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Wow! Another school year is coming to an end. Since September, students, staff and parents have experienced a vast array of learning opportunities, which we will remember forever. June brings us closer to the end of another year and gets us planning already for 2007 – 2008. This month's calendar is filled with numerous activities which are celebrations and recognition for the excellent work that has occurred during the entire school year.

As you may be aware, no organization can be truly successful without the help of volunteers. This is all the more so in the case of schools. Our volunteers are an integral part of our community as they contribute to making St. Germain a richer, more vibrant place for our children. From Parent Advisory Council to volunteering in the classroom, from helping with Book Fairs to helping with the Marathon Club, from accompanying students on a field trip to assisting the school in so many other ways, we have been fortunate to receive help in so many areas. To all of you who volunteer your valuable time in any way, shape or form, the staff and students extend a heart-felt thank you. We would like to recognize the contributions of these generous people by hosting a Volunteer Appreciation Assembly and gathering on Wednesday, June 20th at 1:30 p.m.

In closing, there will be one more newsletter entitled the "Summer Edition" which will be sent home at the end of June. It will provide all the information regarding staff changes for next year, and include the 2007–2008 school calendar with important dates in September.

Enjoy the anticipated warm weather and have a terrific month!



Roger Lacroix
Principal

Anne-Marie Magnifico
Vice-Principal

HATS OFF TO...

- A) all our parents and many other individuals who have helped with school related activities throughout the year. Thank you volunteers!
- B) Mrs. Sandy Nemeth and Mrs. Kim Wilson, co-presidents on the 2006 – 2007 Parent Advisory Council and the council members for their dedication to serving the needs of the students, parents and staff. Your kindness, hard work and support are greatly appreciated!
- C) the Grade 4 students who represented École St. Germain so well at the Divisional Orff Day. Your participation and cooperation were very much appreciated!
- D) our Grade 6 room 10 students and their teacher Mr. Paillé for their “Levi Strauss” presentation at the divisional “Pièce Théâtre” at the C.U.S.B.
- E) to the school patrols for their commitment and great work throughout the year.
- F) to the Grade 7 & 8 Band Students under the direction of their teacher Mme Orellana for their fantastic performance at the Spring Band Concert.
- G) to the Grade 1 – 3 students and their teachers who participated in the Divisional Folk Dance in the Park. It was a wonderful day!
- H) to all our Grade 5 – 8 athletes who participated in the Divisional Track & Field.
- I) Anita Gray, the P.A.C. fundraising chair and her hard working volunteers for the well organized plant fundraising initiative.
- J) our members of our Grade 8 Debating Students who were inadvertently missed last month in the “Hats Off” and who represented our school very impressively; Kyle Grenier, Meghan Boisjoli and Curtis Houlden.
- K) to the MacDonald family who donated a trumpet to the school for the Band program.
- L) Annika McCabe, a Grade 3 student who placed first in an Irish Dance competition.
- M) Catherine Peeler and Ashley Evans, two Grade 7 Students who represented Manitoba at the Volleyball Nationals in Saskatoon.
- N) Taylor Nimchonok, Bethany Asmundson and Jessica Cyr who won the gold medal at the Boni-Vital soccer tournament.
- O) Geneva Gudmundson, a Grade 3 student who won a bicycle for placing first in a local art contest.
- P) Paige Simon and Jenna Campbell, kindergarten students, who placed 12th and 9th at the Junior Panthers Gymnastics competition.
- Q) Davin Tohms, Scott Mandziuk, Mitchell Edmonds, Logan Picton, and Mark Munyuza, Grade 7 students who were selected to participate this year in the LRSD Beginning Band Celebration on June 14th at 7:00 p.m.
- R) Gabriella Szecsody for placing 8th at the Provincial Gymnastics Competition in Brandon.

In closing, please advise the office of any noteworthy event or accomplishment that your son and/or daughter has won or participated in. Please provide the details so that they can be recognized over the intercom and in the newsletter. Thank you.

Conflict Mediators

Training in conflict mediation has been provided to our grade 5 students. The Grade 4 students in M Marquis’ class will have their last session this week and the students in Mme Martin and Mme Paillé’s Grade 4 class will soon begin their training. They learn and practice the four steps to conflict mediation: 1) Introduction and Ground Rules (listen without interrupting, treat others with respect, work hard to solve the problem); 2) Getting the Story (use active listening, questioning and paraphrasing); Brainstorming for Solutions (brainstorming technique); and 4) Make and Agreement (choose solutions and review the agreement). Many Grade 5 students have demonstrated an interest in becoming conflict mediators and started assisting in the playground during the recesses on Monday, June 4th. We want to thank the following students for showing leadership in taking on these new responsibilities.

