

Kenaston School News



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Kenaston Graduation

Kenaston School Grad is **Thursday, June 28th, 2012 in Kenaston Place**. Exercises start at 6:30 – everyone welcome. The Grand March will follow the exercises at 8:00. The grad banquet (in

Hawarden) will be earlier and is for the grads and their families. The colors the grads have chosen this year are purple, silver, & teal.

There are twelve graduates: Taron Bleakley, Ashton Mills, Landin Mills, Darcy Phillipow, Britany Prpich, David Wiens, Chase Zdunich, Riley Zdunich, Logan McVeigh, plus three distance education students from our division. They are: Kelsey Carlson, Courtney Ziegler, and Naomi Hein. Congratulations everyone! Just as a note of interest, the Grade 12 home-room has special ceiling tiles- each painted by individual graduating classes. The class chooses a theme then they paint the tile and add their grad pictures. This year it is the Lion King theme. This is the fourteenth year it has been done. The first class was 1998. See you at Grad! *Interview with Mrs. Enns conducted by Matthew, Thaniel, & Evan.*



School Office Reno: As you come to visit the school, you will find the main office has moved. We are now located in the front corner of the previous library space directly across from the old office location. With the growth of our distance education program, we have added a Vice-Principal (Mr Johnson) and recently added a second Secretary (Mrs Zdunich). This move provides us with the additional office space we need and allows us to bring our administration team together into one area. Stop in some time and check it out. *by Darren Gasper*

School Staffing: As the current school year draws to a close, we have begun staffing for next year. As mentioned previously, we have added a second Secretary in Mrs Zdunich, and are in the process of filling her previous position in the Library. On the teaching side of things, we have added an additional teaching spot for next year with the increased number of online students we have. We would like to welcome Ms Amy Lafontaine who will teach in the areas of Biology and Science. Ms Lafontaine joins us after spending her first year at Davidson in a similar teaching role. Welcome! *by Darren Gasper*

Track and Field: Our track season is currently underway, and although the spring weather has cut into a



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number of our practice days, we have participated in both Sectionals and Districts so far. The Sectional meet was held in Loreburn on May 16th and included 48 of our students. Our participation in grades 5 to 10 was particularly high, with nearly every student taking part. The weather co-operated to give us a sunny day and 28 of our students qualified to go on to Districts in Saskatoon on May 26th. At Districts we had an overcast day and two of our students qualified for Provincial track on the next weekend. Congratulations go out to Jade Schwab in the triple jump and Mike Kenner in the 100m Hurdles. We had a number of other good performances - you can find the results on our District website at www.shsaa.ca/westcentral. *By Darren Gasper*



Astronomy Report: Our very own Brad Owen, resident of Kenaston, member of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada, came to Kenaston School on May 11th to provide our students with some very interesting information about the skies in the month to come. On May 20th, 2012, there will be a partial Solar Eclipse, starting at 6:10 until sunset. The sun will look like the Cookie Monster took a bite out of it! If you missed that one, look into the skies again on June 4th for a partial Lunar Eclipse – no glasses required and it starts at 4:00 am. The last chance is on June 5th when there is a Transit of Venus (Venus crosses in front of the sun). This is a once in a lifetime opportunity, starting at 4:00 pm, you must use eclipse glasses, and can be viewed until sunset. Please keep in mind that you should only look at the sun with eclipse glasses or a welder's glass. Do not use sunglasses or binoculars!! From Kenaston School, thank-you Brad for sharing all this interesting information and for providing all of the school students with Eclipse glasses.

Mr. Owen's information submitted by Mrs. Remmen

Slow Pitch: As usual, our annual school co-ed Slow Pitch Tournament will start soon. It includes students from Grades 7 –12 and staff members. The community is welcome to come and watch the exciting play every noon hour (12:10–12:45) weather permitting! (Check with the school for start date).



