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NEWSLETTER #7

MARCH 4, 2010

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Olympics have united us in spirit, as a nation and at Fultonvale. We have many things to look forward to during the month of March. Our grade 6 students go to the Alberta Legislature, our Grade 8 students are participating in Scholastic Challenge online, our last trip to Rabbit Hill for grade 4 to 6 students and Our Book Fair: *Destination* begins, and our Open House "Pop into Fultonvale" for incoming junior high students is on Wednesday, March 10th. Report cards for all students in grades 1 to 9 come home on Friday, March 19th, and student/parent/teacher conferences are the following week on Tuesday, March 23rd and Wednesday the 24th. These conferences are an important opportunity to share information and work together to support your children's learning. Check the newsletter calendar and website for several other special events!

Thank you to our Parent Council for organizing our Math-a-thon fundraiser to support our student learning. All of the support from our families and community does make a difference to the positive student learning here at Fultonvale.

As our school year is progressing and much learning is going on, we are also planning for next year. Mr. Wlos and myself will be phoning families and asking for input in the next few months. Please continue to contact us and the staff appreciate working together with our families.

Miss MJ Nam

Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences

Student/Parent/Teacher conferences for Kindergarten to grade 9 will be held on the evenings of **Tuesday, March 23rd and Wednesday, March 24th** from 4:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Parents of elementary students will receive a confirmation of their child's scheduled interview time.

Our junior high conferences will once again be held using an open-gym format. Junior high teachers will be available to meet with parents on the date and times listed above.

Please note:

Mrs. Grau - Music - available in the music room on Tuesday, March 23 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Mrs. Reimer - Jr. high Science - available in the gym on Tuesday, March 23 from 4:30-7:30 p.m.

Mrs. Marshall - French as a second language - available in the gym Wednesday, March 24 from 4:30-7:30 p.m.

Babysitting for younger children will be available in the DPA classroom.





Kindergarten at Fultonvale Elementary Junior High School and Information Evening

Kindergarten registration for the 2010/2011 school year is underway. Do you know a child who will be five years old on or before March 1, 2011? Discover all that Kindergarten has to offer at www.fultonvale.ca or our division website, www.eips.ca. Join us for our Kindergarten Open House on Wednesday, April 7, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the school library for an opportunity to meet the staff, take a school tour, and register for 2010/2011. All parents of prospective kindergarten students are encouraged to attend. Fultonvale Kindergarten is hosting an ongoing Open house between March and June for any parents and eligible children wishing to visit the classroom.

On the EIPS division website, you'll find a copy of our **2010/2011 Kindergarten Guide** - your complete source for everything Kindergarten in EIPS. Check it out or pick up a copy at your local convenience or grocery store, bank, library, recreation facility, or elementary school today.

New to the division site this year is a list of easy, at-home activities you can try with the child in your life to help him/her prepare for Kindergarten. Check out the link from the home page and have fun practicing simple skills to get ready for Kindergarten. You'll also find a link to our Kindergarten video - giving parents and young students a look at a regular day in the Kindergarten classroom.

We hope to see you this fall. Be part of Kindergarten at Fultonvale

Elementary Junior High School. Contact us today at 780-922-3058.

Junior High Orientation and Information Open House

Parents of Grade 6 students should have received an information letter highlighting the format of the Grade 7 Orientation evening. Please book the evening of **Wednesday, March 10th** from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. for this important event to prepare your child for Grade 7. You will hear about program offerings and have an opportunity to tour the school, as well as participate in hands-on activities and meet the staff. Current Grade 7's and 8's will be registering for their next grade in April. Keep those marks up!

Policy for Review and Feedback - Policy DFDH: School Fees

Elk Island Public Schools' (EIPS) Board of Trustees is currently circulating for feedback *Policy DFDH: School Fees*. A link to the complete draft policy is available from our division home page at www.eips.ca. Please submit any feedback for consideration to your school principal, or to EIPS Finance through the Contact Us page of our division website by **March 5, 2010**. The proposed policy will be presented to the Board for approval at their regular Board Meeting on March 18, 2010.

We understand this is a short circulation timeframe, but it is necessary to complete policy

approval in time for implementation as part of the 2010/11 budget discussions. Many schools will also include information from the approved policy in 2010/11 student agendas that are printed in the spring.

Thank you for your feedback.

EIPS Announces Important Changes to Boundary Exemption Process

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) has implemented changes to the Boundary Exemption process in an attempt to increase efficiencies and ensure the process is both fair and equitable for all involved. Parents/guardians/independent students who may be considering attending a School of Choice are asked to note these important changes, paying particular attention to the revised process and application deadlines:

The new Boundary Exemption request form is available on the EIPS' website (www.eips.ca).

