



Stony Mountain School



May Newsletter 2017

Kindergarten-Fall 2017:

Have you registered your child for Kindergarten? Children born in the year 2012 are eligible for Kindergarten for the 2017-2018 school year. To register please call:

Stony Mtn. School
@ 204-344-5459

Thank You Volunteers!

Thank you to our
April
volunteers!

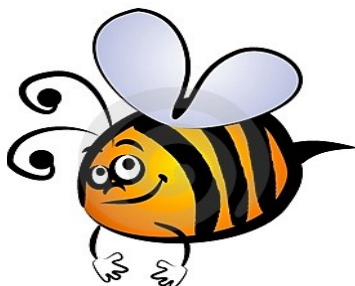
They were Grace
Schwartz, Sharon Baker,
Carmen Dondo

Upcoming Dates September 2017

Open House Sept. 6 4:30-
7:00 p.m.

Sept. 7—1st Day of classes
grades 1-8

Sept. 11—1st Day of clas-
ses Kindergarten



Principal's Message - May 2017

The month of April has come and gone. We had several classes participate in The Rockwood Festival of The Arts that took place in Teulon. Our band, class choirs, recorder club and individual participants put forth great performances.

On May 2 and 3 our Badminton team competed. Look for the write up in the newsletter.

Track practices start soon with our athletes preparing for the Divisional meet June 6 in Stonewall.

Our annual Jump Rope for Heart Day for students in grades 3-8 will take place on Wednesday, May 24. The kickoff for Jump Rope for Heart will be happening on Tuesday, May 9 with a special presentation from the Heart and Stroke Foundation for 30 years of participation by Stony Mountain School in Jump Rope for Heart. Awesome job to everyone who has been involved!

Our yearly Volunteer Tea is happening May 26. A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who has helped out this year. We sincerely appreciate everyone's contributions.

Our grade 7 and 8 students will be writing a year-end ELA assessment May 29-June 1, and a Math assessment on June 12 and 13. We wish them well with both of these assessments.

Our final staffing has not yet been finalized. We are still awaiting possible transfers from within the Division. This process may not be complete until the first week in June. If this process runs late, we will include an updated class breakdown and staff list with the final report cards.

This year for Tabloid Day we are trying something different. We are taking our K-6 students to Camp Manitou (Headingley) on June 28. The students will participate in 4 different age-appropriate activities, one being swimming. The school along with PAC are helping to cover some of the costs. We may be looking for some volunteers, so stayed tuned for information in early June.

Enjoy the beginning of soccer and baseball season!

Mr. M. Blahut





Ready..Set..GROW!

An event for children entering
kindergarten in the fall
(and their caregivers)

Monday May 8, 2017


1:00pm - 7:00pm

École R.W. Bobby Bend School

COME ON DOWN!!

There will be activities and displays focused
on topics such as:

- ☺ Reading
 - ☺ Fine Motor Skills
 - ☺ Speaking
 - ☺ Gross Motor Skills
 - ☺ Animal Safety
 - ☺ Dental & Nutrition
- and many, many more



Snacks
&
Prizes

Hope to see you there!



To register your child for the event please call Yvonne or Caitlin at 204-467-4400

Ready Set GROW is a joint venture between Interlake Eastern Regional Health Authority and Interlake School Division



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FROM THE OFFICE

To all parents of grade 8 TOWN students: Please notify Meechelle Best regarding transportation for your child who will be attending Stonewall Collegiate beginning September 2017. She can be reached at 204-467-8730 or mbest@isd21.mb.ca. Please do so by the end of June.

School Clothing

If anyone is looking to purchase some Stony Mountain Hawks wear we do have a limited number of items for sale. Check in at the office.

Student Information

- Please contact the school:
- by 9:30 a.m. if your child will be late or absent for the day
- If your child has any recent changes in their medical needs (such as allergies, asthma, etc.)
- If you have had any recent changes in your personal, or emergency contact information

Grade 8 Grad Celebration Fundraising

The Grade 8 class will be hosting a number of fundraising activities for their Grade 8 Grad Celebration.

There will be a Poutine Hot Lunch on Monday, May 15 (KS - 3) and Monday, May 29 (KR, 4 - 8). Each poutine order will cost \$5.50. Order forms will be sent home during the first week of May.

