



**Merry Christmas**

**ROSS L. GRAY SCHOOL  
NEWSLETTER**



**November/December 2018**



## Principal's message

The Christmas season is now upon us and we would like to take this opportunity to wish the Students, Staff, Parents and all members of our School Community a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Christmas is a joyous celebration and a time for family gatherings. We hope that everyone will be safe over the Holidays. We at RLG hope that you all share in the wonderful experience of the season.

**Have a Wonderful, Peaceful  
and Restful Holiday!**

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## KINDERGARTEN

MS. MESSNER:

It is an exciting and busy time of year and the same can be said about school. Please check calendars regarding all of the events coming up in December!

**In kindergarten** we are continuing to practice our numbers and letters and we have started working on Letterland. We are continuing to work at our centers and we spend our English centers reading, writing, listening to reading, and working on our letters. We spend our math centers working at creating and writing numbers, comparing and ordering numbers, and counting.

**In grade 2 math** we have finished patterns and are working on our addition and subtraction facts and double digit adding. In our centers we play addition games, work on our math facts with flashcards and other forms of practice.

**In grade 5 math** we have finished decimals, per cents, and fractions and have been working on multiplication and division facts as well as practicing two-digit multiplication and long division. In our centers we play multiplication games, work on our math facts with flashcards and other forms of practice.

**In grade 3 science** we just wrapped up our forces unit and we are beginning to dive into our unit on plants and soils.

There are still available positions for a new program we hope to start at Ross L. Gray School called Envirothon. If you want to learn more about the environment and you like spending time outdoors please see Ms. Messner.



## GRADE 1& 2 CLASSROOM

MRS. PEDERSON:

We love school so much that we want to be here all the time!

We like reading! We have been learning about endings in words. We have learned about the ed endings, ing, ang, ong, ung, greedy 's, ly, ss, ck, er and plural s.

**In writing** we have been learning about details. When we add details we know more about what others are writing. We are learning to use punctuation and we are practicing our vowel sounds.

**In Math** we are doing problem solving. We have learned about estimating, number sentences and odd and even numbers. We want to make sure our thinking pages are organized. Lately we've been talking about ways we can solve our problems. We have a special name for the ways we solve problems called strategies.

**The grade 2's** with Ms. Messner are playing an addition game called Back to Back. We are practicing our addition skills.

**The grade 1's** have been doing stations. We have been working with a tool called Rekenreks. We have been learning about adding by reading a story about a sleepover.

**In Science** we have invited people in our community to our classroom that work with plants and animals. Mr. Cooper told us about his job with Conservation. He brought lots of different animal furs for us to feel and see. Mrs. Prevost told us about her work at the Greenhouse.

We just started our **Social Studies class**. We are going to learn about people and our cultures and traditions. We are all going to bring in one piece of fruit and share a fruit salad.

**Have a very Merry Christmas!** We invite you to come see us perform at our Christmas concert on Tuesday, December 18th at 7pm.



## **MS. ROSS – GRADE 3&4**

### **CLASSROOM REPORT**

#### **Grade 3**

#### **English Language Arts and Morning Meeting**

The Grade 3 class loves reading and writing! Some students participate in the home reading program almost every day, exchanging books at the library and reading at home with their families. Keep up the excellent work! Most days, students do the Daily 5 and read to themselves, work on writing, read to someone, or practice their spelling words. On Day 6, we read one or two news articles that are relevant to kids. We have been following Canadian astronaut David St. Jacques who is at the International Space Station until the end of this school year!

#### **Math**

We have been busy in math class! Sometimes Mr. G takes a group and works on problem solving. In Mrs. Goulet's room, we are starting to learn multiplication!

#### **Social Studies**

In Social Studies we are learning about peace and how to be kind to one another.

#### **Science**

In Science we are starting a new unit about plants! It feels good to be thinking about plant life on this short, cold days.

