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MENNO WEEKLY SCHOOL NEWS

Dates to remember:

- Feb 3** Chapel with the worship band
- Feb 3** Options – Wall climbing
- Feb 4** Outdoor Club – Scuba diving
- Feb 5** Family Skate at Bowness Park 1 – 3 pm
- Feb 6** Noon rehearsals for Spring Musical commence
- Feb 8** Hot dog day
- Feb 8** New Family Presentation and Tour 7:00 pm
- Feb 10** Chapel – Wycliffe Bible Translators
- Feb 15** Fundscrip orders DUE today
- Feb 20 – 24** No School
- March 13** Grade 4 – 9 Ski Nakiska – change of date
- Mar 17** Save the Date for **SPRING FLING**

COME ON OUT FOR A GREAT FAMILY TIME
IT'S FREE
SUNDAY FEB. 5TH

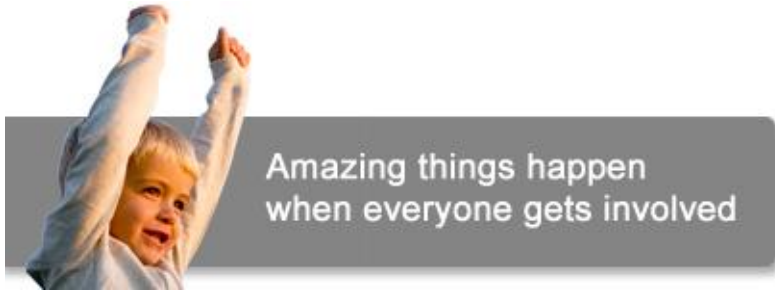


Let's get together and have some outdoor fun skating at Bowness Park!
Make sure to bundle up and don't forget your skates and helmet. There will be plenty of hot chocolate and marshmallows.

Please bring your roasting sticks and nut free snacks

No skates? Don't worry – you can rent a pair at the Parkside Cafe.
We look forward to seeing you there whatever the weather may be!

Bowness Park is located at 8900 48 Ave NW



Fundscrip is back!

Thank you to everyone who purchased gift cards through Fundscrip in November, we raised over \$700.

Fundscrip is a fantastic way to support our school!

A Fundscrip form went home with your child on February 1st and will be due February 15th so you can attain your cards when arriving back from the break.

And....coming up in MarchFundscrip will move to online ordering. Stay tuned for details....

Monthly Message from our Superintendent

Hello, everyone,

It's difficult to believe, but we're now through one half of the school year.

This time of year marks the end of the first round of diploma exams and of the first semester.

It also marks the beginning of "survey season," at schools across Alberta, as Alberta Education takes the pulse of parents, students and staff. They do this using Accountability Pillar surveys, mailed to the homes of select parents of students in public, separate and Francophone schools, and online surveys (where possible) of select students and teachers as well.

If your household receives one of these surveys, please take a few minutes to respond. The information you provide is valuable to your school, our division and to Alberta Education. The surveys and other data in the Accountability Pillar help us celebrate what's going well in our schools and focus resources on areas that could do better. This effort helps us better serve our students, support our staff and meet the expectations of our parents.

In Palliser, all parents of students in grades 4, 7 and 10 should receive a survey. If your school has fewer than 120 students in grades 4-12, parents of all students in grades 4 and up will receive a survey. Please put your survey back in the mail by Feb. 24, 2012.

Thank you for being part of this important initiative.



Kevin Gietz, Superintendent

Parents Who Pray



Parents Who Pray would like to invite all parents to join us in praying for our school. We meet Wednesday mornings at 8:30 in the volunteer room to pray for students, teachers and staff. Please consider joining us as we lift up our school community in prayer. Prayer requests may also be left in the prayer box on the trophy case. All requests will be kept confidential.

