



Schuler December News



*“Celebrating
Amazing
Students”*

Reminder:

Due to the Christmas break, there is no school from 2pm on Friday Dec. 18th until school resumes on January 4th. Have a Happy Christmas break!

December Greetings from Mr. Merrick

2009 has been a year of change and growth for Schuler School. The school population has grown, new staff have arrived to help our new (and existing) students, and the results have been exceptional. Achievement results are higher than ever. Fundraising and citizenship efforts by students such as the Terry Fox Run and Homes of Hope have helped improve the lives of others. Sports teams have excelled, even bringing home trophies and banners to showcase at our school. And we're not done yet! Friday's Missoula Theatre Performance will be another opportunity for us to grow and show others what we can do. I invite you to join us if you can.

Any school would be proud to have accomplished so much in one year. For Schuler, we should feel particularly proud that

our small school could achieve such big results. It takes huge efforts from students, parents and staff to achieve in so many ways.

I would like to thank Mrs. Knoblich and Mrs. Noerenberg for all of the hard work that they put in to leading us through Trustworthiness during Character Ed. As well, I would like to thank the Noerenberg family for boarding the Missoula Theatre Ladies this week. Your efforts have made this school a better place.

As Christmas approaches, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff and the community for their efforts for the school and it's students during 2009. On behalf of the Schuler staff and Prairie Rose School Division, from our family to yours, have a safe and happy holiday season!

Happy Holidays,

Eli Merrick

December 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Only 23 shopping days until Mr. Merrick's birthday!	3	4 Missoula Performances @ Noon, 7pm	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 Gingerbread Houses	16 Deck the Hall Noon Dance	17 Christmas Dessert Evening, 7pm	18 Last Student Day, 2pm dismissal	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 Merry Christmas	26
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Student Council

The student council would like to invite all staff and students to join them in celebrating this Holiday Season. We plan to decorate Gingerbread Houses in our student council color groups on Dec 15 (period 7 & 8) and host a “Deck the Hall” noon hour dance on Dec. 16 beginning at 12:20.

Thank You's!

A HUGE thank you goes out to Mrs. Betty Kirschenman for volunteering to play piano for our Missoula play.

Also, thank you to Marilyn Haag for her expertise and time in sewing and installing our new stage curtain.

Thanks to you ladies, we'll look AND sound great on Friday.

Want to find out more about Schuler School? Check out our web page at www.schulerschool.ca. You'll find pictures, video, news and calendar events for our school. You can even sign up for an email version of our newsletter!

"What's up?" with Mrs. Herman

Whew! Each month passes by a little quicker, it seems. The Grade 9 Science class is still working on the Environmental Chemistry unit, with a research project in the works this month. In Social 4/5 we have completed our unit on the Atlantic region and will move a little quicker through the 5 other physical regions of Canada and the people who live (and **lived**) there. In French, we are studying the weather and outdoor activities. I look forward to evaluating the oral weather reports that students are presently working on. Finally, in Division I Computers and Critical Thinking, students are making steady progress on their typing lessons and building many character skills through cooperative learning activities. I would like to wish you all a very restful and happy holiday as we enjoy time with our families. Merry Christmas!



Noerenberg News

November has quickly come and gone. It is hard to believe that November 30th marks the 62nd day of school! We are all continuing to work on developing reading, language and math skills. During our integrated studies we studied about bats. We also did a "mini study" on Mexico and enjoyed batting a piñata that Shelby brought us back from Mexico. We have created some interesting art activities too. Thanks to Mrs. Wells and Mrs. Weisgerber for helping in our classroom this month.

Mrs. Maier's Report

We have continued to work on handwriting, contractions and spelling during November. We have become Brian in our novel study and are creating a journal and research entries! In grade four math we have finished addition and subtraction and have started on multiplying. If your child does not know the basic facts, please help them learn these, as it will help them to complete their assignments on time.

MR. JOBB'S STUDY SCHEDULE - DECEMBER

MATH

Grade 5 – Polyhedra (Solids); Division of Whole Numbers to 9999/9.

