

Pinawa Secondary Newsletter

October 09

Something new...

This year PSS has initiated a homeroom challenge that asked students to answer question, complete tasks during the morning announcements. We have already covered a variety of things including information searches on Red Cross, Canadian Blood Services, political studies, puzzles and brain teasers. Homerooms accumulate points and a winning homeroom will be announced at our Christmas dinner. (We will continue with another challenge in Jan through June.)

So far, Home Room totals

Grade 7	19	Grade 8	24	Grade 9	07
Grade 10	23	Grade 11 (Mr. B)	26	Grade 11 (Ms Mc)	26
Grade 12	17				

Our current challenge is:

Change for Change Coin Challenge

All money raised goes towards Red Cross Relief action

Phase I – Each Homeroom will have an empty pop or milk bottle that they can fill with change – pennies, nickels, \$50 bills whatever...oh you are reading...Every three days for the next few weeks (so ending November 6) LIVE will collect and count the change in your bottle and add it to our school total. (LIVE will keep track of each homeroom amount as it grows) The room with the most money by 3:30 Nov 6th collects 30 points for their homeroom. There is no sabotage involved folks, just good old fashioned teamwork and generosity.

Phase II - As a school we are trying to fill the glass carboy outside the office. If we can reach this goal, every home room will get an addition 20 points for the challenge total.

Our change can make a change!



Message from: Pinawa Secondary Canadian Blood Services Youth Development Champions

Please Donate Blood



There will be a donor clinic on Monday November 2nd, 2009 at the Lac Du Bonnet Community Centre. If you would like to donate you can book an appointment @ 1-800-2-Donate (1-800-236-6283)

Pinawa Secondary is looking at sending 16 students. If they can do it, so can you.

Thank you

Yearbook



Another successful magazine drive has ended! The top selling class was Grade 10, and the top selling student was once again Collin. We are also pleased to report that our number of orders went up from last year with a total of 126 orders!

The yearbook committee would like to thank students, teachers, parents, and community members for participating in our fund raising campaign.

TRAVEL CLUB – March 2011



Travel club 2001 has had its initial meeting and 24 students have expressed interest in travelling over the March Break 2011. The top three destinations are; 1) Costa Rica 2) Tunisia 3) A Greek Islands Cruise
We have yet to set a destination and any student still interested in attending our planning meetings is welcome. Attendance at our upcoming meeting (to be determined) is purely for information and not an indication that the attendee is certain of travelling. If parents would like any information please call the school or see Mr. McKay in person.

Reach For the Top has kicked off for another season



This year we have a number of grade 10 students who will be stepping up to fill out our senior team and support their fellow students at the Grade 11 & 12 competition level. This will mean a tough year but speaks well for the future. We also have a large group of grade 9's who will round out our Intermediate team this year. Both groups will continue to practice together once a week and have some additional study materials to help build their knowledge base. The first tournaments take place in Early December so stay tuned.

Pinawa Secondary School Outdoor Education Program

Kicks Off the 2009/10 School Year



As of mid October 2009, every one of our Pinawa Secondary School students has been given the opportunity to participate in the Fall Outdoor Ed. program. The grade 8's were given first crack at it, taking three days to cycle through a portion of the North Whiteshell Provincial Park, including a hike/bike into Pine Point Rapids. About 125 km were covered in the three days with every one of the grade 8's participating.

Next up were the grade 10 to 12 students who completed a cycling loop through the Whiteshell Provincial Park, covering well over 200 km in the 4 days. Included was a day hike/bike on a portion of the Trans-Canada-trail. Twenty two of our high school students took advantage of this trip and we would have had another six students however some of our guys made the Provincial Golf tournament and we also had several students turn up ill shortly before the trip.

At the end of September, we took our grade 9's on a three day canoe trip, leaving from the Pinawa beach and paddling "uphill" through Crater Lake before encountering some of the worst wind and waves this trip has seen in years. It was necessary to put one of our contingency plans in place as there was no way we were going to safely paddle all the way to the usual destination of Opapiskaw Campground. Working against wind and waves, we made our way over to Otter Falls where we had an excellent couple of days. Also of note was a unique trip home where we were able to "sail" our canoes as a "raft-up" group with a huge tarp, the wind carrying us all the way along Eleanor Lake. Well done students and special thanks to Mr. Nykoluk for being our boat support over the course of this trip.

