

# Munroe Junior High School Newsletter

Spring Newsletter 2013

Principal: Ms. Walder  
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## Principal's News

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is difficult to believe that we are more than half-way through the school year. This last term has been "action-packed" with many activities occurring at the school. The remainder of the school year looks to be just as busy and exciting with the wonderful learning opportunities and activities that have been planned by the staff.

Please look over your child's report card and contact the school to schedule a conference with your student's teacher(s). **Student progress evening meetings will be held on Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.** We look forward to seeing you!

A congratulations and thank-you to all staff members and students who continue to contribute to the school life at Munroe by giving their time and efforts to extra-curricular programs. A thank-you and a big bouquet to all the parents and other family members who have shown their support to their child's activities. Your attendance at concerts and games is greatly appreciated by the staff. Please encourage your child to participate in the opportunities that are offered to them by the staff at Munroe.

Ms. Walder  
Principal

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## GENERAL SCHOOL NEWS

### I Love to Read

February 5 – 8 was “I Love to Read” week at Munroe and a number of celebrations took place. Each day a quote was read over the intercom. The homerooms who correctly identified all of the authors and/or book titles received an edible prize for their class. 7D, 7E, and 9D were the lucky recipients. Students and staff also enjoyed a daily twenty minute block of uninterrupted reading time. As well, if students were “spied” reading during non-instructional times, they received a draw ticket. At the end of the week, there was one draw for a \$20.00 Chapters Gift Certificate and draws for pop posters. Congratulations to Braden S., Toni G., Shelly L., Kajol N., Mason P., and Nico Y.!

### WE CARE – STUDENT SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP

Students within the We Care group have been involved in several social justice projects. The most recent have been:

- The We Create Change campaign brought in over 42 000 pennies that went towards Munroe’s water project in Sierra Leone.
- We Care students sold Rafiki chains in January, raising money towards clean water projects around the world.

The students are just finishing up the annual Winnipeg Harvest food and money drive, to support this local cause during a time of great need. A huge thank you goes out to Don and Marilyn from Chicken Chef of St. Malo. Their generous support of the chicken wing hot lunch fundraiser was instrumental in helping us reach our goal. Students managed to raise over \$400 (final numbers not in yet)!!! Each dollar raised was able to leverage 5 lbs. of food, which was then matched twice by Peak of the Market and Safeway.

### Wilderness Education

The Wilderness Education course has started their bicycle rebuild program. They always welcome the donation of old mountain bikes and parts. Come spring, the students will be offering FREE bike tune ups and minor repairs to any student in the school. Please watch the website for any updates on this.

## School E-Memos

In order to keep you informed regarding important upcoming events at Munroe, the school sends out an e-memo every Wednesday morning. If you are not currently receiving our e-memo and would like to, please contact our office and we will add your email address to our mailing list; all email addresses are kept confidential.

## School Website

Did you know that you can keep up-to-date on Munroe events, activities and forms on our online website? Check us out at [www.schools.etsd.mb.ca/mun/](http://www.schools.etsd.mb.ca/mun/)!

## Pizza Thursdays

Munroe’s Leadership team hosts pizza lunch every Thursday in the foyer. Either pepperoni or plain cheese pizza is available at \$1.50 per slice, first come, first served.

## FRENCH IMMERSION NEWS

Our « Concours d'Art Oratoire » French speaking competition is coming up in April 2013. Good luck goes out to all of our FI students who will first be judged at the school level. After our competition, three students will then move on to perform at the divisional level. From there the winners will participate in the provincial competition.

### French Immersion Field Trip News...



On Friday February 22<sup>nd</sup>, the school enjoyed a pancake breakfast in spirit of Festival du Voyageur! Students began their day playing voyageur bingo and Jeopardy followed up by a delicious breakfast of pancakes.

Thanks to all the teachers who planned the day and encouraged our students during all the activities, you helped make this day a success. Our students played broomball, curling, hockey, Metis games and capture the flag in celebration of this annual festival. The weather was great and the pancake and bannock treats added to the fun!

### Le Musée du Manitoba



On February 19<sup>th</sup>, our grade 7 students enjoyed a trip to le Musée du Manitoba. They participated in three activities: the Nonsuch Gallery Tour, The Rocket Science Gallery and the film "Ice World" at the planetarium. The Nonsuch Gallery Tour was an activity that had students travel back in time to Deptford England to experience the life of a 17<sup>th</sup> century sailor bound for the New World.

The Rocket Science Gallery allowed students to explore the science behind rockets which included action-reaction and the forces of flight and combustion.

