

October 29, 2013



NORMAN CARTER SCHOOL

NOVEMBER 2013 NEWSLETTER

Upcoming Events:

- ◆ Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29 PACT lunches
- ◆ Nov. 8th @ 1 p.m. Remembrance Day Service
- ◆ Nov. 11—Remembrance Day Holiday
- ◆ Nov. 12—15 Book Fair
- ◆ Nov. 13, 20, 27 Novice Curling 3:45—5 p.m.
- ◆ Nov. 20—Parent mtg @ 7 p.m. (Report Cards)
- ◆ Nov. 25—Report Cards sent home
- ◆ Nov. 27 & 28 Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences 3:30—6:30 p.m.
- ◆ Nov. 25—Div. I Art Club 3:22—4:15 p.m.
- ◆ Nov. 26—Div. II Art Club

The P.A.C.T GROUP IS LOOKING FOR ICE CREAM PAILS. If you have any to spare, please drop them off at the school.



SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

Norman Carter School will hold a Service of Remembrance for the staff, students and parents who wish to join us on Friday November 8, at 1:00 p.m. in our school gym.

There will be **NO SCHOOL ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11** as we remember those who have, and still are, fighting for a more peaceful world.



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



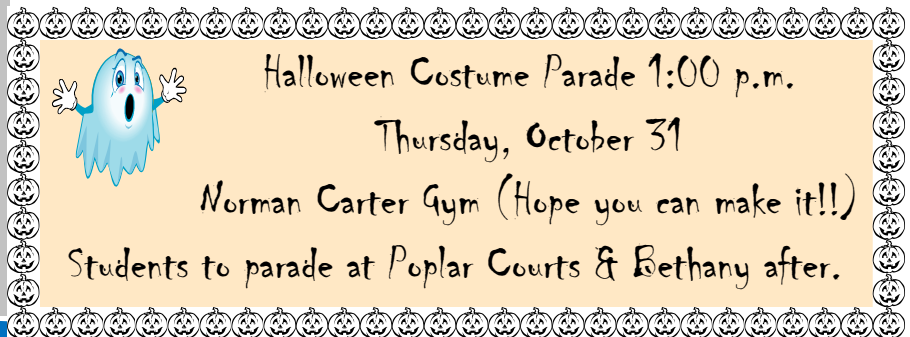
When I was an elementary student, I don't recall the school being such a busy place. As the Norman Carter principal, I feel like there is always so much going on. October has gone by so quickly, and the November calendar is packed with events that will make time fly so that we are thinking about Christmas in the near future.

Thank you to the students and families for so enthusiastically honoring Education Week 2013. We do have many successes to celebrate. I enjoyed watching the older and younger students working together for our *Tips for School Success* hunt, and I was amazed at the variety of *Success Story Sharing* artifacts that were on display in the halls last week. The children and staff were happy that we had so many guests join us for *Grab a Bite and a Book*. We all heard an important message from Val the Ventriloquist, and even Mr. Gieni put on quite a show, on Thursday afternoon. We had a good time dancing to country music at the Harvest Hoedown to wind up the week on Friday.

In November, we have our special Remembrance Day assembly scheduled, the beginning of the curling season for Grades 3-6, a Scholastic Book Fair, and the elementary volleyball tournament being hosted by Norman Carter. Hopefully, many parents can attend these events as well.

The main focus for teachers this month will be the first term report cards. We are anxious to use the new TeacherLogic program to create report cards that reflect where your children are in relation to the curriculum outcomes for each subject. Your child's report card will look very different from past report cards. Please keep in mind that it takes all year to complete some outcomes, especially in English Language Arts. Therefore, the students are working toward the year-end goals and may get many "2s" this term. In other subjects, like science, math, and social studies, some of the outcomes tied directly to a unit of study are completed, so your child may get "3s" or even "4s". The outcomes that have not been taught yet will not appear this term, but will be assessed in the second and/or third term.

In order to clarify the beliefs behind the new assessment system, a letter will be sent out from Living Sky School Division. Also our assessment coach, Shawn Whyte, will be hosting an information evening in our gym on November 20, at 7:30, for parents. In order to understand the report cards and the philosophy behind them, we ask that you attend this presentation.



