andy Currie Division. The significant time and effort put into this program by their coaches allowed this move to the city to be a very positive experience. A big THANK YOU to Mr. Mitch Obach, Mr. Mike Schoofs, Mr. Mark Grindey, Mr. Bill Howe, Colin Howe, Garrett Labelle and Kyle Kelpin

Well Done Teams!