The Grade 8's will also be hosting "Freezer Treat Friday", beginning on Friday, May 12. Each week, we will offer a different treat selection, ranging between \$0.50 - \$2.00. Announcements and order forms will be sent home in the coming week.



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Earth Club

Earth Week Celebrations:

Mrs. Macduff, Mrs. Hyde and Mrs. Kurnell would like to extend a great big thank you to Mrs. Parsons, Mrs. Dondo and Mrs. LeSage for all of their efforts to provide our students and staff with the green gifts and plant prizes. What a wonderful way to pay it forward to our Earthlings and our Earth.



Throughout the week of April 22 to April 28, 2017, students and staff participated in a variety of Earth-Friendly Activities. We started off with SMS Earth Hour, Litter-less Lunch, Walk to School or Walking School Bus, Our Collective Ecological Footprint Displays and Discussions at home/school, as well as, sharing some of our efforts in the April 28th Assembly before going out of doors to help clean up our community. Thank you to all parents, friends, families of Stony Mountain School students and staff for their collective efforts to be more responsible for the future. The message of reduce, reuse and recycle was clearly evident in our steps. Be sure to work on the fourth R in that pattern of practice. It is the important commitment to REPEAT our efforts in this goal to help save our Earth.

Earth Club News

April Showers bring beautiful May flowers, and the students in the Earth Club are invited to participate in the "Seeds for Change" project during the months of May and June. The Earth Club will be adopting one of our gardens to learn how to help nurture, grow and revitalize of outdoor classroom. Stony Mountain School would like to welcome interested staff or family members to volunteer on Thursday afternoons for our gardening project. The "Seeds for Change" project will begin on May 11th during second outdoor break from 1:15 pm to 1:50 pm. If volunteers have not already done so, please stop by the office to fill out a Criminal Record form before starting our gardening project. Please feel free to bring along any extra gardening tools or gloves you may have. This valuable learning experience will not only look after our environment, connect us nature, but also help us grow as a greener community.

On May 18th, Stony Mountain School will be celebrating and supporting national "Outdoor Classroom Day", with thousands of schools across the world! School communities are invited to shut off the lights, and move outdoors to allow nature to be our teacher for that day, and continue throughout the school year. Outdoor classrooms can naturally create the optimal environment to think creatively, critically, and gets children excited about experiencing new challenges related to their learning. These valuable outdoor learning experiences are essential for our overall healthy development. So let's get inspired, and join the movement of "Outdoor Classroom Day" today! Please contact Mrs. Kurnell at Stony Mountain School (204-344-5459) if you have any questions, or would like to volunteer.

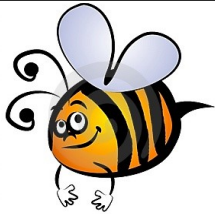
The Earth Club

Jump Rope for Heart

Our Jump Rope for Heart event will take place on May 24th from 11:20-12:50. This event will be for students in Grades 3-8 who have raised a minimum of \$5. All pledge envelopes will be due on May 23rd. We look forward to many students participating in our 30th year event!

Badminton

Congratulations to all players who travelled to Stonewall on May 2nd and 3rd for Divisionals. Players continued to develop their skills throughout the two day tournament. Many players made the playoffs. Players were able to experience a true badminton style tournament, playing many matches and reading bracket style playoff schedules. Excellent sportsmanship was shown by all players. This year's divisional badminton team was represented by: Gina F, Brooklyn K, Ryann S, Chaya O, Alex C, Izzy B, Danielle C, Sydney B, Megan M, Jordyn S, Amelia, Kaylee E, Max V, Hudson S, Cole E. We hope to see many students trying out for badminton next season!



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Hotdog Day

MY Voice will be hosting a hotdog day on Wednesday, May 24. Order forms will be sent home the week before. We appreciate your support.

Mental Health Awareness Week

Our school hosted a Mental Health Awareness week from May 1- May 5. There was a variety of things happening through the week. Our kickoff happened Monday afternoon with a presentation for all students by Keith Macpherson who spoke to them about mindfulness. Thank you to our PAC for supporting this presentation. We also wore green that day to show our support for the importance of strong mental health. Tuesday was hat day. Wednesday was our school-wide bake sale. Proceeds from the bake sale will be split between our grade 8 graduating class and the CMHA (Canadian Mental Health Association). Thursday was our comfy, cozy day- we wore PJ's, sweats, etc and we were extra comfy! Friday will be a choice activity where students get to choose an activity that will help them improve their mental health.