Three Way Conferences

Our first set of three-way conferences will be held from 3:30—6:30 pm on Nov. 27 & 28th. For some of our teachers, and most of our students and parents, this is a significant change from traditional parent-teacher interviews. Rather than talking **about** the child, we will be talking **with** the child. Every student is asked to attend their conference so that we can look at recent work, set learning goals, and celebrate this fall's accomplishments. If anyone has questions about classroom procedures, student work habits, behaviour, or peer relationships, this is the opportunity to have an honest discussion involving the student. Our meetings are only 15 minutes long, so please arrive on time so we can try to keep everyone on schedule. The interview times will be sent home and emailed to each family on Tuesday, November 19th. If you have a specific day that you are unable to attend, please call the school office, before the 19th.

Head Lice

Recently, we have had a few inquiries about how recurring cases of head lice have been appearing at Norman Carter. Please be assured that the number of cases is very low, and that we are doing what is required to try to curtail this problem.

When a family reports a case of head lice, public health is contacted, then they call the parents to ensure they are aware of what needs to be done to properly treat the child(ren). If we detect a case of lice in the school, parents are contacted to immediately pick up their son or daughter and take them home until treated with the recommended shampoo and combed out thoroughly with a nit comb. In the past, health nurses checked student heads in the schools, but as head lice became more and more common, there was no longer time to provide this service. Their role now is to provide education. It is also not an expectation that teachers, support staff, or principals will check for lice. Instead, information is sent home with children so that parents can begin checking their own family members' hair.

As in some other schools in Living sky School Division, head lice may be present in Norman Carter sporadically throughout the school year. This is common in areas where children convene. Public health is asking that you continue to check your children thoroughly on a weekly basis. If evidence of nits or live lice are seen, follow the treatment procedures sent to you earlier this fall. For more information, you are welcome to contact Kathy Johnson at 228-2666 extension 266 or email her at Kathy.johnson@hrha.sk.ca. They also want people to remember that head lice is regarded as a terrible annoyance, but it is not life threatening.

Novice Curling

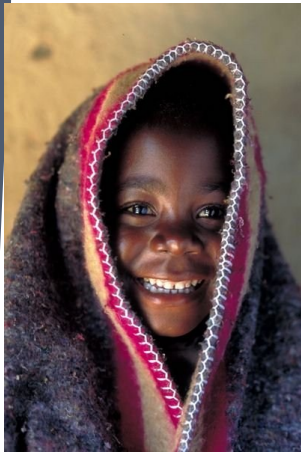


If your child is in grade 3—6, and would like to curl in an afterschool program this winter, please return the Novice Curling registration form that was sent home earlier, or call the school if you did not receive one. Curling will run every Wednesday and will begin on **Wednesday, November 13** from 3:45 to 5 p.m. A registration fee of \$25 is required to curl, but if your child is interested and you are financially not able to pay the fee, please call the school as finances may be made available to you, as we want every child to have the opportunity to enjoy a great winter sport.

All parents will be asked to help supervise during the season. A schedule will be sent home once all registration forms are in. Please contact Tracy at (843-2675), if you have any questions about this curling program.

WORLD VISION GIFT OF THE MONTH

We are spreading warmth around the world this month as our World Vision money will be used to supply 6 warm blankets to people in need. A blanket can be used to wrap a child in comfort and protect them from cold and sickness. We all know the comfort our favorite blanket can bring us.



Art Club dates for November are: **Monday, Nov. 25 for K—Gr. 3; and Tuesday, Nov. 26 for Gr. 4—6**, from 3:22 to 4:15 p.m. We would like to know how many students will be attending, so if your child (ren) plan on staying, please fill out this form and return to the school as soon as possible.

Students must return this form in order to stay for Art Club.

Please list your children's names that will be attending Art Club for November:

Monday, November 25 (Div. I)

Tuesday, November 26 (Div. II)

 (Parent's Signature)

Scholastic Book Fair

The excitement is brewing in the air as students keep asking when the Book Fair is coming. We invite your entire family to participate by purchasing the latest and greatest in children's books. Did you know that for every \$10 you spend at the Fair up to \$6 comes directly back to our school? Your support of this vital literary event is key in helping us obtain new books and resources for our library and classrooms. The flyer also contains a special Family Event Draw ballot that parents can deposit during our Family Event. You could win \$50 in books – \$25 for your family PLUS \$25 for your child's classroom! Watch for your Book Fair Flyer coming home soon!



Book Fair Dates: November 12 (Tues), 13 (Wed) & 14(Thurs)

Times: Each Day 9 a.m.—4 p.m.

