



Pangman School

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Fitness, Games and Giggles

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Grades 4-9 Boys & Girls Flag Football Team

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November 5

Report Cards
Friday
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3 Way Conferences
Wednesday, November 28
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School Bazaar
Saturday, Dec. 1

Fitness, Games and Giggles are the emphasis of a new intramural program at Pangman School. It is designed to give our students a "team" experience and reach younger students. The program runs for students in Grades 4 -12. Flag football, 4 on 4 floor hockey, and 2 on 2 beach volleyball (no...there is no sand) were brand new additions to our intramural sports program. Pangman School was humming on Saturday, October 13 as we hosted flag football teams from Gladmar, Ogema and Radville as well as the Sr. Girls Volleyball tournament. The success of the introductory football season can be captured by the comment of one of the Grade 3 students who said, "Mr. Ryan, I can hardly wait to play next year when I'm in Grade 4."

Message from the Principal

October was a busy month at Pangman School and I am pleased to report that the academic year is off to a great start. Students are firmly entrenched in their studies and we are quickly coming up to the first reporting period for parents and guardians. Pangman School will soon be providing students, parents and guardians instant access to their grades online with Homelogic. Please watch for the letter and instructions that will be brought home with your child.

We invite parents to take advantage of the Conferences offered at the end of the month. Three Way Conferencing is an important process in your child's education. The purpose of a student led conference is to allow the individual child to take ownership of their learning and articulate their learning strengths and areas needing improvement. When students are able to do this, their learning inevitably improves. Pangman School Staff invite you to participate in your son's or daughter's academic achievement by joining us in conference on the evenings of November 28 and 29.

I ask all Pangman School stakeholders to be active participants in the education process. We encourage all parents and community members to visit and contact the school with any questions, concerns, or suggestions.

Laury Ryan



Remembrance Day
Service 10:45 Fri. Nov. 9
School Gym
Everyone Welcome

Students of the Month

**Congratulations
to
our
Students
Of
the
Month**



School Community Council Executive

**President: Pam Rowland
Vice President: Hayley Hatt
Secretary: Krista Antal
Members: Kathy Bryson-McCullough, Gladys Jesse, Lloyd Lillejord, Laura Tessier, Nicky Tourscher.**

Professional Learning Community to Improve Student Writing

The staff at Pangman School are involved in a professional learning community this year to help students improve their writing. The staff have decided to focus on report writing this year as this is a form of writing that is common at all grade levels.

As part of their professional development, teachers are collecting samples of student-created reports at each grade level that they can then use with students to help explain what good reports look like.

Criteria checklists for good reports at each grade level will also be created from curriculum documents and shared with students, along with the samples. A compilation of grade-level samples and criteria checklists will be created and shared with students and other teaching colleagues in the school division by the end of the school year.



The K-2 class has been working very hard in October on the Number Sense outcomes in the math curriculum. One activity that the students take part in is subitizing which is the act of quickly recognizing a group of objects or dots as a quantity without counting. For example, when we see five dots together forming an x on a dice or playing card, we do not need to count to know that group of dots is five. Having a strong grasp of number sense is an important foundation for solving numeracy problems.



New TV monitor in school entrance updates our students continually as to daily announcements & upcoming events. And you can't miss the bright sign outdoors for school news.



High School Students "Go to War"

On Oct. 23, Grades 9-12 attended Globe Theatre's production of "Billy Bishop Goes to War" as part of their studies of World War I and Canadian flying ace, Billy Bishop. Taking in this performance seemed most appropriate as this play is studied in high school and Remembrance Day is fast approaching. Overall this was a wonderful opportunity for our students to experience the heart and soul of this musical story of a Canadian World War I hero. Thank you to Pangman School for making this possible.

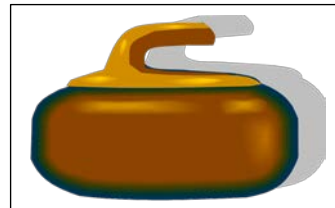


Cross Country Running Club

Pangman students were off and running in Carnduff on October 3 in division competitions. Races included both one and two kilometer events. The club will pick up the pace again in the spring.



Grades 3, 4 & 5 have been busy preparing science projects to show how animals depend on the soil and what the soil provides for animals. Their projects included dioramas, slide shows, pictures, and stories. In ELA, Grade 3 students are learning how to describe themselves and others using descriptive language. Grade 4 students have been talking about similes, and have done some great illustrations. Grade 5 students are putting together photo essays to illustrate their interests. All students are learning cursive writing. In Math, we are learning about estimating and being sure we have the tools to make a "good guess". We have a very busy classroom with lots of enthusiasm for learning.



Curling season is just around the corner. Contact Mrs. Myren to sign up. Watch for posters.



Don't miss the Dec. 20 application deadline for House of Commons Page Program recruitment for Gr. 12 students. www.parl.gc.ca/hocpage

\$5,000 Scholarship

"How to Improve Your Community" is the new scholarship offered by Community Futures Saskatchewan for Grade 12 students. The scholarship application must include the student's idea for community development. For more information go to www.businessstarthere.ca.



Bus Driver Appreciation Day Oct. 15



Students say "Thanks" to their driver Arla Hanson



K-2's sang Halloween songs at Care Home

The SRC hosted Halloween activities in the gym on Oct. 31. The Spirit Teams played Halloween themed Pictionary & Charades. Costumes were varied and creative.



Sr. Girls won Gladmar Volleyball tournament Oct. 27



Bus Driver Kerrie Johnson also coached Sr. Girls Volleyball



Exciting news! Classically trained vocalist Joyce Walters will be coming to Pangman School once a week to teach an after-school program to students of all ages. Students can learn the performing arts, singing, playing an instrument, and backstage techniques. Mrs. Walters obtained her Bachelor of Music Education degree from the U of R with a major in Voice and a minor in Drama. She is also currently singing with the Regina Philharmonic Chorus. Email her at sing4life.walters@gmail.com