

Kleefeld School

Home of the Stingers

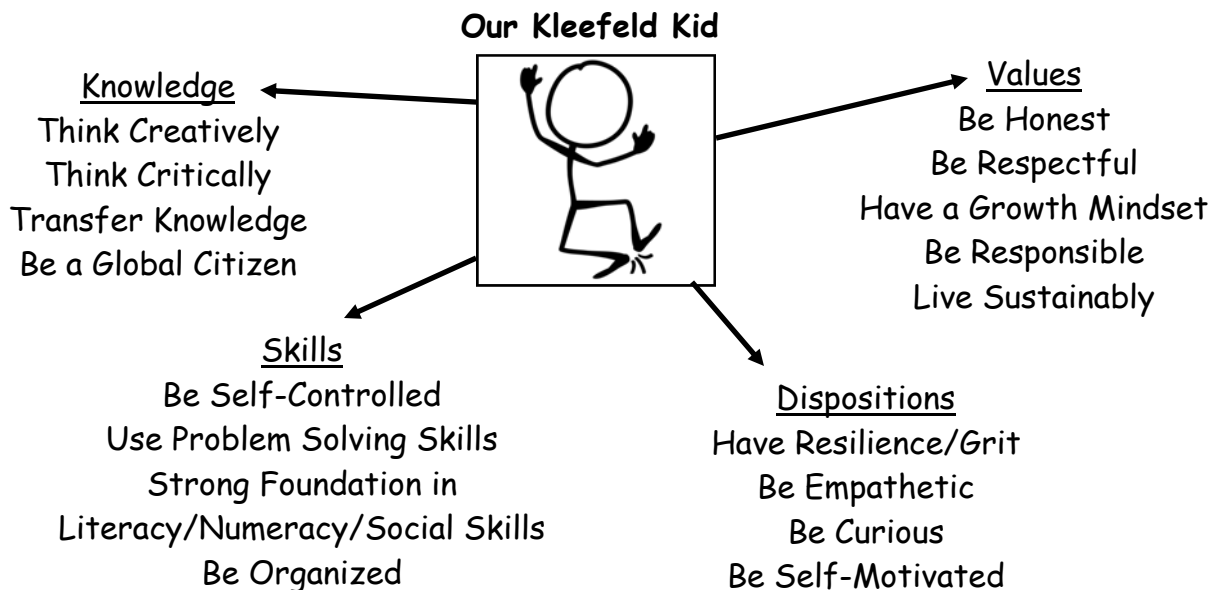
April 2016 The Buzz



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	SPRING BREAK MARCH 28—APRIL 1			1
4 Day 4 Chocolate Fundraiser Ends Today! Thank You For Your Support!!	5 Day 5 PAC Meeting @ 7:00 PM	6 Day 6 Grade 8 Science Fair Gym—PM	7 Day 1 Gr. 8 Farewell Parent Meeting 7:00 in Library	8 Professional Learning Day No Classes
11 Day 2	12 Day 3	13 Day 4 PINK SHIRT DAY and STAND UP FOR WHAT'S RIGHT—Math Problem Solving Day	14 Day 5	15 Day 6 Hot Lunch: Pizza Day Kleefeld Students Night @ the Museum—Gr. 5
18 Day 1	19 Day 2	20 Day 3	21 Day 4 Kleefeld Grade 8 Parent Tour Evening @ SRSS	22 Day 5 Hot Lunch: Sub Sandwiches EARTH DAY
25 Day 6	26 Day 1	27 Day 2 NORTHWINDS BAND CONCERT TONIGHT! 7:00 PM	28 Day 3	29 Day 4 Hot Lunch: Hot Dogs

Principal's Message

At the beginning of last year, the HSD Superintendent asked each school to develop a description of the characteristics students should develop in their schools. Developing this description was not the sole responsibility of the teachers, but rather should include EA's, support staff, students, parents and community members. We have been gathering input from those sources throughout this year, and here is the description that we have come up with:



This description of "Our Kleefeld Kid," is a target or goal of the attributes we are aiming to develop in our students at Kleefeld School. Our students are the reason our school exists and we want to keep "Our Kids," at the center of the decisions we make throughout the year.

LIBRARY BUZZINESS

April 22 is Earth Day, learn cool facts about earth, recycling, sustainable development, etc from some great books we have in the library.

The Earth Science Book	550 ZIK	Trees: Earth's Lungs	363.7 SAV
Planet Earth	525 POT	Trash Attack	ENF 582.1 WEB
Let's Explore Earth	ENF 523.4 ORM	Compost Basics	ENF 631.8 SCH
The Earth	525 JEF	Green Kids: Recycling	ENF 363.7 MOR
The Earth is Painted Green	808.1 BRE	Green Kids: Saving Energy	ENF 363.791 MOR
Planet Earth	550 CUR	Green Kids: Saving Water	ENF 363.91 MOR
The Big Book of the Earth	550 DIX	Environmental Awareness-solid Waste	363.72SNO
10 Greatest Threats to Earth	428.6 REA		
The Magic School bus Inside the Earth	ENF 550 COL		
One Well - The Story of Water on the Earth	553.7 STR		

"It is spring again. The earth is like a child that knows poems by heart." Rainer Maria



CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER UPDATE

In March we began a special fundraising project with all funds raised going to our **NEW PLAYSTRUCTURE FUND!**
The goal was to raise \$8000.

