



Board Highlights

March 2011

Happening this Month!

March 1

K-8 Report Cards Go Home

KDS Circle Ceremony

March 4

**K-8 PST Interviews
8:30 am - 4:00 pm**

WMS Spring Talent Show

March 7-18

WMS Exploratories

March 7-11

SJF Grade 9 Winter Camp

March 8

Regular Board Meeting

March 9-11

EJHS Camp de Neige

March 10

**DDEA Meeting
RLN Family Dance**

March 13

**Daylight Savings - Spring
forward one hour**

Message from the Board Chair

Last month I featured how reading is important to your child and what you can do to support your child. We want all of our students to be successful and increase the number of students who complete Grade 12. Here are some things to support your child in their learning. Together we can make a positive impact on a child's learning.

Show your kids learning is important

Talk about how valuable education is and how it can benefit the future of your children. Learn something new every day, and make a game of it with your family. Make homework a family activity, and participate by checking in and helping out. When a family member's grades are suffering, show them that the whole family cares and wants them to feel good about their schoolwork. When your children succeed, make sure they are congratulated.

Set realistic goals

Be reasonable. Don't expect miracles to happen overnight. Academic progress is a slow but steady process. Help your children understand what they're trying to accomplish and that there are no shortcuts. Improving their grades is a goal worth reaching, not a punishment. Allow your children to suggest solutions to their problems. This will empower them and give them a say in their educational destiny.

Be a mentor

Be available for your children. If you're willing to sit down and help them get through a tough assignment, they'll be more willing, too. Remember that learning is about encountering what a person doesn't already know. That can be scary! Be patient and responsive in helping your children master new skills. Your children will be receptive to learning more quickly if they can count on you to help no matter what the problem.

Make learning fun

Your children might be bored. Turn homework and study into a game. Make some flash cards or purchase age-appropriate educational games. Get everyone in the family involved.

Know when to ask for help

No matter what, establishing an environment where learning is fun and important is a great thing to do. But sometimes it's not enough. Some children just don't respond well when mom and dad try to help with school work. Know when to turn to a tutor or check out any of the numerous programs affiliated with local schools and libraries. If your children have consistent struggles with school work, talk with your child's teacher. A professional through the school jurisdiction will identify challenges and give suggestions for how to help children learn at their full potential.

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March 14

SJF Report Cards Go Home



March 14-18

Grade 4 Trapping Camp & Camp Akaitcho



March 16

Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee Meeting



March 17

SJF PST Interviews

Drop in 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm



March 18

KTW EBS Assembly & Ski Day

SJF PST Interviews

By appointment only

8:30 am - 4:00 pm

Spring Break!

March 19 - April 3

PAC Corner

March 9 • MHS, WMS

March 15 • SJF

March 16 • EJHS

Consider the educational advantages of computers and the Internet

As computer and Internet technologies advance, they occupy an increasingly significant role in our lives. As a parent, you may rely upon your computer to track your finances, get your news, or email your friends and colleagues. Perhaps you do not remember how you ever got by without your computer. These high-tech tools are just as important for your children. When it is true that the Internet provides access to questionable video games or other inappropriate content, it is also a gateway to quality educational resources, learning-enhancing games and homework help. If you are using online resources, it is crucial that you, the parent, evaluate these sites yourself before giving your children the green light for their use. The Internet is as large as it is valuable, and some of the resources it houses can provide inaccurate or inappropriate information.

Use educational computer games

The Internet is a treasure chest of fun, interactive programs designed to help children improve reading skills, complete math problems, build memory, or simply enhance hand-eye coordination. While some games must be purchased, others are free. Again, you should always preview any sites your children visit, and evaluate them for age and skill-level appropriateness.

Parents and Tweens Cook It Up!

Parents and their tweens, age 9-14 are invited to join a local dietitian for an evening of food and fun. March is Nutrition Month and one theme is encouraging families to prepare and eat meals together. Cook up freezer-friendly meals for the whole family that you can take home, freeze, and reheat when you need them the most! Proposed recipes (open to participant input) include: Mexican burritos, meatballs and sauce, and maple syrup muffins. Includes recipes, menu ideas, and information about healthy family meals. Tuesday, March 15, 7:00 – 9:00 pm. Call Audra Donison, Community Dietitian at 920-6546 for more details or to register.

Did You Know?

Recent research shows the importance of regularly scheduled family meals: parents or caregivers and children are more emotionally healthy and closer when they eat meals together.

Thank You PAC Members!

YK1 would like to thank you for your tremendous support and willingness to help out in supervising our students during recess. Any opportunity you have to volunteer for supervision is greatly appreciated and means an extra body at recess time!

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