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SCHOOL
NEWS

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JUNE END 2010

TERRY WILSON

1962 – 2010



Terence Pascal (Terry) Wilson was born on November 2, 1962. He grew up in Banbridge, Northern Ireland.

He graduated from St. Mary's College in Belfast with a Bachelor of Education, specializing in Physical Education and Elementary Studies.

He moved to Prince George, British Columbia in 1986, where he taught at St. Mary's Elementary School. Terry and his family moved to Lethbridge in 2002, where he became the principal of St. Catherine's School in Picture Butte. He assumed the principalship of Father Leonard Van Tighem in 2007.

Along with education, one of Terry's great passions was the sport of soccer, which he played as a semi-professional athlete in his youth, and continued to support through his involvement with the Lethbridge Soccer Association.

Terry Wilson will be mourned by his two sons, Aeden and Finbar, as well as his many family friend and colleagues in Ireland, Prince George, and Lethbridge.

We will especially miss Terry here at Father Leonard Van Tighem. We will remember his infectious laugh; quick wit; his presence within the school community; and his ability to put a smile on everyone's face, even in times of trouble. Our school families have been amazing in showing their support and caring through these tough times. Thank you from all the staff at FLVT.

As Terry would say:

***“God is good! All the time!
All the time! God is good!”***

AN IRISH BLESSING

May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back,
May the sunshine warm upon your face,
May the rain fall soft upon your fields,
And until we meet again,
May Gold hold you in the palm of His Hand.

AUGUST 30/10 - 1st DAY BACK



Keep away from people who try to belittle your ambitions. Small people always do that, but the really great make you feel that you, too, can become great.

~ Mark Twain

A FOND FAREWELL

TO A COUPLE OF LONGTIME STAFF MEMBERS

MARY CLEWES - Although we are sad to lose Mary and will miss her dearly, we are also excited for her as she looks forward to her retirement. Over her career Mary has taught at St. Patrick Fine Arts, Our Lady of Assumption, subbed in Calgary for 2 years, spent time at St. Paul School and finished her career at Father Leonard Van Tighem School since it opened. She is looking forward to travelling with her husband, spending time with her family and catching up on some reading. Our prayers and best wishes go with Mary as she enters into her next journey in life.

WANDA KOPP - After fifteen years in the teaching profession, eleven of them at FLVT, Wanda Kopp is pursuing a new direction. She plans to use her teaching skills in lay counseling and will be working with her husband who is a pastor at a church here in Lethbridge. We wish Wanda well and know she will do well in her new endeavor. Mrs. Kopp extends her gratitude to the FLVT family for being such a nurturing and faith-filled community.

JINAN DLEIKEN - REMY ARNDT - STEPHANIE SPAN - LINDSEY SMITH

These are four very special Education Assistants at our school that will be missed by both staff and students alike. Their dedication to our students has been exemplary and they all possess very kind and loving hearts, always having the student's best interests as their number one goal. We wish them well in their future endeavors and we will all miss them very much.

Transportation Changes for 2010/2011 - Bus Passes

Beginning this September 2010, students who are not subsidized by Alberta Education for bus transportation **will be required to pay a user fee of \$10 per month per child.** While this amount certainly does not cover the cost of bus transportation in our division, we are hoping that it will help us ensure that our transportation system remains viable for our students.

Parents will be required to pay this user fee when:

- The student lives between 1.2 k.m. and 2.4 k.m. from their *nearest school, and is being transported to that school.
- The student is being transported to a school that is not their *nearest school.

(* Please note that, if your child is attending a French Immersion program, that school is considered your "nearest" school.)



PROVINCIAL ACHIEVEMENT TESTS (PAT) **& FINAL EXAMS**

Students who have Internet access at home, and who wish to practice Achievement Test type questions are invited to go to www.exambank.com Our school user name is “**hs.leonard**”, and our password is “**wheat.**” This website offers practice exams and immediate feedback.

Final Exams.....

All Junior High exams will take place in the morning. Please arrive at regular class time. Grade 7 and 8s will write subject finals and Grade 9s write the Provincial Achievement Tests. This year students will write their exams in class rooms. Students are given 2 hours to complete the test.