We are happy to report that we raised a grand total of \$10,100.

Thank you to all the students and parents who did such an amazing job selling chocolates.

Here are our prize winners:

2 Grand Prizes—K-Gr. 4
Uriah and Nathania

2 Grand Prizes—Gr. 5-8
Brooke and Katrina

Highest Class Total
2 AS (\$2358)

Highest Family Total
Kewley Family



RELIGIOUS EXERCISES AND DISCOVERY TIME INFORMATION FOR 2016-2017

Petitions for Religious Exercises (every morning) and Discovery Time (Religious Instruction on Tuesday afternoons) are being signed now for the 2016-17 school year. Parents must indicate their wishes every year and only those students will attend. Petition forms are available at the school office, in English & German. Mrs. Andrews is the Discovery Time coordinator. If you have any questions, please call 204-377-9974.



SENSITIVE ISSUES FOR GR. 5 AND 7 STUDENTS

Each year, as part of the Health Ed. curriculum, Gr. 5 and Gr. 7 students are taught family life education called Sensitive Issues. The Province of Manitoba requires that human growth development be taught as part of the Physical Ed./Health Ed. curriculum. These topics include human development, drug use and abuse, and how to avoid abusive situations and relationships. These topics are approached with extra consideration and planning. At each grade level, the materials and topics taught have been approved by a Hanover School Division committee of teachers, administrators, parents, and community leaders. Your Gr. 5 and/or 7 student(s) will soon be bringing home a consent form allowing them to be a part of the lessons in May. If you would like to preview the materials, and/or have any questions about the curriculum, please contact Y. Schroeder or J. Bergen.



Science Fair

Congratulations to our Gr. 8 students and Ms. Strutt for your excellent work putting on the Science Fair. Students have been working hard for the past 5 weeks to prepare for the event that was held on Wednesday, April 6th. Thank you to those of you who were able to attend and view the science fair projects.



Thank You to all the Discovery Time teachers who have volunteered as teachers this year. We appreciate the care and commitment you have given to our students.

Stars of the Future



Spring 2016

Children born between July 1, 2012, and December 31, 2012, together with their parents, are invited to attend a **Stars of the Future** clinic.

Stars of the Future is a **FREE** screening program for children that live in South East Manitoba. It is a onetime appointment, designed to find out how your child is doing in the areas of speech & language, hearing, growth and development. The appointment is one hour long.

Appointments may be booked by calling 204-346-6136 and leaving a message.

For more information on Stars of the Future go to

www.healthychildcoalition.ca. Appointment times do fill up quickly, so we encourage you to book your appointment early.

Clinics will be held in the following communities:

Steinbach: April 6 th and 7 th ; May 4 th and 5 th	Vita: April 22 nd PM only
St. Pierre: April 8 th	Sprague: April 26 th AM only
Ste. Anne: April 20 th	Niverville: April 28 th
Dominion City: April 22 nd AM only	Lorette: May 17 th

Stars of the Future is offered **FREE** to families living in the former South East/Santé Sud Est Health region through a partnership with Southern Health-Santé Sud, South East Children's

Kleefeld Band News

Thank you to all the family and friends who made our Band Bash a success. This was our annual Fundraiser that provides extra support for our school's band program and the beautiful music they make. Funds from this event pay for instrument upgrades, replacement reeds and instrument rentals. It also provides instruments for Gr. 5 and 6 students to try out so that they are more prepared to choose an instrument at the end of Gr. 6.

Our second gift card fundraiser sold over \$20,000 worth of gift cards and Brothers credits. Way to go band students!

The Band Trip is fast approaching. There will be a parent meeting on April 14th at 6:00 PM. This meeting is for the **All Parents** of the Gr. 8 students going on the band trip. The itinerary for the trip will be presented as well time for questions or concerns parents may have. **Band Student account balances must be paid in full at the meeting.** Please watch for account balance letters coming home with Grade 8 Band Students.

One last reminder for the Grade 8 Band Students if you have not handed in your dress shirt please do so immediately as it needs to be dry cleaned before the Band Trip.

Thank you to all who have supported our Band!

GR. 7 / 8 FINAL ASSESSMENTS ARE NO MORE!

Past practice at Kleefeld School has been to have students in Gr. 7-9 participate in year end assessments. There are several reasons for moving away from this practice. First, these assessments take a lot of class time that could be used for teaching. Second, students are given final assessments in all of their core classes which results in four or five major assignments occurring at the same time. This is overwhelming for students. Third, if assessment has been occurring as it should in regular classes, final assessment projects are not necessary. Fourth, we have a new provincial report card which has no place to report final assessment results. Finally, we know that high stakes assessments create stress for students and do not accurately show their learning. Questions? Please call Y. Schroeder.