



THE PRO-ACTIVE POST

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Wrap up Warm for Winter!

With the colder weather we experienced in January, students are reminded to come each day prepared for outdoor recess with warm coats, hats and mitts.

Above, Mrs. Steiner's Grade 3/4 class enjoyed sledding for their gym class in December.

Another Successful Ski Trip!

Thank you to the staff and parent volunteers for organizing the 2012 ski trip. We had many parents assisting students with their equipment and supervising the skiers and boarders. The weather was beautiful, and the students were well behaved and were positively represented George Davison. A special thank you to Shelley McLeod who spent many hours organizing the registration forms and preparing the volunteer list and name tags.

Breakfast for Learning Program

The staff and students would like to thank ARC Resources Ltd. for their generous donation to our Breakfast for Learning Program. This donation allows us to continue to provide our students with healthy snacks prior to the school day. Our students created a giant thank you card, including pictures of students serving the snack and others enjoying the snack.

Council Corner: We would like to thank all of the parents for the support of our magazine fundraiser! We sold 391 subscriptions and raised \$4681.51!! This money is used for many of the fieldtrips and special events that happen for the children. These field trips include trips to the Royal Tyrell Museum, Birds of Prey and having Evergreen Theatre work with the children. We will be looking for volunteers to help with staff appreciation this year. Please contact either of us and we will be glad to fill you in, or come by our next meeting where plans will be finalized. Our next meeting is on Tuesday February 27, 2012 at 7:15 pm.

School Council Co-Chairs: Nikki Grunwald and Treva Heron

Education Minister's Teleconference with Parents

Parents play an important role in their child's learning and the Minister is interested in directly hearing their ideas and perspectives. The call will begin at **7:30 PM on Wednesday, February 8, 2012** and will take approximately 1.5 hours.

To participate in the call, individuals and groups must register in advance online at <http://education.alberta.ca/apps/Registration/TeleConference/>. A dial-in phone number and participant pass code will be provided to the representative by email once registration is complete.

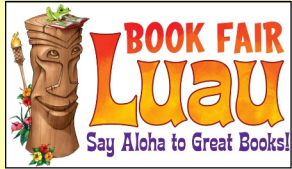
When participants dial in they will be greeted by a conference operator asking for the participant pass code, the person's name, and school. The Minister will begin the conference call by making his remarks, which will be followed by a question and answer session with callers.

Public Education Telethon

The 18th annual Public Education Foundation Telethon will take place on Sunday, March 11, 2012 from 2pm to 6pm in the Wahl-Harker Theatre at CHHS. To coincide with the District's 125 year anniversary activities this year, the theme is "Celebrate 125 - The Journey Continues". The Telethon can be viewed on Shaw Cable 10. The goal of the Telethon is to reflect student talent and outstanding work, as well as share special things that educators are doing with students in the areas of fine arts, athletics, 21st century learning and healthy living in SD76.

View the Pro-Active Post in colour and sign up to receive it on email at <http://www.georgedavison.ca/>

Library News



Hello everyone, February is upon us and we are already anticipating our spring Scholastic Book Fair in April. Mark your calendars for this event April 2-4. There will be preview days for students during library classes the week before on March 28 and 29. The theme this year is the Hawaiian Luau: say Aloha to great books! Stay tuned for more details closer to the event.

All students in the school have library once a week. It is important that your child exchange their books on their library day. While there are extra exchange periods during the week for AR books, library class is the main time to return and choose new books. Please check with your classroom teacher or me, in the library, if you have any questions or concerns about this process. Thank you.

Don't forget to check the Medicine Hat Public Library website for activities and events for readers of all ages. Details can be found at www.mhpl.info. Remember to read to your children every day. They are never too old for a good story.

Happy reading, Mrs. Rogers

Patrol News

During the month of February, Kathy Horeth from the AMA will provide George Davison School safety patrol students with their Winter Training. This is an important review as the winter weather presents various challenges for drivers and pedestrians. Thank you, Kathy. Congratulations to Sara Hinkley, a Grade 5 student in Mrs. Bradbury's class for being selected as February's Patroller of the Month. Way to go, Sara! Thank you to all the students who patrolled in January, we finally experienced some very cold weather.

February Schedule:

Feb 6 – 10:

Natasha McGraw
Dane Weiss
Jackson Hammel
Keana Shearer

Feb 13 – 16:

Josh Gooding
Kinley Brown
Chance Davis
Tina Nguyen

Feb 27 – March 2:

Amber Mercer
Derian Huber
Lauren Friesen
Kayla Bonthoux

Feb 20 – 24: No School



Labels for Education

Nourishing people's lives everywhere, every day.

A huge thank you goes to Shannon Nelson who volunteered to assist with the Campbell's Soup Label Program. She spent many, many hours counting the labels and in total we have 15 000 labels we can redeem for sports equipment and other education materials. Thank you Shannon for volunteering your time in support of our students and our school programming.

Lunch Time Events 12:20 - 12:45p.m. (or at time listed)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Intramurals	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grades 5/6	Grade 1	Grade 2
Choir	Grades 1/2				
Library Club				Grades 4-6 Library	
Scrapbook Club			Grades 3/4 Room 3		
PAL Action Team				Grades 5/6 Library	
Chess Club 11:55a.m.-12:45p.m.	Grades 4-6 Room 11				
Choir Practice 3:15 - 4:00p.m.		Grades 3/4			Grades 5/6

Spotlight on Nutrition

Eat a VARIETY of foods.