Grade 6 – Division of Whole Numbers, 2 Digit Divisors through 4 Digit Quotients, (9999/99) Expressing and Converting Remainders.

Grade 7 – Complete Calculation Unit on Whole and Decimal Numbers (Mental and Paper, NO Calcs) Integer Operations and Addition/Subtraction of Positive Fractions.

Grade 8 – Unit 3 Ratios and Rates.

DIV. I PHYS.ED. – Fitness, Running and Exercise, Indoor Games.

Congrats to the vast majority of students on their excellent report cards and

A very MERRY CHRISTMAS to All; May you all be blessed this season

With family joy and parental patience!! Enjoy the holidays!



Division I students enjoy some piñata-busting.

Character Counts!

In December and January, students will turn their attention from Trustworthiness to Citizenship. We will learn about and practice how to be a good citizen in our homes, our communities, and our country. The final activity will be the Schuler Olympic Games, where true athletes compete in false sporting events.

Greetings from Miss Oster!

Well November has come and gone and we are all looking forward to the Christmas break! It seems that 2009 has flown right by. All students have been working very hard this month. Science has us finishing Mechanisms Using Electricity (4-6) and Cells and Systems (7-8). Some really interesting projects and labs have been produced by both groups. The Language Arts 7-9 class is working through short stories and story elements. Our Career Transitions group just had a presentation on resume building from Youth Works in Medicine hat, so students will be busy promoting themselves to prospective employers. Health 7-9 has us discussing the positives and negatives of websites like Facebook, cell phones, texting and iPods.

Please help your child keep on top of assignments and exams and encourage the use of agendas. Twenty signed days in a row earns the students a prize!

Happy Holidays!

Miss L. Oster

Character Ed - "Character Counts"

TRUSTWORTHINESS

In the past six weeks our school has been working on the topic of trustworthiness in our character education classes. We studied in detail four aspects of trustworthiness: honesty, loyalty, promise keeping and integrity. We defined each of these topics as follows.

Honesty

To be honest is to tell the truth! It also means to be sincere, forthright, and candid. An honest person is not sneaky, and does not lie, cheat or steal.

Loyalty

Loyal people support, help and protect their family, friends, school, community and country. There is joy in being loyal! Loyalty helps people! Disloyalty hurts people!

Promise Keeping

Promise keeping means saying you will do something and then doing it. Promise keepers are people who make commitments and keep them. In times of danger we need to break promises.

Integrity

Stand up for your beliefs about right and wrong. Be yourself and have the courage to do the right thing, no matter what you may lose. Always walk your talk! Remember that integrity is the state of being whole or in one piece, or built solidly.

Each student received a book that was worked on over the course of our study. We hope that it will serve as a manual and springboard for individual development.

Amazing Student Lunches

The Schuler staff is once again pleased to be able to invite the students to join us for a free lunch once throughout the year. This year, we will be enjoying Pizza lunches in our color groups on some Wednesdays throughout the year. On these days, students do not need to bring lunch. They can instead come to the staff room at lunch and enjoy some food and conversation.

A schedule for remaining lunches for the year looks like this:

Dec. 9th—Blue	Feb 24th—Red
Jan. 6th—Purple	March 10th—White
Feb 3rd—Pink	March 24th—Yellow
Jan 20th—Black	April 14th—Turquoise

The staff at Schuler is proud of our Amazing Students , and look forward to spending time with each of you.

Our next Parent Council Meeting is on Monday, Dec 7th @ 3:45 pm. Everyone is welcome and invited to attend.

Friendship and sharing at Schuler School



Schuler School Christmas "Open House"

Because the Missoula Children's theater is happening in December this year, we have decided NOT to have a traditional School Christmas Concert, where classes perform plays or songs. However, we would still like to share in holiday cheer within our school community. On December 17, at 7pm, we invite all students, staff, families and friends to come to the gym for an "open house". The ECS will have a short musical program to share. There will be a sampling of individual musical performances as well. After the short program we can enjoy a few carols together and share in a dessert potluck. If you plan to attend, we ask that your family bring something sweet to share as we visit and enjoy the spirit of the Christmas season. Please bring donations for the food bank.



