

F.W. Gilbert Elementary School

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November 2015

Important Dates

- November 6th - Early Dismissal @ 2:40 p.m.
- November 9th - Picture Retake
- November 9th - PAC Mtg. @ 5:30 p.m.
- November 10th - Remembrance Day Service
at the Community Centre @ 10:45 a.m.
- November 11th - Remembrance Day - School Closed
- November 20th - Can the Principal
- November 24th - Report Cards Sent Home
- November 25th - Gr. 4 Immunizations
- November 25th - Gr. 6 Girls' Immunizations
- November 26th - Parent Teacher Conferences - Evening
- November 27th - Parent Teacher Conferences - No Classes
- December 4th - Early Dismissal @ 2:40 p.m.
- December 10th - Community Christmas Concert
- December 17th - FWG Christmas Concert @ PSS
- December 18th - Last day of Classes before Christmas Break,
Pajama Day & Pancake Breakfast!

Remembrance Day Activities

The Remembrance Day Program is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 10th @ 10:45** at Pinawa Secondary School. All students will be in attendance, and will be brought back to F.W. Gilbert School afterwards.



Christmas Hampers

The staff and students are once again donating food to the Christmas Hamper Group in Pinawa. We will be “Canning the Principal”. We would appreciate donations of non-perishables, which will be put in front of Mr. Long’s door.

Students can start bringing in items on November 16th – November 20th.

“Can The Principal” will be on Friday, November 20th in the morning.

Boxed cereal
Quick-cooking rolled oats
Pancake mix
Syrup
Canned milk
Ground coffee
Black tea
Hot Chocolate
Peanut Butter
Jam
Pasta
Spaghetti Sauce
Canned pasta

Juices – canned or tetrapak
Applesauce
Canned fruit
Canned soup
Canned vegetables
Cake Mix
Jelly powder
Instant pudding mix
Instant potatoes

The class who brings in the highest amount will go to the Solo to purchase gifts for needy children.

****If you or anyone you know is in need of a hamper this year, hamper request forms can be picked up at the school office or at the Pinawa Christian Fellowship office @ 24 Aberdeen Avenue.****

School Picture Retakes

Monday, November 9th at 9:00 a.m.

Direct Parent Inquiries - Customer Service Line 1-866-443-9640

Direct Parent Late Orders to:

Lifetouch Canada at Unit #1 - 1410 Mountain Ave. Wpg, MB R2X 0A4

F.W. Gilbert School Choir

Students from grades 1 to 6 who are interested in singing in the Remembrance Day Choir for the school service on Nov. 10th are asked to bring a lunch and come to practices on **Monday, November 3rd, 5th, and 9th**. Thank you for your participation in this important yearly program.



Recognition Awards - October 2015

Sophia - Jr. Kindergarten - for reading at home on a regular basis.

Jase - Kindergarten - for mastering 17 Sight Words.

Kallen - Kindergarten - for mastering 13 Sight Words.

Kevin - Grade 1 - for quickly learning our class routines and being an awesome classroom helper!

Sawyer - Grade 2 - for taking pride in always doing his best work.

Tyler - Grade 3 - for always working hard and having a positive attitude.

Bella - Grade 4 - for having a positive attitude and great work habits.

Jaida - Grade 5 - for being a hardworking and high achieving student.

Nolan - Grade 6 - for being so helpful in our classroom.

Parent Advisory Council News

Our AGM and regular monthly meeting were both held on Oct. 19. The AGM resulted in the following people being elected to the PAC executive:

Chair:	Michelle Long
Vice-Chair:	vacant
Secretary:	Miyoko Rasmussen
Treasurer:	Crystal Stanley
Classroom Rep grades JK-3:	Tasha Mae Boone
Classroom Rep grades 4-6:	Ivale Mitchell

Highlights from the October meeting, include:

- PAC is continuing to work on a conceptual plan for the enhancements to the playground. We have found someone to help us with our planning and budgeting, so hope to complete this over the winter.
- The school will not be organizing movie nights this year. It has been suggested that PAC organize them as a fundraiser. Discussion was tabled until the next meeting.
- PAC will provide cookies for students having immunizations in November.
- November's hot lunch will be pancakes and sausage, date TBA.
- PAC decided to keep a small supply of snack foods in the kitchen, for teachers to distribute to students who occasionally forget to bring their snacks.
- Skate with Santa will be coming up in early December. Grassroots organizes this event, and PAC prepares the pancake supper.

The next PAC meeting will be on **November 9th**, at 5:30 pm, in the school staff room. All parents are welcome!

Principal's Message:

Here we are at the end of October already. There has been so much to learn and so many great experiences that students have been able to be part of.



Students from Mrs. Miller's class were able to enjoy the sunshine while they explored how shadows work and how the position of the sun impacted the position and size of their shadow. What a

great way to learn while enjoying the beautiful fall weather!

Later that day, one of the students told me that they couldn't go out to see their shadows. When I asked why, they told me the clouds were blocking the sun! When kids are active and engaged, it is amazing how much learning occurs!



The Grade 6 students (divided into two groups) will have the opportunity to work in the Industrial Arts shop at PSS. They will learn safety rules, how to use hand tools and then complete a variety of projects. The first project will be a birdhouse. They will sand, assemble and finish it over three Day 6 visits to the shop. The hands on learning will develop everyday skills and confidence to complete projects like this one.

The Grade 6s did an amazing job coming up with ideas for Halloween activities that were suitable for all of our students to participate in. They had to plan, consider their audience, and then present to the principal to get approval for their ideas. Their presentations were excellent and they took suggestions and ideas back to class to incorporate into their activity. Great job implementing your ideas Grade 6!

Super Squad training has started and the students are getting ready to be peer conflict managers and ambassadors for the younger students. They have a great deal of energy and are willing to learn and then implement the skills that they learned during the workshop.

Teachers have been preparing the first term report cards and they will be sent home on the 24th of November. There will be a note home to arrange interview times which will happen on the 26th and 27th of November. Please return it as soon as possible so we can set up the schedule.

I really enjoyed the Garden Club's fall dinner. What an authentic learning experience for the members of the club to plant, care for, and then harvest the garden! Preparing the harvest into a dinner for families is an excellent celebration, thanks for everyone's hard work!

Todd Long