



# John Pritchard School

## May 2015 Newsletter

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School Times:  
School Start time ..... 8:35 a.m.  
Lunch Begins ..... 11:25 a.m.  
Lunch Ends ..... 12:10 p.m.  
Dismissal ..... 3:00 p.m.

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**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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### **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

We are now well into the final term of the 2014-15 school year. Our teachers are working hard to ensure that all of our students complete the year successfully. Your support in helping students maintain their focus as the weather improves is greatly appreciated.

Many of you will have noticed that the division is transitioning to a new website. John Pritchard's new homepage is up and running and teacher websites will be following in the next few months. One of the new features of the site is that parents can input email addresses so that newsletters and other communication can be sent electronically, reducing our footprint on the environment. We encourage you to use this feature.

A celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of John Pritchard/Lord Kitchener School will be held on Thursday, October 8, 2015. Please be sure to share the date with anyone you know who attended or worked at John Pritchard. We will be sharing more information about our plans for the day as we come closer to the event. Anyone interested in being involved in the planning is invited to attend the PAC meeting on **May 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.**

### **Parents Causing Safety Concern in the NO STOPPING Zone**

This situation is a significant safety issue for students and parents of John Pritchard School. The north side of Whellams Lane beside the school is a "NO STOPPING" zone. There is good reason for this: It is a very busy area for people accessing McDonald's, the school parking lot, the apartment blocks at the end of the lane, and other homes in the community. When cars travelling north on Henderson Hwy turn left onto Whellams Lane, they do so somewhat quickly in order to cross the three lanes of traffic heading south on Henderson. If these cars then encounter a blockage of Whellams because of cars waiting to turn into McDonald's and cars stopping in the NO STOPPING zone, they are forced to react and brake quickly. If they are unsuccessful at stopping quickly, we have a collision and the resulting harm and/or damage to people and vehicles.

Stopping on the north side of Whellams Lane beside the school, even for a few seconds, creates a serious safety issue. Please do not stop in this area.



## ***BAND NEWS***

### **Level 1 Band Festival**

The Grade 7 Concert Band participated in this event on April 14<sup>th</sup>. The students only had a few full band rehearsals in preparation for the festival but thanks to their hard work and focus... they came together and sounded polished! The adjudicators were impressed by the strength of their basic fundamentals and by how they already performed with a mature style. Their professionalism was also commented on! After watching two other bands perform, we were bussed back to the school for a fabulous pizza lunch sponsored by the JPBPA! Thank you goes out to all parent volunteers who helped supervise, transport instruments, helped with uniforms and who planned and presented the famous annual Pizza Party! Much fun was also had at our Talent Show! It was a terrific event! Congratulations goes out to our Grade 7 Band for being wonderful ambassadors for our school by being respectful when out in the community.

### **Spring Band Concert**

The John Pritchard Bands are already hard at work preparing music for this year's Spring Concert featuring the Grade 6, 7 and 8 bands. The concert will take place on Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at the North Kildonan Mennonite Brethren Church, 1315 Gateway Road, and starts at 7:00 p.m. Tickets can be pre-ordered on May 7<sup>th</sup> and are to be picked up during morning homeroom time on Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. Tickets will also be available at the door for \$7.00 each. See you there!

### **JPBPA Fundraising**

Thank you to all who supported the recent JPBPA Fundraiser by selling or purchasing Sobeys Gift Cards. Although only 39 students participated...over \$22,000.00 worth of cards were sold! Thanks goes out to parents who volunteered to sit at the distribution table on Parent/Teacher Conference Night. Special thanks goes out to Sabina Dillabough, JPBPA Fundraising Chair, for coordinating and processing this campaign.

### **John Pritchard Band Parents' Association**

Having a child in the band program automatically makes a parent/guardian a member of the Association. You are always welcome to attend any or all of the monthly meetings. The meetings are on Wednesday evenings on May 13<sup>th</sup> and June 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Band room.

There will be many executive members graduating away this spring so we look forward to you stepping up to join the executive for 2015-2016. Please plan to join us for the AGM which is on the same night as the "Meet The Teacher Night" in the fall.

