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St. Ignatius School *Ignition*

The Tooth Fairy

...Elly Black

I heard the most heartwarming story the other night and I wanted to share it with you all. I know every single one of us, especially those who participate in the well being and advocacy of children will delight in the message it sends. In a time of what seems like never ending catastrophes and hardships in the world, this lovely act of generosity and kindness by an eleven year old brother to his five year old little sister took my breath away. If you're a bawler like me, best to grab a tissue now.

Losing your first tooth is a huge and exciting event when you're the tender age of five. You may keep it in a special little bag, carry it with you in your pocket. "Look, I lost my first tooth," bubbles from your mouth to ANYONE who walks by. It's a big deal and like any child this beautiful little girl participated in all of the above rituals. That night she lovingly placed that tooth under her pillow. She

checked and rechecked that it was safe. She went to bed that night dreaming of what she might find under her pillow the next morning. The night dragged on.....but sure enough she fell asleep and hours later SHE WOKE UP TO nothing. Nada! Ziltcho!

The big brother, quickly realizing that a communication error must have occurred between the tooth fairy and his parents..... came to the rescue. How he did it, I'm not clear, but I do know that that young man grabbed two toonies and a rock from his piggy bank and quietly slipped those treasures under the pillow of his other sister, who just so happened to share the same room with his little sister.

"Look, look.....the tooth fairy put your gifts under the wrong pillow", cried this young man to his baby sister. A joyous scene erupted. Shrieking with delight, this little girl danced and pranced with glee. PHEW!!!! All was

right with the world in the eyes of a five year old little girl. Big brother heaved a huge sigh of relief.

And so grab another tissue folks, because it wasn't until several days later, during a casual exchange between Mom and Dad that they realized that neither of them had contacted the tooth fairy. It soon became apparent to them that their eldest child had stepped in for the tooth fairy that night. It was with tremendous love, affection and pride that they generously shared this story with their friends and family, illustrating once again that love is all around us. I respectfully encourage you all to allow yourself to tap into and embrace this love as much as you can and be careful to never let it go!

Happy Easter.

The Principal Says ...

...Danielle Kolton

Last month in the *Ignition*, I wrote about the messages brought to us by Keith and Renee about leadership, courage, compassion, and community. Indeed, these are attributes that I have witnessed in our school over the past month as staff and students have been

hard at work on their Lenten Christian **service projects** for our SNJM schools in Africa: St. Angela Home and St. Rose Primary. It started with our book sale in February for *I Love to Read* month. Since then, grade one students hosted a Spring Tea; grade three

students planted herbs which they will tend to, and sell later; grade five students have been collecting pennies; and grade six students hosted a "Lemonade for Lesotho" sale. Projects from our other classes are still in the planning stages and will be

The Principal Says... (continued)

...Danielle Kolton

underway after Spring Break. The money raised in the name of supporting education in Africa has been quite staggering, and we are proud to have supported our students in these endeavours.

We will continue to bring messages that inspire positive action in our students as contributing citizens. Our **Community Festival of Lifelong Learning** is taking place during Education Week. On **Thursday, April 15 at 6:30 p.m.**, you and your family are invited to join us in the gymnasium to hear PhillyD, a motivational speaker and positive role model who loves to inspire and share passion with people of all ages. Babysitting (adult-supervised) will be provided for children under grade four, but all other ages can attend the presentation. But, **WE NEED YOUR HELP**: our Festival was not well attended last year. This was very disappointing given the time, cost, and effort of arranging multiple speakers and a program. Furthermore, it does not accurately represent what an involved

community we typically experience. We are hopeful that a change in format and spring date will improve attendance. Formal invitations will be coming home on April 7; Please RSVP to the school office on or before April 9.

Congratulations to both our girl's developmental and two boys' competitive **basketball teams** for completing their season. A sincere thank you to the staff: Mrs. Van Dale and staff athletic supervisors; and volunteer coaches: Jerome Cranston, Keith Gillis, Mark Nieman and Jim Signatovich for the extra time and dedicated effort to support extra-curricular endeavors at St. Ignatius school. Thank you also to the grade five and six students who performed scorekeeping duties at our home games. Please see the PE classroom link on our website for more information on our next sport season, badminton.

