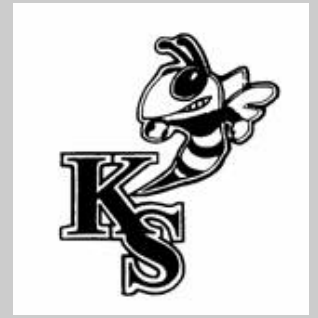



Kleefeld School

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MAY 2016 The Buzz



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Day 5 Kindergarten Registration	3 Day 5 Kindergarten Registration HSD JR. HIGH BADMINTON TOURNAMENT PAC Meeting @ 7:00 PM	4 Day 6 May the 4th be With You Mental Math Day Gr. 1-3 11:00-12:00	5 Day 1 May the 4th be With You Mental Math Day Gr. 4-8 2:30-3:30	6 Day 2 Hot Lunch: Pizza
9 Day 3	10 Day 4	11 Day 5	12 Day 6 Gr. 1-3 Musical Dress Rehearsal @ 1:30 Evening Performance & PAC Bake Sale @ 7:00	13 Day 1 Hot Lunch: TBA
16 Day 3	17 Day 4 Earth Rangers Assembly @ 1:10	18 Day 5	19 Day 6	20 Day 1  Hot Lunch: Cheeseburgers
23 VICTORIA DAY NO CLASSES	24 Day 2	25 Day 3 Gr 1 Field Trip Today	26 Day 4	27 Day 5 Hot Lunch: ??
GRADE EIGHT BAND TRIP TO EDMONTON				
30 Day 6	31 Day 1			

Principal's Message

The beautiful sunny summer-like weather seems to be making more regular appearances. Being able to shed the winter gear is such a welcome change. As we pull out the summer gear, it may be helpful to review some old and new clothing guidelines. Before going further in this discussion, I want to communicate two foundational ideals.

- 1) Clothing choices are personal—and we recognize that any time guidelines are suggested, the possibility of offense is present. That is very concerning to us, and we want to be careful to avoid offense. When a school is presenting guidelines, we are not making a judgement about a person's character or taste. We are seeking to create an environment that is conducive to learning.
- 2) Clothing appropriateness is often determined by the learning situation. This is why we are cautious about creating a list of hard and fast rules for students and staff.

As a school, our number one goal is student learning and we work every day to create an environment that supports that. So here are some guidelines we would ask be considered...

-Select clothing that is appropriate for a school setting. Students should not be limited from participating in learning activities by clothing, nor should clothing create embarrassing or distracting situations for students. So we ask that...

- Chests and stomachs are covered
- Shorts and skirts are mid-thigh or longer
- Undergarments are not showing
- Clothing with messages that may offend be avoided
- Straps on all students' shirts be at least three fingers wide

What we are seeking to do is create general guidelines that, when followed, will help avoid situations where staff will have to make clothing judgements. Please note, these guidelines apply to all students in every grade.

If you have questions or would like to discuss these guidelines, your perspective is welcome. Please call the school and set up an appointment (204-377-4751).



LIBRARY BUZZINESS

Our **MYRCA book club** has come to an end for this year. We are anxiously waiting to find out which novel has been chosen as number one, the book selected by the most students from participating schools across Manitoba. There will be a special award ceremony next fall in which the winner will receive the award and speak to students about the writing process and answer questions from the audience. We look forward to meeting the author and having them autograph our book from the library.

All student library books are due back on June 10th as inventory will be starting the following week.

"You're BRAVER than you believe, STRONGER than you seem, and SMARTER than you think."

A.A. Milne, *Winnie-the-Pooh*



Band News

The Edmonton Band trip is quickly approaching! The Grade 8 students are leaving on May 23rd at 7 PM.

Please be at the school by 6:30 PM

to check in. On the trip, the grade 8 students will be participating in a full day individual clinics on the instrument they are playing followed by an adjudication of the full band. Other activities include visits to the Edmonton Zoo and West Edmonton Mall.

Upcoming Events

May 23-27 Gr. 8 Edmonton Band Trip

June 9 @ 6:30—Gr. 6 parents pay rental fees for the upcoming school year.

June 9 @ 7:00—Gr. 7/8 Band Concert



WISE Kid-Netic Energy Science and Engineering day camp is coming to Steinbach this summer!

When: August 15th – 19th

Where: Southwood School

WISE Kid-Netic Energy registration is currently open. There are 40 camper spots available, open to kids ages 9 – 12, by December 31, 2016. Each camp day will have a different science or engineering theme that will be explored with cool activities! This year's theme days include: At the Heart of Science, Construction, Forensic Science, Marine Biology and Plants & Fungi. Registration fees are \$100 and are on a first-come, first-served basis.

Registration is available online at www.wisekidneticenergy.ca, or you can call our office. Sign up today!