### **"Heavy Metal" in the Band Room**

Mr. Jay Uschold, Euphonium/Tuba Clinician, recently came in to work with the euphonium/tuba players in Grade 6, 7 and 8. He worked with each grade and section separately. This allowed them to focus on skills and techniques specific to each of the "heavy metal" instruments while customizing the workshop to each grade levels' needs. Students came away not only more confident players, but inspired to learn more about their low brass instrument! Thank you goes out to the JPBPA for financially sponsoring this event!

## ***BAND NEWS cont'd....***

### **Grade 8 Band Trip**

The Grade 8 Band Trip to Camp Arnes will be held on May 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> and will be musically productive, memorable, and so much fun! There will be instrumental guest clinicians coming out to join us for the day. They will not only lead us in sectionals, but will also sit in with the band for full rehearsals. Besides music making, the participants will also experience activities including a hayride, human foosball, zip line, bonfire, high ropes course, swimming, and Instincts for Survival! Huge thanks goes out to Kim Anderson for planning and coordinating this experience for our second year musicians!

### **Looking for something to do this summer?**

The Manitoba Band Association's Annual Summer Band Camp will be offered at various locations.

Who – Grade 6 to 9 students with one or more years of experience on their concert band instrument.

Activities – Activities include full band rehearsals, sectional instruction, small ensembles, master classes, and a Friday evening public concert.

Dates – Week long sessions run 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. from August 10<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> and/or August 17<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>.

For more information, please contact John Balisille by telephone at (204) 663-1226, by email at [mbband@shaw.ca](mailto:mbband@shaw.ca) or on the Manitoba Band Association website at [www.mbband.org](http://www.mbband.org) or just google "Manitoba Band Association". You can find out more from Mrs. Thompson.

Registration forms are also available in the Band Room.

### **JP Band Parents Association Summer Band Camp Scholarships**

The JPBPA will be awarding scholarships for Summer Band Camp to a few of our Band students at the upcoming Spring Concert. Scholarship application forms will be accepted until May 1<sup>st</sup>. See Mrs. Thompson for an application form or to learn more!

### **Provincial Honour Band**

The MBA's annual provincial honour band program (established 1976) provides an opportunity for outstanding junior, intermediate and senior instrumentalists to gather for an enriching and inspiring three-day concert band experience. Manitoba students are eligible to audition for Manitoba's Honour Concert Bands. Students are selected on the strength of their recorded audition which includes several scales and two etudes.

We had a few JP students make audition recordings for the Junior Honour Band. Recognition goes out to all who took the time to learn and polish the material. One of our students, Shenin, was successfully chosen to play the clarinet in this program! Congratulations!

The 2015 Junior Honour Band (for students up to Grade 8) and Intermediate Honour Band (Grade 9 & 10) concert will be held on Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. at North Kildonan Mennonite Brethren Church (1315 Gateway at Springfield Road, Winnipeg). Adults - \$10; MBA members and students Grade 9 and up - \$5.00.

## ***SPORTS NEWS***

### **Congratulations to our Panthers Basketball Teams!**

Late February and early March wrapped up the RETSD Basketball season for our Grade 6 to 8 teams. Congratulations to all of our teams on a fantastic season! We would like to once again say a big thank you to all of the staff who gave up their time to coach their respective teams this past season.



### **John Pritchard Indoor Track**

Once again John Pritchard School had a very successful Indoor Track season competing in three meets at the University of Manitoba throughout January to March. We had a team of over thirty students this year who all had an opportunity to compete against students from schools across Manitoba. Great job to all of our athletes! A special thank you goes out to Mrs. Buckinx, Mr. Zborowsky and Mr. Hawranik for all of their hard work coaching this past Indoor season.



### **Panthers Badminton Teams**

Our Grade 6, 7 and 8 students began practicing before Spring Break to prepare for their divisional tournaments at the end of April. What a great turn out! Once again a big thank you to all of our coaches; Mr. Koslowsky, Mr. Eori, Mr. Hawranik, Mr. Smith, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Tamilowicz and Mr. Pauley who have dedicated their time and effort to coaching our teams!

