

F.W. GILBERT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

February 2015

Important Dates to Remember

Monday, February 2nd – No School – PD Admin Day

Monday, February 9th – PAC Spaghetti lunch

Monday, February 9th – PAC Mtg. 6:30 pm

Friday, February 13th – Early Dismissal 2:40 pm

Monday, February 16th – Louis Riel Day – School Closed

Tuesday, February 17th – FWG Pancake Breakfast & Pajama Day

Thursday, February 19th – JK/Kindergarten Registration

Friday, February 20th – JK/Kindergarten Registration

Wednesday, February 25th – Pink Shirt Day

Thursday, February 26th – Assembly

Friday, February 27th – Grade 5/6 Ski Trip

Monday, March 2nd – PAC Mtg. 6:30 pm

Tuesday, March 17th – Reports Go Home

Thursday, March 19th – Student Led Conferences

Friday, March 20th – Student Led Conferences (am)

Friday, March 20th – No School PD/Admin Day

Monday – Friday, March 23rd – 27th – Artist in the School

Friday, March 27th – Last Day of Classes

Monday – Friday, March 30th – April 3rd – Spring Break

Monday, April 6th – Classes Resume





3rd Annual FWG Got Talent



Excellent job! A big thank you to the brave students that participated and to the staff for their help in putting on a wonderful show!



Pancake Breakfast & Pajama Day

The staff of FW Gilbert will be hosting a pancake breakfast on Tuesday, February 17th for all students. The students will have a choice of plain or blueberry pancakes.

There will also be sausages and fruit available.

Breakfast will be served at 8:50 am.

Come in your jammies!

Jr. Kindergarten & Kindergarten Registration

- February 19th & 20th

- Please bring a copy of your child's Birth Certificate and Manitoba Health Card (copies can be made at the office).



If your child attended Jr. Kindergarten or Kindergarten this year, you do not have to re-enroll. This is for new students to the area and 2015/16 Jr. Kindergarten age children.

Wednesday, February 25th is Pink Shirt Day!



Wear pink to show your support! Following is snippet from the Globe & Mail article explaining how and why Pink Day started:

“David Shepherd, Travis Price and their teenage friends organized a high-school protest to wear pink in sympathy with a Grade 9 boy who was being bullied [for wearing a pink shirt]...[They] took a stand against bullying when they protested against the harassment of a new Grade 9 student by distributing pink T-shirts to all the boys in their school. ‘I learned that two people can come up with an idea, run with it, and it can do wonders,’ says Mr. Price, 17, who organized the pink protest. ‘Finally, someone stood up for a weaker kid.’ So Mr. Shepherd and some other headed off to a discount store and bought 50 pink tank tops. They sent out message to schoolmates that night, and the next morning they hauled the shirts to school in a plastic bag. As they stood in the foyer handing out the shirts, the bullied boy walked in. His face spoke volumes. ‘It looked like a huge weight was lifted off his shoulders,’ Mr. Price recalled. The bullies were never heard from again.” - See more at: <http://pinkshirtday.ca/about/#sthash.idzZlZYF.dpuf>

Fundraising

The Grade 5 & 6 students will be selling potted plants again this year with an additional option for a hanging basket. The fundraiser is to help raise funds for their field trips such as skiing in Falcon Lake and a spring overnight trip to Camp Arnes. The order forms will be sent home prior to Spring Vacation and are due back April 10th.

Recognition Awards - January 2015

Kallen Swain, for amazing alphabet activities - Jr. Kindergarten,

Paige Newman, for clever and creative classroom connections - Kindergarten,

Josh Kryschuk, for designing and building the most successful Kleenex box racecar - grade 2,

Annika Suski, for always being extremely kind, respectful and helpful - grade 2

Drew McMahon, for great improvement in spelling - grade 3,

Haley Stevenson, for her hard work in Math on multiplication facts - grade 3,

Jaida Thompson, for her hard work in Math on multiplication facts - grade 4,

Marcus Holmlund, for following routines well and being very productive in class - grade 5

Maher Yassin, for his strong effort, enthusiasm and achievements he displays at school - grade 5,

Owen Oversby, for always being very productive in class - grade 6,

Riley Tirschman, for his strong efforts and marks in Science - grade 6,

Principal's Message:

Thank you to the students who participated in FWG's Got Talent. It takes a lot of confidence to get up in front of the school and community and perform. You guys were outstanding. Thanks so much for participating. Without you, we would not have had the show.

There are a number of days to mark on your calendar because of school events and PD day for staff. Please check the school calendar for February. We will be having Early Dismissal, spaghetti lunch put on by PAC, the pancake breakfast cooked up by staff for all the students, and the gr. 5/6 ski trip.

It is so important for students to be on time each day for school. Staff is outside at 8:30 every morning so children can be dropped off at that time and it gives them a chance to play before their day begins. When they arrive to school with time to spare, they have the luxury of settling in, preparing their materials and focusing their minds on the lessons to come.

Arriving to school after classes have begun can cause students to miss more than just the introduction to a new lesson. While waiting for the second bell to ring, teachers will often share important information: reminders of upcoming quizzes, special days, announcements, milk orders, collecting agendas and classroom rules. Arriving late to school on a consistent basis can have longer-term academic effects. If showing up late to school becomes a habit, students may develop the notion that tardiness is acceptable behavior.

We also celebrate Pink Shirt Day to bring awareness to bullying. This will be held on Feb. 25th. On that note, here is a great internet site from Public Safety Canada for parents and teens that has some very useful information.
<http://www.getcybersafe.gc.ca/index-eng.aspx>

Stay Warm,
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