

F.W. Gilbert Elementary School

NEWSLETTER

October 2015



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| Thanksgiving | -October 12, 2015 (No School) |
| Picture Day | -October 13, 2015 |
| PD/Admin Day | - October 23, 2015 (No School) |
| Early Dismissal | - November 6, 2015 (2:45) |
| Picture Retakes | - November 9, 2015 |
| Remembrance Day Service
@ PSS | - November 10, 2015 |
| Remembrance Day | - November 11, 2015 (No School) |
| Report Cards Go Home | - November 24, 2015 |
| Grade 4 Immunizations | - November 25, 2015 |
| Grade 6 Girls Immunizations | - November 25, 2015 |
| Parent Teacher Interviews | - November 26, 2015 (4:00 – 8:00 pm) |
| Parent Teacher Interviews | - November 27, 2015 (8:30 – 12:00 pm) |

Garden Club

October 1, 15, & 22

Phone Tree

In case of an emergency, evacuation or school closure, F.W. Gilbert is setting up a phone tree to contact all staff and parents. If we must leave the school, students and staff will walk to the Pinawa Secondary School. If for some reason this is not possible, students and staff will walk to the Lutheran Church. Calls will be placed from there.



Volunteers/Visitors

We are requesting that all parent volunteers and any visitors who come into the school, please sign in and out at the office. Entrance to the school is through the front doors off Massey.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Choral Workshop

The grade 5/6 students are invited to participate in a choral workshop conducted by an experienced and knowledgeable music clinician. The students that have registered for this event will be leaving the school @ 7:50 am the morning of October 16th and will be returned to their homes approximately by 9:30 that evening. Parents and families are welcome to attend the evening concert, at the Steinbach Mennonite Church, 345 Loewen Blvd in Steinbach, starting @ 6:00 p.m. Admission is \$2.00 per person.

Halloween Parties

Individual notes will come home from your child's class as to what they are doing for Halloween.



Grade 3 Assessments

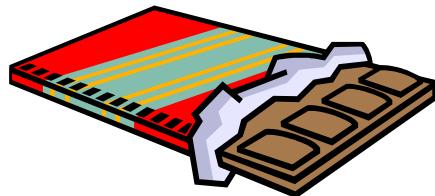
The following parent brochures regarding the assessment are posted online:

Your Child and the Grade 3 Provincial Assessment

www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/assess/brochures/gr3_assess.pdf

Fundraising

The Grade 5 & 6 students will be fundraising for their ski trip & Camp Arnes trip. They will be going door to door selling chocolates.



POPCORN

Starting **Friday, October 2nd**
we will be selling popcorn on
Tuesday's and Friday's during
nutrition break.
\$1.00 per bag



Recognition Awards - September 2015

Amy B. - Kindergarten - for being a kind helpful role model to her peers.

Jillian S. - Gr. 1 - for quickly learning Grade 1 routines and always working her hardest.

Nyah P. - Gr. 2 - for being an awesome Grade 2 leader to her younger classmates.

Troy B. - Gr. 3 - for quickly learning and following our class rules and routines.

Celeste F. - Gr. 4 - for having a positive attitude and showing effort in her work.

Madison O. - Gr. 5 - for following routines of the classroom and putting effort into everything she does

Nadia L. - Gr 6 - for learning classroom routines so quickly.

Emi R. - Gr. 6 - for learning classroom routines so quickly.

Garden Club Fall Supper

The produce in the school garden has been terrific this year! We will be holding our annual Fall Supper on Wednesday, October 7 at FW Gilbert School Kitchen, starting at 5:30. This event is open to garden club members and their families. Please call 204-753-2559 to reserve your spot!

Principal's Message:

Happy October everyone! September seems to have flown by and we are into the second month of school already! It has been an excellent start and routines are being established to get to the good stuff.....learning.

The students from both FW Gilbert and Pinawa Secondary raised over \$6000 for the Terry Fox Foundation to be used for cancer research. In the past 11 years the total raised is now over \$32,000! It's an amazing feat considering our small population, congratulations!!! We even had some loss of hair due to reaching our goal amounts! Thanks to the staff and students who participated and supervised the event. A special thanks to Madison Backer who led our warm-up to get us moving for our event!

It is that time of year when the deer become more aggressive so talk to your children about staying far away from the bucks. I also encourage everyone to speak to your children about bike safety. Review the rules of the road and watch how they ride on the streets.

I had the good fortune to be able to ride along on the Grade 7 & 8 Bike trip last week. What a great way to spend time with kids from the school community. I saw kids being resilient when the wind was in their face or the pace was a little too fast, and supportive of each other when someone else was struggling. It was really great to see them participate and feel good about accomplishing such a long ride and then camp for two nights. The FW Gilbert kids have something awesome to look forward to.

Four of our students participated in the Athletics Manitoba Provincial Cross Country meet at Kilcona Park in Winnipeg last week as well. It was a great experience with hundreds of kids participating from all over! Ella, Jaida, Nolan and Lochlan were all great ambassadors for FW Gilbert and finished the race with smiles on their faces.

Our next PAC meeting and AGM is Monday Oct. 19th at 5:30 pm in the Staffroom. We would love to have as many parents as possible come out and join us. You can make such a big difference in your child's school.

**Thank you,
Todd Long**