Date: Class we will be praying for:

Feb 8	Kindergarten
Feb 15	Grade 1
Feb 29	Grade 2
Mar 7	Grade 3
Mar 14	Grade 4
Mar 21	Grade 5
Apr 4	Grade 6
Apr 11	Grade 7
Apr 18	Grade 8
Apr 25	Grade 9

Hot Lunch

It's not too late for Pancakes!! Still want to order Pancakes, Chicken Nuggets or one of your child's favorite Hot Lunch? Well it's not too late!! If you still want to order lunches for February 13th and onward simply fill out the order form and return to the office by the Wednesday before the lunch is offered. Forms can be found on the website under documents.



New menu on website

<http://www.mennosimonschristianschool.ca/docs/library/MSCS%20Lunch%20Menu%20-%20January.pdf>

The Uniform Store News

Top Marks will return for a fitting session on Feb 16th from 3:00 - 7:30 and again on June 4th.

SPRING FLING

STAMPEDE STYLE

Spring Fling 2012

In celebration of the Calgary Stampede's 100th Anniversary, students and staff will be integrating some stampede fun and facts into the curriculum, and working with Cowboy Poet Doris Daley. This has inspired the theme for Spring Fling, where Doris and students will share their poetry. We will celebrate in a family-friendly, casual, stampede style with western activities, music and dinner. While keeping in mind that it is a fundraiser, we intend to make it an affordable event the whole family can attend and enjoy. Fundraising efforts will focus on a silent auction for the parents, as well as some auction fun for the children.

Watch for further details in the next few weeks, and prepare to get out your cowboy hat and boots early this year. Mark your calendar now, and plan to bring the whole family out on **Saturday, March 17, 2012.**

If you would like to get involved, contact Angela Craig at ac.craig@shaw.ca or 403-249-8564.

Help Our Art Program



Our Art Room is in need of some recycled supplies. If you have any old "lifestyle" magazines, clean plastic pop bottles (any size), or any empty toilet paper or paper towel rolls, we would be glad to take them from you. If you would be willing to help us by collecting these items and bringing them to the Art Room at a later date, that's fine too! Thanks for your help.

GIVING TREE

Please read through this newly redone Giving Tree list and keep your eyes open for the school pet who is in need of a few things. See Mr. Colgan's requests!!!

These are the current needs in our classrooms and if your family is able to contribute any of these items please give them directly to that teacher or leave it at the front office. Thanks in advance for helping our teachers!

Elementary

Kindergarten

New: Extra Pairs of Mittens

New: Puzzles (up to 24 pieces)

New: Very Small Keyboard (for the children to play music on)

New: Paper Plates (large and small)
New: Large Cardboard Box (appliance size)

Grade One

New: Sidewalk Chalk
Books by Angela Johnson (appropriate for grades 1-3)
Balls (for use on the outdoor field)

Grade Two

Picture Books
Simple Chapter Books

Grade Three

New: Electric Pencil Sharpener
Food colouring
Plastic Forks
Band –Aids

Grade Four

New: Comics and magazines that are kid appropriate (if you would like to order this item(s) from Scholastic please speak to Mr. Wiebe)
New: Band-Aids

Grade Five

New: Sandwich size Ziploc Bags
Stir Sticks
Games (suitable for 8-12 year olds)

Grade Six

New: Apples to Apples Game
New: Plastic Cutlery
Strong Magnets (to post things on the white board, can be found at a hardware store)

Junior High

Mrs. Carey

Plastic Cutlery
Games (appropriate for 12-14 year olds)
Chapter's Gift Cards
Scholastic books (appropriate for 12-14 year olds)
Incentives/Rewards for Student work

Mme. Vienneau

Large Bookshelf

Guess Who Games (to be used for French classes)
Scholastic Books (appropriate for 12-14 year olds)
Chapter's Gift Cards
Incentives/Rewards for Student work

Mr. Grasmeyer

No current needs

Mr. Colgan/Mrs. Wiebe

New: Wood Shavings for Boris the Tortoise
New: Sand from a Pet Store for Boris the Tortoise

Library

New: Bernstein Bear books
Amelia Bedilia books

Front Office

New: Ice Cream Pails preferably with lids and handles (needed to organize items in the Menno kitchen)
Ice Packs for Injuries
Sponges