Kenaston School World Class

First Nations Cultural Tour

“Man can go up against gravitation in a balloon, and why should he not hope that ultimately he may be able to stop or accelerate his drift along the Time-Dimension or even turn about and travel the other way.” H.G. Wells

On April 27, 2012, Kenaston School did “turn about and travel the other way”, back in time to the Saskatchewan prairies two hundred years ago. Armed with their World Class Tour passports, and a colour coded feather that acted as a time portal, students entered “The Time Machine.” They say the experience involved lights, noise, and vivid scenery of world events flashing before their eyes. Fortunately, their travels in time-warp speed brought them safely to Saskatchewan in the year 1812. The K-12 students were then arranged into 5 tour groups where they began their interactive tour of the First Nations culture: 200 hundred years ago.



Traditional food preparation was demonstrated, discussed, and shared by Elder Judy Bear. Pemmican was made and students had the opportunity to taste test some of the foods. As students made their way to hear stories from Elder Barry Ahenekew, they were given fresh bannock, “warm

from the fire.” They then gathered around this master storyteller to hear the stories of his people passed down through the oral tradition. Next, they traveled to visit a display of artifacts where John Spyglass (Saskatchewan Indian Cultural Centre) provided stories and interpretation while students were allowed to touch, wear, and learn the significance of the items displayed.

The tour continued to a large meeting area where the students witnessed the construction of a 8 foot tipi while Jesse Greenwood, a Wanuskewin heritage interpreter, told of the symbolism of tipi construction and the procedure of maintaining the circle of knowledge. Next came a visit to a traditional craft, called birch bark biting, used for First Nations creative designs to decorate clothing and foot wear. Instructed by teacher, Liz Conner, students had a chance to use their teeth to create their own patterns. Another tour stop involved participation in games the children of the plains played 200 years ago.



When all students had toured the 6 sessions, they assembled to the large meeting place. Blankets, symbolizing warmth and hospitality were presented to our session leaders after Elder Barry shared story and song about the significance of the gifts. Students and guest then watched the St. Mary’s Oskayak Dance Troupe demonstrate their heritage through dance, drum, and song. 21st century students were invited to join in the jigging and many did take up the invitation. Finally, as the dancers departed in their Grand Exit, Kenaston School students needed to be transported back to 2012. They had

experienced the culture of a people in another time and were able to take those understandings back with them to the present. Holding tight to their feather portals, they entered the time machine amid flashing lights and time dimension static. They counted backwards, then chanted, “Beam me up, Scotty.” Amazingly, students landed back in Kenaston School in the present time, but thinking that next year they would like to travel back in time to visit the Middle Ages. Thanks goes to the generous support of our sponsors, Dakota Dunes Casino, Affinity Credit Union, and Kenaston School Community Council. *by Mrs. K Johnson*

Senior Badminton: The senior badminton season was a successful one all around. After a few weeks of practice and exhibition games, we ended up sending three teams to sectional playoffs. Sam and Maria (girl’s doubles) and Greg and Leighton (boy’s doubles) competed hard, but did not quite advance to the district playoffs. Riley (boy’s singles) played great at sectionals and ended up second place overall! This won him a trip to Rosetown for district playoffs at the end of April. Riley came up against some very tough competition here, but he had a great time playing against some of the best players in the province. Good luck to Riley in the future as he is our only graduating player! *by Mr. Marsh—Coach*

Jr. Girls Badminton Badminton always is a quick season, but we had a fun and learning experience this year. Our team consisted of Haley and Tessa (Girls Doubles), Kennedi and Alyssa (GD), and Kaylin, Ann, and Eve as our Girls Singles. We started off playing games in Davidson against Loreburn, and then games in Loreburn against Davidson. At practices, we improved our skills by practicing serving, as well as learning how to hit a clear, smash, drop and net shot. We had Inter-sectionals in Davidson, where Alyssa (switching to Girls Singles) moved onto Sectionals in Outlook the following week, where she came up against some stiff competition. We had good run at badminton this year, and look forward to next season. Great job, girls! *by Miss K. Lynchuk- Coach*

Our fundraiser for the Heart and Stroke Foundation raised \$3351.74. The students in Kindergarten to grade 6 participated in Jump Rope for Heart while the students in grade 7 to 12 had fun with Hoops for Heart. We had a Hat Day and held a Subway lunch in which the proceeds were going to the fundraiser.

Kenaston Kids Craft Club will be meeting on Monday, June 4th. There are about 20 students participating in a summer time craft. *by Shannon Libke*

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!