### **Outdoor Track and Field**

As the Spring season approaches we are beginning to prepare for our outdoor Track and Field season. This year our John Pritchard School meet will be held on Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at the River East track. If necessary the alternate date is Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. Students are strongly encouraged to check the forecast frequently to ensure they are dressed appropriately for the day. More information can be found in the note sent home with your child in early May. The RETSD divisional track meet for grades 7's and 8's will take place on Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> and the grade 6's will take place on Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> with a possible rain date of Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. More information on the divisional meet will be available in mid-May.



## ***LIBRARY NEWS***

### Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you to all the students and families that visited our Scholastic Book Fair in March. There were lots of great books and fun novelty items for sale. Our families and teachers purchased over \$2,600.00 worth of books and other items, allowing us to select over \$1,200.00 worth of books and materials from Scholastic for our library.

Congratulations to the following winners of our Family Night draws! Each student received a book with a bookmark:

Danielle - 6B, German - 6B, Tyler - 8B, Carly - 4/5A, Malone - 6C,  
Brody - Grade 2, Tyler - Grade 1, Katrina - Grade 2



### Scholastic Book Clubs

Our last Scholastic book orders will be due in early June. Thank you to everyone who has ordered books this year as it allows us to purchase new and exciting books for the library. Students are always very excited to see and check out the new books that are on display. A reminder to students to let us know when there are books in the Scholastic flyers that they would like us to order for the library.

### End of Year Information

Students are asked to return all library books to the library by June 15<sup>th</sup>. At the end of each school year, we must take inventory of all the books in our collection. This allows us to see which books have been lost or damaged and make plans for new and replacement books for the fall. We hope you will help us by encouraging your child (children) to return their library books and settle their fines by June 15<sup>th</sup>. We appreciate your support.

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## **KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION INFORMATION 2015**

If your child will be FIVE (5) years of age on or before December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015, he/she is eligible to register for Kindergarten for the 2015/2016 school year. Registration began the week of March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015. In order to register your child in Kindergarten we require proof of age, such as: a Birth Certificate or valid Treaty Card and TWO (2) pieces of ID with the current home address, such as: a Driver's License, MB Health Card, Tenancy/Lease Agreement, completed Offer to Purchase or Utility Bill.

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE TO GRADE 6 BUS STUDENTS**

Grade 6 students transported by the RETSD School Bus will not be eligible for busing in Grade 7. According to the Manitoba Education Public Schools Act Regulation (M.R. 259/2006) Grade 7 – 12 students living within City limits are not eligible for school bus transportation. Fee for Service may be available. If you are considering this option, please see your school office for a Transportation Application - Fee For Service (Form B) or click on the link [2015-16 RETSD Fee for Service Application](#).

Students who utilized Fee-For-Service busing in the current school year who wish to continue this service must reapply for the upcoming 2015-16 school year. Please submit all Fee-For-Service applications to your school office or e-mail to the Transportation Department ([transportationfee@retsd.mb.ca](mailto:transportationfee@retsd.mb.ca)) by June 1, 2015. Thank you!

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## **DRESS CODE**

Students must learn to exercise good judgment in regards to their appearance and manner of dress in school. Hence, the school requires that student dress must be appropriate and conducive to a learning environment. Clothing and jewelry must be such that it reflects the values of a positive lifestyle and is free from words or pictures which may be regarded as offensive to others. The following will not be allowed at school:

- clothing advertising alcohol products or making reference to illegal substances;
- clothing with inappropriate language or offensive material; and
- clothing which is too brief or revealing.

Students are asked to store all jackets and hats in their lockers. Hats and hoods are to be removed when students enter the building.

The River East Transcona School Division Policy “JICA – Student Dress Code” supports these guidelines.