Holy Week, the last week of Lent, is upon us during Spring Break.

Liturgically, this week immediately preceding Easter Sunday is observed as a time to commemorate and enact the suffering and death of Jesus. In the Catholic tradition, we focus specifically on the events of the last week of Jesus' life as well as larger themes that marked Jesus' entire ministry. The conclusion of the week is called the Easter Triduum (a *triduum* is a space of three days usually accompanying a church festival or holy days that are devoted to special prayer and observance). Please refer to the parish website for the schedule of services for the Easter Triduum and plan to join our school for an Easter celebration at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 20 in the church.

Enjoy a restful, safe, and fun-filled Spring Break! Blessings to you!

Thank you for the privilege of educating your children.



Please join us in wishing good-bye and good luck to Mrs. Friesen (covering the last seven months of Mrs. Ouimet's maternity leave). Our prayers and best wishes are with her in her future endeavours.

SISPAC...

What a nice surprise it was to have spring come early. The anticipation of green grass and time in the beautiful outdoors (before the bugs come) just made me smile. I smiled even bigger when I opened my son's backpack and saw the Plant Fundraiser flyer inside. All the colors and greenery just made me excited to get planting. The deadline for orders is April 8, so please ensure orders are in by then. This is one of SISPAC's main fundraisers, so please share the order form with anyone who also enjoys the bright colors, fresh fruit and

...Kristina Ostermann

vegetables, and the beauty of greenery!

A great big thank-you to all the great staff, we truly appreciate all the hard work you do at this school. This school is so full of a sense of spirit and kind people. It is these kind people who have built traditions and a sense of community. Thank-you to Lee and Art Menick for all the work you have done for the school BBQ. We also appreciate Elly Black and Liz Prall who are stepping in to carry on the tradition.

Happy Easter!

VOLUNTEER PARENTS NEEDED FOR RUNNING CLUB

If you are available one morning and one lunch hour per week, please contact Mrs. Noonan at noonanc@stignatius.mb.ca



From the Board of Directors

... Lee Mencik

15th Annual St. Ignatius Mixed Golf Classic Saturday, June 5, 2010 @ The Players Course

This is a fun-filled community golf tournament that affords many opportunities for school parents and the parish community to offer their support. School parents, the parish community, family and friends are invited to golf and/or attend the dinner portion of the event. You can contribute by donating prizes or with sponsorships of \$25 and up. This community event continues to grow yearly; please invite your family and friends to join us or sponsor this event.

Interested in being involved as a volunteer? Please contact Tracy Zapp, Development Chair at 661-9455 or tracyzapp@gmail.com or Rich Van de Mosselaer at 295-6209 or richvdm@mts.net.

A volunteer position is available for the Treasurer portfolio commencing in September. If you are interested, please contact Linda McVicar (Chairperson) at 287-8790 for more information.

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Lee Mencik
Communications

Using Your Noodle...

...Christy Bedard

Research into how our brains develop and process information has mushroomed over the last 25 years. Did you know that babies already possess 100 000 000 000 neurons at birth? In order for them to develop, these neurons need numerous exposures to real life, not virtual situations. Researchers have proven that our brains are able to grow and change based on new information we are presented in our real life

experiences. So how do we help our children to maximum brain growth and development? One of the keys is to give them regular extended times to be involved in hands on, multi-sensory activities. It is vital that some of these activities be outdoors and best if these activities are open-ended so that children can use their own individuality and creativity. Activities could range from building forts outside, to building amazing creations

with Lego, to hand washing the dishes and enjoying some time playing with the water and bubbles. This means that we need to commit to “powering down” by turning off technological toys and encouraging our children to play with real people, in real life situations.

So, get in touch with your inner child, and have fun playing!

To Provoke Thought and Joy ...

...Elly Black

I was recently asked the question: “What exactly is the editorial article all about?”

Hmmmm....good question! Got me thinking. Based on my experience, the editorial has been written once a month by a community member who is associated with the school. This is usually a parent but can also include grandparents and/or school volunteers. The editorial article is to be brief and is usually on the front page of the Ignition. The author’s aim of the article may be to provide a light and comical description of an event or situation. Conversely the article may also touch upon deeper and heavier

topics. The editorial is not a forum for moaning, groaning, blaming or complaining. It’s intent is to provoke thought and/or joy.