Location: Norman Carter School Library

Family Event Date/Times: Nov. 12 (Tues) & Nov. 13 (Wed) – 4 p.m. to 7:30pm

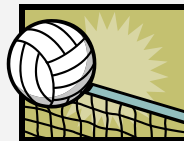
**UNDERSTANDING THE NEW REPORT CARDS AND PHILOSOPHY BEHIND THEM
PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH AT 7:30 P.M.
NORMAN CARTER SCHOOL GYM**



TOWN OF WILKIE
Saskatchewan

"Building Our Community for a Better Tomorrow"

Thanks to a generous donation from our local Kinsmen Club, all public skating and shinny will be **FREE** for all users for the 2013-2014 skating season.



**ELEMENTARY VOLLEYBALL
PLAYDAY**

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21

NORMAN CARTER & McLURG GYMS

10—3:30 P.M.

**PARENTS ARE WELCOME TO COME CHEER ON OUR
TEAMS**

**THANK YOU TO McLURG SCHOOL FOR
ALLOWING US TO USE THEIR GYM
AND RUNNING THE CANTEEN**

PREPAID MILK/PROGRAM



The cost for
NOVEMBER'S milk is:

Kindergarten \$7.00
Grade 1–6 \$14.00

Name _____	Grade _____	\$ _____
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Name _____	Grade _____	\$ _____
Name _____	Grade _____	\$ _____
		Total \$ _____

Please return this form with the exact amount of money in a ziploc bag or a sealed envelope to the office or your child's classroom teacher on or before
Friday, November 1.

Soccer Tournament

On October 8, the gr. 5 & 6 soccer teams traveled to Cut Knife for a tournament. The groups played very well, with some wins, losses and ties. Our teams showed great sportmanship, and played hard for their games. We would like to thank the dedicated parents and grandmas who came to cheer us on, we appreciated the support!!!

Thank you to the coaches Mrs. Stacey Botoroff, Ms. Rhonda Miller and Mr. Paul Marek and to Mr. Roger Cey for driving the bus.



We all know that candy is tasty, but doesn't provide the nourishment needed to work hard at school all day.

Please limit the number of Halloween treats in your children's lunches to one or two. We want our students to be able to stay on-task and concentrate while at school. Thank you for your cooperation.



Operation Christmas Child Boxes



Preparations are underway for this year's Operation Christmas Child shoe box season. With collection week being held November 18—22nd, we hope that many families will choose to fill shoe boxes with gifts, and drop them off at the school to be shipped overseas to under privileged countries. You can help by simply selecting a shoe box, or picking up a designated one at the school. Determine whether your shoe box will be for a boy or a girl and them determine the age category. Purchase items for that age group. Print off a label at www.samaritanspur.ca. Fill your shoe box with school supplies, new toys and gifts such as: stuffed animals, small musical instruments, hair clips, toy jewelry, t-shirts, finger gloves, socks, and individually wrapped candy. Hygiene items: such as toothbrushes, hair brushes, combs, hard soap (please place this in a sealed bag), wash clothes & towels.

Do not include toothpaste (due to customs regulations), food and or any chewy/crumblly or soft candy, including gum. No decks of cards, liquids or items that could leak, melt, freeze or break (such as shampoo, creams, lip balm, bath gels, mirrors or glass items). Please do not include any war-related toys, such as knives and toy guns. We will not accept any used items, such as toys or stuffed animals due to health concerns.

Drop off your shoe box(es) at the school **on or before Thursday, November 21**. We would like to thank the Wilkie CWL who generously donated funds to help recover some of the costs of shipping the boxes in 2012. If anyone would like to donate money this year to help cover shipping costs, your generosity would be appreciated. Thank you! Norman Carter School has collected shoe boxes for over 10 years and every year the families continue to give whatever they can. Last year we shipped 55 boxes to needy children. Please consider this when you are shopping and purchase a couple extra things to put in a shoe box. Make this a family project and let your children help pack the shoe box and have them write a personal note to put inside to share with the child receiving the box.

Education Week Activities



Halloween Safety Tips



The day that paranormal creatures invade our streets is near. As your little ones prepare their costumes to trick or treat their way through the night, the Canadian Red Cross has prepared a quick list of 10 tips to make sure everyone gets home safely. You may not need to fear vampires and ghosts knocking on your door, but fire hazards, scrapes and getting lost are potential concerns.