#### **Art**

In art we study a different artist each month. Right now, we are doing some winter crafts to take home to our families for the holidays.

#### **Health and Physical Education**

Miss Ross has been teaching us about nutrition. We know that carbohydrates, fats, and proteins are important macronutrients in our foods. Next month, we will learn about proper hygiene and cleanliness so that we don't spread illness.

Mr. Friesen is teaching us how to play badminton.

#### **Music**

We are preparing for our tropical themed winter concert. Our class is singing "Surfin' USA!" We hope to see the entire community at our show!



## **MR. GYOERICK'S - Grade 4/5**

### **CLASSROOM REPORT**

Hello people of Earth!

Last month, in November, we started multiplication in Math, with lots of Number of the Day! We had lots of days off of school.

Yay! We also did our Remembrance Day program, followed by observing Remembrance Day. In Art class we started using watercolours and we did many different painting projects. We ended the month with report cards and parent/student/teacher conferences.

Now in December, Mr. Goulet came back, and we've also been working on various Christmas projects. There are many special events coming up this month. First, the Christmas concert will be on Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. It will be good because we will be singing "The Pontoon".

There will be instruments of drums and guitars to accompany our singers. We hope to see you all there! On Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, we will have a school turkey dinner followed by Christmas activities in our classroom for the afternoon. On the last day of school, Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, it's craft day for grades 1-6. On that day, at lunch our classroom's Christmas lunch party will be celebrated! Our Christmas break will be from December 22<sup>nd</sup> until January 6<sup>th</sup> of 2019! Our first day back will be on Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019!

**We wish you all a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year!**

**From Mr. G's Grade 4/5 Class**

## **Winter Break**



## **MRS. KIVINEN CLASSROOM**

### **Grade 5/6**

It's been a busy few months for the Gr. 5/6 class! Here are some of the highlights.

#### **Science**

Hi there, how are you? Good? Good. You should stop what you are doing and relax. Ok? Good. Bobbie- your turn. P.s this is Kathryn.

Thank you, Kathy. We have been very busy this past month. Here are the things we have done.

#### **#1- Classification**

The first thing we learned about is classification. We got a worksheet with different things typed on it. Example, books in a library. We classify them by what type of book or alphabetically by title or author. In this time, we also learned about the diversity of living things. Moving on!

#### **#2- invertebrates**

Now this should be short.....we got a sheet describing different kinds of invertebrates. Then we had to make a mind map about it. In this time, we also learned about the 5 kingdoms.

#### **#3- 5 kinds of vertebrates**

We got a sheet of information and we had to answer questions about the info that we got. On the back we had to make a table saying if this animal has let's say gills. Then we would write yes or no.

Over to Kathryn. P.s we also learned about fossils and trees.

Thank you Bobbie. We did the 5 kinds of vertebrates presentations. My group did reptiles and amphibians, and Bobbie's group did mammals. But before this we had poster presentations- I did the Peregrine falcon and Bobbie did birds of Manitoba.

Well that is all so.....bye! And don't forget to subscribe!

By: Bobbie and Kathryn.

### **5/6 French**

In French, we are doing -ER Verbs a lot. We sometimes work on Duolingo too. We have French tests, we practice talking in French, sometimes we practice math, and library is on day 5. By Cody S.

#### **ART**

These past few months in Art we have been working with water colors, drawing, Christmas decorations and several other projects.

Mr. Gyoerick is a good teacher and we are glad to have him in our class.

Emily & Patrick!

### **5/6 Social studies**

Hello people of the R.M of Piney! In Social Studies we have been learning about Canada and a little about different countries too. Our grade 5/6 class has watched this hilarious show called Mr. Canoehead. It's about this guy who was carrying this canoe and got struck by lightning and the canoe was stuck on his head. He became a Canadian superhero.