Finally, to round out our fall program, we just returned October 16 from three days at Red Rock Bible Camp where we hosted our entire grade 7's in our Introduction to Outdoor Education Program. We use this facility as it allows us to give our young "newbie's" a safe place to learn their canoeing and biking skills as well as climbing, archery, survival, orienteering, initiative team building and a host of other fun activities all the while being treated to exceptional food and accommodations. Once again, Mr. Brook, the local Whiteshell trapper did an excellent job giving the students a first hand look at his tools of the trade as well as the opportunity to see and touch all the furs of animals trapped in the Whiteshell Provincial Park. We were able to use information we had learned the previous week in Science class where we discussed natural life cycles of animals and the trappers' ability to balance out animal populations in our ecosystems.

Many thanks are in order as we have a strong support base from our school community and administration as well as the many teachers who either come on the trips or juggle some of their teaching schedules to accommodate missing students and teachers. In all, we had more than 25 different parents that assisted with transportation of students and/or gear on our many trips. We are also very proud of the many young leaders that are developing their skills as they assist us in running these programs. Ninety-eight percent of our grade 7 to 9's participated in the fall program while thirty-two percent of our grade 10 to 12's joined in the fall activities.

Many students are already asking about our winter camp at Red Rock which takes place February 17 to 19, 2010 and of course, many of us are looking forward to our five day wilderness canoe trip coming up the beginning of June 2010.

Items from the World of Science



Two groups of high school students off to Winnipeg this month to compete in two different design challenges. Gareth, Jacob, Alex and McKenah travelled to the 17th Wing Fitness and Recreation Center on October 23rd to participate in the 4th Annual Cardboard Boat Challenge, organized by Skills Canada Manitoba. Our teams' boat, paddled by Alex and Jacob, made it halfway down the pool before succumbing to the water. We performed better than some whose boats did not hold up to the 2 person team, before ever getting into the boat. We learnt a great deal and feel confident of a much better craft next year!

A second team, Brett, Ben, Brenden and Draven are off to Winnipeg on Nov.2 for a wind turbine challenge!

Envirothon - May 2010

The Envirothon Team will begin selection and study this month in preparation for next May's event in Brandon. This is a great opportunity for our students as it is a very well run educational program. Team will consist of 5 students each with a topic specialty (Aquatics, Wildlife, Forestry, Soils, and a Specialist for the Theme, which this year is Groundwater.) The team will be put through a rigorous field test and then must make-up and deliver a presentation to a panel of experts with question and answers to follow. Envirothon does however require and demand a solid commitment of time and energy. Interested students can see Mr. Hanson.

Sports

Junior High Cross Country



Congratulations to a very solid Junior High Cross Country team that represented Pinawa very well this year in the annual Sunrise Athletic Conference meet which took place at Birds Hill Park. Of special note from over half of our Junior Highs that attended were some excellent finishes with Derrick finishing in 6th place for the grade 7 boys, while the grade 8's had a very strong showing from Hannah placing 3rd in the girls. Our boys dominated the grade 8 guys category with Jon and Konrad finishing first and second out of about 50 runners. Also of special note was our grade 6 class from FW Gilbert who brought home the grade 6 Banner this year after finishing in first out of all the grade 6 schools represented. This bodes well for a strong Cross Country program next year!

Volleyball



Our Junior High girls and guys are busy with two practices a week, getting ready for this years' Junior High Sunrise Volleyball Championships which take place up North on November 17th. The girls will be competing in Sagkeeng while the boys will be playing at Powerview School. If either or both teams finish in the top two, they will represent the North in the North/South Crossover Championships which take place the following week Tuesday back up in Powerview. We will be sending out information letters and permission forms shortly. We will be asking for and appreciate parents who are able to assist us with transporting students to these venues next month.

Golf



Our high school golf team started our athletics year with a win at zones at Quarry Oaks this past September! Joe, Rhys,, Ryan and Garrett wisely put the driver away and played smart golf which enabled them to take a two stroke victory. They went off to Minnedosa a week later to compete at the provincial tournament where they finished 12th. We hope to have the zone tournament back here next fall where hopefully the home course advantage can get us back to the provincial again. The team will be even better next year as our players continue to grow and improve.

