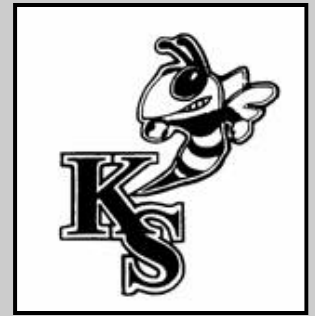


Kleefeld School

Home of the Stingers

JUNE The Buzz



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
30 Day 6	31 Day 1	1 Day 2	2 Day 3	3 Day 4 Hot Lunch: Pizza
6 Day 5	7 Day 6 PAC Meeting @ 7:00 PM	8 Day 1 Small Schools Track/Field Gr. 5/6 SMS	9 Day 2 Gr. 6 Band Parents Rental Payment Option 6:30-7:00 Final Band Concert Gr. 7/8 Bands @ 7:00	10 Day 3 Hot Lunch: Chili on a Bun
13 Day 4	14 Day 5	15 Day 6	16 Day 1	17 Day 2  Hot Lunch: Cheeseburgers
20 Day 3	21 Day 4	22 Day 5	23 Day 6	24 Day 1 Hot Lunch: Hot Dogs
27 Day 2 Gr. 8 Farewell	28 Day 1 Last Day of Class Special Assembly @ 10:30 11:30 Picnic Lunch (please pre-order) 1:00-3:00 K-Gr. 6 Loonie Carnival REPORT CARDS SENT HOME TODAY	29 Administration Day No Classes  Thanks for a Great Year Have a Wonderful Summer Vacation!	30 Administration Day No Classes 	

Principal's Message



It has been a great nine months here at Kleefeld School. It is incredible how quickly the year has flown by. I would like to say a big thank you for the support, encouragement and feedback you have provided Mr. Bergen and me. It helps us do our jobs better.



Even though we have been at Kleefeld School for almost a full year, we are still experiencing events/school traditions for the first time. One of these is the end of year awards for grade 7 & 8 students. Part of the reason for considering changes is that this is a transition year at Kleefeld School—grade nine students are no longer here, new principals and new staff coming on board. Also, there has been a shift in the focus on what exactly we are encouraging in school. For instance, should we award students for achieving the highest marks in subject areas or should we be awarding effort and improvement, or both? Do awards matter, do they promote good or cause harm? Do awards encourage improved effort and performance in all students, or are they interpreted as empowering only “good” students? If we, as a school, take opportunities to learn about our students and make connections, then ideally, all students would be motivated.

As a staff, we have had some lively discussions around this topic—with no consensus being reached. Mr. Bergen and I have visited our grade 8 classes to discuss their thoughts and perspectives on end of year awards. There was no consensus there either. Time is flying, a decision as to what to do about awards will have to be made very soon. I would like to invite your input as well. If you have strong opinions on this topic, please contact Mr. Bergen or me at the school in the next week so we can hear your perspectives.



To our dear, faithful volunteers @ Kleefeld School, we want to say a huge thank you to each of you for the time, care and attention you have given us. We are so grateful to have you as a part of our school community. We appreciate you and all you have done for us.



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](https://www.facebook.com/wisekidnetic)

Twitter: @WISE_KidNetic



PAC Bake Sale Thank You

The Kleefeld School PAC would like to say a HUGE thank you to all the parents who contributed delicious baking for the bake sale @ the spring musicale. Your generous donations allowed the PAC to add another \$500 to the play structure fund.



MOVING??



If you are moving during the summer please call Hanover School Division Transportation at 204-320-2347 to notify us of your address changes. Also, we would appreciate a call in August, once we are back in the school office 204-377-4751.

Band News

It's another band trip to go into the history books as a great success! We would like to thank all who supported our Grade 8 students in having this successful trip to Edmonton. Thank you to our chaperones as well. The students were able to enjoy lessons at McEwan University, where they were divided into groups: brass instruments instructed by Joel Gray, wind instruments by Dan Davis, and percussion by Brain Thurgood. The full band was lead by Ray Baril, the conductor, to play their songs! As well, the students got to take in the Zoo and West Edmonton Mall. Thank you to Brandon Bus Lines for safely bringing the crew there and back!

Our last concert of the year is fast approaching! On June 9th our final concert will take place at 7pm in the school gym. Please join us one last time before the summer break for some beautiful music!

Please note the Grade 6 and 7 students' rental fees for next year's instruments are due at this time. There will be a letter that will be sent home with these students shortly.

Again, thank you for all the support! Have a fantastic summer and see you next year for some more beautiful music!

The Band Boosters



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.

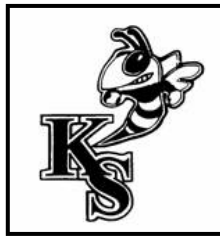
STINGERS ATHLETICS

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 about setting aside 20 minutes every day of summer holidays to read! Students are invited to participate in our summer reading program. They can sign out up to 10 books to read over the summer. Registration forms will be sent home soon.!

STUDENT PLACEMENT GUIDELINES @ KLEEFELD SCHOOL

As we are heading into the final month of classes, preparations for the 2016-17 school year have also begun. Here are the criteria we consider and the process we use as we create classes for next year.

- 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.



Library News!

What a spectacular year it's been in the library, 613 fabulous books have been added to our library so far this year. The proceeds from the phenomenal Scholastic Book Fair, generated 254 books alone!!! A huge thank you to the students and families who have donated books to the library, our 'bookworms' have thoroughly enjoyed reading them.

And the 2016 MYRCA winner is..... THE BOUNDLESS, by Kenneth Oppel. The two honour books are, The Night Gardener, by Jonathan Auxier and 'In Real Life' by Cory Doctorow.

To encourage your child to read throughout the summer holidays, Kleefeld School is once again offering the **Summer Reading Program**. Reading during the summer will help your child practice and maintain the reading skills learned during this school year. Students from K to Grade 7 are eligible for the reading program. Registration forms will be going home during the last week in June.

Books will be available for pick-up by students and their families June 28, 29 and 30. All books will need to be returned the week before school commences in September.

My test of a good novel is dreading to begin the last chapter. ~Thomas Helm

