

# MORRIS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER - DECEMBER 2009

## UNICEF

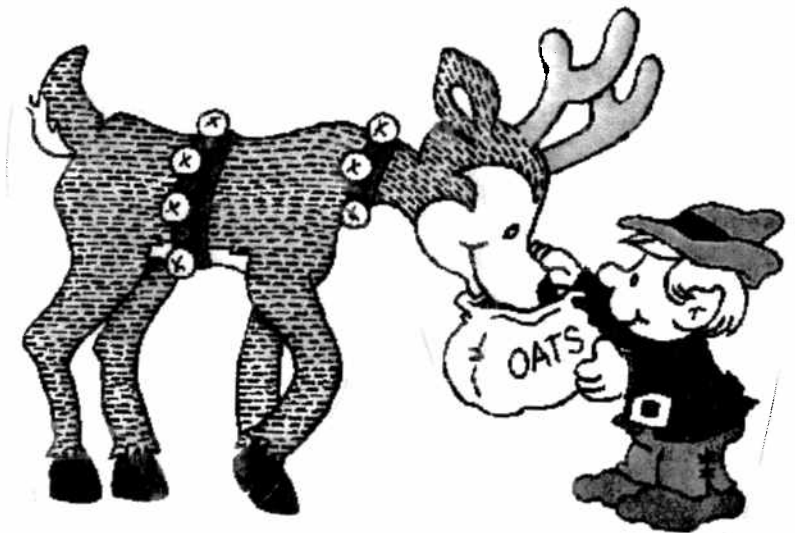
This year the funds raised for Unicef went to kids in Malawi and Rwanda. I would like to thank the students and the community of Morris for raising **\$994.17** for the Unicef program. The grade 1/2M class raised \$342.29 and earned a pizza party with Mr. Skog. Top three fundraisers were: Jordan Huska - \$160.00, Reid Mazinke - \$95.00 and Abrahm Schmith - \$68.00. Thanks for supporting Unicef! We can all make a difference! ☺

## WINTER TOWN BUS

This year with the unusual warm weather we will not be starting the town bus until further notice.

## COMMON LUNCH HOUR

As every year we will be having a common lunch hour on the last day of school so the staff can enjoy a staff lunch - the lunch hour will be from 12:00 - 1:00 pm.



## WEDNESDAY WALKING CLUB FOR GRADES 1-4

Congratulations to the following students who have completed their 20 laps and received a Toe Token: Kamryn Janke, Renee Morissette, Trisha Bethour, Betty Wilson, Sean Penner and Bryce Neustater. This month we are celebrating the Olympics as we carry our Torch around the field. Thanks to the grade 5 and 6 students for helping out.

Submitted by Mrs. Bially

## NEWS FROM MORRIS SCHOOL LIBRARY

The Library has been a busy spot this fall. Here are some of the highlights since school started in September.

September 15 - 17 - Scholastic Book Fair - Thanks to all of the parents and students who helped make the fair such a success allowing the library to choose approximately \$900 in new books for the kids. Your support of this event is always greatly appreciated!!

October - Occupational Therapy Month - Sharon Eadie was a guest author in library on October 21 to educate and entertain the early year's students about the career of Occupational Therapy. Sharon donated two copies of the recently published book "You, Me and My OT" by Paulette Bourgeois (author of the Franklin series). One copy has been added to the library collection and the other is being circulated among the Early Years classrooms - Thank you so much to Sharon for coming to the library, reading to the students and donating the books.

October 27<sup>th</sup> - McNally Robinson Book Trip - Thirty students representing Kindergarten to Grade 12 - plus four staff members - visited McNally Robinson at Grant Park to purchase new books for the library and classrooms. For the first time students in Grades 7-12 were included in this trip and they were a wonderful asset. Each student came armed with suggestions from their class and teachers to make quality choices on new books - It was a very fun and educational experience for everyone. Thanks to all of the students who participated - you represented Morris School very well. Thanks to Mr. Skog for buying lunch for everyone!!



