



Schuler January News



Thank you to everyone who attended (and performed) in our Christmas concert on December 20th. We packed the gym with over 250 people, were entertained by good performances, and raised close to \$1000 for the Medicine Hat Food Bank. Congratulations, Schuler!



Check out our webpage: www.schulerschool.ca for information, weather, pictures, and calendars. Sign up to receive full color monthly newsletters delivered to you.



The Principal Point

Welcome to 2012! It's different to be back in school starting on a Thursday, but a 2 day week is a nice way to ease back into school.

Thank you to parent council and families and Mrs. Heller for the various treats, snacks and donations you gave us this Christmas. It was much appreciated.

January has some fun activities intended to keep children active despite the (cold?) weather. Students will be skating and curling at the local rinks. The grade 4-9 bonspiel, intended for all students in these grades, is during the day on Friday, January 27th. The spiel will be over in time for normal bussing. Thank you to Meggitt Training Systems from Medicine Hat for once again sponsoring our bonspiel.

The Schuler Stanley Cup returns in full force starting late this month. This yearly floor hockey tradition is a fun whole-school intramural chance to stay active and play for your chance to sign the cup. Once again, teachers will put their reputations on

the line in the student-teacher all-star game held at the end of the tourney in late February. A schedule will be sent home next week.

A survey form for all junior high parents about swimming lessons has been delivered to students to take home to parents. We would like your opinion and feedback about whether junior high students should have swimming lessons through the school this February/March. Please talk about it with your family and return the forms to Mrs. Mildenberger early next week.

Attention grade nine students and their parents: The first of 2 meetings to discuss grade nine farewell will be held during the last period of the day (2:45 start time) on Monday January 30th. Students and a parent are asked to meet in Mr. Jobb's room for an important planning meeting. The farewell meeting will end in time for normal bussing for students and time for interested parents to stay for the parent council meeting if they wish at 3:30.

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Upcoming Dates

- Jan 5th, 2012—Welcome Back
- Monday, January 23rd—no school for students, SI day for staff
- Fri., Jan 27th— grade 4-9 curling spiel

- January 30th, 3:30pm—Parent Council Meeting
- Feb 17th—JH curling bonspiel
- March 2nd—School Ski Trip
- March 16th—Second Report Card
- March 19th—Parent Teacher Interviews #2

Grade 9 Farewell Meeting

Mon. Jan 30th @2:45

Parent Council Meeting

Monday January 30th @ 3:30. All parents are invited.



Noerenberg News

It is great to be back at school after a very nice Christmas break. The Division One class will be continuing to work on reading, writing and math skills. We will be studying about India during the month of January. We will be skating on Wednesday afternoons starting, January 11, 2012 during periods 5 and 6. This means the class will be leaving the school at 12:30 p.m. Any extra hands to tie skates are greatly appreciated.



Mrs. Maier's Memo

Happy New Year!
Wow, it's 2112!

I had a great Christmas break with family and friends and I hope you did too! We will be pushing hard in the last part of the second term. In Language Arts we will continue to work on handwriting, spelling and our novel studies. In grade 4 and 5 math we will continue to work on multiplication and division. We will move to multiplying on our daily Mad Minutes for practice on our facts.



Greetings from Miss Oster!

Welcome 2012! Hope you had a restful break filled with family and friends. L.A. 7-9's are wrapping up their writing of short stories and will begin a poetry unit in mid January. Science 7/8 has us starting a unit on Light and Optical Systems. Science 4-6's will begin Evidence and Investigation, perhaps the most popular of the Science 6 units.

Drama classes will wrap up at the end of the month for junior highs before switching to Foods in February. Stay tuned for some final drama projects. P.E 4-6 will see some exploration of winter sports (snow permitting) with curling, skating and floor hockey.

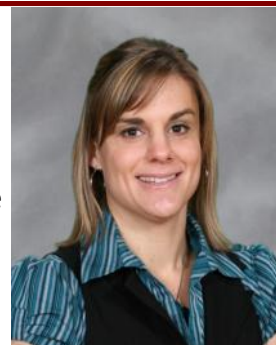
Happy New Year!

Miss L. Oster

Christmas Concert 2011



What's up with Mrs. A Herman



Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a chance to spend some quality time with family and friends over the break. We're back at it again! In Science 9, we are finishing our unit on Environmental Chemistry with a unit test to come in the next week or so. Following that, we will begin our next unit Electrical Principles and Technologies. We'll be in the lab quite a bit, testing circuits, motors and generators. For our Junior high options, we will continue to work on various photography projects and participate in some new fitness activities. After January, we will switch our Monday option class to Fitness and Thursday to Photography, to allow for more class time to work on photography assignments, and begin our venture into this year's yearbook memory pages.

Schuler staff and students would like to
give a **Huge thank you**
to Paul Noerenberg
for the time and know how in getting
the sound system working for the
Christmas concert on Dec. 20th.

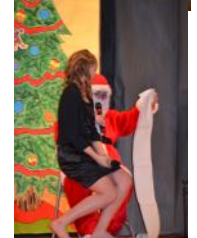
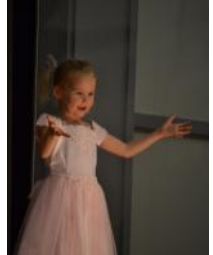


Schuler Students Celebrate

By: Rayanne Becker

December for Schuler students was full of celebrations for Christmas. Many student council members stayed after school to decorate for the festivities and it was a success. The school looked ready for Christmas! On the 21st of December the students dressed up in 'all things Christmas' and watched The Muppets Christmas Carol. Students participated with great enthusiasm and it was a wonderful time.

In January we will begin our Schuler Stanley Cup. Watch your elbows!