Students and parents will be asked to provide a reason for the Boundary Exemption request.

In order to have the request considered for approval, parents/guardians/independent students must ensure the form is completed in full and submitted to the **Designated School** by **March 15, 2010** for sign off by the principal.

The form must then be submitted to the principal at the receiving (**School of Choice**) prior to **April 15, 2010**.



In keeping with EIPS' *Policy IC - Attendance Areas*, when a student attends a school outside his/her designated attendance area, transportation becomes the parent(s)/guardian(s)/ independent student's responsibility. Please contact EIPS' Student Transportation for details at (780) 417-8151 or e-mail studenttran@ei.educ.ab.ca.

Use School Locator on the EIPS' website to find your designated school.

If you have questions regarding changes to the Boundary Exemption process, please contact Miss Nam.

Character Education - Self-Control

In March and April our school will be exploring self-control. Students need to develop the power to control one's actions and make healthy choices. Self-control enables students to not disrupt class, to set and follow through on goals, and to control one's emotional well-being. March is a time of assessment and report cards and this gives a great opportunity for students to evaluate, set goals and make some changes as we head into spring. Students will learn more about setting appropriate goals where success is expected while breaking larger aspirations into smaller achievable goals. Canadian athletes showed amazing self-control during the Olympic games and whether they won or lost they set a fine example for the rest of our nation.

Math-a-thon

Fultonvale students will be participating in our Math-a-thon fundraiser on **Wednesday, March 24th** in the morning. Our Parent Council is organizing and running this event with teacher created questions. Students will be involved in a meaningful math activity that will be assessed. Thank you for supporting your child and Fultonvale through your pledge. Look for more information and pledge forms soon!

New Math Curriculum in High School

In September, 2010, the High School math courses offered will change from the previous year. Instead of having Pure Math 10, Applied Math 10, Math 14, and Math 10 K&E, the routes will be condensed into Math 10C, Math 10-3 and Math 10-4 (K&E). In order for students to enter into Math 10C, students need to achieve a 50% or better in grade 9. Advanced placement math courses will still be available at the High School level. In order to provide you with more information, and to answer your questions on Monday, March 22, we will be hosting an information night from 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm in the library here at Fultonvale. Mrs. Baerg and EIPS AISI Math Consultant Kris Reid will be conducting this session, and available to answer any questions that you may have. Please contact Mrs. Baerg through email (jennifer.baerg@ei.educ.ab.ca) or by phone (780-922-3058) to confirm attendance.

Library News

Spring is trying to spring...yahoo! That means its time to kick off the Snuggies, tuck away the toques and start dreaming of gardening, grass, and...mosquitoes ☺

Book Fair #2- Destination: Book Fair is just around the corner. Our books will be rolling in on Monday, March 15th. The Book Fair Crew will help set up the fair that day (as they did an amazing job last round). Previews begin on TUESDAY, MARCH 16th, beginning with the elementary. Please remember there is no purchasing the first week. The sale begins on MONDAY, MARCH 22nd running daily until 3:30pm Monday to Thursday. We will be having our family nights coinciding with our S/P/T Interviews Tuesday and Wednesday! Anyone willing to come help out for a few hours, minutes, or just wants to pop on by is always welcome and appreciated! Please look for notices and contests that will be sent home for your child to enter. Contests are:

- K-2- "We are World Travelers"
- 3-4- "Design Your Own Postcard"
- 5-6- "Design your own Flag"

Finally, I want to remind parents that during the Book Fair there is no library borrowing. Please search around for those books that may have gone astray and have them back before the fair starts so that the students can make a fresh start after the book fair is completed!

KEEP READING!

Miss Dunning



Fultonvale Wake-a-thon 2010

We will be having our 2010 Wake-A-Thon on Friday, March 19th. Previous years we have put on this fundraiser for well needed causes like, SPCA and the Youth Emergency Shelter. This year we are supporting the Kid's Kottage which supports kids and parents who find themselves in crisis. Trained staff and volunteers provide physical and emotional support to children ages 0-12, plus support for parents. This year we are low on much needed volunteers and this fundraiser can't run without them. We need student supervisors for the entire night (you don't need to volunteer for full night. You can take shifts!), pizza cooks at midnight, and pancake cooks at 6:30 in the morning. These jobs not being filled would result in the Wake-A-Thon being cancelled. We could use your help and appreciate the sacrifice of time.