CONTINUATION OF LIBRARY ARTICLE ... November 20<sup>th</sup> - Author Hedy Wiebe - In celebration of Canadian Children's Book Week the library hosted a visit from the author of "Donnie's Little Red Wagon". Hedy is a published children's author who lives in the nearby community of Rosenort. She and local businessman Ron Kroeker of Country Graphics worked together to produce the tale of Donnie - Ron was the illustrator. The book was launched in the summer in Rosenort and also enjoyed a launch at McNally Robinson Booksellers in Winnipeg in October. Hedy read her book to the Grades 1-8 classes throughout the day as well as talking to them about the writing of the book. Ron was able to join her for the Grade 7 & 8 classes, who were impressed with his caricature skills. A special guest joined Hedy for each presentation - her husband Don whose story is told in the book. Don, or Donnie as he's known, and his red wagon were a big hit with the kids. "Donnie's Little Red Wagon" is available at McNally Robinson, Country Graphics, Café on Roselane in Rosenort, Friesens in Altona and directly from Hedy at 746-6633. The price is \$15 per book or \$40 for three books.

Thanks to everyone for all their support of the school library. All the best in the upcoming Christmas Season.

Submitted by Mrs. Dekezel

### **GRADE 7/8 BOYS VOLLEYBALL**

The 7/8 boys volleyball team had a fun-filled year. Our team consisted of Hans Fehr, Nick Third, Ryan Wiebe, Chad Enns, Jesse Jordan, James Parkinson, Brayden Huska, Ryan Simard, Bryce Mazinke, Matt Recksiedler and Mackenzie Hancock. We traveled to Sanford and Oak Bluff for divisional tournaments throughout the year. A big thanks goes out to Barb Pettapiece for coaching the boys we really appreciate all the time she devotes to coaching students without our school.

Submitted by Mrs. Stevenson



## **GRADE 7/8 GIRLS VOLLEYBALL**

Congratulations to the grade 7/8 girls volleyball teams for an excellent season, The grade 7/8 girls team was coach by Mrs. Rosalyn Edel. The girls competed in the Red River Valley Athletic Association tournaments and Emerado School's Invitational tournament. The team consisted of Kailynn Neufeld, Krista Edel, Tess Siemens, Dane Klassen, Kirsten van der Linde, Alison Swift, Caitlyn Nickel, Samantha Schroeder, Sarah Reid, Ali Gauthier, Joanna Jackman, Raena Knutt, Jenna Wiebe, Rachel Nowell and Esther Lozano.

A big thank you to their coach, Roz Edel, for the many volunteer hours spent coaching and encouraging the girls.

## **VARSITY GIRLS VOLLEYBALL**

Congratulations to the varsity girl's volleyball team for an excellent season. The girls have been ranked as high as 4<sup>th</sup> in the province this season. They won the Zone 4 banner and the interzone with Zone 12 and went to the Provincials in Lac Du Bonnet where they finished with a 4 and 4 record, with a 5<sup>th</sup> place finish. Thank you to Mrs. Edel and Same Eadie for coaching this super group of girls. A special note that Amanda Mazinke, our Team Captain, was named "Graduating All Star" for the Province of Manitoba. Team Members: Amanda Mazinke, Carissa Bartel, Melissa Third, Melissa Bobrowski, Mikyla Janzen, Brianne Hildebrandt, Heidi Siemens, Rachel Parkinson, Melanie Edel, Gina van der Linde

## **JUNIOR VARSITY GIRLS VOLLEYBALL**

Congratulations to the JV girls team for an excellent season. A special thank you to Mr. K for volunteering to coach a huge group of volleyball girls. Team Members: Corinna Bouchie, Leah Bartel, Taylor Braun, Vanessa Christiuk, Kyra Edel, Carly Gemmell, Lillian Jackman, Madyson Paetkau, Riley Read, Lindsay Reimer, Ashley Siemens, Trayza Stobbe Fright, Amber Wiebe, Chelsea Wiebe, Lauren Wiebe  
JV tournaments included a home tournament plus tournaments in Altona, Winkler, West Kildonan and Chief Peguis.