During the past 15 years some of my favorite reading has been provided by the likes of the talented Michelle Evans and Susan Garbutt-Snidal, fellow past editors. I am so grateful to have had Mrs. Christine Gillis and Mrs. Tracey Zapp, to assist me during this past year. We are always on the lookout for “guest writers” so please feel free to contact the School if you are interested.

Compiling the Ignition involves much time and energy. On behalf of all of you, I would like to commend Mrs. Gina Plewes and Mrs. Kate Bennici Clendinnen for their years of dedicated service. Mrs. Brenda Gerwing assumed this responsibility of compilation as of last year, and we are so very fortunate to be able to utilize her talents and expertise. These individuals are behind the scenes so please thank them if you happen to see them in the hallways of the school. In the meantime, sit back, relax and enjoy the Ignition, the official newspaper of St. Ignatius School.

What's The Buzz?...



Sesquipedalophobia? No, not a fear of Sasquatch. There was, however, ortographobia: the fear of spelling mistakes, during our annual Spelling Bee. On January 20, Abbey Meadows,

had no fear of long words. She spelled her way to represent St. Ignatius School at the Regional Bee held at the Winnipeg Art Gallery on February 20. Abbey finished 11th at the

Manitoba finals.

Congratulations to all our local participants, and we hope to hear from you next year at the annual spell-off.

...Bonita Friesen



BIRTHDAYS OVER SPRING BREAK

March 27, Emily G. grade 6,
April 1, Fiona V., grade 6,
April 2, Carlos G. grade 1



Digital Literacy and Digital Citizenship...

...Norine Hochkievich

Technology has become the tool it was meant to be - something that can aid our students in their learning. Students can research, create products, and communicate with others from around the world without leaving their classroom or their living room. The capability and usefulness of this tool continues to grow, and our children should be encouraged to benefit from the knowledge available to them.

Like all tools that we give our children, we need to lay out expectations for their use. We need to make sure they understand the proper way to use technology and give them some ground rules. At school we promote "Literacy with ICT". We want our students to be able to find,

evaluate, use and share information by thinking critically, creatively, and ethically. We want them to use the technology available to them by thinking about when, why, and how ICT can be used in responsible ways.

How can you help?

- Talk to your children about the information that they find on the Internet. Help them to think about the material they have read critically and to question whether they are collecting information from a reliable source.
- Work with your children to set some basic safety rules when they are on the Internet or using social networking tools. A good

resource to review prior to this task is <http://www.safekids.com/>.

- Let your children know that the adults in their life want them to learn and discover while staying safe. If they find inappropriate sites, feel threatened, or bullied, they need to close the application they are working on and tell an adult about the situation. Remind your child that the rules for being a safe and responsible digital citizen apply whenever they are using technology.

There are amazing things out there to learn about; let's work together to make it fun and safe.

What does Literacy with ICT look like?

Critical and Creative Thinking

- ▲ ask 'how' and 'why' questions
- ▲ make a plan to find answers to questions
- ▲ know how to find information to answer their questions
- ▲ figure out if the information they find is true and trustworthy
- ▲ choose the best tools to create their electronic work
- ▲ communicate with others electronically
- ▲ seek and share feedback about their learning

Ethics and Responsibility

- show respect as they work with others to gather information or to create electronic work
- follow guidelines that help keep them safe while communicating electronically
- ask permission and give credit to authors when they use their work
- use ICT only at the right times and in the right places
- show confidence and interest in learning with ICT

ICT Literacy

- insert and edit words, numbers, pictures, sound and movies
- find efficient ways through websites
- manage electronic files and folders
- select and use digital cameras and other ICT

Source:

Literacy with ICT IS FOR ME! A parent handbook on learning with Information and Communication Technology. Manitoba Education, Citizenship and Youth: Winnipeg, 2008.

Thank you ...

... St. Ignatius School Staff



Thank you to SISPAC for spoiling us during staff appreciation week! The food was delicious, the goodies were unexpected, and the messages of love and support meant a lot to us.

p.s. – we are enjoying great coffee from our new coffee maker!

Reflections of Winter Camp ...