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## **SUMMER CAMP**

Before we know it summer will be here. There are several opportunities for children to attend a variety of day and overnight camps. Union Gospel Mission will sponsor children to attend week long camps. Examples of the camps that are sponsored are: Calvary Temple Camp, Circle Square Ranch, Eagle Bay Bible Camp, Faith Bible Camp, Gimli Bible Camp, Manitoba Pioneer Camp, Nutimik Camp, Roseau River Bible Camp, Valley View Bible Camp and Winkler Bible Camp. Manitoba Camping Association has the Sunshine Fund which helps all children to attend camps.

In addition to the above camps – Camp Stevens, Tumbleweeds Ranch, St. Malo Catholic Camp, Red Rock Bible Camp, Mini University, Camp Moose Lake, Camp Cedarwood and Assiniboine Park Zoo Camp, plus several others are included. If you would like information on these camp opportunities please go to [www.gospelmission.ca](http://www.gospelmission.ca) or [www.mbcamping.ca](http://www.mbcamping.ca) or [www.mbcamping/sunshine-fund.cfm](http://www.mbcamping/sunshine-fund.cfm) or contact Mrs. Harper-Nick at John Pritchard School at 204-339-1984, extension 3149.

## **RIVER EAST FRENCH EXPOSURE NURSERY SCHOOL**

The River East French Exposure Nursery School, located in Joseph Teres School at 131 Sanford Fleming Rd., is now accepting registrations for the upcoming 2015-2016 school year. We have an exceptional program that is offered to 3 and 4 year olds. Limited space is available.

### **WE OFFER:**

- An introduction to the French language.
- A qualified teacher with a Bachelor of Education
- Development of motor skills
- Self expression through games, art and songs
- A safe and stimulating environment to develop independence and self confidence
- The opportunity to establish leadership and to accept responsibilities.



For more information please check out our website at [www.refens.com](http://www.refens.com). Please contact us through email at [co-chair@refens.com](mailto:co-chair@refens.com) or by calling Krisy at 204-612-6896.

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## **LORD WOLSELEY NURSERY SCHOOL**

Lord Wolseley Nursery School is now accepting registrations for the 2015-16 school year. The nursery program runs from September to June in Room 11 on the following days:

- Monday, Wednesday & Friday mornings - 9:15 to 11:15 a.m. (\$60.00/month)
- Monday, Wednesday & Friday afternoons - 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. (\$60.00/month)
- Tuesday & Thursday mornings - 9:15 to 11:15 a.m. (\$40.00/month)

For more information about the program you can contact Liz at 204-297-9938.

## JOHN PRITCHARD SCHOOL CALENDAR 2015-2016

May 5-6 Band Trip 2014  
May 11-13 Gr. 6 Camping Trip  
May 13 Early Dismissal – 2:15 p.m.  
May 15 Middle Years Track & Field Day  
May 18 Statutory Holiday – Victoria Day  
May 26 Gr. 7 & 8 Divisional Track Meet  
May 27 Middle Years - Spring Concert – 7:00 p.m.



June 3 Gr. 6 Divisional Track Meet  
June 8 Gr. 4 & 6 Immunization (a.m.)  
June 19 Professional Development – No classes  
June 23 Early Years Track & Field Day  
June 24 Early Years Picnic 5:30—7:30 p.m.  
June 28 Early Years Spring Run Fun  
June 29 Recognition Day  
June 30 Report Cards sent home  
June 30 Last day of classes  
June 30 Early Dismissal (1 Hour – 2:00 p.m.)

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### ABORIGINAL DRUMMING

Twenty-five early-years students have been participating in regular sessions of aboriginal drumming and singing. Students meet with Ms. Lisa during lunch hours. Drumming usually occurs inside, but on nice days they have drummed outside. Students have learned several songs such as the “Bear Song” and the “Turtle Song”. Students are from all grades. Several student leaders are in Grade 8 and Grade 5. Student leaders lead the songs and on occasion have taught the group new ones. The group sounds great. Great fun is being had by all.

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### CHANGES TO A STUDENTS' PERSONAL INFORMATION

Please inform the office of any changes to a student's personal information, such as a change to your address or telephone number. We require this information in order to ensure we are able to reach family members in the event of an emergency or your child's unexplained absence from school.