

Parent Council
October 23, 2017
Principal's Report

1. Phoenix School Code of Behaviour:

- a. It is a requirement of the Department of Education that each school has its own Code of Behaviour.
 - i. All the elementary schools in St. James-Assiniboia have the exact, identical Code of Behaviour almost copied 100% from the province's model. Essentially, the only thing that has been changed is the name of the school.
 - ii. Everyone is required by the Department of Education to share with the entire community the school's Code of Behaviour in the very first newsletter each fall and to present it at the first parent council meeting.
 - iii. It is on our web-site.

2. **Terry Fox Run** was held on September 28, 2017. The monies go directly to the Canadian Cancer Society Manitoba Division.

School Year	Terry Fox Donations
2017-18	\$388.60
2016-17	\$440.30
2015-16	\$395.15
2014-15	\$359.75
2013-14	\$317.00

In the past 5 years, Phoenix School and its parent community have raised \$1,900.80 for the Canadian Cancer Society. The generosity of our parent community is greatly appreciated.

3. Halloween – October 31 National UNICEF Day

- a. The school has also requested that parents make donations to UNICEF that day. October 31 is National UNICEF Day. In the past, children would collect for UNICEF as they collected their candies and treats. Over time, this became an unsafe practice and was changed to donations or implementing Halloween events / activities as fund raisers.

School Year	UNICEF Donations
2016-17	\$124.75
2015-16	\$101.75
2014-15	\$194.94 Two of our students, Julianna Coulter and Sarah Fullerton did approach their neighbours with requests for donations to UNICEF. The two girls raised close to \$70.00 just by themselves.
2013-14	\$100.17

- b. In the past 4 years, the students and parents have donated \$521.61 to UNICEF.
- c. This year, due to the continued renovations on the portables, the Halloween Parade in the gym during last period will not be happening. Instead, classrooms will parade with their reading

buddies and by invitation. Actually, this has provided the school will another authentic writing opportunity for the students ---- an invitation to a special activity celebrating Halloween.

4. Restitution: *This will continue at Phoenix School.*

- a. Phoenix School staff members have all been trained in Restitution as of November 1 & 2, 2017. Everyone has their Level 1 certificate and two staff members do have more levels of training.
 - i. Restitution is defined as a creative approach to discipline, which recognizes that children / adults make mistakes and that these situations provide opportunities for students to take responsibility, choose effective behaviors and create positive solutions.
 - ii. In Restitution, it is O.K. to make mistakes. Everyone makes mistakes regardless of your age. We learn from our mistakes and we learn how to atone for our errors and fix the problem so that it does not happen again.
- b. The school will be continuing with its restitution assemblies. There are 5 planned for this coming school year.
 - i. There is a large group of grade 4 and 5 students who perform role plays for the student body on specific, behavioural incidents which have occurred at the school either on the playground, in the classrooms or in the school.
 - ii. The incidents are paired with specific elements of Restitution theory which will be reviewed for the students and modelled for the teaching staff.
 - iii. Ruth Hargrave, the divisional expert on Restitution, usually portrays the duty teacher, the classroom teacher and sometimes, lunch supervisors. The school considers these valuable teaching dramatizations and as teaching sessions, we usually do not invite family members to observe.

5. READY, SET, KINDERGARTEN!

- a. Ready, Set, Kindergarten is an activity-based program being hosted by Phoenix School for children born in 2013 and 2014. *This is the third year for this program.*
 - b. The 3 and 4 year-old children explore, with their parent(s), a variety of hands-on activity centers. The centers are designed to build the child's confidence and capabilities to grow their skills as they get ready to take the next steps to Kindergarten.
 - c. The sessions are planned from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. at the school in the gym. The activities are based on a free-flowing concept. The 3 and 4 year-old children will choose the activity they are interested in and the children will decide how long they wish to stay at the center.
 - d. The centers stations emphasize the concepts of:
 - i. Literacy (e.g. rhyming, phonemes, etc.) activities
 - ii. Numeracy (e.g. patterning, sorting, etc.) activities
 - iii. Fine motor activities
 - iv. Gross motor activities
 - v. Language activities
 - vi. and a healthy snack.
 - e. The following dates have been planned:
 - October 26
 - November 30
 - January 25
 - February 22
 - March 22
 - April 26
 - May 24

➤ This is a total of 7 sessions.
- *The school has partnered with MacDonald – Headingley Recreation District to help defray the costs of this program.* This partnership is in its third year.
 - To register for the program, Ready, Set, Kindergarten! please call the school at 204-889-5053.

