

SOURIS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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NEWS FROM MR. WILLIAMS

Hi, everyone.

It has been an interesting past few months...as you are all so very well aware. We have finally returned to school and things do look a lot different, but in all honesty, the most important things have not changed. We are so excited to get back to some normalcy in life. I never thought I would miss Bus Duty on a rainy day, but the excitement in the students eyes – as that is all I can see - of when I greet them in the morning greatly more makes up for a bit of inclement weather. So...WELCOME BACK!!!

Firstly, I would like to acknowledge, congratulate and thank our Custodial staff for their fine work this summer and through the first month of the year. Our staff members did an incredible job of getting the interior of the building clean and shiny. But even more so, they are the true unsung heroes of this school year startup. Countless hours are invested daily working to clean and sanitize our building to best ensure student and staff safety and wellbeing. We are all very appreciative of the effort, pride, and commitment our cleaning staff has displayed. Students and staff, let's work hard to keep the building as pristine as possible.

32 kindergarten students officially began their academic journey at Souris School this week with full day alternating day schedules. They are all keen and ready to go. Welcome to all of you.

A number of new students have moved in to attend school here this year across all grade levels. Welcome to all of you.

Welcome to all of our new, returning staff members and those who have changed positions:

- New - gr. 1-2 - Connie Hunt
- New – Phys-ed – Morgan Husband
- from gr. 1-2 to gr. 7/EY Phys-Ed - Katie Gaiser,
- from gr. 1-2 to gr. 3-4 - Jessica Janzen,
- Welcome back – Adrienne Cannons, Danica Hutlet, and Alanna Brigden
- EA's – Nichole Byers, Luke Palson, Breanne Smith (Bree),
- Custodial – Roland Vogt
- Cleaning – Jesse Wright, Marcia Downey

Sports are beginning to return as well with players participating in practices only at the moment. The return to play will involve some significant changes as well. More information will be forthcoming to everyone once we get closer to that time. Thank you to all our coaches who have volunteered to work with our young student-athletes. Many of life's most valuable lessons can be learned on the court or on the field.

Lastly, I would like to remind everyone of the importance of reading correspondence that we send out via email from the school. I know there has been a lot. We are doing our best to cull through the many updates and changes we receive from the government to simplify, collate and prioritize it as best we can.

That is all for now. If you have any questions about anything, simply email me at guywilliams@shmb.ca and I will do my best to either answer your question or find an answer to your question.

Enjoy the weekend – you've earned it.

NEWS FROM MRS. ROLFE

Community Support

We are so very fortunate to live in the community of Souris!

We would like to thank our local **Pembina Consumers Coop** for their generous support of our "Grab n' Go" program that provides breakfast, snacks and lunch to our students! As a result of the proceeds from Fuel Good Day, Souris School received a donation of \$1198.93!! This will be a tremendous support for our students and families. Thanks again for providing us with the opportunity to be recipients of this fund-raising event!

We would like to extend a huge "thank you" to **Heather Williams** and **Donna Philp** who have graciously donated some home-made masks for our students here at Souris School. If there are any families that are in need of some extra masks for their children, please contact the office and we will provide a mask for your child, courtesy of Heather and Donna! Thanks so much ladies for thinking of our students and providing them with this opportunity!

St. Paul's United Church Sunday School has also donated \$200 to our Early Years students for the purchasing of playground equipment. We are very appreciative of this donation and will put it to good use. Thanks again for this generous and kind gesture!

A Message from the Secretaries

ALLERGY REMINDER

Please do not bring or send products containing nuts, fish or seafood. We have many students and staff with allergies to these items. Thank you so much for helping us to keep everyone safe and healthy.



Hygiene Reminder

Washing of hands and face before coming to school helps stop the spread of germs as well as materials that could cause anaphylaxis (allergic) reactions. Please help to monitor and encourage your child's healthy cleanliness routine.

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.

Fees & Forms

Please send in any forms that were mailed to you at the start of school as soon as possible so that we make sure that we have the most up to date contact information for your families.

We would also appreciate school fees being sent in as soon as possible. If you need to make alternate arrangements please contact us at the office.

What's new at the library?

This year the Library has had an amazing start! In the past few days, I had awesome surprises! Amazon partnered with First Book Canada and donated \$200 in cartons of books to our school. We will be receiving several copies of 16 different titles which will be going to the school library, classrooms, and students! On the very next day, I got another e-mail stating that our school has received a Walmart Community Grant of \$1000 to be spent in books! How awesome is that? If you want to read a book that the library doesn't have, now is the time to make a suggestion.

To end on a funny note, one student came into the library and said he was happy to smell the "library smell" again. You know, that smell of books, book ink, and adventures waiting to be shared! If you haven't noticed that before, feel free to come by and take a

sniff at the books, and make sure you grab your next read while you are at it.

Mrs. Gordon

Kindergarten to Grade 12

SPIRIT WEEK!

SEPTEMBER 28TH - OCTOBER 2ND

MONDAY-
SEPTEMBER 28TH

SOURIS SABRES PRIDE 
WEAR SCHOOL CLOTHING OR SCHOOL COLORS!

TUESDAY-
SEPTEMBER 29TH

HAT DAY 
FREE PASS TO WEAR A HAT ALL DAY!

WEDNESDAY-
SEPTEMBER 30TH

ORANGE SHIRT DAY! 
EVERY CHILD MATTERS! JOIN US IN RAISING AWARENESS BY WEARING ORANGE!

THURSDAY-
OCTOBER 1ST

TACKY TOURIST DAY 
WEAR YOUR TACKIEST TOURIST OUTFIT!

FRIDAY
OCTOBER 2ND

PJ DAY! 
WEAR YOUR FAVORITE PAIR OF JAMMIES OR YOUR COMFIEST CLOTHES!

Plastic Bag Recycling

Due to COVID, we will no longer be accepting plastic bags for recycling, until further notice. There are bins in the Keystone Center grounds for plastic and bags may be taken there.

Sorry for this inconvenience!

~Social Justice Fighters

Friday Fun Fact

Hippopotamus milk is
PINK!

COMING EVENTS

October

- 12 NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving
- 15 Picture Day
- 23 NO SCHOOL – non instructional day



Southwest Horizon School Division invites tenders for snow clearing at all our facilities during the months of November 15, 2020 through November 14, 2021. Deadline for submissions is Friday October 9, 2020. Please see our website for more information at www.shmb.ca under the "Careers" "Current Opportunities" "Tenders" Tab.

Souris Skating Club

Registrations are now being accepted for all programs. If you are interested in registering, please let us know and we can get you a registration

form. sourisskatingclub@gmail.com

All programs plan to start the week of October 5th.



2020 Grant Applications

It is time to apply to the Souris Glenwood Community Foundation for our annual grants. Application forms can be picked up and dropped off at the Souris - Glenwood Municipal office. Every year the foundation supports local groups and projects in the form of grants. If your local organization has a project that is in need of funding please feel free to apply.

Application Deadline:

October 30, 2020