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Seven Oaks School Division
Report to the Community

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Chairperson's Greeting

Fifty years. Five decades. Eighteen thousand, two hundred and sixty-two days.

No matter how you count the moments, 50 years is a long time – a time bound to be filled with many accomplishments and milestones.

For Seven Oaks School Division, 50 years means 30,000 students who entered Kindergarten, 25,000 high school graduates and at least 130 graduating classes.

But numbers alone do not speak to greatness or success.

To us, these numbers are the tangible evidence of success. They paint a picture coloured by the countless great things that happen every day when teachers, students and community members work together to exceed limitations and expectations.

We measure our past by the relationships built within our Division, the initiative taken by our students and staff and the support of our community. Our relationships represent our commitment to believing in and supporting all students in our Division – one child at a time.

We are proud of the great success we have experienced with our students over the past 50 years.

To help us celebrate this milestone, we chose 50 highlights from the 2009-2010 academic year that embody the unique, special and uncompromised spirit of our school division.

Some are smaller in scale, like the installation of a video and editing hub at Maples Collegiate, our new Middle Years Hockey Academy and the fiddling programs we started at five schools. Others – like establishing the first MET School in Canada, which allows students to self-direct study and capitalize on their passions and skill sets, and successfully lobbying the Manitoba government for fairer educational funding – are huge accomplishments.

And they're just a sign of what the next 50 years have to offer.

- Claudia Sarbit

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50 Things We're Proud of on the 50th Anniversary of Seven Oaks School Division

1. Our Two-Tiered Education campaign taking a stand for fair and equal educational funding and engaging our community and government

2. Reducing the cost of school supplies

3. The Garden City link

4. New divisional website

5. Renovating Edmund Partridge Community School

6. Middle Years Hockey Academy and 1500 children participating in Learn to Skate

7. The first MET School in Canada

8. Making West St. Paul School accessible

9. Appointing our first "Elder in Residence"

10. Students Working Against Tobacco – we dramatically cut smoking in our schools and are now helping schools throughout the province to replicate our successful SWAT program

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11. Dance programs at Maples and Garden City Collegiates

12. Hosting the “Unite to Change” conference on social justice

13. Fiddling programs at Edmund Partridge Community School, Margaret Park School, École Riverbend, École Seven Oaks Middle School and Garden City and Maples Collegiates

14. **Engaging a “Scholar in Residence” to work with teachers on literacy instruction**

15. Bright Futures continuing to raise graduation and post-secondary entrance rates

16. **Maples Collegiate video production and editing hub**

17. 1,000 parents, caregivers and preschool children participating in free literacy programs each week

18. **Lowering emissions and reducing greenhouse gases in West St. Paul**

19. A.E. Wright School twinning with Kamwokya Primary School in Kampala, Uganda, with the help of the Mondetta Charity Foundation

20. **A teacher advisor for every high school student**

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21. 79% high school graduation rate

22. **60% of grads participating in post-secondary education**

23. More than 50% of middle school students playing on at least one school team

24. **Heritage Language classes**

25. The new West Kildonan Collegiate

26. **Two thirds of middle years' students playing a musical instrument**

27. Removing fees as a barrier to participation in field trips and school activities

28. **Students succeeding with the help of summer school**

29. 80% of high school graduates exceeding graduation requirements

30. **First Year University Now – tuition-free University of Winnipeg courses**

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31. Piloting Balanced Day at Riverbend School

32. Kildonan Youth Activity Centre

33. Maples Youth Activity Centre

34. **Ukrainian Bilingual Program at R.F. Morrison School**

35. Hebrew Bilingual Program at Margaret Park School

36. **Maples athletic field getting \$600,000 in upgrades**

37. EDGE after-school enrichment and MY Camp summer program

38. **90% of our schools being barrier-free**

39. 95% student attendance rate in High School

40. **Today's Parent Magazine recognizing École James Nisbet Community School and École Seven Oaks Middle School**

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41. B.E.E.P. extending the school year at Elwick Community School

42. 7,000 students participating in Arts in the Park

43. Unite to Change involving students in social justice projects

44. Award-winning P.A.W.S. (Pride and Action in Winnipeg Schools) program at École Leila North Community School

45. Being the fastest-growing School Division in Manitoba

46. No cost lunch supervision

47. 3,000 students being transported safely each day

48. Energy efficient buildings

49. Professional development for all staff

50. Planning for new schools in Amber Trails and Riverbend

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Financial Report

Seven Oaks School Division is proud to continue its standard and tradition of high quality, in-depth education.