6. **READY, SET, Move! A Parent / Tot Activity Session**

Ready, Set, Move! A Parent / Tot Activity Session is a physical activity hour *co-sponsored by Sport Manitoba and Phoenix Elementary School*. It is 1 hour from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. for 8 different sessions and each session will be held in the Phoenix School Gym.

The physical activity program will be for children ages 2 to 6 and their parents.

There will be lots of physical activity to keep everyone moving and enjoying the fun of physical activity.

The sessions will be held from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the school gym on the following dates:

- ~~October 5~~
- November 2
- December 7
- January 11
- February 1
- March 1
- April 5
- May 3

At the first session, we had about 15 little people ages 2 to 6 (one sibling was 1.5 and another sibling was 8 but these were not counted in the 15 little people who enjoyed the hour.)



To register for the program, Ready, Set, Move! Parent / Tot Sessions please call the school at 204-889-5053.

7. **Manitoba Theatre Center touring play:**

THE LION, THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE

FEBRUARY TO MAY, 2018

An MTYP Production

by C.S. Lewis

Adapted by le Clanché du Rand

Ages 5-12

Running Time: 60 minutes

The Pevensie siblings travel to the land of Narnia through an enchanted wardrobe in a theatrical adaptation of the classic C.S. Lewis story. Theatrical invention and imagination combine to bring all of the fantastical characters and magic of Narnia to life.

"I've seen several production of The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe – in my humble opinion, this was the best!"

Educator, Ecole Riverbend

Cost: \$650.00 + GST = \$682.50

The school has a grant of \$350.00 so the remaining costs are: \$682.50- \$350.00 = \$332.50

Motion #1: That Parent Council cover half the costs of the Manitoba Theatre for Young People touring play which is \$332.50 divided by 2 = \$166.25.

Rooms 9, 3, 8 and 4 will be going to see "Charlie Brown Christmas" at MTYP on December 20th in the morning. More information will be sent home closer to the event.

Kindergarten, along with Phoenix Nursery and Bright Beginnings Nursery will go to see "Good Night Moon" and "Runaway Bunny" by Margaret Wise Brown at MTYP on April 25th in the morning. Again, more information will be sent home closer to the event.

8. Winnipeg Humane Society presentations:

a. ECE and Kindergarten – My Pet Needs Me

Gentleness and kindness will be the focus. With a reminder that pets and people share many of the same needs and feelings.

b. Grade 1 - I Love My Pet

How do we take care of our pets? How does a responsible owner keep their pet safe and healthy?

c. Grade 2 – Be Safe/Play Safe

When spending time with our own pets or meeting a friends pet we need to learn the danger signs that tell us when we should approach/not approach an animal. We will also discuss how our pets communicate with us.

d. Grade 3 – The Winnipeg Humane Society

The WHS plays a key role in helping animals. How can we help animals?

e. Grade 5 – Animal Population Explosion 60 minutes

The focus will be on the importance of spaying and neutering and how we as a community can keep the pet population under control.

f. These sessions were implemented on October 26 and November 3, 2017.

Thursday, October 26, 2017

9:10 to 9:45 Kindergarten (30 to 40 Minutes)

10:15 to 11:15 Grade 1 Room 9

Lunch

12:20 to 1:20 Grade 2 / 3 Room 8 Grade 2 Program

1:50 to 2:50 Grade 3 / 4 Room 4 Grade 3 Program

Friday, November 3, 2017

10:15 to 11:15 Grade 1 / 2 Room 3 Grade 1 Program

Lunch

12:20 to 1:20 Grade 4 / 5 Room 15 Grade 4 Program

1:50 to 2:50 Grade 4 / 5 Room 16 Grade 4 Program

Motion #2: That Parent Council cover half the costs of the Winnipeg Humane Society Presentations which is \$245.00 divided by 2 = \$122.50.