We also went on this website called Seterra. On that website you learn about the geography of Canada and the world. I hope you enjoyed this newsletter report and I will see you next month!! By Bryce

### **Grade Five Math**

Hello, we are going to talk about grade five Math!

We have mostly been doing stations, but when we are not doing stations, we are playing guessing games. Okay, back to the stations. Sometimes one station is I-pads. During I-pads we usually play the game Math Prodigy. Station two is card games. For card games we play Multiplication war. It's like normal war, but you must multiply to get your number. The third station is work with Miss Messner. When we work with Miss Messner, we practice our multiplication and other skills.

Grade five math is extremely fun, and we hope to continue with all the progress!!!

Until next time!

Cheyanna and Janessa



## Music

Hello people, my name is Mollie and I'll be giving you your November-December music class report, now let's get started.

This year our music teacher is Mr. Keffer. We have worked a little on whole notes, half notes, quarter notes, eighth notes, and stuff like that. We have also played the boom whackers just for kicks.

We have also been practicing our song for the Christmas concert. I'm not going to tell you so if you want to know our song you will just have to come to the concert. In conclusion thanks for listening to this hundred-word paper.

(The concert is on December 18<sup>th</sup>)

## Enrichment

This year in enrichment we have learned a lot about math like two-digit multiplication, long division, and subtraction. In conclusion we have really built our skills. 😊

By: Ty

## Grade 6 Math



Hello, this is the grade 6 math group. we are going to tell you about all of the things we have been doing this past school year.

This year to start off our math we worked on showing integers in different ways. We had a test at the end of the subject which was two pages long. (we are not complaining) After we finished with integers we started on fractions. We did a bunch of different questions on fractions, but our main goal was comparing improper fractions and mixed

numbers. We then had a final test like always. (we are still not complaining)

Once we finished fractions, we started working on how to use: factors, multiples, prime and composite numbers. Once we were done, we had yet another test. (still not complaining!)

Mrs. Kivinen is a great teacher and we are leaving her class next year, but I'm sure it will still be great.

By Kian and Alicia.

## ELA

By Jayden and Aiden

This class is all about reading. After Mrs. Kivinen has finished reading the class a novel, we get to watch a movie and do a review about what we have read. We read to ourselves and we read to others. In E.L.A, we also work on writing and on projects like the Newsletter and book reports. We worked on paragraphs, punctuation and our own stories. Mrs. Kivinen said that we are doing a book test coming up this year.

## Technology

This past month in Technology, we have been doing assignments. The assignments have been testing our typing skills and our skills on different web sites.

After we do the assignments, we get to go on typing games.

See you next month.....

DAYNE AND JULIA



## MRS. KEFFER'S REPORT

**Grade 8 Math:** The grade 8 Math students have finished up their work with multiplying and dividing fractions and are now into the wonderful world of algebra. We are practicing our Math Growth Mindset and challenging ourselves with linear equations.

**Grade 7/8 Science:** Finishing up our Ecosystem unit, the grade 7 and 8's is starting to look at Pure Substances and Mixtures. Some fun experiments are on the horizon for this group!

**Grade 7/8 ELA:** We are busy in our ELA class practicing our conventions and grammar in our writing to prepare us for our Short Story unit! In our reading, we are developing our annotating strategies to help us better understand and absorb the text we are reading.

**Grade 9/10 Indigenous Studies:** As we continue looking at colonization, the students are being exposed to traditional worldviews of both the European and Indigenous cultures when looking at cultural competency and how colonialism played out in Canada.

**Grade 7 Home Economics:** The grade 7 students have been busy practicing their cooking skills while reading the recipe that is provided for them in our kitchen labs. We have also been looking at what it looks like to make healthy food choices along with the factors that may affect the option to make healthy food choices.

**Grade 9 Home Economics:** We have been busy making the Christmas dinner goodies for our upcoming RLG family Christmas dinner. We are also looking at Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs and how food security or food insecurity affects the progression up the pyramid to self-actualization.

