



Principal's Message

January 2021 Newsletter

Goodbye 2020....hello 2021! Although 2020 was a challenging year to say the least, I am sure we can all find a couple of bright spots in an otherwise bleak year. I am hopeful we can anyway:) The pandemic forced us as a school to adapt to new expectations and rules. Students social distancing, and wearing masks. EA's becoming proficient at dispensing hand-sanitizer and learning how to help students without being right by their side. Teachers having to learn how to plan for 2 groups of students at times, how to spread out everyone by 2 meters, and how to teach remotely. Custodians having to clean extra extra hard, and to figure out what to spray where. As a leader of a school, it was very rewarding to see everyone come together to ensure the safety of our students and staff throughout the pandemic. Unfortunately, the pandemic is not over. We need to remain vigilant when it comes to washing our hands, social distancing, limiting our contacts, and staying home when ill. If your child is displaying any symptoms we ask that you keep them home until they are symptom free.

With the new year upon us, let's all make an effort to improve on at least 1 area of our personal, professional, and family life. When we set some clear goals in our lives we tend to be more focused on improvement and getting better rather than just getting through the days. Write your goals down, make them attainable, and reward your self when you accomplish what you set out to.

Kindergarten registration is currently open. If you or someone you know has a child born in 2016, please call the school to make arrangements. You can also visit <https://www.interlakesd.ca/kindergarten-registration/> for more information.

Enjoy this warm January weather,

Jim Lee



Fundraising:

A huge thank you to those who supported our fundraisers thus far!

We are always looking for unique fundraising ideas that would be beneficial to our organization. If you have a suggestion, please contact one of our committee members, or join us at the next on-line PAC meeting!!



News from the PAC

Thank you to those who attended our virtual meeting last month!

Our next meeting will be held on:
Tuesday, February 2nd @ 8:30
(via zoom)

If you are interested in being part of our next meeting, please contact Lynnette Lindell by email so that she can send you the link!



We are looking for energetic individuals who are willing to join our PAC group. We work together to raise funds for the continued development of our playground and assist the school in various events. For more information on how to join or volunteer, please contact Lynnette Lindell @204-782-9372 or by email at lynnette@lansard.ca. Thank you!



Woodlands Parent Advisory Council Minutes
November 17, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Present: Lynnette Lindell, Tara-Lee Koss, Tim Lee, Jennine Campbell, Brette Park, Billie Jean Oliver, Casey Tully

Called to Order: The meeting was called to order at 8:32 pm

Minutes: March 2020 Minutes and February 2020 Minutes were read. Tara-Lee Koss moved to have Minutes passed; Brette Park 2nd the motion.

Treasurer's Report:

Regular PAC Chequeing:	\$6,012.77
Playground Chequeing:	\$10,697.68
Playground Savings:	\$8,342.37

Received the \$1,000.00 cheque from the RM of Woodlands Grant

Old Business: Lynnette attended a meeting regarding MB 150. Celebrations for 2021 will not be happening; discussing other community-based events.

Fundraisers: Colibri (Due Nov. 5th), Gift Cards (Due Nov. 9th), Show & Save (Due Nov. 13th) and Shelmerdines (Due Nov. 18th) – Colibri as it was all done through on-line orders it is harder to keep track of what the overall status is – Billie Jean will email for follow-up. The Show & Save Orders deadline have been extended to December 31, 2020; Vista Gift Cards orders have been sent in; we made just over \$500.00; Shelmerdine's is due on the 18th with a pick-up date of December 8th (later in the afternoon)

Discussions had to update the plan for the playground. Mr. Lee will send out a survey to the staff and students to determine what they would like to see on the playground. This new updated plan will be used to apply for further grants.

The old school tear-down; a walk-through has been completed and survey done. It has been discussed that a tender will go out to have the building demolished and removed; no date has been set;

Will apply for the RM of Woodlands Grant again this year – the deadline to apply is in early January 2021.

Principal's Report: Holly Jolly Jog is still being discussed at the school as the original date is now an in-service; with no confirmed date. Once decided, it would be done in a similar fashion as the Terry Fox Run where cohorts and/or class would go at the same time and then the next group. This would be for staff and students only – possibly implementing a cash drive for the Christmas Cheer Board as they have requested no food items this year.

Christmas Concert will not be the same as in previous years as no singing is allowed; discussions were had as to maybe an interpretive dance and have them recorded or done virtually – no final decisions have been made.

Due to the Provincial guidelines new language has been received that students have to remain 2 meters apart where possible. In the classrooms, changes will be made. 3 of our classrooms must be re-vamped. The K's will be split into two groups; one will stay in the classroom and the other will go into the MPR and then they will switch out during the transition times. 4 students within the gr. 7/8 and gr. 5/6 classrooms will have to be in a secondary spot (7/8's library; 5/6 guidance area). These 4 students will be in the second area for a 6-day cycle period and then switch out. They will be monitored by EA's with continual check-ins by the teacher.

Discussions are being had about sending home a letter for all gr. 1/2 students to wear masks. Although it is not mandated it is strongly recommended.

The Province mandated that three in-services be added to the school year with 2 of them being before Christmas break. The new in-service dates are on December 4th and December 7th. There was also discussions about extending the Christmas Break but no final decisions have been made.

Interlake School Division sent out a survey regarding students who have parents who are Critical Care Workers is due November 19th.

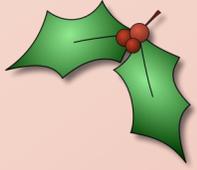
Events:

November 18th Early Dismissal and Shelmerdine's orders due
November 20th PD – no school

December 4th PD – no school
December 7th PD – no school
December 11th Report Cards go home
December 18th Last Day of Classes

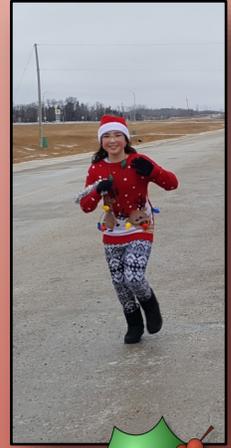
NEXT PAC MEETING: December 15th, 2020 @ 8:30. If you would like to take part in the meeting please contact Lynnette Lindell.

Adjourned: Meeting adjourned at 9:18 pm



Holly Jolly Jog

Our annual Holly Jolly Jog was held on Friday, December 11th, which cash donations raised and donated to the local Cheer Board. Thanks to all the staff who helped out serving hot chocolate and treats to each classroom and those that were out on route!



Friendly reminder to please bring water-bottles from home! Due to health restrictions our water fountains are not available except for the filling station!

Thank you!

January 2021

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3	4 Day 4 K  Welcome Back	5 Day 5	6 Day 6 K	7 Day 1	8 Day 2 K	9
10	11 Day 3	12 Day 4 K	13 Day 5	14 Day 6 K	15 Day 1	16
17	18 Day 2 K	19 Day 3	20 Day 4 K  Early Dismissal	21 Day 5	22 Day 6 K	23
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