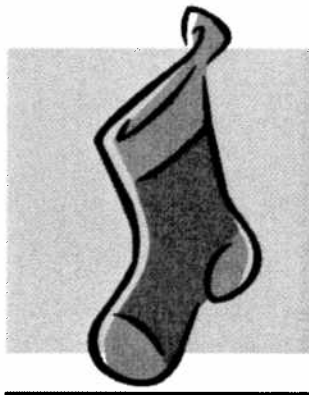


# MORRIS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER, 2010



## CHRISTMAS LUNCH

On Tuesday, December 21 Morris School will be providing a soup lunch to all K-12 students. The Kindergarten to Grades 4 students will eat at 11:15 and Grades 5-12 will eat at noon.

## FARM TO SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

Morris School Band students are raising funds to help with their band trip this year - they are making a healthy choice by selling Top Quality Maniotba Grown Vegetables! Vegetables are conveniently sold in bundles and come in a recyclable shopping bag - there are two different bundles available:

"A" for AWESOME - Bundle A - \$10.00 -3 lbs carrots, 3 lbs yellow cooking onions and 5 lbs red potatoes

"B" for BIG VALUE - Bundle B - \$20.00 -5 lbs carrots, 1 lb parsnips, 3lbs yellow cooking onions, 10 lbs red potatoes and 1 head green cabbage

Orders are due by Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> - please call Heather Penno at 746-2612 ext. 250

# MTC GOERS



## MANITOBA THEATRE CENTRE GROUP

### ***White Christmas***

**"Makes you fall in love with musical theater all over again" Pittsburgh Post-Gazette**

Based upon the Paramount Pictures Film

Written for the screen by Norman Krasna, Norman Panama and Melvin Frank

Music and lyrics by Irving Berlin Book by David Ives and Paul Blake Directed by Robb Paterson

For decades, audiences have been touched by the story of Bob Wallace and Phil Davis, two Second World War veterans-turned-Broadway stars. When talented sisters Betty and Judy Haynes cross paths with the men, Phil and Judy fall in love, Bob and Betty can't stand each other, and all four performers board a train to Vermont to entertain at a winter inn. The only problem is the lack of snow has caused the tourists to leave in droves.

A merry way to celebrate the season, this unforgettable and entertaining musical features the dazzling songs 'Happy Holidays,' 'Blue Skies' and 'White Christmas.'

**Our MTC group is looking forward to seeing another holiday show. Some of us were lucky to see "A Christmas Carol" a few years ago and thoroughly enjoyed it!**

**IF you are unable to attend this show or any other MTC show, PLEASE let me know as I have a waiting list of people and can often sell your ticket!!**

**December 15<sup>th</sup>: Be at school at 5:00 p.m. Bus leaves at 5:15 p.m. sharp!**

**PLEASE remember your tickets and supper money!**

**Mrs. Derewianchuk**

**cderewianchuk@rrvsc.ca**



## REMINDERS!!

- 1) Please dress your child according to the weather - mitts, toques, skipants and boots
- 2) Closure of school due to inclement weather - as per divisional policy - the decision to close schools shall be made prior to 6:45 a.m. and 2:15 p.m. Media announcements shall be made by 7:00 a.m. (full day closure) and 2:30 p.m. (afternoon closure).

Decisions respecting the closure of schools will be made by the Superintendent/CEO after consultation with the RRVSD Transportation department, RCMP, Highways Department, other school divisions and consideration of the following criteria: visibility, Extreme cold temperatures (-35 or lower); Extreme wind-chill factor (-45 or lower); Road conditions.

Media announcements shall be through the following television and radio stations: CFAM, CJOB, CBC990, CKSB, CHSM, CTV and on the Red River Valley website.

Once students have arrived at the schools, schools will remain open until regular dismissal time. In the event that afternoon bus routes are cancelled by the Superintendent/CEO, schools will implement contingency plans to accommodate bus students (billet system).

\*\* If your child is a bus student, please notify Tara in student records

746-2612 ext 222 the name of a billet in the Town of Morris \*\*



## **GRADES 1-4 AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS PROGRAM**

Once again this year, Mrs. Bially will be running an after school sports program for the grades 1-4 students from 3:30 - 4:30. This program will run until spring break.

Grades 1 and 2 students are welcome beginning Tuesday, November 30<sup>th</sup> and each Tuesday thereafter (except during holidays).

Grades 3 and 4 students will start on Thursday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> and will continue each Thursday.

## **MORRIS MAVERICKS HOCKEY!**

Below is a list of home games for November.

December 15<sup>th</sup> - 7:30 VS Carman

December 22 - 1:15 - VS Altona - Food Bank Fundraiser - Bring a canned food item for admission donation

## MILK TICKETS FOR SALE

Just a reminder to parents of grades 1-6 that sheets of milk tickets can be purchased in the office for a price of \$7.50 - this gives you 10 milk tickets.

## INFORMATION UPDATES

Just a reminder - if you have any information changes such as phone numbers, addresses, emergency contacts - please contact Tara Braun at 746-2612 ext. 222 - It is VERY important that your child's information be kept up to date.

