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# Pangman School

## A Celebration of Pangman – School Review

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On March 19, 2012 a full gym of Pangman School stakeholders addressed the South East Cornerstone School Division about the viability of grades 9-12 for the school. At this point we know the school will operate as a K-8 for 2012-13 but we await a decision on grades 9-12.

The process has been difficult for students, staff, parents and the community. All must acknowledge the Electors Meeting on March 19 as it was a celebration of the pride in the accomplishments of the school and community.

A capacity crowd passionately detailed the benefits, achievements, and rationale to maintain all grades in the school. By all accounts, the meeting was a celebration of Pangman School and the academic, physical and social development that is achieved here. Pangman School students and staff wish to thank the School Community Council and all community members for attending, recognizing, articulating and celebrating our school.

Our future will be decided on April 19, 2012 and Pangman School is confident that the community did all in its power to ensure a positive outcome. Thank you to all who contributed to this process.

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### Important Dates

*Spring Break*

*April 6- April 15*

*SECS Board Meeting*

*April 19*

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Thank you to all parents and students who attended the Three Way Conferences to discuss their child's academic performance. It is the best way for the school to communicate with parents. The staff at Pangman School appreciate the opportunity and time taken by the families.



*"Success and achievement for every student"*

*March Students of the Month*

K -2

Grades 3-5

Grades 6-8

Grades 9-10

Grades 11-12

## March Students of the Month



**2012 Graduation**  
**The Graduating Class of 2012**  
**will celebrate and prepare for**  
**the next step in their lives...**

**May 4<sup>th</sup> 2012**

**Exercises – 7 pm**  
**Grand March – 9 pm**  
**Social to follow**

**2012 Graduates:**

**Brittany**  
**Andrea**  
**Dayna**  
**Markus**  
**Brea**  
**Brandon**  
**Meghan**



## Pink Shirt Day

On April 3, 2012 Pangman School held an Assembly and an all-day event to acknowledge our students' efforts to prevent bullying and ensure a positive school climate for all. The SRC provided students with a DQ lunch and the students and staff celebrated their contributions to ensuring a safe, welcome environment for all students at Pangman School.

### The Story of Pink Shirt Day -Taken from CBC News

Two Nova Scotia students are being praised across North America for the way they turned the tide against the bullies who picked on a fellow student for wearing pink.

The victim – a grade 9 boy at Central Kings Rural High School in the small community of Cambridge – wore a pink polo shirt on his first day of school. Bullies harassed the boy, called him a homosexual for wearing pink and threatened to beat him up, students said.

Two Grade 12 students – David Shepherd and Travis Price – heard the news and decided to take action. "I just figured enough was enough," said Shepherd. They went to a nearby discount store and bought 50 pink shirts, including tank tops, to wear to school the next day.

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Find us at PangmanSchool  
 Sign up today.

(Pink Shirt Day Continued)

### "Sea of Pink" Support

Then the two went online to email classmates to get them on board with their anti-bullying cause that they dubbed a "sea of pink." But a tsunami of support poured in the next day. Not only were dozens of students outfitted with the discount tees, but hundreds of students showed up wearing their own pink clothes, some head-to-toe.

When the bullied student, who has never been identified, walked into school to see his fellow students decked out in pink, some of his classmates said it was a powerful moment. He may have even blushed a little. "Definitely it looked like there was a big weight lifted off his shoulders. He went from looking right depressed to being as happy as can be," said Shepherd. And there's been nary a peep from the bullies since, which Shepherd says just goes to show what a little activism will do.

"If you can get more people against them...to show that we're not going to put up with it and support each other, then they're not as big a group as they think they are," he says.

The students' "sea of pink": campaign did not go unnoticed outside the province. US talk show host Ellen DeGeneres expressed interest in their story, and other schools are talking about holding their own "pink day." It's been totally overwhelming for us. I mean we're just two local boys and I mean we're getting calls from like Alaska and emails. It's just phenomenal the support that we've gotten from across the globe," said Price.

The school principal, understandably, was flush with pride.

"You're always hearing about the youth of the world and how bad things are. Well, they're not that bad," said Stephen Pearl.