Thank you to Mrs. Van Osch for donating zucchini from her garden for us to use in our baking.

Thank you to Mrs. Prevost for donating pumpkins for us to roast and prepare for our baking.



## MR. STRADESKI'S REPORT

All of my classes are moving along quite well as Christmas approaches. All of the students, and myself as well, are greatly looking forward to the Christmas Break.

**The Grade 10 Pre-Calculus Math** class have finished a unit on different types of functions and will be moving into their last unit of the semester. We will be learning how to solve multiple equations. This group has worked so well that we may be done the class early and we will work on some Grade 11 topics.

**The Grade 10 Essential Math** class has finished working on a measurement and area unit and will be moving on to Pythagorean relationship. They will finish the year with translations.

**The Grade 11 Pre-Calculus Math** class has just finished a unit on solving simultaneous quadratic equations and will be moving to absolute values and inequalities.

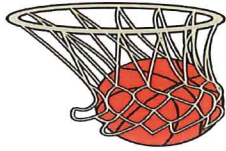
**The Grade 11 Essentials** are finishing up a unit that involved budgeting and interest on loans and will now be moving into using slope and angles to solve problems.

**The Grade 11 Chemistry** students have just finished their units involving solutions and solubility. They will finish the semester off with an introduction to organic chemistry as well as a research project about a significant person or process in Chemistry history.

**The Grade 9 Science** class has finished their Reproduction unit which has led to many interesting and spirited class discussions. Some of the students are learning a lot about themselves and the others in their class. They will be moving into an Electricity Unit where so



far most have learned that static electricity is good for shocking their younger siblings. We will also be looking at how Christmas lights work and what happens when a bulb burns out.



**The Varsity Boys** have begun their 2018-2019 season already. After 6 weeks of practice, we went to Vita and were victorious in our first tournament of the year. We also traveled to Baudette and won a hard-fought exhibition over Lake of the Woods. Our level of competition will greatly increase when we travel to the John Kipe Tournament in Niverville. We play the defending A Champions from Pinawa. It will be a great test to see where we are as a team.

We are also looking forward to hosting alumni games on December 20<sup>th</sup> for both boys and girls. It's a great opportunity to reconnect with some of the students who have passed through this school over the years and see if they have any skills left. Times will be determined at a later date.

Finally, I would like to wish everyone at Ross L. Gray a wonderful Christmas Season and a Happy New Year!



## **MR. BROWN'S REPORT**

The Grade 11/12's have been reading the classic novel *Brave New World* and are writing a critical essay, working on outline organization. The first week back after the Break, the Grade 12's will write their four day Provincial ELA exam.

Many of the Grade 12's have begun applying for colleges and universities. Campus visits are always a good way to get a feel for what a school is like. With my kids I visited CMU and Red River College. A visit is a good way to break down part of the fear of the unknown and also to give motivation to build the skills now that will be needed next year. Talk to recent Grads to find out what worked for them and what problems they encountered in their first year.

There is a different atmosphere in class this year. Both Senior teams were victorious in the Vita basketball tournament this year. The teams are more experienced and more confident than they were last year at this point. Both teams face huge challenges in tournaments this December 14-15. Hopefully both teams learn that there is a direct correlation between the dedication they have to prepare for the season and the amount of success they will achieve. The same is true for their preparation for Graduation. The greater their dedication to their studies, the greater their chances of scholastic success.

The Travel Club is now counting down less than 100 days until they depart for London, Paris and Rome. The students have been involved in group fundraisers like Mom's Pantry, Little Caesars Pizza, Community Calendars, Vesey's Bulbs and Peak of the Market Vegetables. We thank you for your support. Students have been working odd jobs and saving money for the past year and a half. One of the last fundraisers will be for individuals running the canteen at home basketball games. Come out and enjoy Dinner and a Show at the Raider Thunder Dome. See below for game times.



