

The Belleau Beacon



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GRATITUDE

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents:

With the month of October upon us it is a time of change from late summer into fall. The thanksgiving and hunting seasons are upon us, and the leaves and temperature are changing. There is also one important change I would like to inform everyone in our school community about. We started this year without a new full time permanent principal after the retirement of Mrs. Pilgrim last year. It is my pleasure to announce we now have a new full time principal for our school, as I have formally accepted the position earlier this week. For the past month I have been filling in for the principal, it has brought back a lot of great memories from when I was a high school principal for 3 years at an International-bilingual school in Colombia, and I realized how much I missed it! After officially applying, completing the interview process, I formally accepted the position earlier this week, and wanted you all to be the first to know.

Having lived and worked in Moosonee for the past year and a half, I look forward to building a collaborative, engaging learning environment that involves everyone in our school community for the benefit of our students. It is my wish that we build a school based on respect for everyone, sound Holy virtues, and cooperation at all levels. I encourage you to contact me if you have any questions or concerns as we move forward.

As for our hunt break this year, it is from Oct. 8th to Oct. 17th, so we are back to school and ready to learn on Tuesday October 18th. The very next day however, Oct. 19th will be a planned power outage from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, so there will be no classes on that day. We will be back at school again after that for the rest of the week. I would like to wish everyone a happy vacation and suc-

cessful and safe hunting trips, as well as a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving is time for family, sharing, and giving thanks for all the blessings that we have in our lives, no matter how small we think they might be. It is a time to come together and remember that it is more important to be thankful for what we have, than to be wishful for what we want. In keeping with this our virtue of the month is Gratitude, and this will be the theme of our Mass celebration on the 27th later this month put together by our Grade 4/5/6 classroom.

Having said this, I would like to send out our thanks to all of our parents, guardians, and family members who came out to support the students at our **open house** this year; we had a wonderful turnout and BBQ supper. I would also like to thank those parents and guardians who came to our **'Student of the Month'** breakfast to share our thanks for students working hard and setting a great example for others. Also, a final thank you to everyone who helped us sell more than \$ 1700.00 worth of books and supplies at our Scholastic book fair this past month!! It was a great success and earned the school over \$ 800.00 worth of books and educational supplies that will go directly to the classrooms to benefit our students.

"By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name."

Hebrews 13:15

"With God we make a difference"

Sincerely,

Heath Hough, Principal



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Patches of Gratitude Gr. 4/5/6



Student of the Month Students Breakfast with

Reminder

Students should not arrive before 8:30 in the morning and 12:35 in the afternoon as there is no scheduled supervision before these times.

Thanksgiving Day, October 10, 2011 & Hunt Break, October 11 to 17, 2011



Students of the Month—September



Principal's Award to:

Dyran Nakogee, Gr. 3

Working very hard in his class and actually choosing to say in at recess to finish his work.



choosing to say

Cloe Kamalatisit, SK

Uses kind words in the classroom. Participates in classroom prayer. Treats everyone with respect.

Faye Sutherland, SK

Faye has had great attendance. She draws really well, with wonderful detail. Faye is starting the year with gusto. Good job Faye!

Sabrina Shisheesh, Gr. 3

Was chosen because of her behaviour and work habits.

Robert Peruelo, Gr. 4

Robert works very hard to do his work and is very enthusiastic about all the activities we do in class.

Dwayne Iahtail, Gr. 7

He is regularly in class. Dwayne is always willing to help. He works hard to make sure his work is done and he is not afraid to ask for help. Great job Dwayne!

Cloe Kamalatisit —Native-as-a-Second-Language

Cloe is on a very good start this year. Keep it up Cloe; you are doing great!

Easton Gunner, Gr. 3—French-as-a-Second-Language For listening, trying hard and for helping those around him.

School News...



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Breakfast Program:

The Breakfast Program has been underway for a few weeks now.

Scholastic Book Fair:

The Book Fair in September was very successful.

JK/SK Class:

This month JK and SK will be working on identifying and printing the letters F G and H. Students can practice making the sounds of the letters in the alphabet at home. In math we have been counting objects and counting to 10. Students who already know how to do this can try counting even higher! We will also start patterning this month. This month we will also test to see if items float or sink. Will a pumpkin sink or float? We will let you know!

Gr. 7/8 Fundraising:

The 7/8's held a fun car wash on September 21st. They are also running a snack shack during recesses where students can buy healthy snacks. Upcoming events include bake sale/bbq on Oct. 26th; mail orders for Christmas (Santa's Little Helpers & Food for Thought); table at the JBEC flea market on Oct. 29th.

Gr. 2/3 Class working on Math word problems



Parent/School Council:

The first meeting will be on Thursday, October 27th at the school library. We need more parents for the school council.



School Mass:

Our next school Mass will be on Thursday, October 27th at 10:00 a.m. at the Christ the King Church. Everyone welcome!

