



"The staff and students of Rosser Elementary are no strangers to commitment! For close to a decade, their genuine concern for social justice and the environment have been the primary focus behind their engagement. Determined as they are to make the world a better place, this small, rural school of 39 students from K-4 is dedicated to helping those in need through Kids Care and Share, Operation Christmas Child, the Terry Fox Foundation, Stonewall Christmas Cheer, Northern Libraries, Disaster Relief and countless other worthwhile causes.

Manitoba's Celebration of Excellence in Teaching recognizes the exceptional efforts of truly outstanding teachers who, in collaboration with colleagues, students, and the community bring about change locally and globally"

These were the words of Honourable Nancy Allan, Minister of Education as she presented the Minister's Award for Team Collaboration to Dayna Quinn-LaFleche, Margaret Wonko and Wendy Fielder of Rosser Elementary School. The presentation was made at a special luncheon at the Manitoba Legislature on April 15, 2010. The Rosser Elementary Parent Advisory Council nominated their staff for the award. In the nomination, Mr. Miles MacFarlane, a parent, wrote about the truly exceptional commitment and leadership of these staff members who, on a daily basis, "build and nourish among the students a clear sense that everything is possible and that individual actions from a small group can have a considerable impact on the Earth." The award recognized not only work in Social Justice that the school does, but also the environmental focus that the school has illustrated in recently achieving Earth 4 status.



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For more information call
Interlake School Division
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Showcase Day

The second annual "Showcase" of school programs was held by the Interlake School Division Trustees on April 8, 2010. There were a total of 17 presentations done at the K – 6 level throughout the day and into the evening.

The Showcase was an amazing display of just how many wonderful things are going on in our schools. Presentations were 5 – 20 minutes in length, and were done by school staff, or the students themselves. Programs varied widely, and covered topics such as:

- Citizenship – Cashing in Good Character; Jar of Hope; People to People Leadership Program
- Student Engagement – Multiple Intelligences: Engaging the Learner; Stack 'Em Up; The Wild Snack Shop; Chess Club; I Love to Read Month Activities; Student Engagement in Basic French
- Language Arts – Flat Stanley Project; Speakeasy Presentations
- Math – Making Math Meaningful
- Technology – Bamboo Tablets
- Healthy Living – Healthy Buddies
- Social Justice – Taylor Hannah Curriculum & Multi-Cultural Unit; Stockings for the Homeless Project

Our Showcase Day was a reminder to all that the Interlake School Division staff not only provides the "basics" in our schools, but also facilitate student engagement in all areas.



Superintendent's Message

As the 2009-2010 school year draws to a close, students in middle years and high school are preparing for exams and graduation. The school year, for me as a first-year superintendent, has flown by. I can hardly believe we are into the last weeks of the school year.

The division's two goals, *Engaging Students* and *Education Sustainable Development*, have had a tremendous impact on our staff and students this year. In September 2009 Assistant Superintendent Chris Penner and myself visited all 21 of our schools and spoke to the students on what student engagement is, and discussed the pillars of Educational Sustainable Development:

- i. Environment Responsibility
- ii. Economic Responsibility
- iii. Social Responsibility

Our divisional inservice day in September began with a speaker who spoke to our teachers on how they can make their classrooms more engaging to students. We surveyed students on what they thought an engaging classroom looked like. We also surveyed our staff on what educational sustainable initiatives they are involved with at their schools. We will use this data to help our staff plan for meaningful professional development and support as they work with the students, preparing them for a world that is rapidly changing. We will also launch our Educational Sustainable Development webpage during the summer. This webpage will showcase the many activities taking place throughout the division.

Our French Immersion Program will enter into its third year, with the division offering a full grade two class in 2010-2011. Currently we have a full class of kindergarten and grade one. The Board of Trustees is committed to having a French Immersion Program up to grade eight. As this is a divisional program, school of choice forms are not required if you reside outside the Stonewall catchment area. Transportation will be offered if you meet an existing route to R. W. Bobby Bend School. It should be noted that entry into the French Immersion Program can take place at kindergarten or grade one. For more information on this program please contact Mr. Greg Ross, Principal (467-5502).

