

Beaverlodge Elementary News

A Special Place for You and Me!

November 2008

Message from the Principal

As we approach November 11th, Remembrance Day Services are a time for us to remember and reflect. A long standing tradition at Beaverlodge Elementary School, we hold a very touching and thought provoking Remembrance Day Service at our school every year.

On **Nov. 5 @ 10:30 am**, our school will hold our Remembrance Day Service. We hope you can join us as we remember the ultimate sacrifices that our veterans have made and current members of our Armed Forces are making on our behalf. We hope you can come and remember with us.

Paul Cincurak

Just a reminder . . .

- Please call the school if your child will be absent from school. The number is 354-2446.
- We ask that all visitors to the school please check into the office when you come into the school. It is very important for our children's safety that we know who is in our school at any given time. This would include parents picking up their children during the school day.
- **Remember that no parking is allowed in front of the school along 5th Avenue.**

We thank you for your continued cooperation!

F.Y.I.

This is just a reminder that our **First Report Card** will be issued on Nov. 28. Please take some time and sit down with your child to discuss this important progress report. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher.

We are still **collecting old eye glasses** for the **Wembley and District Lion's Club**. You can drop off your old eye wear in the box located beside the fish tank just outside the office.

On Saturday, Nov. 15th, the **5th Annual Beaverlodge Christmas Family Fun Day** will be held at the Beaverlodge Community Center from 11:00 am – 4:00 pm. There will be live entertainment from local children's choirs, a children's craft area and a silent auction. Santa will be visiting as well. Tickets are \$3.00 per person or \$7.00 per family.

Parents we need your help!

Lately, we have had several parents phone the school at the end of the day and request that we notify their child that they are waiting for them in the parking lot. We would very much appreciate it if you would get out of your vehicle and come meet your child as opposed to phoning the school. We receive many calls right at the end of the day and it would be much easier for the office staff not to have to deal with these unnecessary calls. **Thank you for your cooperation!**

Important Dates

Nov. 3 – Staff Meeting
Nov. 5 – Remembrance Day Service @ 10:30 am
Nov. 6 – Pizza Sale (**Money must be in by Nov. 4 @ 9:00 am**)
Nov. 7, 21 – CSW Dates
Nov. 10 – Day off in lieu of PTI
Nov. 11 – Remembrance Day – No Classes
Nov. 14 – Hotdog Sale
Nov. 20 – Sub Sale (**Money must be in by Nov. 18 @ 9:00 am**)
Nov. 27 – Assembly @ 2:30 pm (**Theme is Casual Day**)
Nov. 28 – Hotdog sale, **First Report Card Issued**

School Council - The Beaverlodge Elementary School Council provides an excellent venue for parents, teachers and the community to come together to talk about educational issues at our school. **The executive for 2008-09 are:**

Chair – Marilyn Snell	354-2566
Vice-Chair – Terri Brown	354-8261
Secretary – Anne Bateman	354-3420
Treasurer – Jodi Lojczyc	766-2716
K-3 Rep – Charity Vetsch	354-3826
4-6 Rep – Terri Brown	354-8261
Teacher Rep – Hermina Brown	354-2446
PWSD Board Rep - Richard Lappenbush	354-8261

The next meeting of the SC is Nov. 4 from 4-5 pm in the school library. This meeting is open to all parents. Complimentary Baby-sitting will be provided.

Be Informed . . . Be Involved!

It's time to do your homework.

With the start of another school, it's time for students to engage in regular homework. Research has shown that regular homework, even just reading for 15 minutes a day, leads to improved academic performance in school. Here are some benefits of homework: (1) it strengthens the learning at school, (2) it helps students develop good study habits and time management skills, (3) it helps students catch-up if they fall behind, (4) it helps teachers identify weaknesses that can be addressed in the classroom and (5) it can help to strengthen the tie between home and school. Parental encouragement and support are absolutely vital in assisting children with homework. Here are some suggestions for engraining the importance of homework in your home: (1) agree upon a set time to do homework so that it becomes embedded in the family routine, (2) provide an appropriate place for homework away from distractions, (3) provide encouragement and assistance to your child and (4) communicate with your child's teacher if you have questions about your child's homework. How much homework is enough? As a guideline, shoot for approximately 10 minutes per grade.

Help us make homework a vital link between home and school.

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Muppets visit Beaverlodge Elementary

On Monday, Oct. 27th, students and staff were treated to a special presentation by DerRic Starlight. Mr. Starlight is a native performer who has worked for many years with Muppet Characters on movies such as A Very Muppet Christmas and on TV programs appearing on APTN (Aboriginal Peoples Television Network). Mr. Starlight introduced to several Muppet characters including Kermit the Frog, Cookie Monster, Grover, Ernie and Elmo. We were also introduced to Warrior and Granny, two of the many native characters Mr. Starlight has developed. With the help of students Austyn Frederiksen and Keenan Alde, as well as several staff members, Mr. Starlight kept the audience in stitches and song for the hour. Besides the laughs, Mr. Starlight delivered a strong message to the students to "Follow their Dreams". We would like to thank Bonnie Belcourt, our FNMI Liaison worker, for setting up this presentation for many Peace Wapiti schools.



Please complete this Milk Form for the month of November and return it to the school ASAP if you are purchasing milk monthly. November milk cost is \$11.25.

Child's Name _____ Class _____ Amount _____

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To encourage students to deliver the newsletter to their parents, we will be drawing for a large two topping pizza from Anna's Pizza. Please have your child return this slip to his/her teacher.

Student's Name - _____ Parent's Signature - _____