



Avonlea School News

October, 2014

This will be our last paper copy of our school newsletter!

In order to reduce our environmental footprint, starting in November our newsletter will be sent in electronic format. All parents on our Parent Email list will receive a copy directly to the email accounts we have on file. As well, a copy will be posted to our school website:

www.prairiesouth.ca/avonlea

Any community members who would like to be added to our newsletter email list are welcome to do so. Simply email beitel.cheryl@prairiesouth.ca to have your email address registered on our list.

We certainly don't want to leave anyone out, so anyone who does not have access to email or the internet and would like to continue to receive a paper copy of the newsletter, please contact Cheryl at the school and arrangements will be made to accommodate you. We also plan to drop off a few copies at the Coteau Range Manor and Friendly Neighbours.

Avonlea School Community Council held their first meeting at 7:00 am on Wednesday, September 24. A motion to accept Robyn MacNeil as the fifth community member was passed. Welcome to the council, Robyn! Other community members / parents are Christina Daniel (Chairperson); George Paranuik (Vice-Chair); Karen Dombowsky (Secretary-Treasurer); and Rod Broughton.

Student members are Leanne Dombowsky and Marissa Getzlaf. Staff members are Christy Kuffner and Brent Lothian.

"Our mission is to work together with the school and community to provide a positive, productive and safe learning environment for our children so that they may become caring and contributing members of our society"

Thank you to everyone who donated toward our Terry Fox Run and joined us on our trip out to Dunnet.

Unfortunately we fell short of our school goal of \$4,000.00, but still managed to raise \$3,369.00 to donate toward Terry's cause.

Our Canteen is up and running. Selections range from 50¢ Granola bars to \$3.00 Michelin-as. There are also Pizza Subs, Pizza Pops and of course the every-popular Grilled Cheese Sandwiches.

Kindergarten

I would like to welcome all of the Kindergarten students to Avonlea School! There are eighteen little jewels in our Kindergarten class this year: Mattea, Addison, Parker, Steven, Jemma, Wally, Cameron, Max, Andrew, Lucian, Thomas, Stella, Devon, Logan, Shayla, Brooklyn, Molly, Zander and of course Miss Tara. Our classroom is full with these busy little bodies!!

We have been very busy learning about shapes, signs of fall, and have started learning the alphabet and the numbers! We are working hard on our routines that we need to follow in the classroom and around the school.

October will bring learning about pumpkins, spiders, numbers, and of course Halloween!! We have all been working very hard.

I look forward to the school year and to working with these special students!!

Mrs. Eberle

Grade 2 News

The grade 2 class has had a great start to the year. We have been very busy in ELA practicing our Daily 5 Reading Strategies to become better readers. We can already check for understanding, back up and re-read, monitor and fix up and use prior knowledge to connect with the text we read! We have also been working on writing good sentences with the help of our sentence buddies and showing the main idea in our writing. We are researching living and non-living things in Science and learning about our families in Social.

The Grade 2's are a bunch of eager learners and we are looking forward to using and learning more reading strategies, learning the writing process, and writing paragraphs in October! We are also excited to interview our family members this month for a family tree project. Halloween and show and tell are going to be hot topics too!

Mrs. Earl



Grades 3 & 4

In Language Arts, the Grades 3 & 4's have been spending a lot of time on learning different ways to read a book with the focus on comprehension. They have also been writing letters, journaling, and blogging. We will soon be using the Daily 5 and Guided Reading in our classroom.

We are most excited about being a part of the Great Read Aloud where we will read the book The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane. The Great Read Aloud was started by a teacher in Michigan. The purpose is for classrooms to read a book selected by her and then through various web-sites, share their ideas about the book with other classrooms around the world. Connections have been made with teachers from India, Argentina, Ottawa, California, Colorado, and Michigan. We will connect on our web-site at Avonlea's Grades 3 & 4 Class on Kidblog. I hope the students will have fun responding to each other and learn about life in these different places.

We would love to have you visit our web-site too, where you can read the students' blogs about various subjects. You can make comments to the students when you visit us. You will not need a password, as all comments are approved by me before they are seen on the web-site. Please look us up at <http://kidblog.org/AvonleasGrades34Class/>.