### Semaine par excellence

Each year two grade 9 French Immersion students get to experience a week of university life at Université de St. Boniface. This year Judith Culanag and Andrej Kao will be there from April 22 to 26. They will participate in various French language university courses throughout the week and will meet other French Immersion Rivereast Transcona students also.

### Québec trip May 2013

We've just had our second last Québec trip meeting. We shared the itinerary of activities that our students will experience in Québec City and Montréal. Our group is made up of 44 grade 8 and 9 students from both our French Immersion and English programs as well as six teachers. This seven day trip is in mid-May 2013 and we are all very excited about visiting museums, eating in French restaurants, shopping, seeing the beautiful countryside and learning about French history and culture. The trip is offered in French with French tour guides as well as French speaking bus drivers. All students will have an authentic opportunity to increase their French language skills.



### **Looking Ahead.....**

Well the end of the year is approaching and we thank our French Immersion parents for having chosen to provide your children with a unique opportunity to benefit from the French Immersion experience. Our philosophy is that a student best learns a second language by consistently communicating and studying in that language. We recognize that to become bilingual, we need to practice our French language skills at every available opportunity. For our students, learning a second language requires effort and commitment. For us, helping students to develop a sound working knowledge of the French language is a priority.



As parents and teachers, we need to work in partnership in order to encourage our students to regularly use French at every available opportunity. In the end, it is the students who will benefit from our commitment to this goal. The expectation is that students attempt to communicate in French in class, in the hallways, during in-school and out of school activities and with all of their French Immersion teachers.

To help your child improve their French language skills you can:

- Talk to them about why your family chose late entry French Immersion
- Express your interest in the French language and French culture
- Express your support by asking your child to teach you some French words they are learning
- Take them to French cultural activities like the French-Canadian pavilion at Folklorama
- Visit the French section of the public library
- Watch a French TV show, listen to a French radio station such as Envol 91.1 FM or tune into the French track of a DVD
- Listen to them speak and read in French and comment on their progress
- Encourage them to take risks when they speak and to always speak French with their teachers

Thank you,

Lise Lépine

French Immersion Team Leader

## NEWS FROM THE GYM

It is an exciting and busy time for the Munroe Stingers.

### Interschool Sports

Basketball season has just wrapped up and the teams had a great year learning new skills and participating in many exciting games. Congratulations to all players for their hard work and commitment to the team and thanks to all of the coaches who helped out!

Badminton tryouts are starting up in March and April. Students who want to be part of a team should listen for announcements for when tryouts will be held.

### PE Class

December 3<sup>rd</sup> marked the United Nation's International Day for Persons with Disabilities. In the weeks of Dec.3<sup>rd</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup>, students participated in a "Games for Persons with Disabilities Unit" in their Phys.ed classes. The theme of this unit was "No excuses! Overcome your limitations!" Students examined how persons with disabilities overcome their daily challenges using an attitude of "I can". They also participated in numerous sports designed for people with physical disabilities including: wheelchair basketball, wheelchair rugby, goal ball, blind obstacle course and sledge hockey.

In term 2, students also participated in basketball, floor hockey, boot camp, fitness circuits, and cricket.

Mr. Bargen and Ms. Penner

Munroe PE Teachers

## NEWS FROM THE MUSIC ROOM

### Upcoming Events

April 9-12

May 6

June 13

Level 1 Band Festival (Grade 7 and 8)

Music Monday

Spring Band Concert

## NEWS FROM THE ART ROOM

All students have finished their still life work and created great pieces for this challenging drawing project!

Art students in grade 7 are working with Van Gogh starry night plasticine tiles.

Art students in grade 8 are working with making masks and beads.

Art students in grade 9 are making clay tiles and building with clay.

Check out the amazing artwork throughout the school!

The Kildonan Place art display will be at the end of April showcasing some of our work from the year... dates to follow soon!

The art program would be happy to accept objects that are no longer being used but would be interesting to draw for future still life projects. We are also looking for donations of foam egg cartons, buttons, fabric, and any art supplies you might not need or want.

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### Upcoming Events

March 14	Report cards sent home
March 15	Co-ordinated Day – no school
March 20	Student-Led Conferences (4:00 – 8:00 pm)
March 23 – 31	Spring Break
April 1	School resumes (Day 1)
April 10	Early dismissal
April 19	Co-ordinated Day – no school
May 15	Early dismissal
May 17	Professional Development Day – no school
May 20	Victoria Day – no school
May 24	Munroe Field Day
May 30	Divisional Track and Field Day
May 31	Alternate Divisional Track and Field Day
June 13	Spring Band Concert
June 24	School Administrative Day – no school
June 25	Student Activity Day
June 26	Student Recognition/Awards Day & Grade 9 Farewell
June 27	Student Activity Day
June 28	Last day of school – Early dismissal