If you are able to supervise, please phone the school at 780-922-3058 to speak with Miss Reimer or Mrs. Engel and your 2009/10 Student Council.

2009-2010 Yearbooks

Yearbooks are on sale now! You may purchase your full color 24-page yearbook for \$33.00. This price will last until April 6th. As of April 7th, the price will go up to \$35.00. Order forms are available in the office. Thank you on behalf of the yearbook/publishing staff.
Mr. Wever

Oliver

We are just over one month away from the Fultonvale theatrical event of the year! Oliver Twist Opens April 22-24th 2010. Tickets will go on sale the week of March 22. Tickets will be available at the front office, from actors and will be available for purchase at parent teacher interviews as well. Tickets will be \$5.00 for all ages. We strongly recommend purchasing tickets in advance. Although we have added a 3rd show, we did sell out of tickets last year—don't delay!

Curling

A HUGE thanks goes out to the Strathcona Curling Club for all of their efforts this year in teaching our grades 3-9 classes how to curl! Our students (and staff) had a great time learning the lure of the rocks and just how hard the game really is (those curlers on TV make it look so easy!!). Thanks also go out to Keri Erickson who arranged for Blake MacDonald to come and talk to the grade nines about his curling experiences. Blake is representing Alberta at this year's Brier in Halifax. If your son or daughter enjoyed the curling experience, we encourage them to contact the Strathcona Curling Club in order to get involved in next year's programs 780-922-7181.

Basketball

Our basketball teams are entering playoffs next week. We have had tremendously successful seasons so far and look forward to big things in the finals. Our Senior teams

looked poised to win potential championships and the Jr. Boys are looking strong heading into playoffs. Thank you to all of our parents and coaches for all of the driving and hours that they have also put into the season. Good luck to our teams!

Badminton

The badminton season starts quickly and runs until the first week of May. We generally play in three or four weekend tournaments and the EIPS championship tournament on Tuesday, May 4.

Edmonton Journal Games

Congratulations goes out to the Fultonvale Girls and Boys Elementary Relay teams. Both teams came in first place during their Preliminary Heat Races at the U of A Butterdome for the Edmonton Journal Indoor Games. Both teams will continue on to the Quarter final races that will be held on Saturday, March 20th at the Butterdome. Great work Teams and Good Luck!!

Elementary Skating Party

We are holding an elementary skating party for our students as a culmination to the recreational skating that has been taking place in their physical education classes. The party will be held on the afternoon of Tuesday, March 23rd. Parents are most welcome to join us according to the following schedule:

Classes 1-3 11:00 - noon
Classes 3/4-6 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.



Music Notes

The **Glee Club** is practicing every Day 2 lunch recess. Students from grades 3 to 7 are joining voices in learning "Sing, Sing" which will be presented on Monday, May 3 during our Music Monday assembly.

Students in **Kindergarten, grades 1, 2, and 3** participated in an unofficial Olympic medal Ceremony complete with the singing of "O Canada".

Students in **grades 3 and 4** are making great sounds on their recorders. Thank you for encouraging your child to practice each night and initialing their "Practice Bugs". Students should be bringing them back to Music as they are completed.

Grades 5 and 6 have written their own original music for the recorder.

Mrs. Grau

Splash! Splash! Grade 1-3 Swimming Lessons

Water Safety and Aquatic swimming lessons have been scheduled once again for the students in **Grades 1, 2, and 3**. Instruction will be held at the Kinsmen Leisure Centre in Sherwood Park. Students will receive a total seven lessons beginning on June 7 and ending on June 23. Lessons are from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. Parents are asked to complete the registration and permission forms and return them along with the fee by March 22nd. Information about the levels has been included in the registration package sent home. If they have completed lessons in the past, previous progress reports should

be enclosed. If you are able to assist us with supervision for some or all of the dates, please indicate so on your permission forms. Thank you for supporting a valuable lifelong skill.

Mrs. McGrath

Volunteer Week

The school community invites all volunteers to a **Volunteer Appreciation Tea in the library on Thursday, April 22nd at 1:30pm** for entertainment and refreshments. Look out for your personal invitation and we look forward to showing our volunteers how much they are appreciated. If you are unable to attend this function, we will have treats in the staffroom which we hope you will enjoy. We look forward to seeing you all on the Thursday, April 22nd from 1:30 -2:30 p.m.

Grade Nine Farewell

Each year, we reluctantly say goodbye to our grade nine students, and wish them well as they move on to high school. This year will be no exception. We are beginning to plan our **Grade Nine Farewell** which will take place on Friday, June 11th. We are in the process of establishing a committee of students, staff and parents to help us do this. If any parents are interested in helping to plan and/or volunteer to assist with the **Grade Nine Farewell** event, please contact Miss Nam or Mr. Wlos as soon as possible. Thanks in advance for your help!