As result of our dedicated efforts to maintain these traditions, we successfully lobbied the provincial government for a school-tax freeze for the 2010/11 academic year and will head into the Fall with an operating budget of \$102,132,195.

This 10.29% increase over last year is driven by an enrolment increase of 660 students that Seven Oaks School Division welcomes with open arms.

The Board passed the budget by accepting a tax incentive grant (TIG) of \$2,057,167 made possible by the response of Education Minister Nancy Allan and the 4,000 residents who signed the Fair Tax petition.

But despite this hard work and progress, Seven Oaks School Division still has work to do to ensure fair and equal taxation.

Though the Divisional mill rate will drop from 29.3 mills to 17.3 mills this year, it remains above the provincial average due to the lack of a commercial tax base in the Seven Oaks community.

Seven Oaks is committed to working hard for our students and their education.



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2010/11 Budget Highlights by the Numbers:

Enrolment: Some 9,644 students enrolled in Seven Oaks School Division for the 2009/10 school year – an increase of 440 students over the previous year and 300 more students than were budgeted for.

More than 10,000 students are expected in the upcoming year.

Staff: The Division will welcome 33 more teachers and 33 additional paraprofessionals.

Expansion: The Division is awaiting approval for notices of intent we submitted in regards to new schools in Amber Trails and Riverbend. New school construction is funded 100% by the provincial government.

Taxes: Though the Division succeeded in attaining a tax freeze, individual homeowners may see an increase in school taxes as a result of two dramatic changes that occurred in the reassessment year:

1. Residential assessments increased significantly more than commercial assessments. Residential properties will now pay a greater share of taxes than commercial properties.
2. Assessment values for properties in the City of Winnipeg increased significantly more than properties in either the Rural Municipalities of St. Andrews or West St. Paul. Winnipeg homeowners will now pay a greater share of taxes.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting Mr. Brian O'Leary, Superintendent or Mr. Wayne Shimizu, Secretary-Treasurer at 204.586.8061.



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Collicutt School
75 Cottingham Street • 338-7937

École Constable Edward Finney School
25 Anglia Avenue • 694-8688

Edmund Partridge Community School
1874 Main Street • 339-9889

Elwick Community School
30 Maberley Road • 633-5641

Forest Park School
130 Forest Park Drive • 338-9341

Garden City Collegiate
711 Jefferson Avenue • 339-2058

Governor Semple School
150 Hartford Avenue • 339-7112

H.C. Avery Middle School
10 Marigold Bay • 334-4391

École James Nisbet Community School
70 Doubleday Drive • 633-8870

École Leila North Community School
20 Allan Blye Drive • 694-8071

Maples Collegiate
1330 Jefferson Avenue • 632-6641

Margaret Park School
385 Cork Avenue • 338-9384

O.V. Jewitt Community School
66 Neville Street • 633-1714

R.F. Morrison School
25 Morrison Street • 338-7804

École Riverbend Community School
123 Red River Boulevard W • 334-8417

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800 Salter Street • 586-0327

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395 Jefferson Avenue • 586-9716

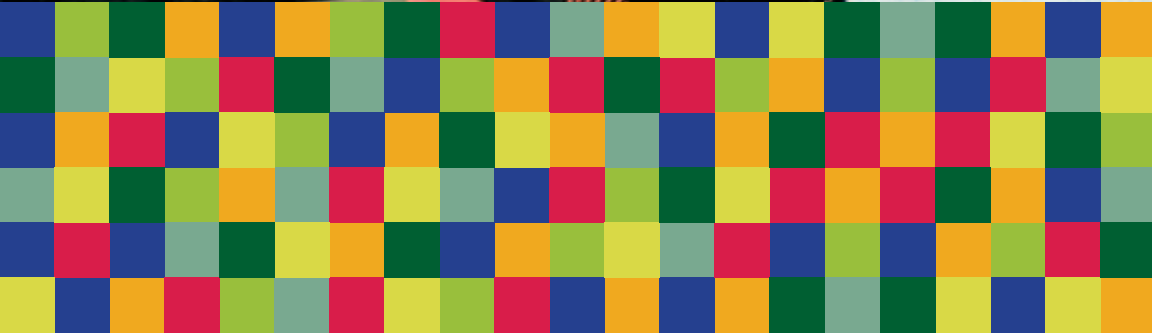
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101 Ridgcrest Avenue • 339-6959

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