

## Mallard June 2017 Newsletter

June has been a rich and rewarding month of learning and activities. Highlights for the month include a trip to the Human Rights Museum for the grade 7-12 students, track and field events, the year end field trip, grad and picnic. On top of this, the high school students finished their social justice projects and had an afternoon of sharing their learning. We have also spent time learning about geocaching (a technological scavenger hunt).

Our visit to the Human Rights Museum was on May 31<sup>st</sup>. The grade 7-12 students went to help the older students learn about social justice and help them with their own projects. We started with a tour of the museum and then had an hour of free time to look around the museum at our own leisure. During our tour we learned that the museum is built like a mountain with the glass layers representing snow, ice and clouds. Our tour guide made a joke about how the museum is the only mountain in Manitoba. The most memorable parts were

- seeing the pair of striped pyjamas worn by someone in a concentration camp
- seeing the Santa like robe worn by a government official in the past
- learning about how, all throughout history, civilians have rioted to earn the rights we have today
- learning about the language and religious barriers Hutterites have faced
- learning about how the gap between males and females earnings is decreasing

The building itself was memorable too: white stone was used to line the ramps that went throughout the entire museum and there was a high tower, the Tower of Hope, from which you could see lots of Winnipeg and all the different angles of the building. Thank you to Gilbert for driving us and to Heidi for helping supervise!



The Early Years Track and Field Meet was held at Wingham Colony on Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. We loaded the bus with eleven excited K-4 girls and headed on our way. Mr. James was our driver and we had a great group of mom volunteers. Thank you for getting us there, preparing snacks and making sure the girls had all they needed to compete. We arrived in time to meet new friends and have some time to play on the play structure. This was the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Early Years Track Meet and it ran like a well-oiled machine. The girls were separated into their grade groups and participated in seven events each. We were there to have fun and try our best. We even came away with ribbons to show our progress. Way to go, girls! The morning had events, followed by ribbon presentations and a yummy picnic lunch. After lunch, we completed our events, were treated to an ice cream treat and finished the last of the ribbon ceremonies. On our way home, we made a slight detour to a green house where the girls got to see turtles, feed the fish and a mama cat and her kittens. It was a warm and windy day full of sunshine and fun. Way to try your best, girls!

The grade 5-12 track and field meet was on June 19 at Good Hope Colony. Our group was quite competitive, bringing home 38 ribbons and 5 medals (Phoebe, Raphaela, Jaydee, Jairus, and Tyler). The girls were in second place for the banner win and the boys were in third place for the banner win, but the boys had more overall points than the girls. Our group even broke three records: Raphaela broke the records for 100m and 200m and was 1 second away from the 400m record and Tyler broke the record for 1500m. Our biggest competition was Wingham! Overall we had a great day being competitive, but still having fun while visiting friends! Thank you to Gilbert for driving us and to the moms who came to help cheer, support and supervise!

Our year end field trip was on June 20. We are thankful that we had such nice weather, unlike the following day. We started with a tour around Boonstra farm; there were nice trails to walk on and many swings. There was a large petting zoo with sheep, goats, rabbits and kittens. We had an ugly turkey following us around most of the morning! Some of us milked a cow and learned that the udder feels weird! We saw a sheep and llama being sheared on our way out! After we finished our tour and lunch at the farm, we went to Kildonan Park Outdoor Pool. Many

students enjoyed relaxing on the poolside loungers, while others were thrilled to be splashing around in the pool and racing on the waterslide. We ended the day by playing on the playground structures and in the volleyball pit and having a supper of hotdogs, salad and beans!



We finished off the month with our graduation ceremony and year end picnic. Congratulations to Ricky and Phoebe! You two are both hard workers who deserve the best in life! We will miss you both next year!

For all the other students, enjoy your summer! We look forward to seeing all your smiling faces in September!

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