Course textbooks are to be returned on the morning of the subject exam.

June 22 ... A.M. Gr. 7 – Language Arts (Part B)
Gr. 8 – Science
Gr. 9 – Study and Review session
P.M. – Tutorial for
Gr. 9 (Language Arts)
Gr. 8 (Math)
Gr. 7 (Science)

June 23 ... A.M. Gr. 9 – Language Arts (Part B)
Gr. 8 – Math
Gr. 7 – Science
P.M. – Tutorial for
Gr. 9 (Science)
Gr. 8 (Social)
Gr. 7 (Math)

June 24 ... A.M. Gr. 9 – Science (PAT)
Gr. 8 – Social
Gr. 7 – Math
P.M. – Tutorial for
Gr. 9 (Math)
Gr. 8 (Language Arts)
Gr. 7 (Social)

June 25 ... A.M. Gr. 9 – Math (PAT)
Gr. 8 – Language Arts
Gr. 7 – Social
P.M. – Teachers available for
Post exam discussion and debriefing

All p.m. sessions start at 1:00 p.m. Please bring your materials needed to review the days’ subject matter.

*****Buses will run as usual.**

REPORT CARDS WILL BE MAILED OUT IN JULY

MATH NOTES



Please make sure your child has their own calculator for Final Exams and PATs, as we do not have enough extras to lend out.

ELEMENTARY



Elementary Swimming Party... Thursday, June 24

Elementary swim day is scheduled for June 24.

Grades 1 - 3 Students will be bussed to the Max Bell Swimming Pool from 10:00- 12:00.

Grades 4 – 6 will then have their swim time from **12:15 – 2:15. Note change of time.**

Students will be bussed to and from the University, however, the University would appreciate extra parents/volunteers in the pool to help out. Bring your swimming suits! 😊

ELEMENTARY - LAST DAY OF CLASSES – JUNE 25

Our final day for Elementary students is Friday, June 25. Students will receive their report cards that morning and will be dismissed at 11:00 a.m.

KINDERGARTEN

JUNE 23 (Wednesday) - is a Kindergarten **Nicholas Sheran Year End Party**. More information to follow including details of field trip.

JUNE 24 (Thursday) last day for Kindergarten.

NOTES FROM THE LIBRARY



The end of the school year is here again! Thank you, to those students who have brought back all of their library books. For those who haven't..PLEASE bring them in ASAP! It takes a long time to get the library back in order to be ready for next year. Also, for those who have "lost book" charges or overdue fines, please bring them in by the end of the week. Notices were sent home with the students a week or so ago, so if they have charges, they SHOULD know about them! Congratulations to Mrs. Braun's class for being the first class to have all of their books returned! Way to go! They each received a colorful pencil.

One more reminder to Jr. High students to make sure they return their textbooks in good condition. Thank you to the majority of you who treat your textbooks with respect. They are very costly, and need to last many years! For those that do not get returned or are damaged, fees will be assessed on an individual basis.

I can never thank enough the volunteers and students who have helped me in the library over the past year. So again..my deepest thanks!

Please encourage your children to keep up their reading during the summer months. There are several good programs offered through the Lethbridge Public Library.

NEXT YEAR'S CALENDAR AND SUPPLY LISTS WILL BE INCLUDED WITH REPORT CARDS

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

Hello to all

Our June 2, 2010 at our Annual General Meeting we held elections to choose the New Parent Council to support the upcoming school year.

Most of the positions will need a new face as the present council has served for numerous years. Parents in all grades including Kindergarten are encouraged to step up.

The following positions were elected:

Vice Chair – Lorne Johnson

Communications Coordinator – Shyann Miller

School Events/Community Events Coordinator – Michelle Clymer

Thank you for making the commitment to better your child's educational environment . We still require a few important positions to be filled.

Chairperson

Secretary

Treasurer

A description of the positions on the council are attached as well as their Main Duties. The positions are not onerous and sometime only require a few hours a month of your time.