9. **Artists in the Schools Program.** The school has Leanne Kehler coming to the school for 14 days in January, 2018 to work with all of our students on writing. The school has applied for a grant to support this programming and we were awarded \$3,000.00. *As such, there are no other costs that the school is required to pay.*

10. **Michael ManyEagles:** The school is continuing its priority of expanding the students' knowledge about Aboriginal culture and philosophies. This coming school year, the school has arranged for

Michael ManyEagles to return to the school for 4 days to implement soap stone carving and to explore indigenous stories and language.

He has been asked to explore the concept of Indigenous Water Stories with the students. This is to support the theme of water which the school has undertaken as its sustainable development goal.

11. **Rooms 4, 15 and 16 have partnered with an Indigenous educator, Richelle Scott, to explore the philosophies and perspectives of the Indigenous peoples with water.** She will be visiting these classrooms often throughout the course of the school year. She will also have two field trips with the students to the visit the river bank.

Co-teaching sessions and presentations are as follows:

Date	Time	Topic
October 5/17	Period 1 (8:30) Avery Period 2 (9:10) Chris Period 3 (10:05) Scott	Richelle first pre-teaching session on water
Before next lesson with Richelle		An overview of water by the home room teacher KWL done so that Richelle can address what the students wish to know at her next session
October 26/17	Period 1 (8:30) Chris Period 2 (9:10) Avery Period 3 (10:05) Scott	Introduction about land, water and water conservation Discussion about their KWL questions
November 3/17	10:10 a.m. Back-up date November 13 at 10:10 but Richelle will not be able to attend	Chickadee Richard presentation on water Whole group in the gym
November 23/17	Period 1 (8:30) Avery Period 2 (9:10) Chris Period 3 (10:05) Scott	Lesson on water and emotions (buckets of water used for the demonstration)
November 28/17	Period 1 and 2 (8:30 to 9:48) Freezing Ceremony at the River	Field trip forms need to be completed Whole group
December 7/17	10:10 Whole group in the gym	Lesson --- Water Ceremony Richelle & Ally
November & December		Lessons on Boiled Water Advisory Use technology to share information with each classroom --- 2 to 3 communities and some information about some of the communities Each room has their own smaller map of Manitoba. A larger Manitoba map with red, boiled water flags will be on display in the front entrance foyer The three intermediate rooms will present to the primary classrooms about the significance of the red flags and map of Manitoba in the hallway.

January 12/18	Period 1 (8:30) Avery Period 2 (9:10) Chris Period 3 (10:05) Scott	Richelle will talk about her personal water walk
February 7/18	Period 1 (8:30) Avery Period 2 (9:10) Chris Period 3 (10:05) Scott	Richelle will discuss the water issues relating to Grassy Narrows and Flooding in Indigenous communities
February & March, 2018		Discussion on appropriate advocacy strategies Letter writing campaign to the Minister of Water Stewardship
April 2/18	10:10 to 11:15 Gym	Lake Winnipeg Presentation ---- Chris Slyker will organize
April 24, 2018	Periods 1 & 2 8:30 to 9:48 a.m.	Thawing Ceremony at the River Field trip forms

The school has applied for a grant and been awarded \$200.00. The cost for the 4 days with Michael Many eagles, plus the supplies, is \$1360.00. (\$1360.000 - \$200.00= \$1160.00) The school is requesting that Parent Council support this worthwhile activity paying half the amount which is \$580.00.

Motion #3: That Parent Council cover half the costs of the Michael ManyEagles Presentations which is \$580.00.

12. *“The Birth of the CPR” by the Canadiana Musical Theatre Company performed at the school on October 6th. It was a wonderful performance and the students learned something about the creation of the CPR. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the performance.*

Motion #4: That Parent Council cover half the costs of “The Birth of the CPR” presentation which is (\$787.50 divided by 2 =) \$393.75.