The division is very pleased at the support it received from the Public School Finance Board. The Stonewall Collegiate gym expansion totalled \$2,500,000.00. The gym was expanded by an additional one-third of its original space. It features a new wood floor allowing for three full volleyball courts, and a fitness room fully equipped with new training equipment. Balmoral's addition totalled \$950,000.00. The school now has a state-of-the-art grooming room and a beautiful new library. Plans are being made for a September 2010 grand opening at each location. The Minister of Education hopes to be in attendance.

To all the families and community members within the division, I want to wish you a very pleasant summer.

Respectfully,

Superintendent/CEO



Centennial School is pleased to present "freshaircinema"-
an Outdoor Movie experience:

When : Thursday June 24th

Time: Sunset

Where: Centennial School 'grounds'

What: Movie will be chosen by the students

Cost: \$5.00 per person

BYOC – Bring your own Chair

Concession stand will also be open and items will be available to purchase.



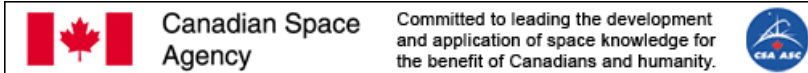
Hope to see you there!

Happenings in the division..

Happenings in the division..

Space Knights Club at Woodlands Elementary

This year Woodlands Elementary teacher Mrs. Nickel started up a space camp for kids at school. There were 15 students from grade 5 – seven who signed up to be part of the club. Students met once a week during their nutrition break to learn about space exploration, Canadian innovations in space, and unique science activities about space. Some of the activities the students enjoyed were: designing their own logo for the club and their T-shirts, and the Canadian Space Agency Tomatosphere project. Students watched the seeds grow and it encouraged dialogue about the elements of life support requirements for space missions - food, water, oxygen and the need to consume carbon dioxide exhaled by crewmembers. Traveling to and from Mars - the closest planet to Earth - could take almost three years. It's imperative to know how to grow food for the journey there, the stay on Mars and the return journey. The results from **the Tomatosphere science experiments** will help scientists to understand some of the issues related to long-term space travel. At the end students received a certificate of participation signed by Canadian Astronaut Robert Thirsk. The students also designed and built their own planet and did presentations on their planet, along with building rockets and robots for space. Mrs. Nickel applied for and received a Government Science grant of \$1000, which allowed her to purchase books, club shirts, a rocket launcher, soil and pots for the tomatoes and planet building materials. This grant also allowed her to take field trips to the University of Manitoba to build space robots, and the Museum of Man and Nature to build rockets and experience the astronaut training simulator.



4-H and Healthy Eating

On April 23rd and April 27th, four members of the Balmoral 4-H club presented their project "Healthy Living" to Balmoral Elementary and Grosse Isle Schools. Both schools received funding through a Healthy Schools Healthy Eating grant. The group included Bailey Meyers, Brooke Duncan, Brittany Soroka, and Shaniah Warren, all students at SCI. Their leader is Janet Meads, library clerk and educational assistant at Balmoral. Their project included a power-point presentation on good nutrition, a WiiFit yoga station, and a food station with healthy alternatives such as hummus, bean chocolate chip cookies and lentil granola bars. This experience provided a valuable leadership opportunity for the 4-H members. In addition, all students learned the importance of nutrition and physical activity for people of all ages.



Happenings at Stony Mountain

Students at Stony Mountain School certainly aren't just sitting in desks in the school building - they're on the move! Our students are more actively involved in their education through the Student Engagement goal as well as through extra-curricular activities. We can't discuss all of these activities in this article, so we'll just focus on two of them.

The Running Program

Once again, Stony Mountain has a vibrant running club. It started a number of years ago when Mr. Koch initiated it and has been kept active through the efforts of Mrs. Mitchell. Right after Spring Break, the students began running the streets of Stony Mountain every Monday, Wednesday and Friday during the nutrition break. Approximately 70 students are trying to reach the 26 mile mark total in conjunction with Countdown 26, sponsored by Manitoba Marathon. Each student runs between one and two miles per day and tallies their runs until they attain the 26 mile goal.

On Wednesday, April 28, 62 students took part in the Manitoba Jog in the Park. They joined other students from all parts of Manitoba and jogged around Assiniboine Park for a great day of physical activity.



The Stony Mountain Live Program

Stony Mountain School offered a Learning in Various Endeavors (L.I.V.E) program for our grade seven and eight students in the 2009-2010 school year. The goal of the L.I.V.E. program was to engage our students in activities they may not have been exposed to otherwise. The activities included drama and 'claymation' classes, hunter's safety, hip hop dance, a fitness boot camp, bowling, health and beauty for young women, zumba dancing, kickboxing for fitness and self defense, and a trip to mini university.

