



Helen E. Taylor School

Principal's Message

On behalf of Lynda Miller, I want to thank all of the parents who were able to attend Oral Reports. Attendance demonstrates your commitment to your child's education and further strengthens the relationships that must exist if effective communication and education are to exist. If any anytime, you wish to speak with your child's teacher, always feel free to contact us here at the school. We all have busy lives, but working together we'll ensure that a time and a place can be worked out so everyone is satisfied.

We look forward to working closely with our school families. As you know, we are all part of the Learning Team ~ students, parents, teachers and community. It indeed takes a "whole village to raise a child". Thank you for being part of our team!

We all look forward to Mrs. Miller's return, but until then please do not hesitate to call the school should you have any questions, concerns or comments that may help us work together. I can be reached at the school @ 780-766-9103.

Sincerely,

R. Twelvetree

School Council 2010-11

Thank you to the following individuals who contributed their time and talents to Helen E. Taylor School the past school year!

- Ted Watt
- Verna Dickinson
- Loni Antypowich
- Joe LaValley
- Val Bundy
- Cheryl Yewell
- Maureen Stamp
- Debbi Lorette
- Wendi Nordell
- Sarah Eifert
- Shannon Obst
- Wendy Kelm
- Debbie Coupland

The next School Council Meeting will be held

Helen E. Taylor School Art Fundraiser by Stofer Images!

It's not too late to have your child's art work or your photos transferred onto one of the following:
wall plaque
coffee coaster
fridge magnet
hot plate trivet
a set of note cards

These products are high quality and make excellent gifts! Stofer Images scans the art work or photo and the originals are returned to you! You may also email your digital photo to info@schoolfundraisingcanada.com

The deadline for submissions is November 9th!

**PLEASE phone the school to report your child absent or late.
780-766-9103**

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CLASS NEWS!



Grade Five M: We have been very busy in 5M! Over the last two weeks in Language Arts, we have worked on making detailed observations and practicing the "What if" strategy for story writing. We will be working on sentence fluency for our next writing trait, which allows students to practice using different types of sentence starters, creating rhythm in their writing and creating sentences that are easy to read out loud.

In Math, we have finished our Place Value unit, with a class average of 86% on the unit test. We are now practicing decimals, starting with the tenths and hundredths. Please review decimals with your child by practicing some of the new and exciting games that are on eCommunity. As always, it is also a good idea to practice multiplication tables for at least 10-15 minutes per night, until your child is proficient.

We have begun a new unit in Science. Weather is a very exciting unit, which explores everything from how to read a thermometer to why weather changes. Students will be involved in many hands on activities, including experiments, outdoor observations, and mini projects. We will be studying weather until Christmas break, so students will have an opportunity to experience many different types of weather from now until then.

Thank you to all of the parents who were able to come and meet with me on Oral Reports night. If you did not schedule an appointment, but would like to meet with me, please feel free to call the school and leave a message. I would be happy to arrange something! Thanks!

Grade Five L: Happy Harvest from 5L! We've been celebrating the spooky season in L.A. by writing poetry, class books, and descriptive paragraphs. No more boring verbs for us! In Math, we are just beginning our multiplication and division unit. Practicing the basic facts at home would be a huge help. Our Classroom Chemistry unit in Science will be completed within the next two weeks, allowing us to start "Weather Watch" by mid-November.

Hurray! We are now finished our geography and mapping skills portion of our Social Studies program. Over the next few weeks, we will be looking at our Canadian regions, and focusing on our first one – the Atlantic.

In Phys. Ed., our season of volleyball is ending this week with lots of "Newcombe Ball". Newcombe Ball is a modified version of volleyball, which allows us to practice the skills we have been working so hard on. Next up – various games and fitness activities, followed by swimming lessons at the end of November.

What's New Mr. Robinson?

Social 7 – Social 7's are embarking upon an expedition (online) to learn more about 2 of Canada's influential explorers, Cartier and Champlain. We will be finishing up chapter 2 by next week and then learning about the wonders of New France in chapter 3.

Social 8 – Students have recently finished learning about the great thinkers of the Renaissance. We have a test for chapter 2 on October 27th. In chapter 3 we will continue to learn about exploration, imperialism, and nationalism that started to build during the Renaissance and had lasting effects on our world.

Social 9 – After a highly interesting school election, the grade 9's have been looking at the structure and implementation of Canada's youth justice system.

Volleyball – The boys and girls will finish their season this weekend at the Ecole Nouvelle Frontiere tournament. The boys have had a very successful season, and look to repeat

The Corner Café



We at the school are delighted that our canteen is up and running. This is only possible due to the many volunteer hours offered up by our amazing group of parent helpers. Special thanks to Trinaca Thiessen, Debbi Lorette, Melissa Kuhn, Abbie Hansen, Gizele Simmons, Tash Barfett, Tanya Metcalf and BethAnn Quinton!

Our current menu features chicken fingers, taco salad, grilled cheese, hotdogs, and home-made mac and cheese!



Safe Halloween

October 31st

Wembley Rec Centre

Doors open @ 6:00 pm

Dance * Treats

Free Family Fun!