North Regional Canspell Spelling Bee

Congratulations go out to **Hannah Hunter** who qualified to represent Fultonvale Elementary/Junior High at the Northern Regional Spelling Bee. She was only 1 of 70 students chosen from our region. She represented us well at the Myer Horowitz Theatre at the University of Alberta placing in the top 12 spellers. Great job Hannah!

100 Day Thanks

Thank you to many parents who spent the morning with our Division One students celebrating 100 days of learning. Your time and energy are key to making this event so successful. I know all the teachers and every student appreciated your help.

Mrs. Kihn

Grade 6 Girls Attend WISEST Conference

By Selina, Sarah, Dorothy-Jane, and Hannah

EDM.- On February 19th, 2010, Selina E, Sarah P, Dorothy-Jane K, and Hannah M attended the Women in Scholarship, Engineering, Science, and Technology CHOICES Conference at the University of Alberta to learn about science by watching experiments and attending different labs.

Dr. Margaret-Ann Armour demonstrated how fun chemistry was, including freezing a banana with liquid nitrogen! She also made nylon, showed how chemicals could glow like fireflies, exploded 2g of sugar, not burning money,

oscillating reactions with dry ice, and whole bunch of other awesome experiments.

The students then went to the Pharmaceutical Lab to make calamine hand cream. Another activity they did was programming a ping-pong computer game. Finally, in a large group setting, they designed and built a tower.

"It was a fantastic learning experience for the girls and I. We had a chance at lunch to explore part of the campus. The girls really were impressed with the whole day!" stated Mrs. Marquis. Each year Grade 6 girls are invited to participate in this conference. Its purpose is to promote the sciences to girls.



The girls made calamine hand cream.

Grade 9 Girls attend Women in IT Conference

By Bailey D grade 9

On February 18th, I enjoyed the Women in IT conference at the University of Alberta because it was educational and beneficial and it showed us girls how there are many different careers that involve the sciences and technology. It also allowed us to try out some of the careers that we could one day choose to pursue and we got to interact with robots and computer programs that could

one day be part of our daily lives. I feel that I benefitted from this conference because I got to see what it would be like to work with technology and that has helped me to decide on my future career. It also showed me how important it is to keep your grades high throughout school because the higher your education the more advantages you have in the future. I would recommend this conference because it gets grade nine girls involved in the sciences and allows us to see what different careers are out there and how many job options and opportunities there are.

Young Authors' Conference

By Sara B grade 4

On February 27,2010. I went to the Young Authors' Conference. I went to see three authors. One of the authors, Judy Anderkson, came to Fultonvale last year. I got two of her books, which she autographed. Judy Anderkson said that one of the books was very sad. She has written six books. Judy Anderkson really likes writing true horse stories. Out of all three authors my favorite author was Judy Anderkson. She was my favorite because I like horses and I like true stories. The second author I went to was an author that liked pastels. I made a pastel picture of clouds, mountains, gravel road, trees and a river. It was lots of fun. The first author I went to was a poem writer. I wrote three poems in her class. There was a book sale there with lots of books.

There were a lot of interesting books there. That was a fun Saturday!!!!

Author Jacqueline Guest

By Allie B and Keisha G grade 7

Jacqueline Guest, an author that had just visited our school with her presentation about First Nations and Metis, held the same energy as the one at the Young Authors' Conference. They were both absolutely hilarious (Pierre, voyageur from the stars!). Her session was my favorite part of the whole day. She is extremely lively and out going. She had us look a lot at challenging books such as *Harry Potter*, *Bridge to Terabithia* and believe it or not *Where's Waldo?* I still find her presentation amusing and still a good refresher on the basics of writing. She touches on some of the best advice that I have been given for writing, such as the five senses and the "sparkle" for writing. She also got us to write short pieces by looking at three very different images; I have come across this method many times before. One of the three (the one I chose) was of a women walking away from a body with a gun tightly held in her hand, which of course that single image would already be forming ideas in your head of what happened in this scene, like "What is she doing? Had she killed this man?" Jacqueline had very good tips for young authors and she made the whole presentation very interesting (and

amusing) especially when she brought out her pen "Fluffy" a pink flamingo, and then introduced to "Rock" another bird pen and then "Blue" another bird pen, a whole story had been built around these three pens and it was hilarious, with a tinge of weirdness (Fluffy dumped Rock for Blue) ... I guess that's what being alone and writing a lot can do to a person. I love writing on my own and at home, therefore after the session when I mentioned this she gave me quite a bit of advice: on things like how to get known, how to format a manuscript and everything else you would possibly need to know. She is a great author, an excellent role model, and one of the reasons I will continue to write for the rest of my life.