... Grade 7 students

Going to camp was an adventure because we were with our friends and we were given the opportunity to learn new skills. Also we had three whole days off school!! Thank you Mrs. Kolton!!! The camp committee did a great job organizing all that we did. There were many fun times as well as times to chill and kick back.

According to:

Tanner – The best thing about camp was waking up at 5:00 Am!! NOT!!

Luke – Cross country skiing was a blast and our sleeping arrangements were fun, especially the mattress ramps.

Diego – The best thing for him was flashlight tag. Running through the bush in the dark!! Amazing!!

Abbey – Choreotime was her best activity and she loved eating all of the ice-cream sundaes

John – John thought the best part of camp revolved around the meals. They were yummy.

Webb – Being at camp was pretty good. He loved waking up in the morning and interacting with nature.

Gerardo – He loved all the room movement, First there was Golden Rod, then Red Rose, followed by Columbine.

Joe – He ran the whole time at camp from floor hockey to ping pong to tobogganing.

Adan – She enjoyed the bon fire and staying up late, playing Truth or Dare!

Connor – Can't wait for camp next year. The pizza was delicious and his favorite activities were cross country skiing over the dike where the snowmen live.

Brandon – He thought camp was tons of fun, particularly the security of sleeping with twenty other guys: Boogey Man beware!

Gianluca – The best memory for Luca was the soft sounds of morning wake up.

Cody – He loved camp! There was no homework lots of fun.

Abigail – She would like to go to camp for three more days! Yes!!!!

Keira – Camp was a blast and so was "Shappy".

Sam - He enjoyed every second of camp, especially the yumny meals.

Leah - Leah loved the fun after curfew.

Corey – There's no place like home, except when at camp. The food was gourmet!

Vanessa – Vanessa loved sleeping until 7:15, both mornings. The early morning escapades were for others.

Nicholas – Flying through the air on the zip line was the highlight as well as being with friends.

Sian – Awesome, although as a dessert consumer there was room for improvement here.

Orlando – He wants to go again – tomorrow!

Charlotte – Camp was amazing, particularly the cross country skiing, over the dike.

Tyler – More movies! Flashlight tag in the dark was awesome!

Victoria – Everything was absolutely superb!

Lauren – The best part of camp was flashlight tag. Hugging a tree has potential.

Laura – Laura liked the cat. He was fluffy and full of fleas.

Sheena – Camp was so much fun! Sliding down the toboggan run was the best!

Reflections of Winter Camp ...

... Grade 8 students

Camp was so much fun! My favourite memory was with my camp group we did so much stuff together. I particularly enjoyed Orienteering, it was the best! When we went orienteering we split off into groups. It was Jinnette, Sam, Tania and I and then the grade sevens were together. We lost Tania. But Jinnette, Sam, and I played a fun game. I also fell down the hill and landed in the parking lot and then they kicked snow in my face, but it was still a very good time. (Angelina)

Winter camp was really fun. We went to camp Assiniboia and had a great time. We relaxed and just hung out. One of the best memories of winter camp was my cabin group. We stayed up late, pulled pranks, and just had a great time. There was so many activities like floor hockey, tobogganing, horseback riding, board games, archery, and a lot more. My favorite activity was probably flashlight tag. It's pretty fun. You get to go out in the night and just have fun, either by the camp fire, or play around with the tobogganing. (Brandon)

Grade eight camp was a blast. We visited lots of different activities such as horseback riding, cross country skiing and board games. We had a really fun cabin and activity group and had tons of fun. At night, everyone was outside having alot of fun playing flashlight tag and roasting hotdogs. The supervisors were laid back and a lot of fun. I got introduced to a new card game called Pit. It's lots of fun. The camp experience is great and all grades to come should look forward to it. (Branton)

There are a lot of good memories from winter camp, and a lot of cool experiences. I got to go horseback riding for the first time, and cross-country skiing. I enjoyed horseback riding, but cross-country skiing I didn't like that much! My group and I had a lot of fun on the zip line and tobogganing, but I got very wet tobogganing without ski pants! Choreo time was also ALOT of fun! My group used the song, "I'mma Be", by the Black eyed peas, and we won! Overall camp was a cool experience, and I really had fun! (Brooke)

Play structure at night =)

-ALIEN SPACESHIP

-Ping pong- "JULIAAAAA!"

