



Turbo Talk



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Vauxhall Elementary School Newsletter

Missoula Children's Theatre

We are very pleased to have Missoula Children's Theatre coming to our school at the end of the month. This is a touring company from Missoula, Montana that will spend the week at our school. Students from grade 1-6 will audition for parts in the production of Cinderella. Between 50 and 60 students will be chosen by the two resident guests to be a part of this. These students will practice all week and on Friday evening the show will be staged. For those that are not chosen to be in the play, workshops will be held so all students will get an opportunity to enhance their drama skills.

We are looking for a host family to house our two travelling actresses.

Haley Smialek. Haley is beyond thrilled to be touring with the Missoula Children's Theatre! Originally from Ocean, NJ, she is a recent graduate of State University of New York at Fredonia, where she earned her BFA in musical theatre with a minor in school and counseling psychology. Her favorite credits include: Godspell; South Pacific; and "Patty Simcox" in Grease. Haley would like to thank her amazing family for always supporting her, as well as all those at Ocean Grove Youth Dramatics for instilling in her a passion for children's theatre.

Abigail Hanawalt. Abigail is so excited to be touring with the Missoula Children's Theatre! She is a resident of lovely Fort Collins, CO, and a recent graduate of Colorado State University with a degree in English education. When she was in 3rd grade, she performed in Beauty Lou and the Country Beast with the Missoula Children's Theatre when they toured through Fort Collins. That experience sparked her love for performing. Her favorite show credits include: "Cat in the Hat" in Seussical, "Luisa" in The Fantasticks, and "Meg March" in Little Women. She would like to thank her family and friends for their love and support as she pursues her dreams.

If you are interested in hosting these two ladies, please let the school know. They come on Sunday, Oct. 29 and will be leaving either Saturday or Sunday, November 4/5. It is a great family experience to host.

I also want to thank our School Council and Parent Advisory Committee for funding this residency opportunity. Casino funds from the PAC given to the School Council made it possible for this learning experience for our students. PAC have another casino Oct. 24 and 25. They might still be short workers so if you can volunteer your time for this please let the school know. Casinos generate somewhere close to \$30,000 and is very easy work.

As Missoula gets closer more information will be sent home. Tickets will be for sale, as well as T-shirts and CD's.

School Council

The first school Council meeting was held on September 18. The new executive is as follows.

Chairperson: Barb Van Dyk

Vice-Chair: Tara Odland

Secretary: Jody Lillico

Treasurer: Liz Haag

Hot Lunch: Emmie Rijkens



Meetings will take place on Mondays at 7:00. All parents are welcome to attend the meetings. The next meeting date has been scheduled for November 13.

Some highlights of the meeting were as follows:

- Purpose of council is to improve student achievement and to enhance the accountability of the education system through active participation of parents.
- Cookie dough sales were slow to begin with and maybe need to take next year off from selling it. Council recommended to sell the poinsettias again this year and then reevaluate the fundraising activities and search for something new. The school only does these two major fundraisers that go directly toward keeping field trip costs down for parents.
- The water fountains were installed over the summer and have been a big hit.
- The parent advisory group has purchased a stove from Costco. It will be delivered to the school sometime in October. The PAC also allotted \$1000.00 to be used for purchasing items for the learning commons. This supports all students in the school.
- Emmie is looking for someone to help her with hot lunch as she is now working in Pre-K. Volunteers needed.

Student Council

Our grade 5/6 students, as part of their studies on government and democracy, have been busy campaigning for various school council ministries. Some creative posters adorned the hallway and some great speeches made voting choices for students very difficult with some quality candidates running for office. A total of 45 students threw their name in the hat for 8 positions. With this example of involvement, it would be nice if more parents would step up and run for council in the Municipal elections. The new ministers are:

- Climate Minister – Eric Reiling
- Secretary Minister – Abigail Stamp
- Learning commons Minister – Abby Willis
- Maker Space Minister – Charlee Sandau
- Participaction Minister – Gavin Harder
- Moo Minister – Katelynn Klassen
- Environment Minister – Zarron Tait
- Fine Arts Minister – Daniel Emes



Athletics

Tornado Volleyball is now underway. We have two co-ed teams coached by Mrs. Reiling, Miss Walter and Miss O'Donnell. They travelled to Taber Christian for an opening jamboree and ended up playing each other in the final calling it a tie. Way to go teams! Next action is Oct. 6 in Barnwell.



Intramural Volleyball has 6 teams vying for the championship rings. The Avengers, Cheetos, Hulksters, Thunder, Scorpions and Blasters began play this week at lunchtime.

Skating – The arena ice is in and the town has allowed us to skate for no charge again this year. We are starting with Kindergarten going this month and then work through the different classes throughout the year.

Terry Fox Run – We held our run on September 15 and we raised around \$400.00 in donations from our students to send to the Terry Fox foundation for cancer research. Well done VES.

Pumpkin Run – The annual pumpkin run is fast approaching. We are looking for some pumpkin donations if anyone has a patch that did not get frozen.

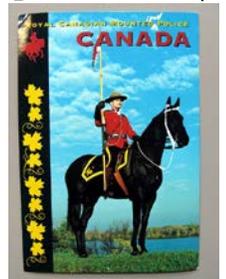
HASS – Mrs. Reiling and Mrs. Willis will be taking a group of grade 5/6 students to the Healthy Active Schools Symposium being held in Lethbridge. Students will learn and participate in several activities. As our health champions they will come back and share these ideas and activities with the rest of the students in VES encouraging a healthy mind - healthy body lifestyle.

School Pictures: wear a smile for school pictures on October 16.



Climate Teams

A new school year brings new climate teams and the race for the climate cup. With spirit week activities and Terry Fox donations gaining points teams are already up to the challenge. With this being Canada's 150th birthday we named our teams after all things Canadian. Our eight teams are: The Northern Lights, Toques, Mounties, Loonies, Tim-bits, Cirque du Soleil, Inuksuk's and Snowbirds. On dress up days and special events encourage your child to get involved with their team.



Turbo Twists

- The Cookie dough fundraiser started out slow but parents came through in the end and we matched last year's total of about 300 buckets. Our poinsettia forms will be out soon so please support that as well. I understand that the two overlap but as for door to door sales this is all we do for the year.
- It was nice to see so many parents attend our back to school BBQ. The dogs were great and students had fun showing of their rooms and teachers to the parents.
- Adult learning will be taking up residence in our school after about a 3-year absence. Classes will be on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings starting October 3 and running through December. They will also have classes again from January to March.
- The grade 6 funhouse will be held on October 27, Friday morning. More info will be coming home on this as the day draws nearer. Funds raised from this support the Grade 6 Edmonton Field trip.
- Our PAC are doing the casino fundraiser on October 24 and 25. If you can help out contact Shelley Deleeuw or the school.
- Teachers are busy benchmarking all students to find their reading levels. Once completed you should receive a call from your child's teacher giving parents an update on just how their children are adjusting to a new school year, teacher, and grade. Our teachers also want parents to know that you can contact them at any time regarding matters about your child.



Help Wanted: German School Teacher

We still do not have a teacher for our grade 1/2 students that want to take German. Until we find a teacher, students in those grades will only go to German school during singing time. If you are interested or know someone who might be please contact the school at 403-654-2422 or come to the school to meet with Mr. Cummings (Principal) and Mrs. Vogel. (German school lead teacher)

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