It was our hope that this program would have our students feel more engaged in school, as well as have them develop some life-long interests to keep them active and healthy. The L.I.V.E. program was funded by the New Initiatives Grant from the Interlake School Division.



Brant-Argyle School Manitoba Hydro Power Smart CFL School Program*

One hundred schools across Manitoba will be participating this spring, delivering energy efficient lighting packages to over 60,000 homeowners. Students and staff were very excited that our school was one of the schools chosen to participate in the Power Smart* School Program! This was in celebration of Earth Day.

In April, Manitoba Hydro sent a representative out to present a power point presentation about energy efficient lighting. After the presentation, students assembled canvas bags that included two free Compact Fluorescent Lights (CFLs), a letter to homeowners explaining the initiative, and information on energy efficient lighting.

The students walked throughout the community in groups, supervised by school staff, hanging the bags on door knobs of homes in the town of Argyle. Manitoba Hydro will send the school a cheque in the amount of \$0.50 for every package delivered!

This was an excellent opportunity to learn about energy efficient lighting and raise classroom funds while helping the community and the environment.

Mrs. Fuerst
Brant-Argyle School

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**OPERATING FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND ACCUMULATED SURPLUS**

For the Year Ended June 30

	2009 Actual	2009 Budget	2008 Actual
REVENUES			
Provincial Government	20,235,520	19,281,392	19,265,186
Municipal Government	9,056,390	9,893,126	8,910,700
Other School Divisions	54,953	40,000	45,426
Private Organizations and Individuals	226,483	176,075	213,313
Other Sources	<u>122,947</u>	<u>74,407</u>	<u>136,026</u>
	29,696,293	29,465,000	28,570,651
EXPENDITURES			
Regular Instruction	16,132,896	16,305,000	15,757,297
Exceptional	4,587,331	4,700,000	4,309,828
Community Education and Services	138,345	110,000	117,680
Divisional Administration	1,066,415	1,039,000	1,043,807
Instructional and Pupil Support Services	1,133,875	1,138,000	1,064,646
Transportation of Pupils	1,949,915	1,933,000	1,925,141
Operations and Maintenance	3,416,943	3,115,000	3,512,233
Fiscal	<u>483,650</u>	<u>550,000</u>	<u>487,163</u>
	28,909,370	28,890,000	28,217,795
Current Year Operating Surplus (Deficit)	786,923	575,000	352,856
Less: Net Transfers to Capital Fund	<u>(724,340)</u>	<u>(575,000)</u>	<u>(455,203)</u>
NET CURRENT YEAR SURPLUS(DEFICIT)	(62,583)	0	102,347
Accumulated Surplus Beginning of Year	1,092,508		1,194,855
Accumulated Surplus End of Year	<u>1,155,091</u>		<u>1,092,508</u>

BUDGET AT A GLANCE 2010-2011

The Board of Trustees of the Interlake School Division approved the 2010-2011 school year operating budget, at the board meeting on Monday, February 22, 2010, with an investment of \$31,256,000 in public education.

2009 was a Manitoba property reassessment year, the first reassessment in four years. Reassessment will now occur every two years to avoid large fluctuations in property values. Properties within the Interlake School Division's boundaries saw an average increase of 43% in assessed value. The impact of reassessment and school taxes on area residents depends upon the relative increase of an individual property compared to the area's average increase, with some residents experiencing increases and some experiencing decreases. Though the Board has no control over assessed values, it endeavored to minimize the impact on residents by controlling the Division's costs.

The Division will receive a guaranteed two percent additional operating revenue from the government for the 2010-2011 fiscal year. The budget that was approved took advantage of the Government's Tax Incentive Grant (TIG) in the amount of \$907,502 that assisted the Division in maintaining the 2010 special levy at the 2009 level. As a result, the division will have a mill rate for 2010 of 15.40.

Regular classroom pupil / teacher ratios for 2010-2011 are estimated at 20.73 students across the Division which lowers the ratio from the current 2009-2010 pupil/ teacher ratio at 21.12.

The Board of Trustees held their annual public meeting on February 18th at Stonewall Centennial School to present the draft budget. The 2010-2011 budget presented is a status quo budget which maintains the current level of programming and services.