**Upcoming home games for  
January - 2019**

**Raiders Home Schedule**

Come support your Raider teams. These are the scheduled Home games. Check the RLG website for any changes. At each home game a member of the Travel Club will run the canteen as a fundraiser. We will try to post the menu on the website as well.

**Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> -Thursday, Steinbach  
Christian@ RLG**

**JVG 5:30/ JVB 7:00**

**Jan. 11-12- Friday, Saturday-  
Boys/ Girls Home Tournament**

**Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>- Monday, Gab Roy  
@RLG**

**SRG 5:30/ SRB 7:00**

**Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> -Tuesday- Niverville  
@RLG**

**JVG 5:30/ JVB 7:00**

**Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>-Monday, Ste. Anne  
@RLG**

**JVG 2:00/ JVB 3:30/ SRB  
5:00/ SRG 6:30**

**Zones @RLG -Feb.22<sup>nd</sup>**



**MR. FRIESEN'S WINTER REPORT**

**K-2 Gym**

These classes have been working on their movement and body control skills, through a variety of different activities and games. These movements have included hopping, skipping, running and jumping, for example. The classes have also worked hard and shown improvement in following consistent procedures and listening carefully to instructions for an activity.

**Grade 3-6 Gym**

The middle years classes have been working on improving their hand-eye coordination by playing racquet sports, such as badminton and pickleball. They have shown improvement and growing confidence in these activities and I look for that to continue as we reach Christmas break. The classes will also have an opportunity to go to the rink to do a little skating before the break.

**Grade 7-12 Gym**

These classes have recently finished up their basketball units, in preparation for the season starting after Christmas. I have seen improvement from all students in the basic skills, such as dribbling and passing. These classes have also had an opportunity to visit the skating rink to do some skating and to play broomball. They will have a chance to do this more after the break.



## Calendar of Events:



**\*December 18 – Christmas Concert-  
7:00pm**

**Dress Rehearsal – 10:00am**

**\*December 20 – K to Gr. 12  
Christmas Dinner**

**\*December 21 – Last day of school  
for 2018**

**\*December 25/18 to Jan. 6/19  
Winter Break**



**January 5, 2019 –  
3 on 3 Basketball Tournament  
Pancake Breakfast – 9:00-11:00am**

**Classes Resume –Day 2  
Monday, January 7, 2019  
( Kindergarten Day)**

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***Ross L. Gray School  
Staff and Students***

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***Wishing you the gifts of the  
season:***

***Peace, Love, Joy and Hope***

***"Merry Christmas"  
"Joyeux Noël"***



ROSS L. GRAY SCHOOL

# CHRISTMAS CONCERT



TUESDAY,

**DECEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2018**

**7:00 PM**

**SCHOOL GYM**

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**DRESS REHEARSAL**

**DECEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2018**

**10:00 AM**

# **3 on 3 Basketball Tournament**

**at Sprague School  
In Support of Ross L Gray Travel Club**



**Saturday, January 5**

3 Divisions  
13 and under  
Female 14 and up  
Male 14 and up

**Cost \$40.00 per team**  
**All teams must be paid in full by Thursday, December 20.**

Contact Cam Brown to register  
[brownc@blsd.ca](mailto:brownc@blsd.ca) 204-423-2174

**Pancake Breakfast 9:00-11:00**  
\$6 includes pancakes, sausage, juice and coffee

**Silent Auction**

**50/50 Loonie Ball**





## **COLD WEATHER CONDITION**

- 1. Your children should be dressed appropriately for the weather.**
- 2. Bus drivers have the right to refuse to pick up your child if he/she is not dressed for the weather.**
- 3. Fresh air is important for your child and that is why we send students out for recess.**
- 4. When it is too cold, your children are kept inside for indoor recess.**
- 5. Only students who have medical reasons are to stay in during recess.**
- 6. If school is open and you are not comfortable with the weather conditions, you have the right to keep your child at home.**