As you make plans for Christmas this year, please note that Schuler School is trying to collect money for an ongoing HALO project through the student council. Therefore in lieu of any class gifts or teachers' gifts, we suggest that each student make a donation of \$5.00 to the school.



Since HALO's launch in July 2007, the medical helicopter has flown 40 rescue missions in the Palliser Health Region. They need donations to continue operating and the Student Council of Schuler School would like to help.

HILDA LADIES CLUB

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SUPPER

Sunday, December 6, 2009

5:00 pm AB Time

Hilda Community Hall

Adults to 12 years of age - \$10.00

11 to 6 - \$5.00

5 years and under FREE

EVERYONE WELCOME

The "Student-Parent" Volleyball night held on November 18th was a fun way to wrap up the season for the boys and girls teams. Thank you to everyone that attended, played and brought food. Special thanks to Christy and Abbey Brusky for delivering our giant 15 foot party sub!

Beating the Brown Bag Blahs!

Katrina Lehenbauer from Moving and Choosing will be doing a short presentation on packing exciting lunches at our next Parent Council meeting on Monday, December 7, at 3:45.

Kinder Corner

The Schuler ECS would like to thank everyone who has supported our fundraising drive this year. We have received so much support already! The Mom's Pantry order has been placed and should be in within the next week or so. We will be contacting you when your order is ready for pick-up. Merry Christmas!

Girls Volleyball Team captures Zones Banner!



schools from Picture Butte, Stirling, Hays and, in the final, a very tough team from Bow Island. This is particularly impressive considering that Schuler has the lowest population of any of the girls' teams that participated in zones.

The girls volleyball team consists of ALL girls in the school in grades 6-9. I would like to thank all of the girls and their families for their commitment to the team and to each other this year. Sadly, I would like to say thank you and we'll miss you to our three grade 9's, Ashley H., Korilye K. and Justine K., who have represented Schuler VB well since grade 4! You are a skilled group of young ladies, and it has been a pleasure to coach you during this time!

Proudly,

Eli Merrick, Girl's coach



Charger Corner

It was a busy volleyball season this year and it's been nice to have some time to come up for air now that it is all over. The boys should be very proud of their accomplishments this season. We brought home gold medals at the Schuler, Volleymedome and St. Mike's Tournaments and were competitive in the "A" League.

A big thanks to all the parents and fans who supported us this season. There was never a lull in our cheering section! Another big thanks to Andrew, our lone grade 9 student. I've coached Andrew for two seasons now and it has been a real pleasure having his experience and skills both on and off the court. We will certainly miss his height and leadership skills on the team next year, but wish him the very best on the volleyball team at Eagle Butte!

Thanks again for another great season,

Miss Oster

School Closure Procedure

This is a reminder to all parents that in the case of severe weather, a school-closing decision will be made by the Principal in consultation with the bus drivers. School closures will be dependent upon extremes in temperature and safety considerations. If the school is to be closed for the day, the decision will be made before 7AM. Families should expect to be contacted from the school or their bus drivers. If students are already at school when poor weather hits, they remain at school for the whole day, and a decision to run after-school buses is made based on the conditions at 3:30p.m. If conditions are poor, students will remain at school until the roads improved. Detailed school closure information can be found on the PRSD website at www.prrdnet.com.

The decision as to whether or not a bus will run must be made by the driver based on the conditions on his/her run. Parents are reminded that, regardless of whether busses are running or not, the final decision on whether to send your children to school is always yours.

As the weather becomes colder it is important that children come to school dressed adequately for the conditions. As the temperature continues to drop, students will require more clothing. Toques, mitts and ski pants are suggested for students to ensure safety not only outside at the school, but also while on busses.



Congratulations to our Honor Roll recipients for the first report period! Well done to a HUGE group of students.