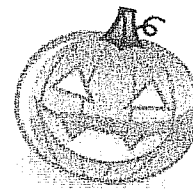


TURTLE MOUNTAIN SCHOOL DIVISION BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

OCTOBER 2008



CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY STUDIES PROGRAM

Students in Boissevain and Killarney High Schools will be able to earn high school credits not only in the traditional classroom setting but also through community internships. This has been made possible by Turtle Mountain School Division partnering with Prairie Rose, Prairie Spirit and Southwest Horizon School Divisions and the support of Manitoba Education, Citizenship and Youth. Turtle Mountain School Division has hired part-time coordinators in each of the high schools to oversee and develop this initiative. Further information may be obtained by contacting the two schools.

School Enrolment (F.T.E.) 2008-2009

School	Sept. 30, 2007 (F.T.E.)	Sept. 30, 2008 (F.T.E.)	Sept. 30, 2008 (F.T.E.)
Boissevain	374.00	379.00	373.50
Can Am	31.00	27.50	28.50
Holmfield	20.00	19.50	18.50
Killarney	517.50	484.00	482.00
Mayfair	30.00	33.00	34.00
Minto	36.00	40.00	39.00
Wellwood	28.90	26.00	29.00
TOTAL	1037.40	1009.50	1004.50

School Enrolment (F.T.E.) 2008-2009

School	Sept. 30, 2007 Actual	Sept. 30, 2008 Actual	Sept. 30, 2008 Budget
Boissevain	384.00	393.00	386.00
Can Am	31.00	28.00	29.00
Holmfield	20.00	20.00	19.00
Killarney	530.00	495.00	492.00
Mayfair	32.00	36.00	37.00
Minto	39.00	40.00	43.00
Wellwood	32.00	26.00	29.00
TOTAL	1068.00	1038.00	1035.00

KURZWEIL 3000—SOFTWARE

Turtle Mountain School Division has purchased Kurzweil 3000 software to support middle years and high school learners.

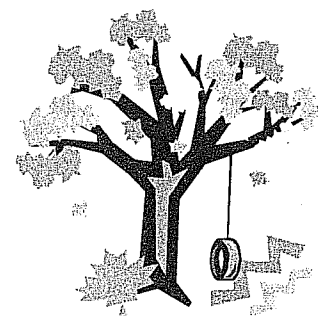
Kurzweil is a comprehensive reading, writing and learning software which supports students in becoming independent learners despite learning disabilities such as, dyslexia and attention deficit (ADHD). It is also a useful tool for the English as an Additional Language student.

The software has three components—reading, writing and study skills. The software can access virtually any information, whether it is printed electronically or on the web. Materials can be scanned for the student to use. The software can read the words aloud to the student. The study skills segment of the software will allow the student to keep up with assigned reading, learn critical study skills and complete writing projects and tests.

Kurzweil is recognized by post secondary institutions as an important tool for learning disabled students.

The student services team have completed a one day training sessions with Wendy Young, Kurzweil specialist and trainer. The program is currently in Killarney and Boissevain Schools, but we are planning to have the program available to all schools by January 2009.

STUDENT SERVICES MODEL REVIEW In light of the Appropriate Education Legislation. Student Services will be conducting a review of the model and service delivery of the program for the 2008/09 school year. The purpose of the review is to ensure student services programming continues to provide a high level of service to students requiring supports in addition to the regular classroom program.



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM CONSORTIUM

Turtle Mountain School Division is partnering with school divisions in Western Manitoba to develop an international student program for the region. Joining Turtle Mountain S.D. are Southwest Horizon S.D., Fort la Bosse S.D., Beautiful Plains S.D. and Rolling River S.D. A director has been hired to begin this fall with a goal of recruiting foreign students for the 2009-2010 school year.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR DIVISION EMPLOYEES

The 2008-2009 school year will see two professional development sessions for all Turtle Mountain School Division employees. On February 27, 2009 all employees will be attending a Division Wellness Initiative at Killarney School. Emergency First Aid will be the topic of the April 13, 2009 session at Mayfair Colony School and the April 24 workshops at Boissevain and Killarney Schools.

NEW STAFF: Turtle Mountain School Division welcomes the following new staff for the 2008/09 school year:

BOISSEVAIN	}	Sheldon Wettig - teacher	Lisa Aikenhead - teacher	Cassandra Sprott - teacher
		Missy Campbell - instructional assistant	Jo-Ann Neufeld - instructional assistant	Carol Witherspoon - Instructional Assistant
KILLARNEY	}	Sheena Dalrymple - signing interpreter	Rose Christiuk - instructional assistant	Tricia Steinke - instructional assistant
		Justin Morrison - instructional assistant	Michael Maloley - instructional assistant	Lori Friesen - instructional assistant
		Leah Heide - instructional assistant		
		Amanda Meehan - teacher Can Am, Wellwood	Vicky Mittermayr - speech language clinician Boissevain, Minto, Mayfair and Can Am.	

RETIREMENTS

Malvina Heide, retired from her position as instructional assistant at Killarney School effective September 2, 2008. Malvina joined the Division in 1988.

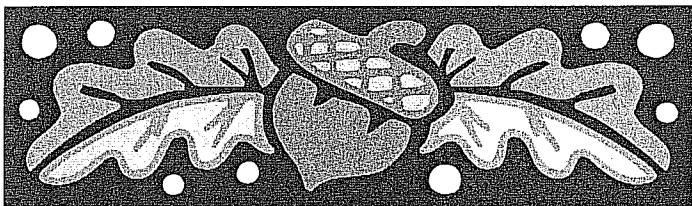
Bonnie McKinstry, announced her retirement as instructional assistant at Killarney School effective September 2, 2008. Bonnie joined the Division in 1990.

We wish both Malvina and Bonnie a healthy, happy retirement.

RESIGNATIONS

Best of luck to the following staff who have resigned from their instructional assistant positions:

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| Deb Mason - Killarney School | Amy Heide - Killarney School |
| Roseanne Stewart - Killarney School | Shawna Friesen - Killarney School |
| Joan Blanchard - Boissevain School | |



REPRESENTATIVES FOR STANDING COMMITTEES 08-09

COMMITTEE	CHAIRPERSON	TRUSTEES
EDUCATION	Garth Nichol	Darrell Desrosiers Gail Patterson Gordon Wooley
OPERATIONS	Shirley Highfield	Brad Heide Rhonda Coupland William Korchinski
NEGOTIATIONS	Rhonda Coupland	Garth Nichol Samantha Cole Gail Patterson

BOARD PLANNING SESSION

Turtle Mountain School Division trustees and senior administration will be joined by the Division's school administrators in Boissevain on October 18, 2008 to develop Plan 2009-2010. This Plan will help guide the work of the Division during the next school year.

BOARD POSITIONS FOR THE 2008-2009 FISCAL YEAR

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| Chair: | Samantha Cole |
| Vice-Chair: | Garth Nichol |
| Boissevain (Ward I): | Rhonda Coupland, William Korchinski,
Gail Patterson |
| Killarney (Ward II): | Shirley Highfield, Brad Heide,
Darrell Desrosiers |
| Highway 23 (Ward III): | Gordon Wooley |

APPOINTMENTS TO OTHER COMMITTEES 08-09

COMMITTEE	CHAIRPERSON	TRUSTEE REPRESENTATIVE
Workplace Health and Safety	Shirley Highfield	Brad Heide
Risk Management	Shirley Highfield	
Teachers Professional Development	Darrell Desrosiers	Gail Patterson

