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***MENNO
WEEKLY SCHOOL NEWS***



Dates to remember:

- Nov 4** Chapel – Grade 7 “Connected With God Through Meditation and Prayer”
- Nov 5** Sweet Interlude featuring “House of Doc”
- Nov 7** Photo Retakes
- Nov 7** Class Photos (formal uniforms)
- Nov 10** Peace Festival (morning)
"The Challenge to be Peaceful Here and Far"
- Nov 11** Remembrance Day (no school)
- Nov 14** No school (In Lieu Day)
- Nov 15** No school (PD for teachers)
- Nov 16** Deadline for Balzac Meat orders
- Nov 18** International Chapel
- Nov 22** Report cards issued
- Nov 24** Parent/Teacher interviews 3:30 – 8:00
- Nov 25** Parent/Teacher interviews 9:00 – noon
- Nov 26** Family Photo day 9 – 4:00

**CLASS PICTURES – NOV 7TH PLEASE
WEAR DRESS UNIFORM!**

RETAKES – NOV 7TH.





SWEET INTERLUDE NOV 5TH

House of Doc “Folk Music totally Re-vamped!”

(<http://houseofdoc.wordpress.com/>) will perform for us while we sample delicious desserts.

Sweet Interlude is quickly approaching on November 5...do you have your tickets yet?! Friday is ticket blitz day...hear some great tunes by *House of Doc* as you purchase your tickets...we'll match the number of tickets you buy with a sweet bag of goodies! Tickets are available at the office for \$25 or a table of eight for \$175. We're hoping for packed house so don't miss your chance for a great evening out with awesome desserts and fantastic entertainment.

Monthly Message from our Superintendent

Hello, everyone,

Welcome to November, an important month for our students, staff and families.

This is report card month, an excellent time to get an update on student learning so far this school year.

I say it's an excellent time. It's certainly not the only time for such an update. Across Palliser, our teachers and administrators are working very hard on increasing communication with parents/guardians throughout the year. I hope you've noticed this concerted effort.

At some of our schools, this focus on communication has involved a change up to parent-teacher interviews so these meetings occur before report cards are issued. Issues can be raised early. Report cards then serve to affirm what's already been discussed.

Regardless the timing, parent-teacher interviews or student-led conferences are an important communication tool.

I encourage all of our parents/guardians to participate in these meetings. Bring your questions and your suggestions for how we can support each other in supporting student learning. These occasions are an opportunity for teachers and parents to talk about how we can support each other in our shared interest in helping our students reach their goals and achieve success.

We are partners in this all-important effort. The theme of Palliser this school year is TEAM: Together Everyone Achieves More. Through collaboration and team effort, as students, parents, teachers, support staff and community members, we can ensure learning success for all students.

Thank you for being part of Palliser's TEAM.

Kevin Gietz, Superintendent
Palliser Regional Schools



PENNY CARNIVAL

Thank you for your support.

Penny Carnival raised \$479.13 for Friends of the Mennonite Centre Ukraine.



POINSETTIAS FOR SAIL(ING)!!!!

Every family will have receive an order form this week.



Dear Menno Families,

It is our annual Poinsettia fundraiser time.

It has become a tradition for our Grade Nine class to celebrate the end of their time here with a Sailing Trip together. The S.A.L.T.S. (Sailing and Life Training Society) experience is an incredible team-building opportunity that we as a school are proud to be able to offer. It is not inexpensive however; the Grade Nine Students are responsible for the cost of the trip. Poinsettia sales are a way in which you can help offset each student's cost while enjoying beautiful seasonal plants from DeVry Greenhouses.

DeVry Greenhouses are a Canadian owned family based company that has provided us with a consistently high quality product for many years. The Poinsettias have always arrived huge and healthy and are always welcome gifts.

Order forms can be left at the front desk.

Deadline for orders to be received is November 24th.

Pick-up date: December 7th.



Prizes for the top Sales! Watch for posters.

BALZAC MEATS FUNDRAISER

Join us for a RARE experience and participate in a WELL-DONE fundraiser for Menno Simons School



We are selling Farm Fresh Meats from Balzac Meats. The beef in these packages is Angus AAA Beef, Guaranteed Hormone-Free, Grain Fed for over 210 days and aged for a minimum of 21 days.

All the meat is pre-packaged as indicated on the order form. Packages range in price from \$40.00 to \$449.00. Please refer to the order form for prices and different packages available to buy

Orders forms along with payment are due on **November 16** and orders will delivered to the school on **December 9**. Please ask your friends and family if they are interested in participating in this great fundraiser!!

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. Next week, on November 9th we will be praying for the grade nine class. 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: Nov 9 Class we will be praying for: Grade 9



The Uniform Store News

Welcome back to new and "old" Menno Families!

Please bring all gently used donated items for resale to the office.

At each sale, all items for sale are at a cost of \$5 except formal uniform which will be sold at half price! The weekly news will notify you when the next sale is.

Abigail White and Jen Dost

Top Marks will return for a fitting session on Nov 8th 2:30 – 5:30 pm

Grocery Card Fundraiser

There are limited grocery card denominations remaining. Get your cards now as we transition from this type of grocery fundraising to the FundScrip program.

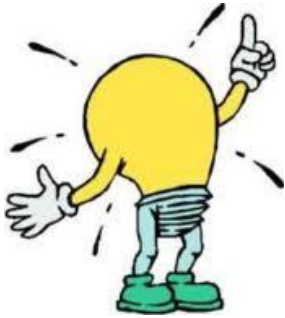
The forms are at the office and on the website under documents/fundraiser. Please complete a form and drop it off at the office.

<http://www.mennosimonschristianschool.ca/docs/library/GroceryOrderForm2011-01-231.pdf>

Coming Soon,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,



Fundscrip ---Where Shopping IS Fundraising. <http://www.fundscrip.com/>
*Information will be coming soon to explain how to buy your gift cards and benefit the school at the same time.
Watch for account information so you can start shopping for Christmas!*



What Parents Need to Know About the Inclusive Education Planning Tool Pilot

This year your child's school will be one of over 200 schools in the province participating in a pilot of the new digital resource the Inclusive Education Planning Tool (IEPT) for teachers of Grades 1 – 9. This will be an opportunity for teachers in the school to reflect upon, refresh, plan and develop new instructional practices so they are better able to meet the diverse learning needs of all students in their classroom.

Please read the remainder of this article by clicking on this link:

http://www.mennosimonschristianschool.ca/docs/library/what_parents_need_to_know.pdf