

## DREAMS

Mr. Cory Johnson provided one of the key note addresses at the past Teacher's Convention and was an amazing motivational speaker. He did a very great job of making us think and laugh. We are happy to announce that we will have Cory speak at both Margaret Wooding and Parkside schools before the end of this year. I am sure the students will enjoy both the message and presentation.

We also have two other speakers lined up to speak at our schools before the year's end. Mr. Alvin Law will be back to talk to our students at the I.F. Cox School and Mr. Steve Harmer of Motivational Magic will present at both Wooding and I. F. Cox. Both of these gentlemen will be entertaining with a serious message.



At this time of economic down turn things have become very stressful for many parents and families. It is how we handle these stresses that can determine our physical and mental health. I was checking out the "Helpguide.org" and came across some interesting tips on "How to reduce, prevent and cope with stress". It does emphasize that the material is for information and support; not a substitute for professional advice. Check out the site: [www.helpguide.org/mental/stress\\_management\\_relief\\_coping.htm](http://www.helpguide.org/mental/stress_management_relief_coping.htm)

**Please remember the DREAMS Team is here to help and support.**

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

At our school council meeting this month we discussed unpaid school fees. We agreed that families who have not paid school fees will not be allowed to sign up for extracurricular activities until fees are paid. This would include things like golf and art lessons. Also, kindergarten children in full day programming with unpaid fees will revert to half-day programming until fees are paid.

Our sausage fund-raiser will be held from March 1 to 22. Notes will be sent home.

Our next school council meeting date will be Monday, March 26, 2010. Don't forget that there is free babysitting for anyone attending the meeting.

## LIBRARY CORNER

Things are going well in the library. Thanks to all parents who helped get those books back for prize day. It was great to see so many students with all their books back. If you pay for a lost book and then find it please don't forget that you can return the book for a full refund.

I purchased some new books from Usborne books at the Teachers' Convention. They are early reader chapter books and have been very popular especially the 12 Dancing Princesses.

Please mark your calendars for the book fair on March 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> from 4-8 p.m. in the gym. Frances Barnes



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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I won't kid myself that winter is over, but when I turn the calendar to March, at least it feels like the worst of it is over. As much as spring is so very enjoyable after our long Canadian winter, it is also a very messy time. As the snow melts, the large grassy area of our playground becomes very 'swamp-like'. Since water is a natural magnet for children, keeping them out of the water is nearly impossible. We anticipate many soaked children this spring. You can help your child be more comfortable at school by ensuring your child wears waterproof clothes on these days and has an extra change of clothes in case they fall (or just choose to get wet). Sitting in a desk with wet pants or soaked socks all day can be very uncomfortable.

Construction on the interior of the school is scheduled to be completed by the end of March. As the weather allows, outside work will be completed. Our outdoor learning committee will meet again on March 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm to continue working on our outdoor classrooms. If you can't attend the meeting, but can help with some manual labor, please call the school and let us know. We will be needing as much help as possible to get this finished.

All schools in Prairie Rose School Division are working on Emergency Response Planning. We want to ensure that we keep everyone safe in the event of an emergency. One of the new policies coming from this planning is a visitor sign in policy. We now require all visitors to the school to sign in at the front door when they enter and to sign out as they leave. In the event of an emergency this would enable us to ensure everyone in the building can be accounted for. Help us keep everyone safe.

Enjoy March. Melissa Gogolinski

## EARTH HOUR

**EARTH HOUR - *The hour the world unites in a stand against global warming***

The Town of Redcliff has signed on to participate in Earth Hour on March 27 at 8:30 pm local time. This is a global LIGHTS OUT initiative led by the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) that encourage you to turn off your lights for one hour and show that you want to be part of the fight against climate change.

Last year, Earth Hour was a huge success with more than 80 countries participating worldwide and in Canada over 10 million people participated from coast to coast.

This year, we want Earth Hour to be an even bigger event to show the world that Canadians care about action on climate change. You can participate in Earth Hour by:

- Turning off your non-essential lights, including external lights, on March 27 at 8:30 pm. (Don't shut off lights that are needed for safety)
  - Signing up at [www.EarthHourCanada.org](http://www.EarthHourCanada.org)
  - Thinking about what else you can do to reduce your energy use for Earth Hour and beyond. For example, unplug electrical appliances, lower your heat and switch to energy efficient lighting and appliances.
- Make every hour Earth Hour

If you're at a loss about what to do without lights and power, check out the internet for some great family fun ideas.

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## BOOK SWAP

Children may bring books from home for the book swap on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday this week. Thursday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, they will be issued tokens and may purchase some new books.

Enjoy your new (to you) books!

## SCHOOL REVIEW

Our school will be undergoing a school review on March 1 and 2<sup>nd</sup>. A Prairie Rose Administration team will be in the school evaluating our programs and procedures. Administrators will be observing classes, talking with staff, students and parents. We look forward to the feedback from this review to help improve our school and make it the best place possible for your children.



## BEFORE /AFTER SCHOOL CARE AT MARGARET WOODING SCHOOL

If you are moving on to Margaret Wooding School next year and would like your child to be in before/after school care, please call Robyn Carlson at 403 548-5583.



## DARE TO CARE

Parents, plan on attending this valuable presentation on topics such as gaming, violence, addictions and so much more.. This will be held on March 16<sup>th</sup> at Parkside School. Sponsored by the Redcliff Schools and DREAMS