1. Give your kids a map of their trick or treat route so they can find their way home. Mark the homes of nearby friends and relatives in case they need assistance on their journey. Younger children should be chaperoned by an adult.
2. Instruct children to walk on the sidewalk not the street, even princesses and fairies have to watch out for motorists!
3. Prepare for the dark with lighter coloured clothing and reflective surfaces. What better way to decorate a sword or a cape, than with magical glowing tape?
4. Avoid any type of flame by substituting candles with glow sticks. Wigs and costumes are highly flammable and glow sticks are perfect for illuminating Jack-o-lanterns.
5. Remind your kids to stick with groups of at least four or five – after all, even legendary heroes are stronger as a team (like the Avengers and X-Men!)
6. Tell them to only visit residences with a porch light on and not to enter a stranger's home. Politely accept candy and promptly leave.
7. Costumes are meant to embellish not to hide. Keep hems short to avoid tripping and don't let masks block the eyes.
8. Whether you have one eye, two eyes, three eyes or four, always look both ways before crossing the street.
9. Both mystical creatures and children need to let parents check their candy before eating to remove any potential hazards.
10. A flashlight is akin to a protective light saber of sorts and makes nighttime travelling safer (it also helps you spot a ghost or goblin trying to plan a surprise attack!).



School Bus Transportation Reminders

Guest Passengers on a School Bus:

If students wish to bring guest passenger home on the bus, parents/guardians shall request prior approval from the regular route bus driver at least two days in advance. The bus driver will confirm with the parents/guardians making the request, if space is available on the bus.

Severe Weather

The individual driver is granted discretionary power to cancel or alter his/her route to ensure the safety of students being transported. The following criteria will be used as a guideline:

- Temperature at or lower than -40°C by no later than 7 a.m.
- Severe wind chills at no later than 7 a.m.
- Severely drifted or extremely icy roads.
- Limited visibility because of fog or blowing snow.
- All the above conditions will be determined by key area drivers in consultation with the Transportation Manager or designate.



All students riding on school buses during the winter months shall be required to wear winter footwear and outerwear, and to carry with them winter headwear, gloves or mitts. **In those cases where children are not appropriately attired for winter conditions, the bus driver may restrict access until appropriate conditions are met.** Where the individual driver makes the above decision(s), he/she will advise the parents and Principal of the respective school and the Transportation Manager or designate.

When buses do not run in the morning because of -40°C temperatures or severe weather conditions, those buses shall not run in the afternoon.

If buses are **not operating** and parents decide to drive their children to school it is the responsibility of the parent to pick up their child/children at dismissal time from the school.

Should weather conditions make it impossible for buses to return students to their homes at the end of the school day, students shall go to the billets that they have established at the beginning of the school year. **No buses will leave earlier than the normal dismissal time at the end of the day.**



If you have further questions please contact the Transportation Department at 937-7943.

Norman Carter School is the workplace of 164 people, including 145 minors. There is no place in our building or on the school grounds where the use of profanity is welcome. We expect the children and staff to use proper language at school, and we ask parents to do the same. Please keep this in mind when you are visiting the school or a school-sanctioned event

COMMUNITY BILLBOARD & INFORMATION

TOWN OF WILKIE
 HOBBY & CRAFT SHOW
 SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23
 Sask Can Dance Hall
 11 a.m.—5 p.m.
 Come on out and do some Christmas shopping!
 Lunch available on site!

WILKIE UNITED CHURCH
 FALL SUPPER
 SUNDAY, NOV. 3
 5—6:30 P.M.

 Adult \$10/plate
 Students 6—12 yrs \$5
 Preschoolers—Free



Are you interested in curling this winter??

To register a team, or as an individual, for Tuesday or Thursday evenings, or to be put on the sub list, please call Lesley Sittler @ 306-843-3535, Tami Sittler @ 306-843-3308, or Tracy McKenzie @ 306-843-2925. Teams can be men, women or mixed with all ages welcome. Curling to begin on Tuesday, November 12.

MINOR HOCKEY PICTURES
 SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3 AT 1:30 P.M.
 Learn to Skate registration deadline is Nov. 4.
 For more info, call Joanne 843-2359

TRIP OF THE MONTH TICKETS
 Looking for that special gift while supporting the local Curling Club. \$100/each - Contact any curling member to purchase a ticket to keep our curling rink open for future years and have a chance to win a great trip!