

# Fort la Reine School

SEPTEMBER 2013

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## NEWS FROM THE OFFICE

We wish everyone a very good year. Our Welcome Back BBQ for students will be at noon on Friday, September 27. The a.m. Kindergarten will have their BBQ at 11:00 and the p.m. Kindergarten will have their BBQ at 1:00 p.m.

We would like to welcome our new staff members this year: Ms. Mauws (KPM/PLAC); Mrs. Trenchard (3 a.m.); Mr. Metcalfe (6M); Mr. Calder (Phys. Ed.), Mrs. Kerr (EA) and Mrs. Sanderson (EA).

## SCHOOL SAFETY

Please note that all doors are locked @ 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. If you are visiting the school you must use the doors on 13<sup>th</sup> Street (by the flag pole) and report to the office.

**PARENTS:** Remember to call the school when your child will be absent for the day. You are encouraged to review the school agenda for the student handbook. This summer we had a new phone system installed. Please listen to the directions or press 1 for the secretary!

Please update all forms and return them to school as soon as possible. If you have an email address, please send this information on the forms provided.

## Student Accident Insurance – 24 Hour Coverage

You can't predict when accidents will happen, but you can prepare for them. For as little as \$13.00 a year, your child is covered for all accidents at school, home or play. Contact our Program Administrator, Group Insurance Solutions, for more information on the plans available: 204-972-2555 \* 1-800-665-8990 or register online: [StudentAccidentInsurance.ca](http://StudentAccidentInsurance.ca).

## KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Due to the high enrollment in Kindergarten, we will be adding a morning class. Please return the form that was sent home with your child and indicate your preference for either the a.m. or p.m. Kindergarten class by Wed. Sept. 11. Until the class is split the Kindergarten hours will be 1:00 – 3:00. Letters will be sent home at a later date indicating which class your child is in. Please make sure you are on time to pick your child up. Make sure to check which day your child will be staying for an extra half hour for testing.

## GRADE 1 HOURS

September 5 – September 27<sup>th</sup> hours: 9:00-12:00; 1:00-3:00 p.m. so that Mrs. Cote & Mrs. Sanderson can do

testing with selected students on their scheduled day when they will stay to 3:30 p.m.

Monday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. Grade 1 will begin regular hours from 9:00 – 12:00 and 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

## SUPPLIES & FEES:

Please make sure all fees and supplies are paid for as soon as possible.

Grade 1 – 6 Agendas: \$6.00

Grade 1 Supplies: \$25.00

Recorders: \$5.00

Grade 5 & 6 locks purchased at school: \$5.50

This year's swimming fees and Kindergarten fees have been covered by the **Portage la Prairie School Division**.

School Supply lists are available in the office or online on the school's website.



**SWIMMING ATTENTION GRADE 1-6:** Our swimming schedule has changed so please take note. We have combined all permission forms onto one universal form. Please make sure that the form is signed and returned to the **homeroom teacher**. Dates for swimming will be in the agenda and on the monthly newsletters. Our first swim date will be Wednesday, September 18 @ 1:00 – 3:30. Students must bring their own swim suit and towel. **As swimming is part of our physical education program, students are required to participate.**

## PATROLS

Please make sure your child crosses with the patrol on duty. Patrols are on duty every day: 8:45 a.m. – 8:55 a.m.; 12:00 – 12:10; 12:45 – 12:55 and 3:30 – 3:40 p.m. Traffic violations witnessed by patrols are reported to the RCMP.

## LUNCHROOM

We have a large number of students staying for lunch. Parents are reminded that if you live within walking distance or and are home during the lunch hour your child is expected to go home for lunch. We have a limited amount of space and supervision. Do not send food that has to be warmed up or cooked in a microwave. Students who stay for lunch are **not allowed** to leave the school grounds unless they are with their parent.

We will be serving milk to students at lunch time and Kindergarten snack time for those students who preordered and paid. Milk order forms and money are due by Thursday, **September 19, 2013**. The program begins Monday, September 23, 2013. There will be no refunds! Encourage your child to bring healthy snacks. Please let the school know of any allergies.

**TERRY FOX RUN** is scheduled for Thursday, September 26, 2013 at 1:15 p.m.

**SCHOOL SPIRIT DRAW PRIZES:** Green spirit ticket draws are made every morning for a **free** popcorn on popcorn day. You must be on time to receive the prize and green ticket. Green tickets are earned by returning forms, paying fees, doing good deeds and helping out. We will be having 4 additional draws this year as follows: **September 27** – MP3 Player; **January 31** – Draw Digital Camera; **March 28** – Portable DVD Player; **June 26** – Mountain Bike. All fees must be paid and behavior and attendance must be in good standing.

### **Pals On the Playground: Starting Sept. 16–Oct. 29**

The **P.O.P.** program will run once a week for 1.5 hours from **6:00 – 7:30** on Mondays: La Verendrye School, **Tuesdays:** Fort la Reine School and Thursdays: North Memorial School  
There will be a healthy snack provided. Each time you join us you can enter your name in a draw for a Bike and Helmet. Draw to be made May 2014.