Kindercorner News Jan. 2012

Happy New Year to all from the Schuler E.C.S.! We are at school three days a week now –Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays until the end of May. And the way time has been flying by, we'll be there before you know it. We didn't get to go skating before the Christmas break, so, while we are really enjoying a break from the usual long, cold winter, we hope that we will still have an opportunity to spend some time at the skating rink this year.



Our class must say goodbye and good luck to our classmate, Kadence Albrecht, who will be attending Kindergarten in the big city now. We wish her success and hope to be able to see her again sometime.

We were SO busy in December- practicing for the Christmas concert, working on learning new things every day, and making gifts for our families. Special thanks goes to the parents who took time from their busy schedules to help us build and decorate little gingerbread houses at our party. Very soon we will begin working on printing all the lowercase letters of the alphabet. Some of these are pretty tricky for beginning printers!

January: Start your Morning Right



Breakfast is an important meal of the day. Eating first thing in the morning helps your child to be more alert during the school day. In fact, kids who eat breakfast are more likely to do well in school and have healthier weights.

Here are some easy and quick breakfast ideas:

- Whole wheat toast with peanut butter and a banana
- Oatmeal topped with walnuts and strawberries
- Mixed cereal – mix several high fibre cereals and add some fruit
- Poached egg (s) and cheese with a slice of whole wheat toast
- Smoothie made with fruit, yogurt and milk
- Whole grain English muffin with an apple and glass of milk

If you run out of time in the morning encourage your children to take breakfast on the go. Try to find a breakfast that works best for your family and start everyone's day off right.

For more information and breakfast ideas please visit: <http://www.albertahealthservices.ca/SchoolsTeachers/if-sch-nfs-wake-up-to-breakfast.pdf>

Parent Council News

Hot Lunch Schedule

Thank you to parents who have already organized hot lunch for the school term thus far.

Here is a schedule for the months to come:

January: Darci Gomke, Vianne Herman, Cathy Bauer, Margaretha Peters & Helena Friesen

February: Jacquie Noerenberg, Jen Driediger, Mary Kathleen Schick & Julie Legasse

March: Juanita Weisgerber, Tammy Weisgerber, Elisabeth Thiessen & Margaretha Rempel

April: Corie Schock, Paula Herselman, Stephanie Davies

May: Christy Brusky, Lisa Newby, Yvette Krassman

June: If anyone would like to do a June hot lunch feel free. June is usually a very busy month and many activities are going on during the month.

New guidelines are now in place in regard to hot lunch. All of the food must be prepared at the school nothing can be prepared at home and brought to the school already prepared. This being said, you are able to purchase from restaurants and bring the food to the school for distribution. (Examples: Taco Time, Pizza Hut)

There is a binder at the school with past hot lunch ideas and pricing.

If you are unable to do you month listed, please contact others on the list to do a switch or make other arrangements.

Please contact Paige Maclean with your hot lunch menu once it has been established and Paige will forward the information to Janine at the Division office.

Community News

Hilda Adult Education is offering Western Dance Classes on Saturday January 21st, 2012 and Saturday February 4th 2012 from 10:00am-3:00pm at the Hilda Community Centre.

To register, can contact Cindy @ 403-838-2510

A Tribute

Recently I read the obituaries of two former teachers of Schuler. They were treasured by many. I didn't know Joyce Wiedeman personally, but I did know of her. When I began teaching in Schuler, many files and resources welcomed me with her name on them. I often wondered what amounts of time were spent in developing them and organizing them...what dedication was required to make them? Her family wrote of her in their final tribute, "She performed many roles at Schuler School and especially enjoyed working with the little ones." What were those roles? Obviously she was a teacher and a planner but what were the other roles? Perhaps a social worker, psychologist, surrogate mom, organizer, a cleaner, a cook or a mentor? Perhaps she was the teacher with the keys to the school when homework was forgotten?

I was fortunate to have known Edna Jacober Stern as a family friend. Clearly, teaching then was not what it is today. Teachers had no computer or e-link classes but the resources they used were what they had, namely themselves. Even after retirement, she carried a true heart for education by always asking me how my own teaching was going. It was during these discussions that she would become animated and her eyes would sparkle. At Edna's 80th birthday celebration, she evidenced a love for her former students when she gathered all those in attendance to take a picture with her. She was a lifelong learner and desired this for everyone. Her love for Schuler School was evidenced in her family's wishes to have donations made to the Schuler School library.

This spurred my thoughts to remembering the countless dedicated educators who worked so hard that went before the teachers of my generation. Dorothy Chisholm, Louis Franz and Guy Larochelle of Richmond, Ruth Hauser and Alice Kisinger of Hilda, and the ladies named above are only a few that come to mind. They lived within their communities, served their school to the best of their abilities and impacted the lives of their students. They wore many hats which I am sure were not always of their choice. What drove these individuals to be ones that I honor in my thoughts? They cared about their students, strove to do the best that they could with the resources they had and desired their students to pursue knowledge.

I know these professionals inspired their communities by giving of themselves wholeheartedly. Today, their students carry on their legacies. Clearly, they modeled true hearts for education and prepared them for the achievements of the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacquie Noerenberg

Happy New Year

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JANUARY 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1  New Years	2	3	4	5 Welcome Back	6	7
8	9	10	11	12  Happy Birthday Mrs. Maier	13	14
15  Happy Birthday Ty M.	16	17	18	19  Happy Birthday Anna S (ECS)	20	21
22	23  Happy Birthday Taylyn, Jayden, Skyler School Improvement Day	24	25  Happy Birthday Helena	26	27 4-9 Bonspiel  Hats 4 Hearts	28
29	30  Happy Birthday Amy H. Parent Council Meet @ 3:30	31				

Preparing Today For The Achievements of

Tomorrow

