

F.W. GILBERT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SEPTEMBER 2015 NEWSLETTER

Important Dates to Remember

<i>Thursday, September 17th</i>	-	<i>Welcome Night @ FW Gilbert</i>
<i>Friday, September 25th</i>	-	<i>Terry Fox Run & BBQ</i>
<i>Friday, September 25th</i>	-	<i>Early Dismissal 2:45</i>
<i>Monday, October 12th</i>	-	<i>Thanksgiving (School Closed)</i>
<i>Tuesday, October 13th</i>	-	<i>Picture Day</i>
<i>Friday, Oct. 23rd</i>	-	<i>PD Admin/SAGE (School Closed)</i>
<i>Friday, November 6th</i>	-	<i>Early Dismissal 2:45</i>
<i>Monday, November 9th</i>	-	<i>Picture Retake</i>
<i>Tuesday, November 10th</i>	-	<i>Remembrance Day Service (11:00 am @ PSS)</i>
<i>Wednesday, November 11th</i>	-	<i>Remembrance Day (School Closed)</i>
<i>Tuesday November 24th</i>	-	<i>Report Cards go home</i>
<i>Thursday, November 26th</i>	-	<i>Parent Teacher Evening Interviews</i>
<i>Friday, November 27th</i>	-	<i>Parent Teacher Interviews & PD Admin Day (School Closed)</i>

School Hours

- School bell rings at 8:40 a.m. and 1:45 p.m.
 - Classes start at 8:45 a.m. and 1:50 p.m.
 - Students are dismissed at 12:50 p.m. and 3:40 p.m.
 - During rain or very cold days the Principal or a teacher will let the students in at 8:30 a.m.
 - Nutrition Break is from 10:35 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.
 - Recess is from 10:50 a.m. - 11:10 a.m.
 - Lunch hour is from 12:50 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.
- All Students may stay for lunch at school as long as they are following the lunch policy.

School Phone Number: 753-2559

Teachers are available by phone, email or appointment to have discussions regarding your children.

CLASSROOM ORGANIZATION 2015-2016

Grade	Students	Teacher	Room	Email
JK/K	21	Jenn Donnelly Michelle McMahon	10	donnelyj@sdwhitehell.mb.ca mcmahonm@sdwhiteshell.mb.ca
1 / 2	18	Leah Miller	7	millerl@sdwhiteshell.mb.ca
3	10	Amber Bilinsky	5	bilinskya@sdwhiteshell.mb.ca
4	11	Lory Muntain	4	muntainl@sdwhiteshell.mb.ca
5	16	Devon Turner	2	turnerd@sdwhiteshell.mb.ca
6	12	Chris Reimer	3	reimerc@sdwhiteshell.mb.ca
Specialty Teacher		Julie Remillard	13	remillaj@sdwhiteshell.mb.ca
Resource Teacher Music (K-6)		- Lory Muntain - Donna Wryha		muntainl@sdwhiteshell.mb.ca wryhad@sdwhiteshell.mb.ca
EA's		- Clint Chaboyer Leona Guy Suzanne Rueckert Vanessa Thompson		chaboyerc@sdwhiteshell.mb.ca guyl@sdwhiteshell.mb.ca <u>rueckerts@sdwhiteshell.mb.ca</u> <u>thompsonv@sdwhiteshell.mb.ca</u>
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY		- Todd Long - Tanis Rogers		longt@sdwhiteshell.mb.ca rogerst@sdwhiteshell.mb.ca

Total enrollment is 89 (Sept. 2014 enrollment was 86)

Student Absentees

Contact the School Secretary or your child's teacher by note or phone. If the school has not received any notification of the absence, the School Secretary or the child's teacher will be phoning home/work within the first half hour of school to inquire as to where the student is.

CRIMINAL RECORD & CHILD ABUSE CHECKS are mandatory for ALL Volunteers in the school and have to be updated every 3 years. This includes parent helpers/drivers and assisting in classrooms and/or field trips. Please see Mrs. Rogers in the office for forms

STUDENT FILE UPDATES

Forms have now been sent home, please complete and return to school at your earliest convenience.

School Pictures - Tuesday, October 13th, 2015

Order Forms will be sent home soon. Please complete and return to the school. Retakes: Monday, November 9th, 2015.

Terry Fox Run

Our annual Terry Fox Run/Walk will be taking place on **Friday, September 25th at 12:15 p.m.** The Pinawa Secondary School and the Silver Fox will be joining us on the run this year followed by an appreciation BBQ. Anyone interested in volunteering, please call Mrs. Rogers at 753-2559. We will also be sending home pledge forms that must be returned by the day of the run.

**F.W. Gilbert School Parent Advisory Council
Our First Meeting will be held on
Monday, September 21st at 5:30 p.m. in the school staffroom
Please come and join us.**

Drink Tabs

At FW Gilbert, we are collecting drink tabs to help purchase wheelchairs for people in need. There is a drop off box set up in the hallway of our school for these tabs. A community member picks them up on a monthly basis. Please feel free to bring them by the school to add to our collection.

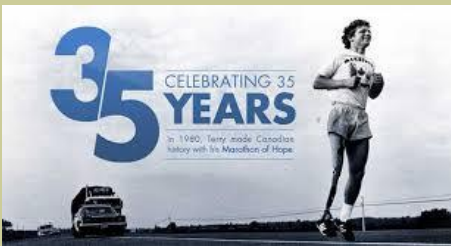
Principal's Message

Welcome back everyone! It has been a whirlwind week working towards getting schedules settled and routines established for everyone in the building.

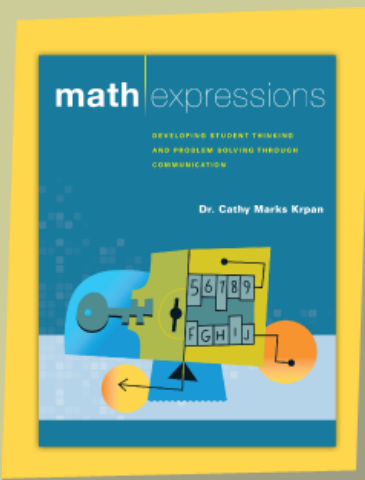
I am very excited to be starting a new chapter as the Principal of FW Gilbert! I am enjoying chatting with your children and have even been playing some football at recess!

We will continue to have a number of activities offered through the school year for students to participate in. Some examples are; Garden Club which is starting up and so is the Running Club, Super Squad will be starting up as well with more information to follow. Watch for notes home for what's happening next.

Mrs. Rogers has settled into her new office space and continues to receive orders for french fries and hamburgers through her window! Mrs. Muntain has moved into the old office space and will be using it as a Resource office when she is not teaching.



The Terry Fox run/walk is coming up FAST! On September 25th, starting at 12:00 at FW Gilbert, we will run/walk/roll for either 2k, 5k, or cycle 10k to raise funds for the Terry Fox Foundation which has been raising money and awareness for 35 years!



For professional development, we will start the year learning how to use language in Math. This will include writing and using dialogue to explain their thinking. We will be using the book “Math Expressions” by Kathy Marks-Krpan (a Canadian researcher and author).

The research has been clear that having students explain their thinking through writing and dialogue creates resiliency in Math, reduces Math anxiety and allowing the teacher to better understand what they need to plan for in order build understanding in Math.

A couple of reminders:

Please do not use the parking lot to drop off/pick up your children. It is a crowded area and the risk is high for the possibility of an accident.

We will be using the front doors for parents and guests. The other doors will be locked during the day and will only be used for recesses and breaks.