

# Rouleau School Newsletter

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## Principal's Message ~ Mrs. Goby

In last month's newsletter I shared with you a plan to revisit our school's mission statement to ensure that it meets our needs and reflects the priorities and initiatives that we have set. We have since met as a staff and as a School Community Council to examine this statement, and to date, all involved believe that "Dream and Believe; Learn and Achieve" is a mission statement consistent with our overall goal and directive. As a final step, the same process will be repeated with the students. As parents, if you have thought of anything you would like to contribute since the question was posed in the last newsletter, we still would welcome your feedback ([goby.jackie@prairiesouth.ca](mailto:goby.jackie@prairiesouth.ca)).

Through the academic, athletic, arts and social/leadership opportunities provided at Rouleau School, we trust that our students truly can believe in the fulfillment of their dreams. After term one, we have 88% of our grade 1 – 6 students reading at or beyond grade level. In our grade 7 – 12 population, 80% of the students are on the honour roll. Additionally, 75% of our grade 7 - 12 students participated in the extra-curricular volleyball program, and our two senior teams both advanced to provincials. It is not possible to cite the individual examples of learning and achievement in all areas, but they are many. Our current mission, "Dream and Believe; Learn and Achieve", reflects the opportunity we aim to provide for our students to set goals for their own learning and the process for successfully attaining them!

~ Jackie Goby

### Important Dates

- Dec. 2—Cookie Dough arrives for pick-up**
- Dec. 4—Winter Formal 8:00-11:00 pm**
- Dec. 7—BINGO 7:00**
- Dec. 9—PJ Day**
- Dec. 14—Early Dismissal @ 2:30**
- Dec. 15—Christmas Concert 7:00**
- Dec. 18—Pancake Breakfast & Last Day of Classes before Break**



### Merry Christmas from the SRC!

The SRC would like to thank the school community for contributing to a couple of our initiatives the past month. First, we collected a total of 317lbs of food that was turned into the food bank during our We Scare Hunger program. The winning class for contributing food was the grade 3 and 4 class. Second, we want to thank everyone who sold or purchased cookie dough. The total sales of cookie dough was just over \$10,000. This means that the school should get about \$4000 for activities that are planned throughout the year. Our fundraiser was a great success!

Upcoming events that the SRC are planning are the Winter Formal Dance and the Annual Christmas Bingo. The dance is open to students in grades 7-12. It is on Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup> from 8:00-11:00 pm. The ticket price for the dance is \$5 for anyone dressed in "formal" wear and \$10 for those not dressed up. On Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup> the SRC will be hosting the annual Christmas Bingo. The bingo will start at 7:00 pm. All proceeds go towards the Adopt A Family program. We have had tremendous success in the past with this activity and hope to raise enough to support a couple of families in need over the holidays. Please come out and have some fun while supporting a great cause. It is a busy time of year and the SRC is working hard to put some fun into the season.

## Grade 5/6 Class News...



The Grade 5/6s have had a busy, but successful beginning to the school year! First, in writing, they reviewed about nouns, verbs, and adjectives which was helpful when they had to create a themed dictionary. As well, as part of our school's writing goal, they worked hard to write paragraphs with all three necessary parts and focused on the 'ideas' and 'organization' traits. In the next few weeks, the class will be learning about friendly letters and the 'voice' trait. Second, in reading, the students have been eagerly reading the novel Dear Mr. Henshaw. They've identified with the main character, Leigh, and had some fun designing lunch bag alarms. Next, in Math, a main focus for both grades has been working hard to accurately and quickly recall the multiplication facts. All students have passed their 'phase 1' quizzes (5 X 5s in less than one minute) and some have even made it through 'phase 2' (9 X 9s in less than two minutes). They have four phases altogether to complete by the end of the year and with hard work we are hoping that they all achieve that success! Also, in Science, they have been learning about the solar system and have a lot of knowledge now about the moon phases, galaxies, planets, and exploration. Finally, another area of great success was in Art. During a rock band simulation, the students created a class band name (*Siemens Little Rockers*), designed their own logo, and even wrote and performed a song parody with a group. Their next big concert does not have anything to do with their band, but will be their amazing performance at the Christmas concert as they act out the play *When Sasha Got Swept up the Chimney!* These are just a few things that have kept the students busy over the past couple of months. Feel free to ask your son/daughter to tell you more.

This fall we have had the pleasure of having Mr. Jesse Siemens interning in the classroom. The students have enjoyed his sense of humour, positive attitude, and fun lessons. We are sad to say good-bye to him at the end of December, but wish him all the best as he returns to the university and searches for a classroom to call his own. ~ Mrs. Baber

The Yearbook Committee was busy campaigning to local businesses for sponsorship to raise funds so that we can offer the next edition at a reduced price. If you recall, each book costs the school approximately \$45 to purchase and we are required to order a minimum of 50 books. However, we prefer to sell them at a lesser price, so that they are affordable for all families. I am pleased to announce that we've sold a total of 17 ads which will help us sell the books closer to half price! The committee is putting the finishing touches on the 2014-15 edition. We plan to have it to the printers by early December and hope for the arrival to be the end of January. (Don't forget-if you've missed out on any editions from 2008 – present, you can contact the school and still purchase one!)