-Tobogganing!!!!-"I'm gonna die, I'm gonna die!"

-Magazines+candy in the cabin

-Orienteering-"Elly, we found an igloo!"

-222-2222-Great pizza at a great price!

-MADAME!

-Soccer that turned into extra tobogganing

-Liquid Liner Mayhem <3

-Paranormal experiences

-Choreotime

-Chocolate Syrup Art

-Olympics on the big screen

-TEAM CANADA

-Wolves...=0

-yabadaba hours

-That's camp for ya (Elly)

Winter camp was great this year. We did a lot of fun activities. Some of my favorites were the zip-line and archery, the toboggan run, cross country skiing, and horseback riding. It was a great experience and I hope the grades to come will have just as fun as we did. (Evan)

The activities were fun. My favorite activity was cross-country skiing. The food was great. It was the best camp that I have ever gone to in my life. (Garrett)

Winter camp 2010 was a great experience. The friends, memories and good times that were had could only be described as amazing. It was one of the best experiences of the year for many of us. The trail ride was one of the biggest highlights of my winter trip, as I'm sure it was for many others. The weather was fairly mild, perfect conditions for a morning horseback hike. The horse that was assigned to me was either named Floyd or Lloyd, an interesting name either way. He was quite a character, sometimes going off on the wrong trail, but I was quick to get him back on track. The ride continued in an uneventful fashion, until we reached a fallen log in our path. This caused our convoy to be turned around, which resulted in a little shuffling and stomping, but was quickly corrected in the right direction. I will never forget that trail ride, and the turmoil that occurred. (Jack)

My favorite memory of camp was my group because of the things we did together. Sam and I played with Ange in our special game while we were orienteering. I also liked the night time because everybody joined together in any activity. Elly, Nicole, and I played in our spaceship! That was super duper fun! Now we have many inside jokes. (Jinnette)

Winter camp was awesome! We did a lot of cool stuff like descending from a zip line and riding horses... even though it's freezing cold outside. We also did archery; I aimed too high and powerful that I got the arrow over the target and into the woods. We ate great food, played ping-pong, and at night at 8:00PM, I think, we all gather around the campfire and roasted marshmallows and hotdogs. I wished we could have stayed for one more day. Oh yeah, they talked about hearing a wolf howl. That was me pretending to be a wolf at night hiding behind trees because we were playing flashlight tag. (Joselle)

Being on the camp committee, my camp experience started ages before we left. It was really cool to see how all of our planning unfolded. I loved my group. Mr. McKenty was our leader and made everything fun. We, as a group of 9, played ping-pong. Not regular ping-pong, we walked around the table hitting the ball back and forth, getting dizzy. Another fun thing was tobogganing. We got three sleds, all piled on them and went down the run. We had competitions to see who could go the farthest from the run. It was so much fun! (Julia)

My memories of winter camp were great. We had so much fun at Camp Assiniboia. It was a chance for all of us to hang out together and relax. As soon as we got to camp our group has orienteering and none of us were excited for that, but we made the best of it anyway. It ended up being lots of fun. Nicole and I wanted to walk on the river, and when we went on the river we found an igloo. It looked very small but it was large on the inside. This was one of my favourite parts of camp and everything was lots of fun. (Julie)

My favorite activity at camp was skiing because Thomas and I raced the grade sevens and won! We took the extra long track and it took forever to get back. We won the gold medal for Russia! Graveyard was a fun activity especially when Sam made us all laugh. Winter camp 2010 was the best camp ever! (Keith)

Winter camp was a blast! It started off on the bright and frosty morning of February 24, 2010. Grade seven's were leaving first and were so excited for a new experience. We grade eights were also quite excited knowing that we were going to have so much fun! Everyone who went to camp had fun and took part in many group activities. There were various activities that the groups did such as Cross-country skiing, snow sculpting, tobogganing, cards, charades, quilt squares, ice cream sundaes and more! The activities taught us about the outdoors and how to indulge ourselves to the fullest. In the evenings there were activities that everyone did together such as playing graveyard and going outside to roast marshmallows and wieners over the camp fire. The best part of camp for me was when everyone was watching the Olympic hockey game on "the big screen", a big projector screen between activities. It was amazing because there was no noise at all, we were all completely silent. When there was a goal, the whole room erupted cheering and yelling with excitement! Camp is an awesome experience that everyone should take part of. I loved it! (Lindsey)