Would you be willing
to volunteer
for this event ...
Call FCSS
780-766-2269



GO BULLDOGS!

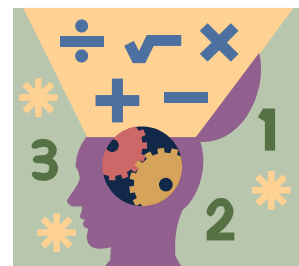
Our local football team, the **Wembley Bulldogs** have made it to the semi-finals! They'll be playing The Grande Prairie Broncos at Legion Field this **Friday night at 7:00 p.m.** Please come out for a night of sports entertainment, community spirit, and cheer on our **great kids!**

www.mapleleafmathchallenge.ca

Please let your children register for this and compete as often as possible. This is similar to the World Maths Day event. Grade sevens would especially benefit from it as extra practice in basic skills can never hurt.

With the current weather conditions the grade eights should have no problem working on their integers. While the nines still struggle to find concrete evidence that learning the exponent laws will be beneficial to them in the future.

If you have any resources to share with them, please do!



News From K & E (Knowledge and Employability)

In LA - Both grade 8 and 9 students are reading independently and listening to passages being read. Then they make connections and predictions to what they have read or heard. As well, they are evaluating the purpose of writings, and studying the main ideas of each piece. Every day the students are given topics that relate to their own life's experiences and write individual journals about the selected topics. They are also studying punctuation/grammar and other parts of speech.

In Math - Both grades are currently working on adding and subtracting whole numbers (both positive and negative). They have learned many strategies to assist them in how to solve the problem using mental math, manipulates and so on. As well, the students are realizing how important math is and making that connection to how often they use math in every day life, and they have learned that the basics of adding numbers and quantities are skills used in many workplace situations.

In Social - Grade 8's are currently studying A Worldview: the Isolation and Adaptation of Japan. They have been completing interesting research projects on the computer and working in groups. As well, the students research and compile different articles relating to Current Events...within the community, the province, the country and around the world.
Grade 9 students are studying the Canadian Government: The Federal Political System and Citizenship.

In Science - Grade 8's are just finishing up their study on Mix and Flow of Matter. The first section got them to study the safety of materials and substances. They completed various lab experiments making solutions and calculating concentrations of the solutions. Their study continued with viscosity and a look at the different uses and applications of motor oil depending on the climate....this unit is wrapping up with their study of Buoyancy and pressure. Grade 9's are studying Biological Diversity. They began by examining diversity within organisms and species. They have done various research projects and reports. They have had lots of fun working together making posters and diagrams. Next week, they will continue their study on Biological Diversity with a focus on Sexual and Asexual Reproduction.

Lest We Forget...

Helen E. Taylor School will be hosting a Remembrance Day Assembly on November 10th at 11:15 am

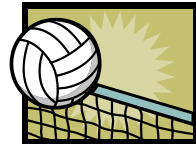
Everyone is welcome to attend and show respect and appreciation for fallen soldiers and troops currently serving.



Our volleyball teams will be taking part in a weekend tournament in GP this weekend.

After that, the season winds down with our annual wrap up! It was a very successful season. Special thanks to our coaches...

Mr. Robinson
Mrs. Balisky
and Nikita Stamp



After School Glee Club!

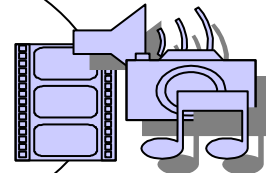
Monday ~ Wednesday & Friday

(School Operational Days only)

3:35 ~ 5:00 pm

Helen E. Taylor School Music Room

Please call Maureen Stamp for more information



Halloween Festivities

at Helen E. Taylor School

October 31, 2011

1:45—3:35 pm

Costume Parade!

Sock Hop in the Gym!



Haunted House!



Parents are Welcome to attend!
Please sign in at the office

November 2011 Calendar!

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

		1	2	3	4 HET School First Aid PD No Classes	5
6	7 Staff Meeting Early Dismissal	8 School Council Meeting 6:35 pm in the Library	9	10 Remembrance Day Assembly @ 11:15 All Welcome	11 Remembrance Day No School 	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 End of Term 1	19
20	21 Bullying Awareness Week	22	23	24	25 Day Off in Lieu of P.T.I.	26
27	28 Report Cards Go Home	29	30 Grade 5 Swimming in G.P.			

Healthy Lunch Ideas

Kids will more likely eat lunches that they help plan & prepare. Ask your kids to come up with a list of favorite lunch ideas. Our classrooms have microwaves so hot lunches are an option. Please remember to send eating utensils!

Remember!

We offer TWO Nutrition Breaks so it is suggested that students bring TWO smaller lunches—one for 10:55 & the other for 1:30!

November 2011 Newsletter Return Slip

To encourage students to deliver the newsletter to their parents, we will be drawing for a monthly Family Gift Certificate.

Please have your child return this slip to his/her teacher or write a note to the teacher stating you have read it on-line!

Student's Name: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

My Email Address is: _____

If prefer to be contacted by: Email Phone Both Email & Phone