A **HUGE** thanks goes out to all of our sponsors ... *Town of Rouleau, Young's Equipment, CIBC – Rouleau, Westrum Lumber, J.M. Marchessault, Dakota Towing, Nelson Motors, Dave Kirby Transport, KBJ Contracting, The Plains Chem-Dry, RenoPro, Hoff Insurance, R.M. Redburn, Krauss Surface Saver, Krauss Acres, Unique Cabinets & Carpentry, Flat Rock Holdings.*

## Christmas Concert



It is that time of year for the Annual School Christmas Concert! Hours of practising is put in for the excitement of the big show! This year, the Kindergarten to Grade 6 students will be performing a holiday musical called When Sasha Got Swept Up the Chimney. Please join us on **Tuesday, December 15 at 7:00** for the show. Everyone is welcome!

## Pancake Breakfast

The graduating class of Rouleau School will host a community pancake breakfast on **Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. at the Rouleau rink**. Come down and join our students and help us kick-off the Christmas holidays! Meals are \$7 for adults and \$5 for seniors and children aged 10 and under. ~Class of 2016



## Christmas B-I-N-G-O



### Annual Christmas BINGO

Proceeds go towards the Salvation Army's "Adopt-a-Family-For-Christmas" Campaign

**Monday, December 7 @ 7:00 pm**

Intermission—Coffee/Juice & Doughnuts

**A night of fun for the whole family! Hope to see you there!**

**If you would like to make a donation, please drop it off by December 4. Thank you!**

## Senior Girls Volleyball—A Season of Success

The Senior girls roster for 2015 included the following players: Angela Chernick, Brittany Esmond, Janelle Gellvear, Chanelle Lacerte, Jade Copeland, Breann Esmond, Alexa Burkitt, Lauryn Gellvear, Kendra Gilchuk, Raea Gillroy, Niamh Hanson, Zoey Johnston, Madison Krauss.

The girls began their tournament play on September 5 at home. From there, they continued their tournament action in Ogema, Montmartre, Holdfast, and Milestone. They were always the team to beat and brought home four golds and one silver medal. The girls played in a tough Moose Jaw league. They advanced to playoffs and beat Vanier to move onto the semi-final against Caronport. Caronport came out on top and the girls finished in third place.

They travelled to Coronach for Conferences on Nov. 7. They lost a close final to Avonlea. With the top two teams moving on, they advanced to the West Regional Playoffs in Avonlea on Nov. 14. The girls knew they had to play strong and finish in the top two. They beat Mankota and Leader to be 1<sup>st</sup> in their pool, had a lot on the line in the semi-final, but took care of business and defeated Avonlea. Next, they headed to the final where they took Frontier in two sets to win the gold medal and become the West Regional champs. As regional champs they advanced to Provincials on Nov. 20 -21 in Medstead. Due to dance commitments the provincial team consisted of only seven players. Angela, Brittany, Janelle, Chanelle, Jade, Breann, and Lauryn played hard in the round robin and defeated Edam and Fillmore to finish third in their pool of five. They advanced to the quarter final against Rose Valley. They came up short and Rose Valley moved on to win the silver medal. With all tournament play tallied in, this team finished the season with an incredible record of 45 wins and only 10 losses. They are an extremely skilled and determined group of athletes. They constantly conducted themselves with respect and throughout their season they were the epitome of sportsmanship. Congratulations on an incredible season! - Marla Hall

## Senior Boys Volleyball

The Sr Boys Volleyball team had a great season consisting of the Moose Jaw Sr Varsity League and attending 9 tournaments. They placed third at Conferences and Regionals earning a spot at the Provincial tournament in Annaheim, SK during the final weekend of November. At Provincials they played four awesome matches against Annaheim, Gladmar, Good Soil, and Avonlea. Unfortunately they came up a few points short in each match, but played their best tournament of the year. They proved that they belonged at Provincials and were definitely one of the top 10 teams in the province. As we finished our final match of the year Josh Neiser finished a great career. He helped propel the team to Provincials and was vital to the team on right side. We will miss his serves and hits greatly next year. The team now looks forward to a much needed rest before Club Volleyball begins in February. Congratulations on a great season to the following players:

Tyrell Perkin, Paul Hughes, Brandon Rumford, Josh Neiser (Captain), Tiernan Arnason Soeder, Brant Perkin (Captain), Carson Burkitt, Hunter Geran, Andrew Lavallee.

Coach: Mitch Singleton