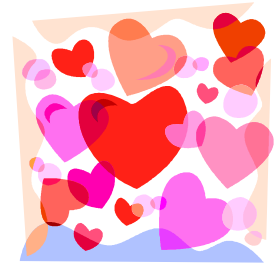




ELM STREET SCHOOL



February, 2009

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Students:

Please see the attached calendar at the end of the newsletter for important dates for the month of February.

There is a promotion by Campbell's Soups for Schools. Please send in any soup labels. The Grade 6 Leadership Group will sort and count the labels. The labels can be turned into equipment or resources for the school. Mrs. Lagran will supervise this program.

Our school theme's are: Self-Control, Conscience and Empathy. They are

part of our Elm Street School expectations and rules. There are six main expectations and rules:

1. Use self control
2. Be respectful
3. Use your conscience
4. Be responsible
5. Use empathy
6. Be kind

Our school is proud to be an H & H School. There are five parts to this:

1. **H**and in **H**and we learn together
2. Was it **h**elpful or **h**urtful?
3. Would you like a **h**ug or a **h**igh five?
4. We use our

heads and our **h**earts.

5. We have **h**elping **h**ands.

There are posters about rules/ expectations and being a H & H School around the school. Please read over these with your child.

Thank you for your



support.

Until next time,
Lionel Brideson

Important Dates

Parent Council—7:00 ALL PARENTS WELCOME	Feb 4
Family Dance 7:00 pm	Feb 12
Dream Centre lunches	Feb 5, 26
NO SCHOOL inclusive	Feb 16— 20
Terrific Kids—8:45	Feb 27

**PARENT
COUNCIL
MEETING
February 4,
2009
7:00 pm**



CHARACTER EDUCATION—Conscience

The next focus in our continuing journey through Character Education is **CONSCIENCE**. It is the 'little voice' inside of you that tells you to do the right thing. The 'little voice' needs to be developed in children. Below are some ways you can begin and/or continue to build a strong conscience in your children.

Building a Strong Conscience

Create an environment encouraging moral growth.

How can we help our children develop a conscience?

Model appropriate behaviour

Develop close, respectful relationships

Discuss moral issues with our children

Expect and demand moral behaviours

Use moral reasoning (ask yourself "what would happen if I did this?")

Explain to your children why you have made the decision you have.

Teach about Conscience.

Make conscience part of your home everyday.

Talk about conscience and the importance of knowing what it means - through movies, books and newspapers.

Talk about what conscience feels and sounds like.

Make a list of what kinds of things people can do to show conscience

Words - people with a strong conscience sound like

Look for and discuss examples daily - in school or at home.

Use moral discipline to teach our children right from wrong. (The 4 'R's')

Respond to behaviour calmly and find out what your children meant when they did what they did.

Review with your children why the behaviour was wrong.

Reflect with your children on how the behaviour has effected others.



Parents as Teachers—Gillian Sandham



The Parents as Teachers Program at Elm Street School has expanded!

We would like to welcome Lily Laurent, our newest parent educator. There are now 6 Parents as Teachers workers serving Medicine Hat and area out of three schools in our school district.

The Parents as Teachers Program is open to all families in the community who have children from newborn to age 3. We will visit your home once a month, bring you information on child development and show you fun activities for you and your child to enjoy together.

Now is a great time to sign up, because there are spaces available. (We fill up quickly!) If you or someone you know would like to participate, please call Lily or Gillian at the school or direct dial: **403-528-4115** .

REMEMBER: You are your child's first and most important teacher.

Kindergarten needs your Recycled Newspapers. If you get the paper and are able to share your old newspapers with us, please bring them to the Kindergarten room as soon as possible. No flyers please!

Thank you!

Miss Clarke



Peace Coordinator—Candace Koch

Possible warning signs that a child is being bullied:

- Comes home with torn, damaged, or missing pieces of clothing, books, or other belongings;
- Has unexplained cuts, bruises, and scratches;
- Has few, if any friends, with whom he or she spends time;
- Seems afraid of going to school, walking to and from school, riding the school bus, or taking part in organized activities with peers (such as clubs);
- Takes a long, “illogical” route when walking to or from school;
- Has lost interest in school work or suddenly begins to do poorly in school;

- Appears sad, moody, teary, or depressed when he or she comes home;
- Complains frequently of headaches, stomachaches, or other physical ailments

Information retrieved from
stopbullyingnow.hrsa.gov



Just a reminder

There is a Stay and Play group every Tuesday from 2:00-3:00 here at Elm Street School, where Children and Parents can come and play with toys and chat with other parents, everyone is welcome!!!



"Parents and Children have their say...standing tall together."



15TH ANNUAL

TELETHON



Sunday, March 8, 2009
2:00-6:00pm

Crescent Heights High School
Wahl-Harker Performing Arts Centre

Please watch the celebration of talent on
Shaw TV Channel 10 and pledge what you can!

Pledge Line:

403-526-0726

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TEACHER FEATURE

This addition to our newsletter is to help parents and students get to know a little more about the teachers at our school. All teachers have been submitted the same questions and their responses will be printed each month featuring one particular teacher. I hope parents and students enjoy learning more about their teachers in this section. -Lilas Litousky, School Council Chairperson

Miss Melissa Pearl

Grade 2 Teacher

Age: 24

1. Where did you grow up? What high school did you graduate from? What University did you attend?

I was born in Nova Scotia but moved to Medicine Hat in 1995. I graduated from Medicine Hat High School in 2003. I attended the University of Alberta/Medicine Hat College Collaborative Program.

2. As a child, what are your "best" and "most embarrassing" moments?

Some of my 'best' memories are spending the weekends at our cabin when I lived in Nova Scotia, going to Disney World and learning how to play the piano.

3. Why did you become a teacher? What do you like most about teaching?

As long as I can remember I have always wanted to be a teacher. The best thing about teaching is working with children. It is very rewarding to see a child understand a concept that they have been struggling with.

4. When you're not teaching, what things do you enjoy doing?

Reading. Camping. Spending time with friends. Watching movies.





School Council Reminders

This month's meeting will be Wednesday, February 4 @ 7:00pm in the School Community Room. The District has given us 4 options of their suggested school calendar for the 2010-11 School year. This is our chance, as parents, to offer our opinions as to how the different breaks for holidays should occur. Please come out if you would like to contribute to these recommendations. As well, don't forget to mark your calendars for the **Family Dance on Thursday, February 12 from 6:30pm - 8:00pm** in the School Gym. There will be \$2.00 raffles for some great prizes!! Remember all children must attend with a parent!

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February 2009



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Kindergarten field trip to Medicine Hat Lodge Soup and Sandwich	3 Gr. 4/5/6/LAP Field trip to CHHS Hero's—Gr. 6 Soup and Sandwich	4 School Council—7:00 Skating K—3 	5 DARE—Gr. 6 Dream Centre Lunch	6 Hot dogs	7
8	9 Soup and Sandwich	10 Hero's—Gr. 6 Soup and Sandwich	11 Skating 4—6, LAP 	12 DARE—Gr. 6 Family Dance—6:30—8:00 Hot lunch surprise	13 Valentine Party PM only  Hot dogs	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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22	23 Soup and Sandwich	24 Hero's—Gr. 6 Soup and Sandwich	25 Ski trip Grades 4—6 	26 DARE—Gr. 6 Dream Centre Lunch	27 Terrific Kids—8:45 Hot dogs	28