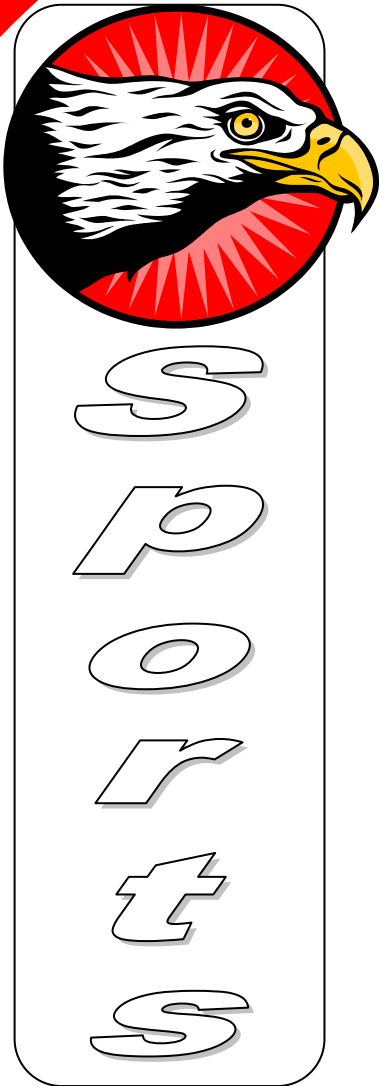
In Social, we are learning about life in other parts of the world. In pairs, the students are researching about different countries and will be partnering with high school students later to find pictures for a display to show the comparison of their lives to those they have researched.

We are also having fun in Science learning about "Plant Life" and the importance of plants in our lives. Presently, the students are experimenting with seeds located in different locations to see the effect that light and temperature has on seed germination. Thanks to Mrs. Hansen and Mrs. Daniel for the bean seeds.

As you can see, we are very busy in the Grade 3 and 4 classroom doing all of the above and much more and we are looking forward to doing more new things as the year rolls along.

Mrs. Sillers





Golf

Golf practice started in June with several in attendance at the practices held. However, upon return in the fall, only five students returned to go on to compete. Bantams Caileb and Braydon Nestman, and Seniors Melissa Senchuk, Sheldon Daniel and Tyler Eason attended the Sections Play-Offs in Elbow at Harbour Landing on September 13th. From that competition, Caileb, Braydon, Melissa, and Sheldon moved on to District competition at Hillcrest in Moose Jaw on September 18th. Here, with only three girls in contention, Melissa placed third for a bronze medal giving her the opportunity to attend Provincials in Nipawin. She, however, declined from attending that competition.

Your coaches, Miss Miller, Mr. Leonard and Mrs. Sillers enjoyed working with the students and wish all the best in pursuing this sport. Get out there and golf, golf, golf and you will all become stronger contenders.

Bantam Boys Volleyball

Because we have so many eager young athletes in Grade 7 – 9, we were able to create two Bantam Boys volleyball teams this year. They have been working hard at practices, developing both their individual and teamwork skills. Besides scheduled league games in September and October, we had a home tournament at the end of September and will travel to Eyebrow for a tournament on October 4th. They should be well prepared to compete at the first round of playoffs on October 25th in Avonlea! Come cheer us on!

Team Red (Mr. Leonard)	Team Black (Mrs. Kuffner)
Shane Sippola (9)	Tanner Stevens (9)
Matthew Hubbard (9)	Nolan Costley (9)
Nolan Vandergrift (9)	Sam Wienrauch (8)
Trayton Paicu (8)	Brayden Nestman (8)
Caileb Nestman (8)	Joseph Amor (8)
Cole Weatherall (7)	Caleb Roberston (7)
Connor Stevens (7)	Jayden Nash-Wilson (7)
Brandon Funke (7)	Colton Aikens (7)
Nolan Beingessner (7)	

We are fortunate to have Mr. Adam Leonard, Mr. Marlyn Stevens, and Mrs. Denise Dombowsky to help with practices, games, and tournaments!

Mrs. Christy Kuffner

Cross Country Running: On September 24 three Avonlea runners (Joseph Amor, Josh Zidkovich, and David Cleaveley-Nagy) joined 275 runners at the Wakamow Valley for the Annual Moose Jaw Invitational Cross Country Meet. They ran strong races on a challenging course and represented themselves and our school well. Districts were held on September 30 - watch for results posted on our website.

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Sr. Girls Volleyball

The Senior Girls Volleyball team has had a great start to the season. The girls started out with a tournament in Bengough where they went undefeated all day, taking home the gold.

The girls are playing in the Moose Jaw Junior Varsity league, so many of their games are played away; however, they have one more home game scheduled for Monday, October 6th at 6:15 pm, so be sure to come cheer the girls on!

Another opportunity to come watch some exciting Senior Girls Volleyball will be on Saturday, October 4th when they host their home tournament.

They will also be attending the Ogema/Pangman tournament on October 18th and the Milestone Tournament on October 25th. Conferences take place on November 8th, followed by Regionals on November 15th and Provincials on November 22nd.



Be sure to come to the school to check out the action and support our Senior Girls Volleyball Team!