We also ask that if your child is away from school for any reason, please contact the teacher directly or call the office staff. Thank you.

## SENIOR CHOIR STARTING IN JANUARY

At the request of several students there will be a Morris School Senior Choir beginning in January 2011 under the direction of Mrs. Margaret Gluck of Lowe Farm. Any students in the Grades of 7 to 12 are welcome to join. Practices will be held during a lunch hour to be determined. Any students who are interested in joining the choir can leave their names with Dianne DeKezel in the School Library and further information will be provided closer to the starting date.

*Merry*  
  
*Christmas*

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

December 13 - K-5 Christmas Concert - "Around the World at Christmas Time"

December 15 - Home Maverick Hockey Game - 7:30

December 21 - K-12 - Christmas Lunch

December 21 - Grade 9-12 Christmas Banquet - Doors open 6:00 p.m.

December 22 - Home Maverick Hockey Game - 1:15 - Food Bank Fundraiser

December 22 - Last day of classes before holidays

December 25 - Merry Christmas Everyone!!

January 1, 2011 - Happy New Year - all the best in 2011!!

January 6 - Back to School!!

January 10 - 13 - Grade 12 Provincial ELA exam

January 24 - 27 - Grades 9-12 exams

January 28 - Inservice - No Classes

January 28 - GRAD PHOTO DAY



**MORRIS SCHOOL STAFF WISHES YOU ALL A VERY  
MERRY CHRISTMAS AND ALL THE BEST TO YOU  
AND YOURS IN THE NEW YEAR!!**



# **WINTER BREAK**

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# **PROGRAM**

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**Dec. 27 - 31 & Jan. 3 - 5**  
**\$12/session**

**Dec. 27**

**AM - Jumbo Dinosaurs**  
**PM - Science of Snowflakes**

**Dec. 28**

**AM - Fossiliferous Sediments**  
**PM - Discovering Microfossils**

**Dec. 29th**

**AM - Craftaceous**  
**PM - Dinosaur Tracks!**

**Dec. 30th**

**AM - Dinosaur Ornaments**  
**PM - How Oil & Gas Deposits form in Rocks**

**Dec. 31st**

**AM - Noise Makers**  
**PM - Outdoor GPS Dinosaur Hunt**

**Jan. 3rd**

**AM - Jumbo Dinosaurs**  
**PM - Science of Snowflakes**

**Jan. 4th**

**AM - Fossiliferous Sediments**  
**PM - Discovering Microfossils**

**Jan. 5th**

**AM - Craftaceous**  
**PM - Dinosaur Tracks!**

**[www.discoverfossils.com](http://www.discoverfossils.com)**

**9:00am - 11:45am**  
**Dinosaur Fun**

**1:15pm - 4:30pm**  
**Fun with Science**

**To Register:**  
**822-3406 or**  
**[info@discoverfossils.com](mailto:info@discoverfossils.com)**

# Program Descriptions



## **Jumbo Dinosaurs**

Learn all about the giant dinosaurs that roamed the Earth. Activities include measuring out dinosaur lengths, colouring large dino cut outs to take home and walking around in dino-size feet.

## **Fossilicious Sediments**

A tasty treat for the morning with cookie crumb sediments, pudding and gummy worms. Participants will do some sediment sifting and learn about different ways fossils form in sediments.

## **Craftaceous**

A great opportunity to make something for a loved one over the holidays from a variety of craft supplies. Ideas and templates related to the Cretaceous Period will be available for craft ideas.

## **Dinosaur Ornaments**

Help decorate the Christmas tree this year with the dinosaur themed ornaments you can make in this program. Learn and name the dinosaurs in your ornaments and do an activity on what different kinds of dinosaurs ate.

## **Noise Makers**

Pretend to be your favourite dinosaur and create your own noise maker to sound just like them. Learn why some dinosaurs had crests on their head and what sounds did they make. You can use these noise makers for New Year celebrations.



## **Science of Snowflakes**

Explore the world of snowflakes! Science campers will learn how to collect and preserve attractive snowflakes from nature on to a microscope slide and then look under the microscope to learn all about how different snowflakes can really be! Learn to identify various types of snowflake crystals!

## **Discovering Microfossils**

Science campers will be to participate in a real hands-on CFDC research project! Learn how to discover microfossils and then how to dissolve the rocks, screen wash for fossils, and identify the samples that you collected.


## **Dinosaur Tracks!**

Follow a dinosaur through the snow! Campers will make dinosaur footprints in the snow, and then learn how scientists can determine how tall and how long a dinosaur was by measuring the footprints! Learn how to identify a dinosaur by the tracks in the snow! How fast was it walking? How tall was it? This will be a fun outdoor exercise in hands-on science!

## **How Oil and Gas Deposits form in Rocks**

Learn how liquids like gas and oil form in solid rock! Science campers will weigh and measure different types of rocks and then record the amount of liquid water that they absorb and how scientists use that information to search for oil and gas deposits.

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