Amy Peters, Jessica Papadopoulos, Braeden McKay, Kiana Cairns, Brandon Grenier, Liam

Mahon, Brittany Peto, Marcaz Baerr, Claire Tuba, Megan Hudson, Dakota Bailey, Melody Bousquet, Daniel Padeanu, Michelle Bourgeois, Daryn Bremner, Molly Smyth, Elicia Miller, Rowan McCabe, Giancarlo Alongi, Sarah Welby Ian Favreau, Troy Barrow, Jaden Johnson,

Student Dress Code

As the weather warms up, we would like to remind parents and students of the following Louis Riel School Division policy E14.

“Students are expected to dress appropriately for school. Parents are requested to ensure that they assist their son/daughter in exercising good judgment in selecting appropriate wear for the classes. Clothing should be modest and in good taste and should not include for example, such inappropriate attire as short shorts, muscle shirts, tank tops and cut-offs”.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Safety

Bicycles, scooters and inline skates

N.B! Our Grade 2 – 6 students a received bicycle helmet safety presentation on June 4th.

With the arrival of warmer weather, children are using either their bicycles, scooters or roller blades to come to school. We urge all the families to review the rules of safety with their children. Please remind your son/daughter of the importance of wearing a helmet.

Also, a reminder that while on the school premises, students **ARE NOT PERMITTED TO RIDE ON THE PAVEMENT AREA NEAR THE BUILDING**. It makes it very dangerous as collisions can occur. We thank you for discussing this matter with your children.



Camps for Summer

The school receives many pamphlets regarding various camps for students. If you are interested, come by the office to receive the information.

Classroom Enrollment

A) Classroom Enrollment

Our classroom enrollments have been confirmed for the 2007 – 2008 school year. Our school allocation is for 18 classrooms with the two half-time kindergarten classrooms counting as a one full-time classroom equivalent. Based on this enrollment, our classroom groupings for next year will be the following. There are 2 classes (a.m. and p.m.) for kindergarten, and two classes at each Grade level from Grade 1 to 8.

B) Student Groupings

In the upcoming weeks, teachers specialists, and the administration will be working collaboratively to create student groupings. This is a responsibility of the school administration and there are a number of considerations when placing students in a particular classroom group such as: special academic needs, group dynamics, male/female numbers and friendships. Parents are strongly encouraged to support the school’s decision as much thought is involved in this process for the benefit of all our students at École St. Germain. We cannot accept requests for specific teachers. Please rely on our professional judgment and trust that we will provide children with the best possible learning environment. It is a complex process. You will be notified of you child’s placement on the June report card. Thank you for your cooperation

Leaving École St. Germain

We sincerely hope your child/children will be returning to us next August (except, of course, our departing Grade 8 students). However, circumstances may force you to transfer your child/children to another school. To enable us to better plan for next year’s classes, we are requesting

that parents inform the office as soon as possible.
We thank you in advance.

Distribution of Report Cards

All K-8 students will be receiving their report cards on Thursday, June 28th.

If you are leaving early for holidays and your child will not be here to pick up his/her report cards, you may choose one of the following options:

- A) Send us a self-addressed, stamped (2-3 stamps) 8 ½ x 11 or 9 x 12 envelope and we will mail it to you.
- B) Have the school hold the report card until school reopens in late August.
- C) Send a letter to the school giving written permission for us to release your child's report card to a person other than yourself.

P.A.C. Fall BBQ

PAC is happy to announce the date of our annual FALL BBQ. It is a great way to kick off the school year and build on our great school spirit. There will be fun and games for the whole family, so mark THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 20, 2007 on your calendar today.

To make this event a great success, we count on our parents to volunteer, so please drop an email to jamhouse@mts.net, if there's a possibility you can help. It's a wonderful way to meet other families, the staff and of course your children's friends. The commitment is small and the rewards are large!

Enclosures :

1. Parent Advisory Council Update
2. Food for Thought
3. Manitoba Association of School Superintendents - Literacy
4. Connecting For Life
5. June Calendar

Classroom News

Bric à Brac!



(Rummage Sale)

Who: Grade 7 Students

When: Wednesday June 13th

Where: École St. Germain (mini gym)

For Whom: All Students (K-8)

Why: To raise money for UNICEF

École St. Germain was honoured as the top school in the Louis Riel School Division for the 2006 *Trick-or-Treat* campaign. The present Grade 7 Students will lead this campaign for next year and they wish to commence this humanitarian initiative in June.

Students are invited to make a donation by purchasing items such as books, toys, crafts, baked goods. They will be reasonably priced (\$0.05 to \$2.00). Thank you in advance for supporting this cause.

Community News

PIANO ENSEMBLE

Register now for piano/keyboard classes

September 2007 – June 2008

GROUP TEACHING at École St. Germain

- ✚ 5 to 12 years
- ✚ Classes with two teachers
- ✚ One keyboard for each Student during the lesson
- ✚ Classes given at school

Program develops:

- Ear
- Rhythm
- Theory
- Musicianship

For more information or to register, please call:
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