

you know', and she asked one of the nurses to slice up this really lovely tomato for us to share. It was great. Tomatoes, especially big, juicy ones will always remind me of Doug.

I must tell you before I close, of a couple who spend their summers in our area. They have been doing a great job for all of us and in fact have said they will again look after the planting, weeding and even watering at our little park this year. So our sincere thanks go out to Gordon and Siska Hendricson who live in Winnipeg the rest of the year. May I say on behalf of everyone we really appreciate all your great work. Our park looks so great because of it. Speaking of gardens and such have you noticed how early our birds returned this year? It is so nice to hear and see them around. Of course we also see oddities around. On our way home from Sandy Bay a week or so ago we saw what looked like an all white hawk. No it wasn't a snow owl!! It flew and soared like a hawk or falcon but it was all white. Anyone know what it might have been? Has anyone else seen any different animals and birds around?

Well I really must go now and give you all a rest. Until next time,
Teri.

LES News

Principals Message (From the April School Newsletter)

Spring has definitely sprung in Manitoba. Winter this year was quite mild and it feels like we're about a month ahead, as far as seasons are concerned. You may have heard that spring begins at the same time as the Spring Equinox, but what exactly does that mean? Equinox comes from the Latin *aequus* (equal) and *nox* (night), and literally means equal night. At equinox day and night on Earth are about equal. This occurs when the Sun's path crosses the plane of the earth's equator; in other words, when the sun crosses the equator on equinox, it is below the equator for 12 hours and above the equator for 12 hours. This occurs twice a year — about March 21 (for the Spring Equinox) and about September 23 (for the Autumn Equinox). You may have heard that this is the earliest spring that has occurred since 1896 and won't be this early again until 2128. Yes, spring was early, but that is not why the weather has been as warm as it has been. Early

spring means that spring officially began at 12:15 am on March 20. Spring Equinox still begins every year around March 21. Thinking; however, about the weather we have been having I would have thought spring started much earlier this year!

That was definitely a round-about way of saying, Spring Break is here! Spring Break begins Monday, March 26 with students returning on April 2. I will be telling students to be respectful, responsible, safe, and positive over Spring Break and hope that everyone will enjoy the beautiful weather while having a refreshing break. I look forward to students coming back in April ready to learn!

One last tip, spring related: When to use an uppercase letter in the word spring and when not to use an uppercase letter in the word spring. Obviously, when the word spring means a piece of metal like a Slinky, it is not capitalized and whenever it appears at the beginning of a sentence it will be capitalized. If it appears in a title it will be capitalized, as well. But let's get to the real question you might be wondering about: When should seasons have an uppercase letter? Here's the rule: Lowercase "fall," "autumn," "winter," "spring," and "summer" unless the word is part of a proper name. For example, Summer Olympics is capitalized because it is part of an event. A term like summer sports is not because it is simply describing the word sports. Spring Break is capitalized if it is the name of the break (I have decided that it is the name of the break) but would not be capitalized if it was simply describing the break. Have a great Spring Break.

Mr. Klein

The Ski Trip that Didn't Happen

The Grade 6-8 Class would like to thank everyone who donated towards and participated in their Fun Fair. They were able to raise a good sum towards their ski trip. Unfortunately, it had to be cancelled due to the early arrival of spring. Plans are in the works for a different field trip in June where these funds will be used.

Students are Staying Active

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART was held on Thursday, March 15. As always, it was a complete success. All the students took part and skipped from 2:30 to 3:15. A variety of different skills were displayed. A