Pangman Elementary Classes in a "Sea of Pink"

Hometown Café is pleased to present a complimentary meal to one student randomly selected out of the Respected Bucket each month.

Thank you Hometown Café for helping recognize a deserving student. March - Jacey

## SRC Activities

Students have been selling raffle tickets for a new Blackberry Smartphone or 1 of 2 Hometown Cafe \$25 gift certificates. The draw date was Thursday, April 5. Thank you to everyone who has supported the SRC by purchasing tickets. The money raised will be used by the SRC to enhance student life and promote school spirit at Pangman School.

Recently, the SRC has become a platinum sponsor for the school yearbook and purchased sand toys for the elementary playground, tools for hot lunch preparation, supplies for K-12 Easter activities and temporary tattoos of the Pangman School Panther logo. The SRC members paid for the delivery fee for the DQ hot lunch on Tuesday, April 3.

The K-2 class has been a tough competitor on recent SRC spirit days including Panther Pride Day, Camouflage Day and Nerd Day. On Thursday, April 5 students were encouraged to dress up in an Easter theme such as an Easter bunny, a patterned Easter egg, or in Easter colours.

## SRC Events - April

Panther Pride Day, Friday, April 20

Blackberry Raffle, Thursday, April 5

Western Day, Wednesday, April 25



K-2 on Camouflage day

## Thank You .....

Charity Farms has recently donated 20 tables , 200 folding chairs and dollies for moving and storage of the furniture. These items not only will enhance school functions but make the gym a much more convenient space to use for the entire community. Thank you for this contribution to school and community life!

## Daycare News.....

Exciting new deal: parents can purchase 10 hour blocks of daycare time @ \$3 per hour. For more details call the daycare at 442-4440.

## Curling Update

The curling season has come to an end with two of our students participating in the Bonspiel organized by Mrs. Webb in Ogema. Ryan and Luis were on the team that came in 2nd place. They won some great prizes and had lots of fun. We hope to have many more interested curlers come out next season.

## Pangman School News

by Brittany Colbow, roving reporter

As we swing into April, we students are looking forward to completing our final semester. But first a little recap of the past few weeks. Thank you to our teacher Mrs. Judy Myren and to the Ogema Curling Club for arranging for the "Rocks and Rings" curling program to come to our school. Curling instructor Braeden Moskowy introduced the sport to our students through many different fun physical activities.

We were glad there was enough snow so Pangman students could enjoy the annual ski trip on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Pangman School graduating class of 2012 would like to thank all who donated bottles and recyclables for our bottle drive on March 10. We received our report cards on March 16<sup>th</sup>. Three Way Conferences for students, parents and teachers were held on March 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> after school hours. Hope that went well!

Pangman students raised an amazing \$2,170.84 for our annual Jump Rope For Heart fundraiser for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Way to go! Congratulations to Skylar and Caleb White for raising the most money and winning some great prizes. The Bingo Night that the SRC held raised \$254.00 for Telemiracle. Thank you to all who donated prizes and came out to play bingo.

During the noon break on Thursdays, students continue to participate in our Mentorship Program set up by Mr. Mark Penny, our Student Services Counsellor. A high school student is paired up with an elementary student to spend the noon break together on activities they both enjoy such as playing games in the library, going outside or playing in the gym. Thank you Radius Credit Union for purchasing t-shirts for all the students involved as mentors and mentees.

As part of our school's RespectED initiative, students and staff are continuing to watch for "random acts of kindness" and filling the blue bucket in the library with "drops" of notes explaining these good deeds. Thank you to Boyd and Nicki Tourscher of our Hometown Café for sponsoring a free meal to one deserving student randomly selected each month from the RespectED bucket. The lucky winner for March who was "caught" doing something nice is Jacey.

All the staff and most of our students wore pink shirts on April 3 to show our commitment to our school's anti-bullying initiative. Our principal looked good in pink!

By the time you are reading this, my friend Brea and I will be basking in the California sunshine taking in CalBreak where we will be joining high school students from Saskatchewan, Alberta and Manitoba for 10 days of wholesome fun.

