

SOURIS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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NEWS FROM MR. WILLIAMS

Well...let's hope that was our spring storm. All in all, we got off pretty easy on that one and the snow will hopefully provide some much needed moisture. It will all be gone in a few days and everything will begin to green up.

This is a very busy time of the year for our cleaners – Viviane, Roland, Marcia and Albert. No sooner have they cleaned up a mess on the floor and another one has been made. We are very proud of how great our school looks and we recognize all the work it takes to keep it looking that way. Thank you.

It has been very nice to hear and see students participating in extra-curricular activities in the gym after school every day. Kudos to the staff that are providing these opportunities in as safe a manner as possible for students ranging from gr. 5-12, including keeping participant levels at 10 or less and being masked up at all times. Despite the difficulty breathing, students are clearly very excited about being able to get out and run and bounce a ball...with other students in an organized setting.

As well, I would thank the MY staff who are organizing the Pizza Friday fundraisers for the Outdoor Classroom and also thank you to the Office staff and their support team for organizing the Hot Dog days. The students really appreciate these activities.

I want to remind everyone that we need to continue to be vigilant about following all Covid protocols, both at school and outside of school. Specifically, wear a mask, wash and sanitize your hands often and follow the social distancing guidelines as set out by the government. I recognize that this has been a very trying experience for everyone but we can't let up now. There have now been two schools in our area that have had to go to remote learning since Spring Break. Let's continue to do our best.

Report Cards for high school students will be emailed out today, Friday, April 16th. Make sure to check your emails. If you have any questions, please reach out to your child's classroom teacher.

Have a great weekend.

SABRES BASKETBALL

Here are the dates for the next two weeks for b-ball practices!

Grade 5/6 Boys

April 22: 12:30-1pm

Grade 5 Girls

April 20th, 22nd, 27th, 29th (Last day): All times are 3:15-4:15pm

Grade 6 Girls

April 20th, 22nd, 27th, 29th (Last day): All times are 3:15-4:15pm



- **THE LAST GRADE 5/6 MORNING OPEN GYM WILL BE APRIL 20TH, 8-8:40AM. DOORS OPEN AT 7:50AM**

Grade 7 Boys

April 19th, 21st, 26th: All times are 3:15-4:15pm

Grade 8 Boys

April 20th: 4:15-5:15pm

Grade 7/8 Girls

April 19th, 21st, 26th, 28th

- **THE LAST GRADE 7/8 MORNING OPEN GYM WILL BE APRIL 21ST, 8-8:40AM. DOORS OPEN AT 7:50AM**



Grade 5/6's @ Souris School –
MVT Final Update

The contest is now over and unfortunately, Souris School did not win the March MVT competition. This is not a sad, poor us, message. It is quite the opposite. Even though we were not selected to take part in the Grand Prize month of May, we have won in so many ways. The kids succeeded in creating awareness for our wonderful school, all over the world. They have

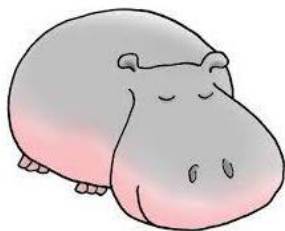
grown exponentially when it comes to their community relationships and will have memories that will last a lifetime. They are the “stars” of the show and they will be getting the “prize” they deserve, via a party, no matter what.

When breaking the news to the kids, they asked two questions: 1) What place did we finish and how many votes did we get? The answer is still a mystery, but I hope to get it someday. 2) Are we still going to be able to raise enough funds for our Outdoor Classroom? The answer is we will find a way! The students really wanted to get into the grand prize \$20,000 draw because that is roughly the amount we need to finish our Souris School Outdoor Classroom fundraiser. They wanted something “physical” to show they won the contest and be remembered by for years to come. Grade 5/6’s of 2021, you do not need a structure to be remembered.

We want to thank you each and every one of you personally, for your time and commitment in helping making this experience meaningful and one we will never forget. There have been so many individuals, near and far, that have reached out. It has been a great way to connect once again and we hope it is sustained well into the future. This will not be the last time we advocate for our school and community and we look forward for more opportunities for our hometown.

Friday Fun Fact

Hippopotamuses are the only animals that produce naturally pink milk.



SOURIS HARVEST FOOD BANK

The Souris Harvest Food Bank is here for you, when you need it.

Sometimes families need a little help to get caught up, and that's ok.

We are here to help those in need of food assistance.

Location: East doors of St. Paul's United Church (2nd St. between 4th & 5th Ave.)

When: 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month

Time: Drop-in between 5pm to 7pm, no appointment necessary.

Public Health Orders in affect: masks are required, and physical distancing.

A Message from the Secretaries

Drink Machines

The drink machines have been removed from the school. We will still have water available to purchase for \$2 if the students are in need and they forgot their water bottle at home.

Attendance

If your student is going to be absent please call the office at any time, 24/7, and leave a message. 204-483-2161, dial 0.

We also have our email address that you can contact us by, officesouris@shmb.ca. You can also send any attendance to us this way.

Admittance

If you are dropping off or picking up your child any time after 8:55AM or before 3:15PM please use the main office doors. All doors are locked for security reasons.

Lost & Found

Please check out our website, <http://sci.shmb.ca/>, for all current lost and found that we have collected so far this year.

Please remember that you can call us anytime if you have questions, 204.483.2161, dial 0.

Kindergarten Registration

We are accepting registration for the 2021-2022 Kindergarten class. If you have a child or know of a child that will be turning 5 before December 31, 2021 please contact the school office for registration forms. You can also access these forms on the website, <http://www.shmb.ca/Student%20Registration.php>.

SOURIS GLENWOOD FOUNDATION

Lawn fertilizer sale

(19-12-15-6) Slow Release Nitrogen

Selling at the Souris Arena Parking Lot

April 20 & 21 and May 4 & 5

3:30-6:00pm weather permitting



15 kg Bags for \$25

Cheques payable to
Souris Glenwood Foundation
*A project of SGF
in partnership with
Nutrien Ag Solutions*



Keep kids home from school if they're sick



Screen for symptoms daily



Practice wearing a mask properly



Stay 6 Ft apart



Teach proper hand washing/sanitizing



Don't share masks or personal items

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COMING EVENTS

APRIL

- 16 Hot Dog Friday – K-Grade 4
- 23 Hot Dog Friday – Grade 5-8
- 30 Hot Dog Friday – K-Grade 4

May

- 7 Hot Dog Friday – Grade 5-8
- 14 Hot Dog Friday – K-Grade 4
- 21 Hot Dog Friday – Grade 5-8
- 24 **NO SCHOOL** – Victoria Day
- 28 Hot Dog Friday – K-Grade 4

June

- 4 Hot Dog Friday – Grade 5-8



What Should I Do if My Child is Sick?



If students have one symptom from column A or two from column B, they should immediately get tested for COVID-19.

If a student at school displays one column A symptom or two column B symptoms, or a combination of one column A and one column B symptom, the school will immediately contact parents to pick up their child.

Column A

Do you have a new onset or worsening, of any ONE of the following symptoms?

- Fever $>38^{\circ}\text{C}$ or think you have a fever or chills
- Cough
- Sore throat/hoarse voice
- Shortness of breath/breathing difficulties
- Loss of taste or smell
- Vomiting or diarrhea for more than 24 hours

Column B

Do you have a new onset, or worsening, of any TWO of the following symptoms?

- Runny nose
- Muscle aches
- Fatigue
- Conjunctivitis (pink eye)
- Headache
- Skin rash of unknown cause
- Nausea or loss of appetite