



January 2020 Newsletter

Principal's Message

Happy New Year! It is hard to believe we are in the year 2020! When I was growing up - in the 80's and 90's (remember those days?!) - the year 2020 seemed so far away. I think many of us thought we would have flying cars and personal robots by now but it seems like we aren't quite there yet.

December was a busy month at Woodlands School for staff and students. Our "Holly Jolly Jog" was a great active start to the month. Our entire school community was involved in this event—from runners to course marshals to refreshment preppers. The spirit and sense of community in the building on that day was amazing. Special thanks to Mrs. Page for organizing this event and ensuring things went off without a hitch. On December 11th we had our Christmas concert performances at the school. I enjoyed seeing the different personalities of our students on display. Many hours were spent by our students ensuring they were prepared to put on a good show for their friends and families. Thank you to Ms. Hallow for all her efforts when it came to organizing the class performances and all of the individual duties and roles that our students and staff had. Our last week of school was full of fun Christmas activities that our students took part in with groups outside the normal classroom setting. Students were put into different teams and had to work together to answer trivia questions, and accomplish different tasks. On the last Friday the teams rotated around different stations in the school. I enjoyed seeing the older students acting as responsible mentors for our younger ones. Thank you Mrs. Ivany for all your efforts in planning a fun and engaging week of activities. Have a great January everyone!

Yours in education,

Tim Lee



News from the PAC

Thank you to all who attended our meeting in September. Our next meeting will be held on

January 15, 2020

@ 6:00 pm

In the school library

HAPPY NEW YEAR
FROM PAC!!



We are looking for energetic individuals who are willing to join our PAC group. We work together to raise funds for the continued development for our playground and assist the school in various events. For more information please contact Lynnette at 204-782-9372. Thank you!

November Numbers—Summary

On Friday December 13th we held our November Number final assembly. It was a chance for us wrap-up the initiative that was started 6 weeks prior. During the assembly we went over some of the information we found in the parent survey, talked about the importance of math in our daily lives, worked on some numeracy problems, and handed out some prizes from the different challenges that were held throughout the month.

Thank you to the 45 respondents to our parent survey. Here is some information we gathered:

- When asked “How valuable do you think this initiative is” the average response was **3.53 out of 4**. (1-waste of time, 2-tough to say, 3-valuable, 4-very valuable)
- **56%** of respondents heard about November Numbers in the newsletter or from their child directly.
- When rating their overall school experiences with Math/Numeracy at the K-12 level the average score was **3.71 out of 5**. (1-very negative, 2-negative, 3-neutral, 4-positive, 5-very positive)
- When rating their child’s overall school experiences with Math/Numeracy at the K-12 level the average scored was **3.87 out of 5**. (1-very negative, 2-negative, 3-neutral, 4-positive, 5-very positive)
- The most used Numeracy skill(s) used in day-to-day life according to the survey was **addition/subtraction using mental math**. The least used skill(s) was **algebra/trigonometry/calculus**.
- We also received a number of insightful responses to the question “Describe how Numeracy/Math is important in your day to day life (career or a life pursuit/hobby)”. Here are a few of the responses:

“Math is important for everything from baking/ cooking to budgeting and shopping. There is not a part of life that does not require it.”

“It’s important when it comes to personal finance, budgeting, taxes, figuring out supplies need for renovation projects for paint, lumber, drywall e.t.c”

“Very important we use math every day with daily purchases, budgeting, taxes, planning, travel.”

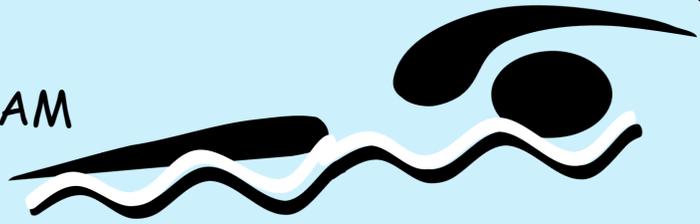
“Math is important in my daily life! When I go shopping, calculate how many more Kms left on my tank of gas, to figure out how many ghs Of data left for the month on my cellphone and many other aspects of daily life!”

“In the trades math is in constant use from simple addition subtraction to area and volume calculations and trigonometry”

“It is extremely important, I use it everyday at work and at home. I work I have to price quote and correctly charge customers for the service that my company provides. I also have to fix charges in customer files. At home math is needed if we’re working on home renovation projects, cooking using recipes, grocery shopping, paying bills, budgeting.”



SWIMMING PROGRAM



There has been a change to our swimming program this year. Swimming lessons will be offered to our *Grade 3/4* and *Grade 5/6* classes.

Swimming lessons will start on Thursday, January 16th and will run until Thursday, March 12th (each date will be listed on the monthly calendar).

Please note that the cost for this program is \$40.00 per student. Permission forms and fees are due as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Ivany at the school or by email: mivany@isd21.mb.ca

Community Happenings

In support of the Interlake School Division's Continuous Improvement Plan, the Mental Health First Aid For Adults Who Interact With Youth will be offered to community members with an enrolment fee set to recover the cost of the course manual.

W20/29 Mental Health First Aid For Adults Who Interact With Youth

Mental Health First Aid for Adults Who Interact with Youth is a 14-hour course developed by the Mental Health Commission of Canada, and teaches participants how to recognize that a young person may be struggling with a mental health problem or experiencing a mental health crisis; how to provide support; and how to connect the young person to appropriate professional help. Topics covered include: substance use disorders; depressive disorders (including crisis first aid for suicide); self-harm; anxiety and trauma-based disorders; eating and feeding disorders; and psychotic disorders. A comprehensive manual is included with the course fee. Instructor: Carla Betker – Interlake School Division, Psychologist.

4 Tuesdays January 14, 21 February 4, 11, 2020

6:00 – 9:30 p.m. at Stonewall Collegiate

Fee: \$50

Holly Jolly Jog 2019



We held our 4th Annual Holly Jolly Jog on December 5th. Entry to the Holly Jolly Jog was a non-perishable food item which was donated to the Interlake Cheer Board.



Christmas Concert



Thank you to Ms. Hallow for all her hard work and dedication in organizing and preparing for the Christmas Concert this year! It was wonderful!



Spirit Week



Thank you to Ms. Ivany and the MY Voice Group for organizing and preparing for spirit week and the game day on the Friday!

Everyone had such fun!