Images created by the Art Class

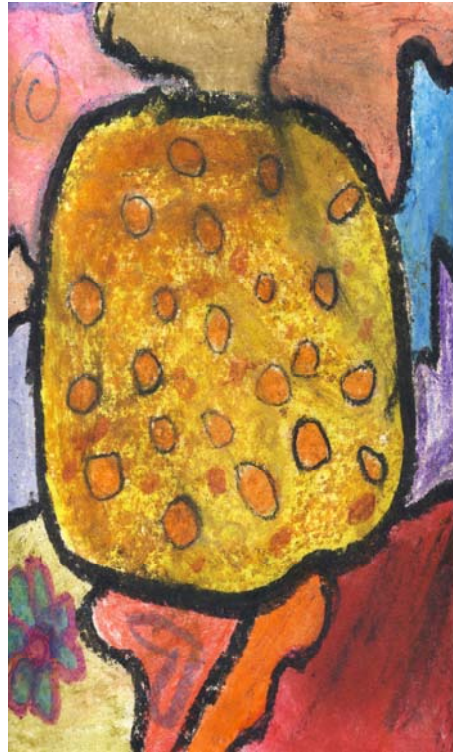
Kristel

Angelique

Sarah



Beautiful portrait



"encaustic" technique



Napoleon Dynamite Lookalike

GRADE 9 STUDENTS SHARE HALLOWEEN BOOK



James, Jared, and Jessie helped the grades 1 & 3 students from F.W. Gilbert get into the Halloween spirit by sharing a book they created. They began by showing the students their pumpkin patch in the courtyard of PSS. Heritage seeds from a trip to Fort Whyte last spring had been planted in the garden and yielded one green pumpkin. The students were then brought inside where Jessie, Jared, and James shared pumpkin facts. These students had created a story around the green pumpkin and illustrated it with plasticine backdrops and characters. Snapshots of each scene were taken, and then downloaded into PowerPoint. Next, the text of the story was superimposed over the pictures. The end product projected on the SMARTBOARD looked like a professional children's book. After the story was read, the response from the audience indicated that the book was a hit. This project was a collaborative project between Art, Social Studies, and Resource. Thanks to all who helped make this day a success.



The Little Green Pumpkin

Music News



From September 17 - 19, twenty of our band students raised over \$400.00 for our spring band trip, by participating in Tag Days, a fundraising initiative sponsored by the Manitoba Band Association. Ten schools across the province were also involved in this venture, in which the MBA collects a small percentage of the donations, and our Pinawa Band Aid, our band parent group, collects the rest. Thank-you, everyone, who graciously donated to our cause!

Seventeen students from both Pinawa Secondary and F.W. Gilbert participated in the Eastman School Choral Workshop in Steinbach, on October 16th. Their cooperation and hard work throughout the long day really paid off in a concert that was both fast-paced and varied, and completely entertained the packed house. Many thanks to the chaperones who came out for the day, including Mrs. N. Chapel, Mr. D. Daymond, Mrs. A. Drabyk, Mrs. M. Froese, Mrs. Y. Spence, Mrs. L. Strandlund and Mrs. A. Wilcox.



Remembrance Day

On November 10th, the grade 8 and 9 bands will be performing at our school district's annual Remembrance Day service. The service is to start at 11:00 a.m. in the Community Auditorium, and all are most welcome to attend.

Christmas Concert



On December 10th, the grade 7, 8, 9, concert and jazz bands will be joined by the Pinawa Community Choir and the Eastman Community Band in a Community Christmas Concert, starting at 7:00 p.m. Plan to stay until the end for door prizes!

The proposed spring band trip is in the final planning stages at the moment, for April, 2010, to the Cantando Music Festival, in either Toronto or Edmonton. A parent meeting will soon be forthcoming, TBA by e-mails home. In the meantime, visit the festival website at www.cantando.org, and /or e-mail with your comments to wryhad@sdwhiteshell.mb.ca.

Our next fundraiser, Donelli Pizzas/Wraps & Alantra Cheesecake/Cookie Dough will take place soon in November. Band students will be given routes to sell door-to-door, and all envelopes and money to be brought back by November 19th. Thank-you!

Cirque de la Symphonie by Tessa

On October 3, 2009 Pinawa Secondary School travelled to the Centennial Concert Hall in Winnipeg to watch a Saturday night's performance of the Cirque de la Symphonie.