To get all the nutrients you need to grow and be strong, enjoy different foods from each of the 4 food groups from Canada's Food Guide. To create a personalized food guide for yourself and family, go to www.healthcanada.gc.ca/foodguide. Click on "Create My Food Guide".

Santa Paws Final Totals

A big thank you to all parents, students and staff who supported the Santa Paws 2011 fundraiser. A final total of \$1518 was raised! \$881 was donated to the SPCA, to purchase two kennels, food and medical supplies. Five hundred dollars was donated to SOS and \$150 to Persian Dreams. Both of these organizations used the funds to purchase food and medical supplies.

Mrs. Sadownik

Pictured below, Mrs. Sadownik's Grade 3/4 class outside of the SPCA after making the donation in December 2011.



Family Day Holiday Week

A reminder there will be no school from Monday, February 20, to Friday, February 24.

Family Literacy Day

The preschool students from Dragons and Butterflies visited our school on Friday, January 27 for Family Literacy Day. Older siblings, as well as other students, enjoyed reading to the preschool children. We were also able to donate some books to the preschool so they can continue their literacy program. Thank you to the Dragons and Butterflies staff members and children for an enjoyable morning. Pictured **below** is Micah, Levi and Jirah Ferguson and Berlin and Albany Mastel enjoying some quality family time as they read.



Kinsmen Skate – a – thon 2012

The Kinsmen Skate – a – thon takes place on Friday, March 2 and is an excellent opportunity for Grade 1 - 6 students to have fun, participate in physical activity, and demonstrate citizenship skills. Students will be provided pledge envelopes and can collect donations throughout the month of February; however, a reminder that **we do not support students going door - to - door for contributions**. Parent permission forms will be sent home prior to the event. Please indicate at the bottom of the form if you would like to volunteer your time on the day of the event. Those students who pledge a minimum of \$1.00 will receive juice and a snack when they return to the school. Please return all pledge envelopes to the school by Monday, February 27. Prizes are awarded to those students who collect the most money in pledges. In addition, all participating students have a chance to win prizes through random draws. This year's prizes include, autographed Medicine Hat Tigers practice jerseys, MP3 Players, Cineplex Odeon gift cards and Greatest Moments in Canada Hockey History books. We ask those students who have their own skates and helmets to bring them, and we look forward to seeing you on the ice!

9:15 to 10:15a.m. - Grades 1 and 2 at Kin. 1; Classes ZIE, MCD, LEF, at Kin. 2

10:45 to 11:45a.m. - Grades 5 and 6 at Kin. 1; Classes SAD, STE, SPR at Kin. 2

**The first group of students skating will leave the school at 9:00. The next group will leave the school at 10:30.*



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Please note: Skating sessions for this month are all at Kinplex 2. Times are marked A for 9:00a.m. to 10:30a.m. or B for 10:30a.m. to 12:00noon.			1 Skating A - VAN, LAM.	2 MS Read-a-thon Assembly. Hot Dog money due.	3 Rock/Paper/Scissors competition 12:20 - 12:45p.m. Sp. Food Day - 'P.J. Day'.	4
5	6	7 Skating B - LEF, SAD, MCD.	8	9 Safety Patrol Winter Training Gr 5 - 11a.m. to noon. Gr. 6 - 1 to 2p.m.	10 Hot Dog Day.	11 Rock/Paper/Scissors challenge at the Esplanade
12	13	14 Skating A - STE, ZIE, SPR. Skating B - HOF, ROB, BRA. Valentine's parties p.m.	15	16 100th day of school	17 No School - District PD Day	18
19	20 Family Day Holiday.	21 Day in Lieu	22 Day in Lieu Gr. 3&4 Jam Pail Bonspiel in evening.	23 Teachers' Convention. Gr. 5&6 Jam Pail Bonspiel in evening.	24 Teachers' Convention.	25
NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS ALL WEEK						
26 Skate-a-thon pledge envelopes due back tomorrow →→→→→→→→	27 Skating: COR, MIN - Kin 1 A. LAM, CHO, BRA - Kin 1, B. 7:15p.m. Sch. Council Mtg. in lib.	28 Skating A - LEF, SAD, MCD.	29	Upcoming March Events: 2 - Skate-a-thon Gr 1 - 6 at Kinplex 8 - Kin/Gr.1 2012-13 registration day 16 - PD Day, no school 26 - Report cards go home 26 - School Council Meeting		

Jam Pail Bonspiel

It is once again that time of the year for the 48th Annual Jam Pail Bonspiel. Grade 3 - 6 students have been given information about the Jam Pail Bonspiel from their homeroom teachers and have had the opportunity to sign up with a team to participate in this exciting recreational activity. Forms and parent permission are due by Monday, February 6, 2012. The event will be held at the Kinplex:

Wednesday, February 22, 2012 - Grades 3&4. Thursday, February 23, 2012 - Grades 5&6.

Please see Mrs. Mastel if you have any questions.