

Birch River School



April Newsletter

Kindergarten Registration

Parents are asked to register their kindergarten students (for the 2017/2018 school year) before the end of April, at the school (8:30-4:00). Children must be five years of age on or before December 31, 2017 to be eligible for registration. Students will come all day every day. Parents will be required to complete a registration form and present a Birth Certificate or Baptismal Certificate. If you know of others who will be entering Kindergarten, please pass this information on to them.

Artist in the School—April 17-21

CARTOONING with Gerald Laroche is a workshop in creating and drawing original cartoons. Mr. Laroche begins with a discussion/ demonstration of line and symbol, and guides students in exploring the range of expressions these convey. Students proceed through the workshop by drawing objects, then developing and drawing characters, and finally creating a story situation and resolution. Students enjoy the technique of cartooning and the development of their own artistic ideas. They also learn how symbolic characteristics can express personality.



We would like to acknowledge Breakfast For Learning for making it possible to supply free breakfast every day to students. It is their vision to ensure all children and youth in Canada attend school well nourished, improving their ability to learn, giving them the best chance of success in life.

SAVE THE DATES – Forms and online registration available soon.



Wellman Lake Bible Camp

2017 Camp Dates and Fees

www.wlbcamp.ca

Camp	Ages	Dates	Days	ER Fee	LR Fee
Pre-Squirt	5-7	July 8	Sat	\$30.00	\$30.00
Squirt	7-9	July 5-7	Wed-Fri	\$120.00	\$150.00
Primary	9-11	July 10-14	Mon-Fri	\$165.00	\$195.00
Junior	11-13	July 16-21	Sun-Fri	\$175.00	\$205.00
Junior High	13-15	July 23-28	Sun-Fri	\$180.00	\$210.00
Youth	15+	July 30-Aug 3	Sun-Thurs	\$180.00	\$210.00
Family Camp		Aug 4-7	Fri-Mon	\$150.00	\$150.00
Couples Retreat	17+	Aug 11-13	Fri-Sun	\$150.00	\$150.00



Spring has almost Sprung

Please make sure students are dressed for the chilly mornings. The weather is slowing warming up, the snow is slowly melting and the puddles will be very tempting. Please send extra socks, pants and rubber boots. during this sloppy time.



Badminton Practice for Grade's 5-8 will take place on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 3:30-4:30 on April 4, 6, 13 & Monday, April 10.

Canteen every Monday & Friday

Badminton season is here. Students in Grades 5-8 can take part in the fun by following rules, attending practices and being aware that you can win and lose matches.

There will be Badminton matches at the SVRSS from 5:00-8:00 on the following dates;

Grade 5 - Monday April 17th

Grade 6 - Tuesday April 18th

Grade 7 - Wednesday April 19th

Grade 8 - Thursday April 20th

GYM NIGHT - Come and play some basketball, soccer, and other team sports. There will be a \$2 entry fee. Gym night will be from 4:30pm- 6pm at Birch River School on Wednesday, April 5 & 26. All proceeds are going to support the grade 6-8 year end trip.

Birch River Community Club Family Ham/Chocolate Bingo

Friday, April 7 2017—7:00 p.m.

Birch River Legion Hall

Bingo will be played on the old cards, so you need to bring bingo chips or pennies.

Come, bring your friends, play bingo to win a ham/chocolate's and support the Community Club. In addition, there will be a Luck-of-the-Draw and Goodies Auction.



Speech Language Corner

Hope everyone enjoyed learning new and talking about old Analogies during the month of March. My assistant and I had quite the discussion about March coming in as a Lion or Lamb.

“Planning What you are Going to Say before you Speak” is my topic for the month of April.

Planning occurs in every part of our life. We plan what we are going to eat, when to go to sleep, what to wear, where to visit, what to buy and what to do, etc..

My question is: “Why do we not plan what we are going to speak?”

Planning what to say before you speak involves Mindfulness. One needs to be mindful of:

- The words/vocabulary you are going to use

- How to order the words to speak in complete sentences

- What to say in response to your communication partner’s comment or question

Many of us including children will plan what they are going to say as they are speaking.

Planning while speaking is noted at the beginning of sentences with:

- A number of “Ands” or “Hmm”

- Repetition of words

- Abrupt stoppage of speaking

A more effective method of planning what to say is:

- Take ten to twenty seconds to rehearse the sentence in your head without saying the words

- Start your response slowly and without a “And, Hmm” or another starter at the beginning of the response

Recently, I had a five year become annoyed with me when I reminded him to start his sentence without using the word “And”. His response to me was “Come On” which tells me he was fully aware of how he was phrasing his responses.

Planning what to say before you speak not only adds to a smooth initiation and maintenance of conversation but also, the usage of complete sentences. Children need to hear the adults in their world speak in grammatically complete sentences so they too, will develop a strong ability to express their thoughts and knowledge in complete responses.

Planning what to say before you speak is also, a great behaviour management tool. Many times we are regretful about the words we have spoken to others in anger which has created personal problems for ourselves.

The challenge for the month is to be Mindful of:

- Planning what to say before speaking by taking ten to twenty seconds and rehearse your response.

- (Put BRAIN IN GEAR BEFORE MOUTH)**

- Not starting sentences with “And” or “Hmm”.

- Speaking in grammatically complete sentences.

- Repeat a response when you have started with “And” or spoken in a short phrase to cancel out and speak using the above strategies.

Good Luck!

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A Message from Band Boosters...