For more information contact our office:

Phone: 1-204-474-9340

Toll Free: 1-800-432-1960 ext. 9340

Fax: 1-204-474-7644

Email: wise@kidneticenergy.ca

Facebook: facebook.com/wisekidnetic

Twitter: @WISE_KidNetic

PAC Bake Sale Reminder

On Thursday, May 12 @ 7:00 our Gr. 1-3 students will be presenting their musical, "Once Upon a Lily Pad." Our PAC will be hosting a bake sale at the musical. Parents of Gr. 1-3 students should have received a letter requesting a donation of baked goods for the bake sale. If the donated goodies could be dropped off the morning of May 12, that would allow our volunteers to organize the donated items. All proceeds will go toward our play structure project. Thank you in advance for your support.



SCIENCE FAIR RESULTS

The grade 8 students worked very hard on their science fair projects this year. They all did a wonderful job. Some guest judges were invited to select the most noteworthy projects. The winners for the 2016 science fair are:

1st Place: Tori R.

2nd Place: Casey B., Tanya E., Drew H.

3rd Place: Malachi W., Timo S.

4th Place: Miciah S., Avery P.

5th Place: Jenny K.

STINGERS ATHLETICS

Badminton: Our Gr. 7/8 students participated in the HSD Round Robin badminton tournament. Thank you for your excellent representation of Kleefeld School. Thank you Mr. Shields for coaching and Ms. Reimer for supervising.

Kleefeld School Track and Field Day: The school based meet will happen Thursday, May 19 for Gr. 5-8 students.

Small Schools Track Meet: This meet is for Gr. 5/6 students and it is held in Steinbach on June 8.

Barb Cheop Junior High Track Meet: This is a division wide track meet for all gr. 7/8 students. It is held in Steinbach. Parents are welcome to come and cheer on their students. If you are interested in helping out at a meet, please contact Mr. Shields @ tshields@hsd.ca

HOW STUDENTS ARE PLACED INTO CLASSES @ KLEEFELD SCHOOL

As we are heading into the final six weeks of classes, preparations for the 2016-17 school year have also begun. Sometimes parents wonder how class lists are created. Here are the criteria we consider and the process we use.

- 1) Homeroom teachers ask each of their students to identify at least three friends they would like to be with in class. Teachers try to ensure that a student has at least one of those friend requests in his/her class.
- 2) Academic and Behaviour Considerations—We try to balance classes.
- 3) Parent Requests—From time to time parents will make requests for the placement of their students. These are considered by teachers.



Teachers create introductory class lists. Then the sending teachers, receiving teachers, resource teachers and principals meet to review the introductory lists. Changes are made and tentative class lists are created. Due to unexpected circumstances such as a sudden influx of students at one particular age group, class lists are always subject to change. When late changes do occur, parents will be notified by the principal. As always, we are open to your questions and feedback. If you would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to call the office and set up an appointment with the principal.

MIDDLE SCHOOL INFO FOR 2016-17

Grade 7/8 Band

All students in grades 7 and 8 are expected to be a part of our band program. There are no other class options offered at the same time as band class. Also, Mrs. Hiebert, our band instructor understands the concept of inclusion and is very good at finding a spot for every student. The expectation is that each student will select an instrument and be a part of the group. Please direct any inquiries to Y. Schroeder or J. Bergen. If finances are a concern, please see Y. Schroeder.

German Language Classes

This past year, German language classes were offered to Gr. 7 and 8 students only. This was due to a lack of interest. For the 2016-17 school year, we would like to offer French only as an option to grade 5 students. The reason for phasing German language classes out are that once students leave Kleefeld School, they cannot continue German studies at the SRSS, since no German is offered there. Also, with no German being offered to the grade 5's in the 2015-16 school year, the class in the 2016-17 school year would be extremely small. A letter requesting grade 5 parent's signatures will be sent home in May. For students in grade 7 and 8, German classes will continue until students graduate from Kleefeld School. If parents have questions regarding German language classes, please contact Y. Schroeder.

STAFFING UPDATES FOR 2016-17

THERE WILL BE SOME CHANGES IN STAFFING FOR THE 2016-17 SCHOOL YEAR. HERE ARE THE CHANGES THAT WE ARE AWARE OF THUS FAR....

- MRS. WENDY FROESE HAS ANNOUNCED HER RETIREMENT AT THE END OF THE 2015-16 SCHOOL YEAR. WE WISH HER ALL THE BEST AS SHE BEGINS THIS NEW CHAPTER IN HER LIFE. DUE TO THE INCREASE IN KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT FOR THE 2016-17 SCHOOL YEAR, KLEEFELD SCHOOL WILL HAVE THREE KINDERGARTEN CLASSES. WE WILL BE HIRING A FULL TIME KINDERGARTEN TEACHER IN MAY.
- MRS. WENDY MARTENS AND MR. PAT MARTENS WILL BE ON LEAVE NEXT YEAR. MRS. CHRISTINE FRIESEN WILL BE FILLING THE ROLES OF GUIDANCE, LITERACY SUPPORT AND READING RECOVERY NEXT YEAR.
- MR. BRAD PETERS WILL BE TEACHING GR. 5/6 NEXT YEAR.
- MS. STEPHANIE REIMER WILL CONTINUE AS A TERM TEACHER IN GRADE 5 NEXT YEAR.
- MRS. MARY-ANNE SIGNER-KROEKER HAS BEEN HIRED AS A HALF TIME TERM TEACHER FOR GR. 8 ELA.