## Photos .....



**K-2 Winners of Panther Pride Day**



**Grades 3-5 Preparing Easter Eggs**



**Riding the lift for the next trip down on school ski trip!**

# PANGMAN SCHOOL

2011-2012 Yearbook Order Form

I wish to purchase \_\_\_\_2011-2012 Pangman School Yearbook(s) at **\$15.00 (until April 30, after April 30, \$20).**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to be a 'sponsor' of the 2011-2012 Pangman School Yearbook. Minimum donation of sponsorship is \$10.00. Please use the following signature for my sponsorship.

Signature for Sponsorship:

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Amounts:	Bronze:	\$10.00
	Silver:	\$20.00
	Gold:	\$50.00
	Platinum:	\$80.00


\*This year only the name and phone number of the business or organization will be listed.\*

Please return this form to Pangman School.

Make cheques payable to Pangman School.

Thank you for your support!

# April 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Ava Birthday	2 DAY 6	3 DAY 1 KINDERGARTEN PINK SHIRT DAY DQ Hot Lunch	4 DAY 2	5 DAY 3 KINDERGARTEN Blackberry Raffle Easter Dress Up Day	6 Good Friday No School	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
EASTER SUNDAY	NO SCHOOL EASTER BREAK	Grayson West Birthday NO SCHOOL EASTER BREAK	NO SCHOOL EASTER BREAK	NO SCHOOL EASTER BREAK	NO SCHOOL EASTER BREAK	Brad Johner Concert 7 pm Pangman Gym
15	16 DAY 4	17 DAY 5	18 DAY 6	19 DAY 1	20 DAY 2	21
Andrea Birthday		KINDERGARTEN		KINDERGARTEN Alyscia Birthday	 Panther Pride Gr. 1-2 Care Home Visit	
22	23 DAY 3 KINDERGARTEN	24 DAY 4	25 DAY 5 KINDERGARTEN Western Day	26 DAY 6	27 DAY 1 KINDERGARTEN Dakoda Birthday Nathaniel Birthday K-2 Library Visit	28
29 Layton Birthday Jacey birthday	30 DAY 2					

# Parent Education Evenings

## *“Life with Aspergers”*

**When: Monday, April 23, 2012 or Wednesday, April 25, 2012. 7pm-9pm**  
The same presentation will be on both evenings.

**Where: COMING FROM Child and Youth Services Autism Centre  
TO Telehealth Sites Across SunCountry Health Region**  
**Available at your local Health Centre in:**  
**Arcola, Bengough, Coronach, Fillmore,  
Gainsborough, Midale, Oxbow, Radville, Redvers,  
Stoughton and Wawota**  
**St. Joseph’s Hospital Estevan and Weyburn**



Diagnosed at age seven with Asperger’s Syndrome by Child and Youth Mental Health, Pierce Johnston has used his life’s experiences to teach the people around him what it means to be a high functioning Autistic.

While home educated from age nine, he discovered his passion for writing during a keyboarding lesson at age 16. Later he realized his drive to explain the gifts and challenges of Asperger’s Syndrome to others during his social group sessions at the Autism Resource Centre.

Since then, he has given speeches and wrote articles for schools, Rehabilitation Centre’s and the local newspaper. He continues to write his young adult trilogy series called “The Deed” and has plans for several other books in the near future.

One of the most important goals for Pierce in this life is to motivate other people with Asperger’s Syndrome to embrace their uniqueness and be proud of the gifts they can bring to the world.

“A persons differences an change the world but only if they gather the courage to use it” -Andy Andrews-

Pierce will also be introducing a film as part of his presentation. The film is a multiple award-winner, **The Boy Inside**.

This documentary follows 12-year-old Adam as he tries desperately to control his outbursts and make sense of bullies, girls and life in the real world. A rare insight into an increasingly common neurological disorder, this film is the story of a family on the edge as they work to overcome a form of autism the world is only now beginning to recognize. **This event may be of particular interest to individuals with Aspergers syndrome. We encourage parents to bring any family members or support who are interested. Child care is not provided at this event.**

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