## JUNIOR VARSITY BOYS VOLLEYBAL

Congratulations to the JV boys team for an excellent season. Team Members: Ben Bobrowski, Marshall Janzen, Matt Mazinke, Jamie van der Linde, Johnny Loewen, Travis Toews, Chris Dominguez, Adam Janke

The boys played in three tournaments throughout the season and finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in two of them (Altona and MCI) - Great Season Fellas!

Thanks to Mr. Cox for your time that you have given to this team.

## TERRY FOX FOUNDATION UPDATE

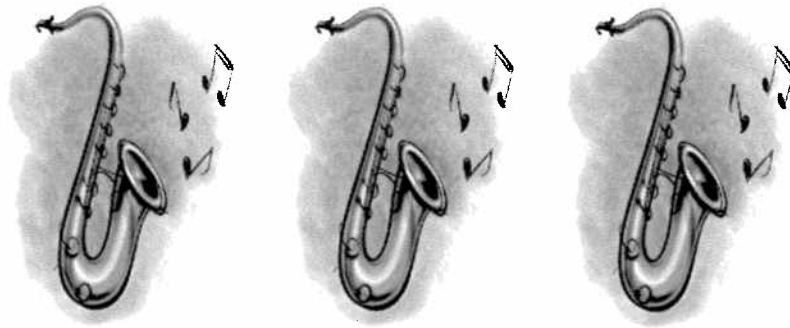
We have received an acknowledgement letter, one of enormous thanks, for our school's involvement in the 2009 Terry Fox Run. This year our total donation of monies raised was **\$2049.90**. Our help allows the foundation to grow, and in turn we are able to assist with donating more money to Cancer research. In October 1979, Terry said, "We need your help. The people in Cancer clinics all over the world need people who believe in miracles." The miracle of cure has not been realized yet, but the miracle of one young man's courageous journey has lived on and flourished since Terry began his run in 1980, 29 years ago. Nationally, the Foundation has managed to keep its operating cost at 12.9%. This allows for 87 cents out of every dollar raised is applied directly toward Cancer research funding.

To date Morris School has raised over \$16,000.00. This has happened due to your efforts to campaign and collect pledges. Thank you to all students, staff and families of our communities surrounding us for your hard work and support!

With all of us working together, it is hoped that one day Terry's dream of finding a cure for Cancer will be realized and the suffering will end.

Submitted with thanks on behalf of our staff, Ms Tascona





## WINTER BAND CONCERT

Wed, December 2 at 7PM

In the gym

**FEATURING GRADE 6 BAND      GRADE 7/8 BAND**  
**JAZZ BAND      SENIOR CONCERT BAND**

HOME BAKING will be sold

Silver Collection at the door

**SEE YOU THERE!**

### **GRAD MEETING DATES**

The following dates are set for grad meetings which will be held in the library at 6:30: February 8, March 8, April 5, and May 3

Safe Grad meeting date in February TBA

### **MTC DATES**

The following dates are MTC nights - the bus leaves at 5:15 from the school on the following dates: December 16, January 27, March 3, and April 7

The bus leaves at 4:15 on May 12

## **IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER!!**

December 2 - Band Christmas Concert - 7:00 p.m.

December 17 - K - 5 Christmas Concert - 7:00 p.m.

December 18 - Last day of classes before Winter Break

January 1 - HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

January 4 - Return to classes.