If you would like to be a part of this program through volunteering or a financial support contact: Recreation Opportunities for Children c/o Portage Friendship Centre Lynne Parker @ 204-239-633 or [l\\_parker@ptgfc.org](mailto:l_parker@ptgfc.org)

### **Koats for Kids**

Collection of gently used children's coats Oct. 1 -31.  
Drop off: Portage Firehall, CMHA, Family Resource Centre (234 Princess Ave.)  
Dispersal of coats: Nov. 7, 14, 21, 28 2-6pm at Trinity United Church basement (South doors)

**Portage Skating Club** registration Sept. 18 @ PCU Centre from 5-7 p.m. For more information phone 204-239-4795

### **Portage & District Arts Centre**

Dance Program – Jazz, Cheer, Ballet, Ukrainian, Tap, Hip Hop, Contemporary. September 2013 – April 2014, Ages 3 – ADULT  
Fall Art Programming – Adult Art Classes, Workshops, Children's Art Classes, Fitness, Mixed Media, Pottery, Drama, Zumba, Painting, Drawing, Pilates & Much More  
Register now at the Portage & District Arts Centre 11-2<sup>nd</sup> ST. NE Portage la Prairie, MB R1N 1R8 (west doors of William Glesby Centre) or call 204-239-6029 visit our website at [www.portageartscentre.ca](http://www.portageartscentre.ca) for details.  
Become a Member and Save on Registration.

### **REEL EVENT 2013-2014**

6 movies for \$45.00 Cinema Centre Theatre Screenings @ 7:30 pm. October 16, November 20, January 15, February 19 March 19 and April 16.  
Sponsor: Bjorn Christianson QC Law Corporation

### **ATTENDANCE FACTS:**

#### **Information You Need To Know**

Daily attendance is important for all students. Students who attend school regularly are more engaged in learning, have a greater sense of belonging in the community are more likely to obtain a high school diploma.

#### **Attendance facts:**

- If a student misses 2 days of school per month they will miss one month of school in the year.
- If a student misses 15 days of school per year they will miss an entire year of school by their senior year.
- If a student is 10 minutes late for class every day they will miss 6 days of instruction per year.

Dropping out of school is a process not an event. Students who drop out of school often begin the process of disengaging from school as early as grade 3.

#### **What the family can do:**

- Participate in school events like assemblies, open houses, special events like concerts, and celebrations of learning.
- Have a parent-child discussion about the importance of going to school every day.
- From the first day of school be consistent in your support for daily attendance.
- Talk to the school as soon as problems occur.
- Help your child get ready for school every day through such things as homework monitoring, regular bedtimes and planning for breakfast and lunches.

#### **What the school can do:**

- Create trusting relations among teachers, students and staff; and ensure that each child has a trusted adult in school.
- Communicate with families making sure they are informed about special events, positive calls to parents and early conversation if there are concerns.
- Have high standards for all students and provide academic and social-emotional supports to all students.
- Create welcoming environment for students and parents.
- Reward and acknowledge students for good attendance.

**SEPTEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup> – Free Popcorn** for all students in attendance. Our popcorn days will start after September 30<sup>th</sup>.

### Ringette 2013-2014 Registration




Sept. 5: 6:00-7:30 @ PCU Centre. First time players must bring copy of birth certificate. Late registrations will be charged an additional \$50 per player.

**New Players!** Come Try Ringette & Registration September 7 from 12:00 – 2:00 at the PCU Centre. Call Angela at 204-857-6254 for more info or to register for Come Try Ringette.

**The Portage la Prairie District Girl Guides:** The first meeting of the year will be held at Trinity United Church @ 6:00 p.m on September 11, 2013. If you have any questions, comments or concerns please feel free to reach Shannon Kitson at 204-960-0257

### Portage Youth Bowling

Portage Youth Bowling is holding its registration at the Southport Bowling alley on Sept. 12 and 13 at 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The league will start on Sept. 14 at 10:00 a.m. Registration fee is \$45.00 per bowler. Lineage fees are \$2.00 per games 2 games \$4.00 and 3 games \$5.00 per week. If more info is required, contact Donna Matthews at 204-857-5166

							
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
1	2 <i>Labour Day</i> <i>School Closed</i>	3 <i>Admin Day</i> <i>Meet &amp; Greet</i> <i>2:30-3:30</i> <i>No Classes</i>	4 <i>Division PD</i> <i>No Classes</i>	5 <i>First day for Students</i> <i>Assembly @ 9:30</i> <i>Day 1</i>	6 <i>Day 2</i>	7	
8	9 <i>Day 3</i>	10 <i>Lock Down Drill</i> <i>Day 4</i>	11 <i>Day 5</i>	12 <i>Day 6</i>	13 <i>Weather Drill</i> <i>Day 1</i>	14	
15	16 <i>Day 2</i>	17 <i>X-Country @ 4:00</i> <i>Day 3</i>	18 <i>Grade 1- 6 Swimming @ 1:00-3:30</i> <i>Day 4</i>	19 <i>Milk Orders due</i> <i>Fire Drill @ 2:05</i> <i>Day 5</i>	20 <i>Day 6</i>	21	
22 	23 <i>MILK PROGRAM STARTS</i> <i>Day 1</i>	24 <i>Fire Drill-@ 2:05</i> <i>X-Country @ 4:00</i> <i>Day 2</i>	25 <i>Day 3</i>	26 <i>Terry Fox Run @ 1:15</i> <i>Day 4</i>	27 <i>BBQ @ NOON</i> <i>Assembly 1:15</i> <i>Day 5</i>	28	
29	30 <i>Free Popcorn for all students in attendance</i> <i>Day 6</i>						

Return this portion of the newsletter with parent's signature and you will earn a school spirit ticket. I have read and received the **SEPTEMBER** Fort la Reine School Newsletter from \_\_\_\_\_

Print Child's Name

Parent's Signature

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_