

Souris Consolidated School

Newsletter

Tuesday, September 20, 2011

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First Days of School

Students have very quickly settled into the routines and schedules of a new school year. Thank you to everyone for your extra effort in making sure things went well for the students during their first 2 weeks of school. Thank you to Parents and Caregivers for taking the time to meet with teachers last evening during our Open House.

Please continue to call or visit the school when you have questions or concerns.

School phone numbers are: Office: 687-7140, 687-7157, or 687-7142

Parent / Emergency Contact

It is essential that we are able to reach parents or designate at all times during the school day. Please ensure that we have accurate information on file for your child(ren). Thank you.

School Bus Travel

Bus students are expected to travel to and from school on their designated bus. If a student needs to be dropped off or picked up at an alternate location on that route, please notify the school with a note or phone call in the morning of the change. Calling late in the school day creates a lot of confusion as a bus note for the driver needs to be written for every change. Thank you.

Home and School (School Council)

A Home and School Committee meeting has been scheduled for **Wednesday, Sept 21 at 7:00 pm.**

Our meetings are always open for interested parents to attend as part of the audience. Items for discussion would have to be submitted prior to the meeting to be added to the agenda. Agenda items can be submitted by calling any of the H & S members.

Hot Lunch Program

We will not be offering a hot lunch program until we have sufficient volunteers in place. Until that time, students will be expected to bring a

lunch to school. Milk and juice will be available to purchase. (white milk 50 cents, chocolate milk 75 cents and canned juice \$1.00)

We are trying to promote Healthy Eating and will consider this when we are choosing items for our hot lunch program. When sending treats in your child's lunch, please do not send candy. Thank you.

School Photos

Student individual photos will be taken on Friday, October 7. There will be two photographers available to take all student photos on the same day. All students must have their photos taken for our data files. The purchase of photos is optional.

Volunteers for Literacy

If you are interested in being a volunteer who reads to or listens to children read at all grade levels, please call the school. An information meeting will be held.

Pediculosis

Please continue to check your child's head on a regular basis for pediculosis(head lice). If cases are found, please treat and then have the child checked by Public Health before returning to school.

Practicing literacy is as easy as A-B-C

Learning together as a family is vital to a child's future education. Doing family literacy activities not only helps develop children's reading, writing and math skills, it also provides an opportunity for parents to learn something new too! Children raised in literate households are likely to enter grade one with several thousand hours of one-to-one pre-reading experience behind them.

Learning happens in many ways, especially in our day-to-day activities. In honour of September's Life Literacy Month, ABC Life Literacy Canada offers 10 fun and easy ways to make literacy part of your family's daily life.

1. When making your grocery list, have your child write out the items you need to buy.
2. At the store, ask your child to count out the money to make the purchase.
3. Make it a habit to always read a story together at bedtime.
4. When cooking dinner, involve your children in measuring the ingredients. This helps them understand fractions and measurements.
5. Driving is the perfect opportunity to practice literacy. Read signs, billboards and licence plates together, and show your children the proper way to read a map.



6. While on the Internet, make time to research something new that your family is interested in. Researching skills are important and help with reading and comprehension.
7. In the car, sing along to songs on the radio. Singing encourages learning patterns of words, rhymes and rhythms, and is strongly connected to language skills.
8. When playing a board game, read the instructions aloud to each other or count how many spaces to travel around the board.
9. Involve your kids when you pay bills. This will teach them strong financial skills early on in life.
10. Children follow by example, so ensure reading is part of your daily life too!

Dates To Remember:

- Wed., Sept. 21 Home and School Meeting 7:00 pm
- Thurs., Sept. 29 Fall Awards SRHS 9:15 am
- Fri., Oct 7 School Photos
- Mon., Oct. 10 Thanksgiving Day NO SCHOOL
- Thurs., Oct 20 PEITF Annual Convention NO Classes
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Community Bulletins:

- The Charlottetown Naiads Synchronized Swimming club is holding registration for the recreational program at CARI Aquatics Centre on Tuesday, Sept. 20 5-6pm, and Saturday, Sept. 24 9-10 in the lobby. For more info please email peisynchro@live.ca or call Kim Hennessey at 892-2720.
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- GYMNASTICS PROGRAMS
- > > The Kings County Gymnastics Club is offering a "7" week GYMNASTICS PROGRAM at Ecole La-Belle-Cloche School (the old Fortune Consolidated School) in Fortune on Wednesday evenings starting October 5th. The program is offered to girls and boys ages 3-14. The primary goal of the club is to offer the children FUN, FITNESS and FUNDAMENTALS of the sport of gymnastics. The Head Coach is Darlene Grenier, a Level III certified gymnastics coach. Registrations are taking place at the Main Street Mall in Souris on Saturday, October 1st from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Registration fee is \$50.00 (1 hour class) + \$ 20.00 insurance fee. The insurance fee is a once a year (Sept. 1, 2011 - Aug. 31, 2012) fee. For more information, please feel free to contact Darlene at 687-2221 or 969-8209 or by email at dxgrenier@edu.pe.ca.
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- **Casting Call:** The Eastern Kings Theatre group is planning a Dinner Theatre production, "Bye Gone School Days" on November 25th and 26th, 2011 at the Eastern Kings Community Centre. This production is developed through the New Horizon's Project. If you are interested in participating please contact the Eastern Kings Cap Site at 357-2002, before October 1st to leave your contact info. Casting meeting on October 4th at 7 P.M. at the Community Centre. Multi medium Painting classes to be held at Eastern Kings Community Center October 6, 13, 20, 27th from 7 – 9 P.M. with Nancy Ching. Pre-registration is required as only space is available for 10 people (ages 14 and up). Call 357-2002 by October 1st. Please bring a scenery or people photo (old or recent) to be recreated onto canvas.
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- BREAKFAST PROGRAM: The Breakfast Program begins on September 27th at Souris Regional High School.

TEAM BOOBALICIOUS has a limited number of their "Cooking For A Cure" cookbooks available for sale. Price is \$10 each and all proceeds go to "Fun For The Cure". Call Kelly at 357-2156 to purchase a copy.