Mrs. Darragh

Dress Code (Appropriate Dress)

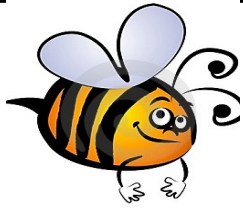
As the weather gets warmer the topic of appropriate dress always comes up. Students like to stay cool by wearing shorts and summer tops. Our school dress code, which aligns with the Interlake School Division's states: Short skirts or shorts, halter tops, crop tops or extremely low rise pants are not considered appropriate dress for school. Spaghetti or thin straps are not allowed and students' undergarments must be covered by tops and pants at all times. Shirts must cover students' mid-section. Hats, caps, or other head coverings are not to be worn in the school. Outer wear must not be worn in classrooms and indoor shoes are to be worn at all times. Any clothing depicting drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or inappropriate language is not allowed. We understand that at times it may be difficult to buy clothing, especially shorts that comply with our code. We are not looking to be too restrictive but we do need to have a standard. Our students need to realize that the standard of clothing changes from situation to situation. One would dress differently if they were going to the beach instead of going to work; just as they would dress differently when going to a party/dance or going to school. We thank you in advance for your support in allowing us to enforce the dress code. If you have questions please contact the school.

The NED Show May 26th from 11:15am-Noon

For Grades K-8

NED stands for: **N**ever give up **E**ncourage others **D**o your best

The NED Show promotes positive behaviour and academic achievement in elementary schools.



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Spend your summer at Oak Hammock Marsh!

Celebrate Canada's 150th Birthday at the Marsh!

Bring the whole family for an exciting day of all things Canada. Special Birthday Cake will be served at 2 p.m. for our guests.



Horse-drawn wagon rides through the marsh with storyteller Allan Webb from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. available for \$3 for members and \$5 for non-members.

Participate in a guided canoe adventure (\$3 for members and \$5 for non-members) or rent your own canoe (\$10 for 45 minutes)

There's a goose on the loose!

Help us find the missing goose during a family-oriented scavenger hunt throughout the marsh. Gather clues and participate in fun challenges to solve the mystery and be the first one to find the whereabouts of our goose on the loose.

Participants must be on-site before 1 p.m. to receive their instructions.

For more information on special events, weekly themes or to register a camper please visit: <http://www.oakhammockmarsh.ca>, or call (204) 467-3300.

Treat Tuesdays:

Kindergarten-Grade 2: May 9th

KS- May 10th

Grades 3-5: May 16th

Grades 6-8: May 23rd

This month's Treat Tuesday is Monster Cookie Ball Bites



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Year At A Glance

May 2&3	Badminton Divisionals, SCI 9:30 a.m.
May 3	PAC Meeting 6:30 p.m.
May 4	Grade 1, 2 and 6—Visual Arts Show, Stonewall
May 8	Admin/PD- No School
May 9	11:15 A.M. Jump Rope Kick Off Assembly (Gr 3-8)
May 17	Early Dismissal Day
May 22	Victoria Day - No School
May 23	Jump Rope Pledge Envelopes DUE
May 24	11:20-12:50 Jump Rope Event
May 25	Grade 3 field trip to Deer Meadows Farm
Week of May 29	ELA Assessment Grades 7-8
May 26	NED Show 11:15-12:00 Grades K-8
May 26	Grade 6 field trip—Aviation Museum
June 6	Track and Field Stonewall 9:30 a.m.
June 7	PAC Meeting 6:30 p.m.
June 8	T and F Rain Date
June 12&13	Gr. 7 & 8 Math Assessment
June 26	Grade 8 Grad Ceremony/Grade 8 Reports go home
June 27	Grade 7 Reports go home/Last Day Grade 7 & 8
June 28	Kindergarten Reports Home/Tabloid Day/Last Day K
June 29	Last day Grade 1-6/Reports go home
June 30	Admin/PD - No School