Thank you Ms. Guest!

Thank you for the opportunity

Thanks go out to Mr. and Mrs. Hunter for offering drop in basketball for our grade 5 to 8 girls. We are appreciative of the time spent in providing this head start.

Newsletter Draw

Congratulations to **Cierra D** - Gr 1 and **Tavis C** - 9A our \$5.00 prize winners for the month of February!

A "SNEAK PEEK"

April 2010

- 6 First Day Back
- 7 Early Dismissal 2:10 p.m.
Pizza Day
ECS Parent Info Night
7:00 p.m.
- 8 Glee Choir
- 9 Newsletter
ATV Presentation
K-4 @ 11:15 a.m.
5-9 @ 1:00 p.m.
- 12 Hot Lunch forms
distributed
Gr 5 Real Kid Survey -
Period 1
- 13 Gr 9 PARTY Program 9A
- 14 Gr 9 PARTY Program 9B
- 15 Class Pictures
- 16 Glee Choir
- 19-23 Volunteer Week
- 19 Hot Lunch forms due
- 21 Pizza Day
"Oliver" Dress Rehearsal
- 22 Volunteer Appreciation
Tea 1:30-2:30 p.m.
"Oliver Twist" Production
- 23 "Oliver Twist" Production
- 24 "Oliver Twist" Production
- 26 PD Day - School Closed
Student Council Wrap-up
- 29 Gr 3 & 3/4 Telus Field
Trip
- 27-30 Education Week

*See you at
Student/Parent/Teacher
Conferences and have a
restful Spring Break!*

Community News

Continuing Education

Improve Your Success as a Student

This course is intended to enhance your success as a student and includes the following:

- Study techniques that work
- Time management
- Successful exam writing strategies
- Reducing stress/test anxiety.

This course is geared towards students in grades 7-12.

\$60 +GST | 5 Hrs

Apr 6, 8 (T/Th) 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Junior High Mathematics Program

This program is specifically geared to students who need or want to improve their marks in Mathematics. Tutorials are a great way to boost your child's confidence level and identify areas to be improved upon within the sessions. They will also assist your student in tackling problematic homework issues and in developing competency in his or her overall understanding of junior high math concepts. The small group settings are ideal in providing more "one-on-one" opportunities with a math teacher. Tutorial sessions will focus on the fundamentals skills and concepts needed for success in the junior high curriculum.

Please feel free to bring a recent report card or note from a teacher indicating your child's specific area of difficulty. Note that the class is limited in size so register early!

\$75 +GST | 6.25 Hrs

Apr 6, 13, 20, 27, May 4 (T) 4:00 - 5:00 pm (for current Grade 9 students)

Apr 6, 13, 20, 27, May 4 (T) 5:00 - 6:00 pm (for current Grade 8 students)

Pure Math 10 and Pure Math 20 Tutorials

These courses review major curriculum concepts, provide sample test questions and teach students test-writing strategies for final examinations. Due to the intensive nature of the tutorial sessions, familiarity with the course content is expected.

SAL \$120 +GST | 12 Hrs

Apr 6-May 11 (T) 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Grammar Essentials for New College/University Students

What are the most common writing problems for students in first-year English courses? Find out in this session, which will show you how to identify and fix grammatical errors in order to clarify your writing and produce better essays.

SAL \$30 +GST | 2.5 Hrs

Apr 13 (T) 7:00 - 9:30 p.m.

Writing a Good Academic Essay: Tips for New College/University Students

Learn what it takes to write good essays for your college or university English course. This session will provide an overview of the academic essay and emphasize key differences between high school and post-secondary writing.

\$30 +GST | 2.5 Hrs

Mar 23 (T) 7:00 - 9:30 p.m.

All course information can be found on Continuing Education's website

@ eipscontinuing.ca or call our knowledgeable staff for registrations and enquiries at (780) 467-7292.

South Cooking Lake

Family Friday movie night at South Cooking Lake -- 7:00 to 8:30 PM, March 12, April 9, May 14, and June 11. For movie listings check website at www.southcookinglake.com.

Scrapbook weekend at South Cooking Lake Community Hall March 19, 20, 21. Snacks and food included. Check website at www.southcookinglake.com or contact Sandra at 922-5850 (ASAP while tables available)

