

F.W. GILBERT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2015

Important Dates

December 10th – Community Christmas Concert

December 11th - Ugly Christmas Sweater Day/Red Green

December 11th - Skate with Santa – Orville Acres Arena

December 17th – Christmas Concert @ Pinawa Secondary School

December 18th – Pajama Day, pancake breakfast & early dismissal

January 4th – Classes Resume

January 29th - Early dismissal



Christmas Concert

Our Christmas Concert this year is

“Santa’s Rockin Christmas Eve!”

featuring all of the classes from

Jr. Kindergarten to Grade 6.

Thursday, December 17th at 7:00 pm

@ the Pinawa Secondary School Gym

Christmas Choir Practice

The students involved with the Christmas Choir will be practicing @ lunch on December 1st, 3rd, 7th, 9th, & 15th.

Ugly Christmas Sweater/Red & Green (written by Marcus & Jett)

On Friday, December 11th, the grade 6 class will be hosting a holiday fun time.

Where: FW Gilbert Gym and Hallway

When: Lunch Recess (1:15 – 1:50)

PLEASE WEAR RED AND GREEN OR AN UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER TOO!

There will be fun activity stations to enjoy!

Christmas Parties

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

Recognition Awards - November 2015

Nathan - Jr. Kindergarten - For using his words when he needs help.

Mason - Kindergarten - For learning how to print his name by himself.

Lucas - Kindergarten - For learning how to print his name by himself.

Hailey - Grade 1 - For becoming independent at completing her # of the Day assignments.

Annika - Grade 3 - For demonstrating good citizenship.

Reese - Grade 4 - For being determined and positive = Improved Math Skills!
Ella - Grade 5 - For demonstrating amazing student citizenship in all areas of school.
Payton - Grade 5 - For demonstrating amazing student citizenship in all areas of school.
Jett - Grade 6 - For having excellent Mathematical Skills.
Maher - Grade 6 - For having excellent Mathematical Skills.

Parent Advisory Council News

Highlights from the last meeting, include:

- Movie Nights will be back! PAC has decided to organize three Movie Nights at the school, beginning in mid-January. Anyone wishing to help out with set-up or popcorn sales, please let us know.
- Skate with Santa is booked for Friday, Dec 11, at the Orville Acres Arena. PAC partners with grassroots for this event, and we will be providing the pancake supper. Volunteers are needed to help with set-up, cooking, serving and clean-up – so if you can help, we would appreciate it! A volunteer form will be distributed through email. Also, we will ask you to RSVP if you are planning to come, so we can predict how much food to make! More info shortly.
- The Pinawa Club offered to do a pizza lunch with PAC for the school, beginning in November. It went very well, and may become a regular event. Stay tuned!
- PAC decided to try selling fair-trade, organic coffee (from a local coffee roaster) as a playground fundraiser. Orders are due by Dec 4th.
- The next hot lunch will be in January, and we will offer perogies. Order forms will be sent home a week before the lunch.
- PAC discussed goals for the future – how can we benefit more students and families? If you have any suggestions, please let us know. We welcome your input!

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, you can contact your classroom representative. They can bring your concern forward at a meeting (without disclosing your identity).

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Also, all parents are more than WELCOME to attend PAC meetings. Education is a joint venture between home and school – your perspective is important!

The next PAC meeting is Monday, **December 7th**, at 5:30 in the staff room.

.Principal's Message:

It's amazing how fast the first term has gone and how close to Christmas holidays we are!

The students got to "Can the Principal"! The students made a large pile with the dry goods they donated across my office door. It made it difficult to leave (through that door anyhow). Thanks for your generosity as it will reach families in need for the holidays.

Thanks to the students who do Super Squad! They are diligent in their duties as they help students solve conflicts on the playground at recess. Along with the conflict managers, our Ambassadors spend time at recess looking for students that just need a little help finding someone to play with, or a game to join. Great job to all of you!

The Grade 6 Leadership group is organizing a special event on December 11th (as seen earlier in the newsletter). There will be special activities over the lunch recess and everyone is invited to wear green and red or an ugly Christmas sweater. It is sure to be an entertaining day.

Everyone is welcome to come to our annual Christmas concert on Thursday, Dec. 17th at 7:00 pm at PINAWA SECONDARY SCHOOL. The students are working hard with Mrs. Wryha to bring you an entertaining evening. We hope to see you all there!

I'd like to thank you for taking the time to discuss your child's learning with their teacher. The feedback about your child as a learner is important. It helps them set goals, shows their strengths and also areas where they may need further assistance. The communication that you have with the teacher is an important part of knowing how your

child is doing as a learner. The parent/school connection is a key part of student success.

Finally, thanks for being so welcoming and supportive for my first term at FW Gilbert. It has been a great first few months! Have an excellent holiday season and we will see everyone in the New Year!

Todd Long