13. Sky Dome presentations:

The school has contracted with the Mobile Planetarium to present two sessions to each class with the exception of Kindergarten who will receive one presentation. The presentations are as follows:

The agenda is that the Grade 1 to 5 classes will get the Sky Stories as this includes the Indigenous perspective of the stars and the heavens.

Kindergarten will get the Sky Zoo.

Grade 1-09, 1/2-03 and 2/3 -08 will also get a second show --- Daily and Seasonal Changes

Grade 3 /4 -04 will get a second show ---- First Heroes

The two Gr. 4 /5 rooms 15 & 16 will also get a second show of 60 minutes --- The Solar System.

This is the proposed schedule for the two days is as follows:

January 24

8:30 to 9:10 Grade 1 - 09 (Sky Stories or Daily and Seasonal Changes)
9:10 to 9:50 Grade 1/2 -03 (Sky Stories or Daily and Seasonal Changes)

10:05 to 10:40 Grade 2 /3 - 08 (Sky Stories or Daily and Seasonal Changes)
10:40 to 11:10 Kindergarten (Sky Zoo) (*Only one show for Kindergarten*)

12:15 to 12:50 Gr. 3 /4 - 04 (Sky Stories or First Heroes)
12:50 to 1:30 Gr/ 4 /5 - 15 (Sky Stories)
1:50 to 2:30 Gr. 4 /5 - 16 (Sky Stories)

February 1

8:30 to 9:10 Grade 1 - 09 (Sky Stories or Daily and Seasonal Changes)

9:10 to 9:50 Grade 1/2 -03 (Sky Stories or Daily and Seasonal Changes)
 10:10 to 11:10 Grade 4 /5 - 15 Solar System

12:15 to 12:50 Gr. 2 /3 -08 (Sky Stories or Daily and Seasonal Changes)
 12:50 to 1:30 Gr. 3 /4 - 04 (Sky Stories or First Heroes)
 1:50 to 2:50 Gr. 4 /5 - 16 Solar System

Motion #5: That Parent Council pay half the costs of the Sky Dome Presentations to students which is (\$1490.00 divided by 2 =) \$745.00

Motion #6: That Parent Council cover the costs of the buses for the afternoon Winter Concert (December 14) which is \$173.25 x 2 = \$346.50.

Motion #7: That Parent Council cover the costs of the buses for the afternoon Spring Concert (May 3) which is \$173.25 x 1 = \$173.25.

Review of financial support requests: **Parent Council**

Requests for Financial Support 2017-18

Activity / Event	Cost	Balance This column adds up.
Humane Society Presentations	\$35.00 x 7 = \$245.00 Divided by 2 = \$122.50	\$122.50
Michael ManyEagles	\$1360.00 \$200.00 AAA Grant \$1160.00 Divided by 2 = \$580.00	\$702.50
“The Birth of the CPR” Presentation by Canadiana Musical Theatre Company	\$787.50 Divided by 2 = \$393.75	\$1096.25
Buses for Winter and Spring Concerts	\$173.25 x 3 = \$519.75	\$1616.00
“The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe” Touring Play by Manitoba Theatre for Young People	\$682.50 The school has a grant for \$350.00 \$682.50 - \$350.00 = \$332.50 Divided by 2 = \$166.25	\$1782.25
Sky Dome Presentations	\$1490.00 divided by 2 = \$745.00	\$2527.25

Last year, the school requested financial support of \$2,699.95.

Thank you, Parent Council, for your generous support of the school. Your support is GREATLY appreciated!

14. **Student Supply \$20.00 monies and how they are being spent**

\$20.00 Student Fee / Family

There are 124 families which is a fundraising amount of \$2480.00.

Activity / Event	Cost	Balance \$2480.00 This column subtracts down.
Humane Society Presentations	\$35.00 x 7 = \$245.00 Divided by 2 = \$122.50	\$2527.25
Michael ManyEagles	\$1360.00 \$200.00 AAA Grant \$1160.00 Divided by 2 = \$580.00	\$1777.50
“The Birth of the CPR” Presentation by Canadiana Musical Theatre Company	\$787.50 Divided by 2 = \$393.75	\$1383.75
“The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe” Touring Play by Manitoba Theatre for Young People	\$682.50 The school has a grant for \$350.00 \$682.50 - \$350.00 = \$332.50 Divided by 2 = \$166.25	\$1217.50
Sky Dome Presentations	\$1490.00 divided by 2 = \$745.00	\$472.25
Buses for special events	\$100.00 x 3 tournaments + \$173.25 gr. 5 tour = \$473.25	-\$1.00

15.Renovations: At the last review meeting on October 12th, the most recent projection for completion is approximately the third week in November. The school and Child Care have prioritized getting the gym back so Child Care will return to the unfinished portable as soon as possible allowing PE classes to be implemented as they should be.

