



# January 2010

## Tisdale Elementary School

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### Mission...Vision...Values

#### MISSION

The mission of the Tisdale Elementary School is to foster a student-centred, caring and sharing environment where individuals are encouraged to develop their self-esteem, become adaptable to a changing society and strive to reach their potential while fostering the process of lifelong learning.

We will work collaboratively with colleagues, parents, students and the community to create an environment in our classrooms that will support students to perform to their highest potential.

#### VISION

The vision of Tisdale Elementary School is to:

- \*Create a collaborative teaching and learning culture.
- \*Recognize and value every member of the school community and celebrate their accomplishments and differences.
- \*Provide a challenging and appropriate curriculum that engages all students in active learning experiences.
- \*Actively monitor and support every student's performance.
- \*Implement strategies for improving student achievement.

#### VALUES

We are committed to . . .

**Respect-** Creating an environment that values respect and respectful inclusion for all.

**Great Expectations** - High standards that allow all students to achieve and improve.

**Student-Centred**—Learning as a process to create an energized, dynamic, positive student-centred environment.

**Engaging** - Developing students who are engaged to the fullest in the collective school culture

**Motivation**-Learning as a process that motivates lifelong learning.

These pillars provide the foundation for our professional learning community. The primary focus is on student learning by actively monitoring and supporting every student's performance.

### Principal's Pen

Welcome back,! It was great to have everyone return to school rested and excited to be back! January will see the start of a valuable program for our Grade Five students.

Next week, Cst. Scott Hennigar of the Tisdale R.C.M.P., will introduce the D.A.R.E. program to our Grade 5's (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) - a drug and violence resistance education program aimed at students in grades five.

The program emphasis of DARE is to help students recognize and resist the subtle pressures that influence them to experiment with drugs, gangs, and violence. In addition, the program focuses on feelings related to self-esteem, interpersonal and communication skills, decision making, and positive alternatives to drug abuse behaviour.

Each Grade 5 Classroom will receive one hour of instruction, in their home-rooms, every week, starting Wed. Jan. 13th<sup>th</sup> and ending March 31st.

This week there will be an information evening for Gr. 5 parents in the Multi-Purpose room at 7 p.m.

Until next month...

Mrs. Brenda Gabriel



### "Mid-Term Reports"

go home on Thurs.  
Jan. 28th



January is a busy month...  
Check out the calendar on the back & keep for handy reference!

January 29th/10



Teacher  
Inservice  
Day

NO SCHOOL!!!