January 5 - Grade 12 English Provincial Exam begins

February 1 - 4 - Grade 9 - 12 exams

February 4 - Grade 7/8 curling bonspiel

February 5 - No Classes

February 5 - Grad Photo Day

February 12 - Maverick Winter Fun Day



## **CHRISTMAS CANDY RECIPE - WHITE CHOCOLATE SURPRISE**

1 - 12 OZ package white chocolate pieces

1 cup dried cranberries

$\frac{1}{2}$  cup salted cashew pieces

$\frac{1}{2}$  cup golden raisins

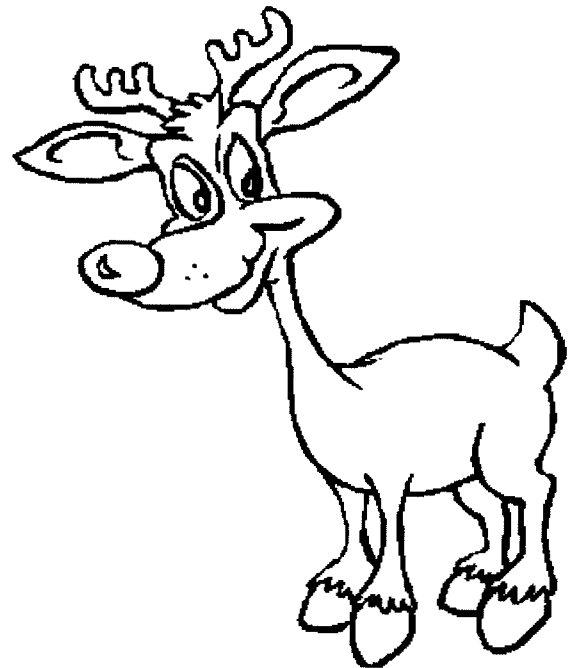
Microwave the white chocolate for 1 minutes; stir until smooth (continue to microwave at 10 second intervals if chocolate is not yet melted.) Add fruit and nuts; stir until mixed well. Drop by spoonfuls onto waxed paper - Let cool and enjoy!

# Reindeer Word Search

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**RED RIVER VALLEY SCHOOL DIVISION  
DIVISION SCOLAIRE VALLÉE de la RIVIÈRE-ROUGE**

*Did you know...?*

This portion of the survey covers the **Southern area** of the Division which includes: Morris School; Lowe Farm School, Rosenort School and Albright Colony.

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| 1. <i>Did you know</i> that The Red River Valley School Division's website is <a href="http://www.rrvsd.ca">www.rrvsd.ca</a> ?   | Yes/No              |
| 2. <i>Did you know</i> that Mr. Kelly Barkman is the Superintendent & CEO of the Red River Valley School Division?   | Yes/No              |
| 3. <i>Do you know</i> that trustee elections will be held in October 2010?   | Yes/No              |
| 4. <i>Did you know</i> that the school division budget for the following school year must be finalized by March 15?  | Yes/No              |
| 5. <i>Did you know</i> that the public budget meeting has been tentatively scheduled for March 1, 2010?  | Yes/No              |
| 6. <i>Did you know</i> that Morris School is offering a high school accounting course through "pod casting"?   | Yes/No              |
| 7. <i>Did you know</i> that Rosenort School is participating in an action research project (8-2-2- program) with the Department of Education and the Department of Competitiveness, Training and Trade?            | Yes/No              |
| 8. <i>Did you know</i> that The Red River Valley School Division offers Auto Body and Welding Programs as well as a number of other programs through the partnership with The Red River Technical Vocational Area? | Yes/No              |
| 9. <i>Did you know</i> that Lowe Farm School offers full day kindergarten on Tuesdays, Thursdays and every other Friday as well as programs for pre-school children?   | Yes/No              |

**Thank You!**

The Red River Valley School Division Board of Trustees appreciates you taking the time to fill in this survey.



## 2010/2011 Preliminary Budget Consultation

The School Division budget is the means whereby we support the educational experiences, programs, setting and services for the children in our care. The budget must reflect the values and educational directions within the Red River Valley community. With this in mind, please consider the following questions:

- (1) Please identify areas where you believe the School Division budget should give greater emphasis and support to **your local school** within The Red River Valley School Division boundaries.

Educational Programming:

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Transportation:

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Buildings:

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Other:

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Completed by:

Parent

Staff

Tax Payer

Completed forms should be submitted by **December 15, 2009** to:  
Your local school, emailed at [rrvsd@rrvsd.ca](mailto:rrvsd@rrvsd.ca) , faxed, or mailed to:

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