A special thank you is extended to Bright Beginnings Child Care and Mrs. Bremner for their flexibility in sharing instructional space for the past three months.

A special thank you is extended to the Headingley Public Library for allowing Phoenix students and staff to utilize their space and take out library books. Mrs. Biggar and the Phoenix teachers have been most appreciative of this special opportunity and their flexibility is greatly appreciated as well.

A special thank you is extended to the school division who continues to pay for the monthly rentals of the storage container for Bright Beginnings Child Care.

This extended renovation period has resulted in a change in the school’s Halloween Parade, the postponing of the October Assembly and the postponing of the Scholastic Book Fair. (The Book Fair will now happen during the March Parent / Teacher / Student Conferences on March 15 and 16, 2018.)

16. Parent / Trustee Session planned for Saturday, November 18 from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. for the John Taylor and Westwood Collegiate Family of Schools.

The invitation will be from Brett Lough, Chief Superintendent of St. James-Assiniboia School Division.

This is what he wrote as a preliminary invitation.

The Board will be holding 2 *Parent/Trustee* sessions on Saturday, November 18, 2017 scheduled to be held at the **Victoria Inn**. The first session will take place with parents of families from the College Sturgeon Heights and St. James Collegiate Family of Schools

from 9:00 a. m. to 11:30 a. m. The second session will include the John Taylor Collegiate and Westwood Collegiate Family of Schools from 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm. The format for the two sessions will be similar to the format and topics used in the Student /Trustee Forum held this past May with all schools involved this year. The plan would be to have approximately 50-60 parents at each of the two sessions, ensuring that there is representation from each of our schools. **In addition to you attending on this day for your session (1/2 day), you will need to reach out to your communities to ensure that there is a diverse group of parents representing your schools.** The questions below would be framed using the current St. James Assiniboia School Division's Strategic Plan. The rationale for using similar questions to those used with the students is so that we could then, as a Division, look at the information from both groups to help the Division make sense of the feedback and determine next steps.

1. Do you feel that your children are being prepared for the world beyond school? Please provide examples to support your beliefs.
2. From a parent's perspective, what are the challenges of parent voices being heard in the public education system?
3. How do our schools make a difference locally and globally? What more do you think schools need to do in this regard?
4. Please provide three stars and a wish regarding the current school system.
5. NB. - There is a 'Parking Lot' for any ideas that didn't fit the structure of the questions used in today's format.

I would hope that at least four or five parents would be interested in attending this Parent / Trustee Forum.

17. Special events:

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| • Remembrance Day Service | Wednesday, November 9 at 12:20 p.m. |
| • P/T/S Conferences | Thursday, November 23 4:00 to 6:45 p.m. |
| • P/T/S Conferences | Friday, November 24 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. |
| • Inservice | Friday, November 24 12:10 to 3:00 p.m. |
| • Winter Concert | Thursday, December 14 Grades K to grades 3 /4 |
| • MTYP field trip | Thursday, December 20 Rooms 9, 3, 8, 4 |
| • Last day of classes | Thursday, December 22 |
| • Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra | Tuesday, January 16 Rooms 9, 3, 8 |
| • Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra | Tuesday, March 13 Rooms 4,15,16 |
| • Project Fair | Wednesday, March 14 |
| • P/T/S Conferences | Thursday, March 15 4:00 to 6:45 p.m. |
| • Scholastic Book Fair | |
| • P/T/S Conferences | Friday, March 16 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. |
| • Scholastic Book Fair | |
| • Spring Concert | Thursday, May 3 Grades 3 / 4 to 5 |