- 1 Jayda Beitel (Gr. 12)
- 2 Keanna James (Gr. 10)
- 3 Chantelle Miller (Gr. 12)
- 4 Marissa Getzlaf (Gr. 12)
- 5 Sterling Maier (Gr. 11)
- 6 Josey Rustad (Gr. 10)
- 7 Leanne Dombowsky (Gr. 11)
- 8 Celina Earl (Gr. 10)
- 9 Kala Sippola (Gr. 12)
- 12 Emma Dombowsky (Gr. 11)

Coaches: Chelsee Morson

Heather Granger

Senior Boys Volleyball

We have nine players out this year. Returning players are Tyson Stevens, Clay Weinrauch(captain), Logan Beingessner (assistant), Sheldon Daniel and Wyatt Hubbard. New this year are Taylor Ball, David Cleaveley-Nagy, Tyler Eason and Dylan Stevens.

We are entered in Senior league in Moose Jaw again. Home dates starting at 6:15 each night are September 30 vs. Vanier, October 2 vs. Cornerstone, October 7 vs. Peacock and October 21 vs Central. We would love to see you out for these nights. Admission is \$3 for adults but if you buy a season pass for \$7 this gets you into all boys and girls games and the money stays here in our school to support our volleyball teams.

We won our first tournament in Moose Jaw and are entered in the Gravelbourg/ Kincaid tournament on October 17 & 18. Our SHSAA playoffs start with conferences on Saturday, November 15.

Helping me coach again this year is Matthew Kuffner!

Brent Lothian

Earth Science 30:

On September 21-23 the 16 Earth Science 30 students went on the 3 day field trip. We climbed Castle Butte, explored the Killdeer Badlands (Grasslands National Park, East Block), hiked over a recent slump by Fort Walsh and walked the sand dunes in the Great Sandhills.

Camping temperatures at Cypress Hills Park were perfect making this outing enjoyable even there is no running water available in the fall except for one tap.

We now have a common set of experiences to refer to and discuss as we make our way through this brand new curriculum.

We would like to extend a huge thank you to the Dirt Hills Wildlife Federation for their very generous cash donation which will be used to upgrade our Archery equipment!



October 2014



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Day 4 K	2 Day 5 Sr. Boys host Vanier	3 Day 6 K	4 Cross Country Provincials
5	6 Day 1 Sr Girls home game	7 Day 2 K Sr. Boys host Peacock	8 Day 3	9 Day 4 K	10 Day 5	11
		14 Day 6 K	15 Day 1	16 Day 2 K School Pictures	17 Day 3	18
		19	20 Day 4 K Early Dismissal	21 Day 5 *Driver Training (Parent Meeting @ 4:30) *Sr. Boys host Central	22 Day 6 K	23 Day 1 Driver Training @ Rouleau
26	27 Day 3	28 Day 4 K	29 Day 5	30 Day 6 K	31 Day 1 	

November Dates to Remember.....

- November 1 - Bantam V'ball Districts
- November 3 - Early Dismissal
- November 4 - Gr 11/12 @ See Your Future (Regina)
- November 6 - Remembrance Day Service
- November 7 - No Classes, Driver Training
- November 7 & 8 - Sr. Girls V'ball Conferences
- November 12 - Gr 9-12 Report Cards
- November 14 - Picture Retake Day, Elementary Report Cards,
- November 14 & 15 - Sr. Girls V'ball Regionals, Sr. Boys V'ball Conferences
- November 18 - Student Led Conferences (5:15 - 8:00)
- November 19 - Student Led Conferences (3:45 - 6:30)
- November 21 - No classes, Driver Training
- November 21 & 22 - Sr. Girls V'ball Provincials, Sr. Boys V'ball Regionals
- November 28 & 29 - Sr. Boys V'ball Provincials



“Arm Yourself”

protect yourself and those close to you

INFLUENZA VACCINE IS RECOMMENDED & FREE FOR EVERYONE

Those most at risk are:



- persons with chronic health conditions or severe obesity
- adults 65 years of age or older
- pregnant women and their household contacts
- residents of nursing homes or other care facilities
- healthy children 6 months of age to under 5 years
- health care providers
- household & close contacts of babies younger than 6 months
- childcare providers
- persons who work with poultry or hogs
- Health Science students

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC WILL BE HELD:

AVONLEA FRIENDLY NEIGHBORS CENTRE

Friday, October 17, 2014

2:30 pm - 7:00 pm

ROULEAU DROP-IN CENTRE

Tuesday, October 21, 2014

2:30 - 7:00 pm

No appointment necessary

Please bring your Saskatchewan Health Card

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