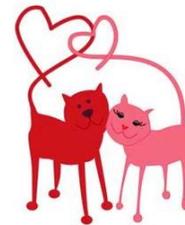




R. J. Waugh Elementary

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February 2016



Important Dates:

Feb. 2&3	Kindergarten registration
Feb. 15	Louis Riel Day –No School
Feb. 18	Parent Council Mtg. 6:30
Feb. 22	In-Service –No School
Feb. 24	Assembly
Feb. 26	Subway Lunch
Feb. 26	Jump Rope for Heart



Jump Rope for Heart

Once again our students will be participating in the Jump Rope for Heart event. We will have a kick off assembly on Feb. 12th with a representative from the MB Heart and Stroke Foundation. Please watch your child's backpack for fundraising information. Historically, R. J. Waugh students have raised close to \$9000.00

each year for this event. Our goal is \$5000.00 this year. Our skipping event will take place on the 26th with a start time of 12:20 pm. Students will be divided in to small groups and there will also be a staff skipping team. We are looking for adult volunteers to lead the groups for the afternoon. If you are interested, please call the school or indicate on the permission form that went home earlier this week.

Walking Challenge

Our students are participating in a walking challenge initiative in conjunction with the Carberry North Cypress Langford Recreation Department. Each week, a specific grade is wearing pedometers throughout the school day. At the end of the day, they record how many steps they took that day. At the end of the week, an

average of steps taken per day is recorded. This is a friendly competition to see which class takes the most steps in a day. The staff will also clip on the pedometers for a week to measure their level of activity throughout the school day. Thank you to Laine Wilson, Recreation Director, who provided the materials for the challenge and gave each student a package including a tennis ball and suggestions for activities to keep active. At the end of the challenge the school will be equipped with a Physical Literacy kit for the classrooms to use.



Kindergarten Registration for 2016-2017

Registration for children starting school in the fall of 2016 is at R. J. Waugh School on Feb. 2nd and 3rd, 9:00am to 4:00pm. Please remember to bring your child's birth certificate and PHIN number and to pick up a "Welcome to School" gift package when you are finished.

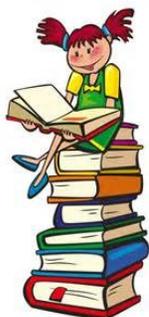


Milk Tickets

Sending money for your child to purchase milk every day can be inconvenient and expensive. As we are dedicated to promoting healthy eating practices we want to make it as easy as possible. Towards this purpose we are introducing the sale of milk tickets. If you purchase a minimum of 5 tickets they will be \$1.00 each, \$10.00 will buy 11 tickets. You will need to indicate whether you want white or chocolate milk tickets. You can then just put in your child's planner or folder each day as needed. You can still purchase milk without a ticket for \$1.25. The juice and cheese and crackers will remain the same as before.

Everyone Reads Month

February is 'Everyone Reads Month'. There will be school wide activities throughout the month to promote a love for reading. On **Feb. 1** please encourage your child to wear a shirt that has words to read on it.





Royal Manitoba Winter Fair

The 2016 Royal Manitoba Winter fair is scheduled for Brandon's Keystone Centre from March 28 to April 2nd. The fair features international caliber equestrian competitions, cattle shows, an amazing interactive Ag. Education Arena, a trade show, top notch entertainment and a terrific Petting Zoo. If you would like more information about the fair visit www.provincialexhibition.com You may download FREE children's (ages 6-12 years) admission tickets or cut out and use the one provided.

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Roots of Empathy at R. J. Waugh School

What is Roots of Empathy? ROE is an award winning, evidence based program that has shown dramatic effect in reducing levels of aggression and violence among school children while raising social/emotional competence and increasing empathy.

What is the Mission of Roots of Empathy? ROE's mission is to build caring, peaceful and civil societies through the development of empathy in children and adults.

What are the goals of Roots of Empathy? -to foster the development of empathy, to develop emotional literacy; to reduce levels of bullying, aggression and violence, and promote children's pro-social behaviors; to increase knowledge of human development, learning and infant safety; to prepare students for responsible citizenship and responsive parenting.

This year is the first year we have ROE on our school. Mrs. Mcleod's grade 2 class are learning about empathy and are enjoying getting to know our volunteer ROE family. The children are learning about growth and development, temperament, attachment etc. from our little baby, Oaklee and her Mom when they visit the classroom once a month. Be sure to check out our bulletin board across from the library when you are at school!



Pink Day Reminder

If you have not already

done so, please get your Pink Day shirt orders in to the office ASAP. Pink Day will be celebrated on April 13, 2016. As a school, we will stand united against bullying on this day and every day. The t-shirts are \$5 and order forms are available at the office if yours has been misplaced. T-shirts will not arrive until April.. Once the order has been submitted, no additional t-shirts can be ordered.

Parent Council

We have our Parent Council underway and are excited to offer our first Parent Council initiated event, Family Movie Night. Please feel free to join us at our next Parent Council meeting on February 18, 2016 at 6:30 pm. Everyone is welcome. Child care provided.

