

MARCH 10

# STONY MOUNTAIN SCHOOL



Sara Orlesky along with the grade 3/4s and 7/8s.

## “I Love to Read”

The Month of February has been dubbed, “I Love to Read” month. The students and teachers were busy with activities related to reading, such as “Dress like your favourite book character” day, wearing words on clothing, and welcoming guest readers to our school. Ms. Doerksen arranged for Mrs. Sara Orlesky, from the Winnipeg Jets, to come to our school to share her love of reading and hockey with the students. She read from the book, “The Golden Goal”, a story about the goal Sydney Crosby scored at the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver.

Once she finished reading, the students were eager to ask questions about interviews she has done.

Thank you, Sara Orlesky for spending your morning with us!



## Cross Country Skiing – Ross Creek

KYLA BIRWHISTLE

The grade 5-8 classes took a trip out to Ross Creek cross country ski trails for a day. So, they can experience the fun, activity of cross-country skiing. Some of the activities the 7/8 student participated in includes cross country skiing, snow shoeing, snow soccer and most importantly exploring the outdoors. While they were not being active, they were able to spend time around the fire, warming up or learning to chop wood for the fire, while under the watchful eye of their teachers.



## HOLIDAY MOUNTAIN! — ROMEO PAGUIO

On March 3rd, the 7/8 students arrived at school at 7:30 to board the bus to Holiday Mountain! The 2-hour bus ride was eye opening as they saw many wonderful sights out their windows. Upon arrival, some students were nervous at the sight of the steep hill, for many students had their first experience of skiing or snowboarding that day. Thankfully, the staff at Holiday Mountain were focused on the safety and well-being of our students. With their help, many students could safely venture down the steep slopes of Holiday Mountain. At around 2:30, the students departed for home, satisfied with their new memories and skills learned. They returned at around 4:40 and went home to tell their families of their wonderful time.





## MASON RAINKE

Mr. Gillespie, an animal biologist, came to school and talked to the grade 3/4 classes about trapping animals. He brought with him different skins, skulls, shedding antlers, polar bear paws and muskox skin. He told the students how tall a moose is; 7-8 feet!! He also let the students in on some information as to why a fox's fur changes, how arctic animals survive in the winter, how different animals communicate and how the polar bears are sneaky when they hunt! Thank you, Mr. Gillespie, for visiting our school.



## *Dates to Remember*

- Spring Photos - March 14
- Gr. 8 Grad Photos - March 14
- Basketball Divisionals - March 15
- Jersey Day - March 15
- Dream Factory Hat Day - March 17
- Pancake Day - March 17
- Culture Days - March 20 & 21
- Itty Bitty Steppers - March 23
- Kernels Fundraising orders due - March 23
- Spring Break - March 27 - 31
- Back to School - April 3
- Good Friday - No school - April 7
- Inservice Day - April 10

## Grade 5 – 8 Curling

Avery Deprez and Peyton Rinn

Some of the grade 5-8 students have sparked an interest in curling. They have learned many of the essential skills to continue for the upcoming years. The students travel to the Stonewall curling rink and they began with learning the rules and strategy of the game, as well of the importance of each position; lead, second, third, and skip. The students are very satisfied when they make a good shot, but their coach, Mrs. Kelly Farmer, makes sure they do not get discouraged if they do not. Members of the curling divisional teams are very excited for the event that is soon to come. The divisional tournament in Balmoral will begin on March 22<sup>nd</sup> and continue on throughout the day on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. They hope to come home with the banner and big smiles on their faces.

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## *Math Madness Month*

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All month long, there are different activities planned to highlight the fun we can have with math in real life. Math activity bingo cards for k-2, 3-4, and 5-8 students to complete with families were sent home March 1, and due to be returned March 20<sup>th</sup>. Every day, a different math joke or riddle is read over the announcements, and our daily grades 1-4 and 5-6 intramurals are math-themed this month as well.

This week, every day has a different theme:

**Monday – Counting Shamrocks**

**Tuesday – Pot of Gold Estimation and Pi Day Wednesday – Jersey Day**

**Thursday – Dress like a Math Character (math related jobs, or famous mathematician)**

**Friday – Wear Green & Hat for Dream Factory (donations collected).**

**Many classes are using their STEM skills to build and test leprechaun traps, putting their critical thinking skills to the test. The book fair this month has a numeracy theme as well, and books with numeracy connections have been on display in the library all month!**