On Febuary.24- Febuary.26 grade 7 & 8 went to Camp Assiniboia. It was a blast! We did lots of exciting things like watching the Olympics, tobogganing, horseback riding, zip line, hockey, orienteering and lots more. One of my favorite memories was when we were orienteering and scared Angelina and she went " AGHHHHHHHH" (Tania)

My memory at winter camp is that all of us had fun and we pulled some pranks on each other but in a good way! My favorite part is horseback riding and playing hockey and archery. The other stuff we did is watch the Olympics. Everyone was clapping every time Canada scored and everyone jumped up and down every time Canada won a game. We did some choreo time which was fun because my group won and we enjoyed it because Mrs. Kolton was there to judge the groups and her group was really funny! (Marie)

My favorite parts were tobogganing with my group and the best part: the campfire. That's what camping is really about...breaking out the marshmallows and hot dogs and just sitting there and talking to the people you know/want to get to know. Overall, I loved almost every bit of it, but Mrs. Probetts and her megaphone, I can definitely do without. (Nick M.)

On February 24th – 26th the grade 7 and 8 classes went to winter camp at camp Assiniboia. When we were there we did many fun activities like tobogganing, orienteering, building snow sculptures, hockey, horseback riding, cross country skiing, zip lining and much more. One of my favorite memories from this year was when everyone was in the lodge watching the men's Olympic hockey game against Russia. Everyone was sitting altogether on the couches and the floor and every time Canada scored everyone jumped up and cheered. There was almost always someone watching the Olympics. Another one of my favorite memories was when I went cross country skiing with Tania, Ange, Jinnette and Sam. We chose to go on the long course which happened to have a lot of little hills. I also enjoyed watching Angelina try to stay on her feet. (Nicole)

My memories are going sledding with my group and creating a train and having lots of fun crashing into everyone. It was a ton of fun playing ping-pong, cross country skiing, archery, zip lining, ball hockey, orienteering and watching "Up". It was such a fun experience; I wish we could go back. (Owen)

I really liked when my group performed our dance in front of everyone which was really funny! Also the orienteering because Angelina kept falling in the snow and down a few hills, face first. (Sam)

The winter camp experience this year was so much fun! We made so many great memories with our classmates. This year, we brought a flat Madame since she couldn't join us on our trip. She came everywhere with us and enjoyed the activities with us. Some of the best day time activities this year were tobogganing, orienteering and snow sculptures. During tobogganing we had tons of fun making trains and trying to see who could make it down the hill the farthest. We also tried snowboarding on toboggans down the dike. During orienteering we ended up finding some igloos and hanging out in there for a little while, giving us less time to find the markings on the building and on trees but we made a lot of memories there. For snow sculptures our group made a team Canada bobsled to help support the Olympics. During some free time we spent time playing soccer/football with friends in the rec. hall and playing ping pong "Juliaaaaaaa!" At night, we played flashlight tag, watched the Olympics, hung out on the play structure and cooked hot dogs and marshmallows over the fire. After that we went into our cabin and watched paranormal activity, ate candy and pizza, read magazines (cosmo), drew on faces and had an encounter with a wolf. Winter Camp was a great time to relax and hang out with friends. I had tons of fun! (Taylor)

Camp was the most fun I ever had! My favorite activities were floor hockey with my friends, cross country skiing with Keith, and tobogganing with all my friends. (Thomas)

I remember winter camp clearly in my mind. The early morning wakeup call from Mrs. Probetts' mega phone, the late night hotdog/marshmallow roast, and Canada's great achievements at the Vancouver 2010 winter Olympics projected onto a pull down screen from an old projector. The sleepless nights and blissful daily activities, like Cross country skiing and the ever popular game of Ping-pong. 3 days was the amount of time at camp, but it felt as if it was stretched out to a week's time. I wasted the (2) nights away watching the Olympics and talking with friends over steaming cups of hot chocolate, in front of a blazing fire. All this came to an end on the Friday, but it was the most fun I'd had in a long time. (Zeke)