Happy April!! We are hoping all of our Swan Valley Band Students have had a great year so far! It has definitely been a busy spring with Swan Valley Music Festival, Parkland Honour Band and Brandon Jazz Festival all taking place in the space of a month!! Our band directors have done a wonderful job planning for all of these events and preparing the students for the many performances. We are so very lucky to have such committed teachers working with our students!

Now, as we move towards the end of the year the Swan Valley Band Booster Committee is starting to look ahead to next year and we want to make sure that the funds are in place to continue to support our band program and our band instructors. So we have a few fundraisers coming up in the next few weeks that will really help us to plan ahead for next year but we need everyone's support!

50/50 Tickets

These will be coming to your band director in early April, they are \$20/book and we ask that you prepay for your books. We are asking each student to try to sell a minimum of 1 book (but more would be great!!) The draw date will be the last day of rodeo.

Mom's Pantry Cookie Dough

Forms for this great product will be coming home in early April, keep your eyes peeled!

Band Booster Barbeque

Giant Tiger is sponsoring this fundraiser for Band Booster. It will be held on Friday, April 28th. We just need to supply the bodies to work the event so if you or your child or anyone in the family can help us out please email Susan Ross at suemross13@yahoo.ca

A look in the Library —

New books coming to our shelves in April — —

Early Years — One Tiny Turtle & a new Robert Munsch - *Moose*,
to celebrate Earth Day ; *Winston of Churchill*

What do Roots Do?

The Sugar Bush

Magic School Bus Gets Recycled

The Earth Book

From Seed to Plant

Recycling Day

10 Things I can Do to Help My World

Our Earth: Making less Trash

Middle years — *How to Fix a Lie*, 2 books in the *Battle Bugs Series*

Jr. High — a new Historical Fiction series by author Don Cummer and another book in the *10 True Tales Series*





Are you raising a child age 9-14? Guiding Good Choices is for you!

**GGC is a FREE interactive parent workshop
consisting of**

5 two-hour sessions that address:

- The influence of parents in helping their kids avoid drugs and other unhealthy choices
- Setting guidelines, monitoring, and consequences
- Teaching kids refusal skills
- Positive and effective family communication
- Building bonds by involving your kids in the family

*And...because we know how busy parents are,
we provide dinner and childcare at each session at no cost!*

April 2017 Guiding Good Choices Workshop Details:

Session Dates: WEDNESDAYS, April 12, 19, 26, and
May 3 and 10.

*(Children age 9-14 attend with their
parent(s) on April 26th)*

Time: Dinner: 5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Sessions: 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Location: **Ecole Swan River South School, 1015 2nd
Street South, Swan River**

Additional Details: Workshop materials, dinner and child care are
provided on site at no cost to
participants courtesy of Swan Valley
Communities That Care.



BIRCH RIVER SCHOOL WELCOMES

WUSKWI SIPIHK FIRST NATION HEALTH AUTHORITY AND THE JORDAN'S PRINCIPLE PROGRAM!

What is Jordan's Principle?

Jordan's Principle is about helping to ensure all First Nations children have access to the same social services and health care supports and services as other children, no matter where they live. To do this, we are:




- facilitating access to health and social service and supports for all First Nations children without delay or disruption

Program Background

Jordan River Anderson was a First Nation child born with a rare disorder who required hospitalization from birth. The provincial and federal governments could not agree on who was financially responsible for his care in a medical foster home. Jordan's condition worsened and he passed away in hospital before both government levels could resolve who would pay for provided services.

On December 12, 2007, the House of Commons unanimously supported a Private Member's motion. The motion focused on adopting an approach that addresses First Nations children's needs first.

April 2017

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>3 Day 6 - JK Beef Stroganoff & Peas</p>	<p>4 Day 1 Chicken Bacon Ranch Wrap & Coleslaw Badminton Practice 3:30-4:30</p>	<p>5 Day 2 - JK Beef Barley Soup & BLT</p>	<p>6 Day 3 Shepherd's Pie & Salad Badminton Practice 3:30-4:30</p>	<p>7 Day 4 - JK Taco Salad</p>
<p> 10 Day 5 Beef Stew & Biscuits Badminton Practice 3:30-4:30</p>	<p>11 Day 6 - JK Ham/Scalloped Potatoes/Peas</p>	<p>12 Day 1 Potato Soup Tuna Salad Sandwich</p>	<p>13 Day 2 - JK Ham Fried Rice/Egg Rolls/Stir Fry Badminton Practice 3:30-4:30</p>	<p>14 Good Friday No School</p>
<p>17 Day 3 Pork Chops/Baked Potato/Corn Gr. 5 Badminton</p>	<p>18 Day 4 - JK Macaroni & Cheese/Smokie/Pickles Gr. 6 Badminton</p>	<p> 19 Day 5 Mushroom Soup Ham Sandwich Veggies & Dip Gr. 7 Badminton Education Week</p>	<p>20 Day 6 - JK Hot Dog Sale Gr. 8 Badminton</p>	<p>21 Day 1 Chicken Caesar Salad Wraps & Fries</p>
<p>24 Day 2 - JK Pancakes, Sausage & Fruit</p>	<p>25 Day 3 Lazy Hamburger Cabbage Rolls/Perogies</p>	<p>26 Day 4 - JK Chicken Noodle Rice Soup/Cheese Toast</p>	<p> 27 Day 5 Meatballs/Rice/Carrots Badminton Champs</p>	<p>28 No Classes for Students Professional Development Day</p>