A week or so before the performance even started, our vice principal, Mr. McKay asked all of the classes if they were interested in watching the Cirque de la Symphonie. Many of the students displayed interested. After we signed those annoying permission forms, and arranged drivers and such, we were all set to go.

Once Saturday rolled around, we left the school in our fancy concert clothing to go to the concert hall. The ride was long, as we were all anticipating the concert and wondering what stunts the performers would do. When we were at the concert hall, we were all but amazed that we got to sit in the first 3 rows!

The concert started off with an introduction to the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra with the guest conductor Richard Lee. The symphony played a great opening called "Carnival Overture". The piece was very vigorous with a solo from one of the 1st violin players. The second piece was when the Cirque de la Symphonie performers first came on stage. When juggling with 3 balls is pretty cool, juggling with 7 rings is amazing! The juggler/ mime guy who keeps grunting did keep us highly entertained.

The rest of the program until the intermission was filled with amazing stunts such as, balancing a cubed box thing, a flexible lady doing crazy flexible stunts, and a lady doing these stunts on a hula hoop suspended from the ceiling.

During the hula hoop thing, the symphony played a very familiar piece that was played by Pinawa's very own community band. I had the tendency to do the flute fingerings from that piece to myself. I did have to give credit to the symphony, they played almost perfect. I say almost because I'm sure someone out there made a mistake.

After the intermission, the performance just kept on entertaining us. Highlight pieces that the symphony played was Tchaikovsky's "Danse des cygnets", the "Can- Can", and "Ride of the Valkyries". One thing that a cirque performer did was that he had 2 ribbon-like things suspended from the ceiling, and he did flips or something from them. And at one point he was soaring over our head's and almost hit a couple of people from our school.

All and all it was an awesome performance, I was definitely glad that I went. Thank you to all the people who helped us get to the concert (vehicle) and to all who organized this event.

Upcoming events and Dates to remember

Dates	events
Nov 7	JV VB Zones – Girls Gab Roy and boys Grunthal
Nov. 10	Remembrance Service at the School @ 11:00 Both Schools
Nov. 11	Remembrance Day : School Closed
Nov. 12	Administration Day: No School
Nov. 13	Professional Development Day: Schools Closed
Nov. 13	“A” VB Zones – girls @ Whitemouth boys @ PDC – Ste.Annes
Nov. 16	Report Cards: Grade 9 to 12
Nov. 19	Parent Teacher Interviews : 9-12 PSS
Nov. 30	Early Dismissal: Both Schools
Dec. 4	Professional Development Day: PSS
Dec. 4-5	Possibly Hosting a Varsity Boys Basketball Tourn.
Dec. 8	Report Cards – Grade 7-8
Dec. 10	Christmas Concert 7pm
Dec. 11-12	JV Boys Basketball pre-season tournament @Ste.Anne
Dec. 14	Parent Teacher Interviews: PSS
Dec. 16	Interim Report Grades 9-12
Dec. 18	Last Day of Classes before Christmas Break

Author in the School



Author Lore Weber to visit
10:30 a.m., Friday Nov. 20/09
Pinawa Community Centre

In celebration of Canadian Children’s Book Week, Pinawa Public Library is very please to host a visit by author Lori Weber, in cooperation with Pinawa Secondary School. Lori writes for young adults; some of her books include [Tattoo Heaven](#), [Strange Beauty](#) and [If you Live Like Me](#). She lives in Montreal and is touring Manitoba during Children’s’ Book Week. She has been writing since childhood and began publishing short stories and poems in her twenties. Currently she is working on her first verse novel for tens. When asked why she writes young adult fiction, Lori doesn’t always know; all she knows is that she likes teens: they are spunky, full of life and angst, all good grist for the mill. Being able to combine teaching literature to teens and writing books for teens means she is acutely aware of the important role that stories can play in young people’s life. We are grateful to the Canadian Children’s Book Centre who is covering the cost of Lori’s visit to Pinawa to speak to the students at Pinawa Secondary School.

Important Information H1N1

For your information the dates and times for the H1N1 Flu shot clinics in this area are:

Tuesday Nov 10 at the Pinawa Alliance Church 9:30 AM – 4:30 PM
Friday Nov 13th at Lac du Bonnet Legion 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM
Monday November 16th Pinawa Alliance Church 1:00 PM to 7:00 PM
Friday November 20th Lac Du Bonnet Legion 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM

If parents choose to take their children they will be excused for medical – please note these times.