Chairperson

1. Call and preside over all General, Executive or Special meetings.
2. Cause the agenda to be prepared and circulated for all meetings.
- 3.. Attend School Board Meetings as required.

Secretary

1. Record and maintain an accurate record of all general, executive and special meetings.
2. Cause this record to be typed into minute form and be distributed to all members of the Executive Committee and all members present at the meeting to which the minutes apply.
3. Keep an accurate record of names and addresses of council members.

Treasurer shall be responsible for the following:

1. Receive all monies paid to the School Council and deposit it in the Council's bank account(s).
2. Make all disbursements for expenses incurred by the Council
3. Maintain records of all financial transactions of the Council and present a written statement of same to be presented at each General Meeting.

Please speak to any of the existing Council Members who would be happy to discuss or give me a call at 403-394-1643 if you are interested.

Thanks

Paul Rocca

Chair.

SPORTS DAY 2010

THANK YOUS!!!!

FLVT Parent Council would like to thank the following great volunteers for all their help with the Sports Day lunch: Donna Castelli, Nolan Meyer, Sheena McRae, Sandy Anderson, Maggie Hughes, Bill Gaehring, Lani Kabayama, Michelle Clymer, Cathie Martin-Weersink, Mary Kundrik.

Thank you to all the parents, too numerous to mention, who helped out with all the other sports day activities.

We could not hold these kind of activities without your dedication and help.

Parent Council would also like to thank the following businesses for their donations:

Hostess Frito-Lay – chips

London Drugs and Shoppers Drug Mart – juice boxes

Lethbridge Meats and Seafoods – hot dogs

Canada Safeway – hot dog buns



PARENTS MAKE THE DIFFERENCE

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PREVENT SUMMER READING LOSS BY GETTING INVOLVED

Your child has worked on reading skills all year long. You don't want him to lose them over the summer! Yet research shows that summer reading loss is a real problem. Thankfully, there are countless ways you can encourage your child to maintain - and even improve - reading skills during vacation.

Here are a few ideas:

- Read together daily. In addition to reading books, ask for your child's help with following recipes, using the phone book and making lists.
- Keep reading materials handy. Leave comics, magazines, books, newspapers and other materials around the house so your child is likely to pick them up.
- Choose irresistible materials. Look for books and articles about your child's interests, such as sports, art, animals or even favourite TV shows.
- Talk with experts. Ask your child's teacher or a librarian for summer reading suggestions.
- Visit the library. Give your child frequent opportunities to find materials that appeal to him.
- Take books with you. Bring them on trips, into waiting rooms and anywhere else your child might complain, "I'm bored!"
- Be creative. Listen to audio books. Play word games. Visit a museum and read about displays. Start a book club. Have fun!

Source: Maryann Mraz and Timothy V. Rasinski, "Summer Reading Loss," Reading Rockets, www.readingrockets.org/articles/15218

QUESTION & ANSWER

Q: My son struggled this year in fourth grade. He will pass - but just barely. I don't have money to send him to summer school or an expensive camp. But I know he needs help or next year will be worse. What can I do over the summer to help my child catch up so he can keep up next year?

A: It sounds like your child has had a rough year. But there are ways to make sure he doesn't repeat in fifth grade.

Here are four ideas to help you get your son back on track:

1. Meet with your child's teacher before the end of the year. Together, lay out a summer learning plan. If he's struggling in math, find out exactly what seems to give him trouble - fractions? Multiplication and division?
2. Take care of some basics. Have your son's vision and hearing tested. It may be that he can't see to read the board, or that he can't hear the teacher. So rule out these problems early.
3. Set some learning goals. How many books will he read? (Sign him up for the library reading program.) Let him pick the books - don't worry if they are "classics" or not.
4. Set aside time each day to work on school skills. Perhaps the teacher will give you work sheets or an old math book so he can practice.
5. Have some fun together. Learning doesn't have to be drudgery! So visit the zoo or a museum. Look for a free concert. All these are ways to learn that don't cost money.

- *Kristen Amundson, The Parent Institute.*