



Interlake School Division Safety First Newsletter September 28, 2015

Featured Safety Event SAFE Work Manitoba SAFE Work on Wheels



SAFE WORK ON WHEELS

Thanks to everyone who attended this special event. *Safe Work on Wheels* is a rolling safety show presentation that educates workers and employers about the importance of workplace safety.

This engaging and popular demo is a set of presentations - each about ten minutes long - covering the four big hazards to which people are most often subjected: Ergonomics; Hand injuries; Eye injuries; and the big killer - Falls.

SAFE Work on Wheels is part of Manitoba's *Five-Year Plan for Workplace Injury and Illness Prevention*: a focused strategy to build on the province's protections for Manitoba workers.

I'd really like to hear your feedback on this and other initiatives we can bring to safety at the Division. paoliver@isd21.mb.ca

KUDOS TO

Cory Irving, Division Carpenter, for his enthusiasm in attending to wasp issues encountered in several schools.

Jim Keeley, Division Electrician, for his persistent concerns over electrical safety in schools. We'll be working on that throughout the coming school year.

THEY'RE BACK!

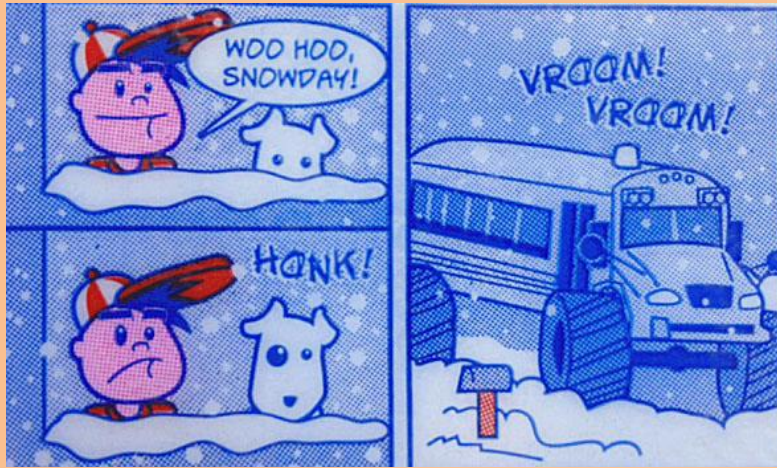


IMAGE COURTESY OF MEECHELLE BEST

The wildly successful MPI Winter Tire financing program has returned. Go to www.mpi.mb.ca for details. More consumer reports than you'll ever care to hear me quote, agree – go with real winter tires – and this program takes the guesswork away with a short list of Transport Canada approved qualifiers.

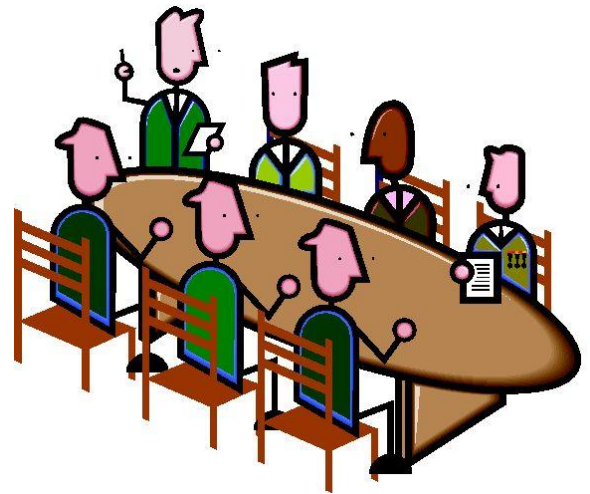
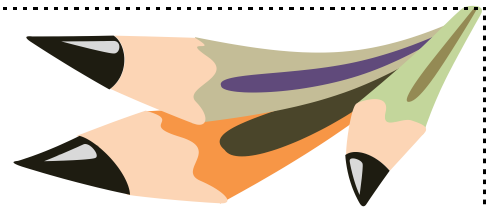
Please remember that neither ABS Brakes nor superior wheels are a substitute for good judgement and defensive driving. Those winter wheels don't magically turn winter into summer – with the law of unintended consequences teaching this lesson to many who might have supposed it was possible. Who hasn't had someone thunder past in foul weather, only to pass them reposed in the ditch twenty minutes on? Pure schadenfreude. Don't be that person I'm just saying is all.

Hey watch where you're going!

Many people don't recognise when their wipers are failing. I often heard them exclaim that they've picked up some persistent oily film, or they don't like a certain brand of windscreen wash – when in fact their wipers aren't performing anymore. Mr. Lube is offering free Michelin wipers with every oil change until October 18th. Get your coupon now at:

http://www.mrlube.com/en/coupons/wiper_blade_promotion.aspx - or drop by the safety office at TMT, I have printed off some for your convenience.

Speaking of seeing where you're going: That dulled oxidation / road wear on your headlamp lenses can be greatly reduced with an application of any smile whitening toothpaste. On a damp cloth – not your toothbrush – apply in gentle circular motions and rinse.



Workplace Health and Safety Committees Rock

With the new school year, Workplace Health & Safety Committees are back in business.

These dedicated volunteers are the backbone of your school safety program and the single most effective way to convey and disseminate information from and to staff. Get to know yours.

THINK ON THIS

“Compassion for animals is intimately connected with goodness of character; and it may be confidently asserted that he who is cruel to animals cannot be a good man.”

*Arthur Schopenhauer, German Philosopher
b. 1788 d. 1860*



SEASONAL TIPS – CLOSING THE CABIN - MORE THAN JUST LIGHTS OUT



Many people like to enjoy their recreational home whether it's a cabin or an RV, until the last possible minute of the season. That said, that weekend for securing summers' memories for another year, always arrives.

Let's look to the experts in risk, the Insurance industry for our advice:

“According to our data, the top two cottage insurance claims are due to damage caused by water and wind during the winter and early spring” says Amy Woods of Allstate Insurance Company of Canada. “

Here are some excellent links for closing tips, ranging from security to maintenance to pest management to insurance:

<http://homeandgarden.homes-extra.ca/Gardening/2010/09/22/15437176.html>

<http://www.cottagetips.com/tips/cottage-closing-tips/>

THIRTY PERCENT (30%) - THAT'S HOW MANY SMOKE ALARMS AREN'T TRUSTWORTHY DUE TO DEAD / MISSING BATTERIES OR AGE OR BOTH



Sept. 25, 2015 was Essential Skills Day, designed to raise awareness of essential skills in the workplace for safety and success. According to ABC Life Literacy Canada, the top five outcomes of workplace skills training are:

1. Improved health and safety. For example, in a Conference Board of Canada study, 82% of respondents associated increased health and safety with their workplace's basic skills program.
2. Greater productivity, fewer mistakes and less waste
3. Better communication and teamwork
4. The ability to retain and promote employees
5. Better customer service.

**HAVE A SAFE THANKSGIVING
~REMEMBER TURKEY!~**

T Thaw turkey at a safe temperature — 40°F or below

U Use extra caution when frying a turkey and oil-free fryers if possible

R Remember to clean all cooking surfaces regularly

K Keep children away from hot foods and surfaces, and kitchen utensils

E Ensure turkey is cooked and has reached minimum temperature of 165°F

Y Your smoke detector should be tested pre-cooking

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