

HAWK TALK



Greetings to our ÉSOMS families!

Over the last three months we have accomplished a lot of learning and are off to a great start. I have some news to share with you. Madame Loewen, our Vice Principal has just been named the Principal of École Belmont and she will begin her duties in January. Over her three and a half years at ÉSOMS Madame Loewen has contributed greatly to the success of our school community.

We will miss her but, on behalf of our students, staff, and families, I wish her success in her new leadership role. In the next few weeks I will let you know who our new VP will be.

With the winter holiday just around the corner, I wish all of you a joyful time with your family and friends.

Kirk Baldwin

A Word from Mme Loewen, Vice Principal

I would like to let you know that I have recently been appointed as the Principal of École Belmont beginning in January. While I am excited about this upcoming challenge and opportunity, it is also difficult to know that I will be leaving this wonderful school community shortly. I would like to thank all families for your support during my time at ÉSOMS. It has been a sincere pleasure and an honour to work alongside with you as we have supported your children in their learning at school. Best wishes!

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Join us for our next PAC Meeting! – Tuesday, January 5th.

We meet regularly on the first Tuesday of every month at 6:30 in the staff room. Our meetings are informal and provide parents with an opportunity to hear about all the wonderful things happening at ÉSOMS. Hope to see you!

Cool Weather & Lunch Information

Lunchtime at ÉSOMS is from 11:15 until 12:15. Students have the choice of eating lunch in their homerooms or eating lunch out of the building. Students who leave for lunch are welcome back inside the school at 12:05. Students who choose to eat their lunch in their homerooms remain there until 11:35. While there are many opportunities to participate in clubs, for some students to use passes for the West Kildonan Library, play intramurals in the gym or spend time in our library, *everyone else goes outside until 12:05*. The outdoor time is an important part of their school day. It is a time to get some exercise, socialize, breathe some fresh air and get energized for an afternoon of learning.

As the weather gets cooler, we will continue going outside at lunchtime. It will be indoor recess at times of rain and when the temperature goes below -26.

School Bus Cancellation Policy

Metro Winnipeg School Superintendents have made a change in the policy for cancellation of school bus service due to cold weather.

The new policy will use the temperature reading at The Forks instead of the Airport.



School bussing will be cancelled if the wind-chill reading is -45 or colder at 6:00 a.m. at The Forks according to Environment Canada.

Notice of school bus cancellations will be provided to media outlets and posted on school division websites as soon as the 6:00 a.m. reading is posted by Environment Canada.

Metro Winnipeg School Divisions are: Louis Riel, Pembina Trails, River East Transcona, St. James Assiniboia, Seven Oaks and Winnipeg. Catholic schools and the Gray Academy also follow the same policy.

The change was made as weather conditions at The Forks are closer to weather conditions in most residential areas where children are waiting for school buses. This should result in fewer cancellations.

IN THE GYM....

Physical Education Classes

Throughout the month of November students completed a basketball unit and a number of fitness theme classes.

Winter has finally arrived! As gym classes will continue to take place outdoors, please help remind your child to bring gym clothes that are suitable for the cold weather!

Special Olympics

We continue to prepare for The Special Olympics Manitoba "In the School" Basketball skills and games competition that will take place on Monday, December 7th at Edmund Partridge Community School, starting at 10am.



Extracurricular

Volleyball. Another successful volleyball season has come to an end. Great job to all of the participants! A special thank you to the following coaches for their commitment and dedication: Coach Bromilow, Coach Desloges, Coach Henry, Coach Koshelanyk, Coach Hall, Coach Hunter, Coach Sherri, Coach Malaschuk, Coach Cassils!

Basketball. Our 3 basketball evaluation clinics ran throughout the last couple of weeks in November. After the 3 clinics, players were placed on a team best suited for their level. Evaluations were based on skill, game play, commitment and sportsmanship. Now that teams have been set, practices have started for each team. Be sure to check the Physical Education calendar in the hallway and the events calendar on the school web site for your practice times. Games will start after the Christmas break. However, the divisional teams will start their season on Wed Dec 16th. The gr. 6's will play their games on Mondays; the gr. 7's on Thursdays; the divisional teams on Wednesdays and the gr. 8 school teams on Tuesdays. The season will extend into the 3rd week of February for each "school team" whereas the divisional teams will play into the 2nd week of March. Players are required to have their own grey Hawks sports shirt. This can be purchased in the Physical Education office for \$12.

Good luck, have fun, play hard and have a good season.

Music Notes...

Congratulations to all Grade 7 and 8 band, choir and fiddle students who participated in this year's Winter Concert! Bravo!



Our next winter concert will feature the Grade 6 band, choir and fiddle students! We invite all families to join us here at ÉSOMS on Wednesday, January 27th at 7:00pm, for an evening of music and entertainment!

The first group of TAS Guitar has been a blast! We've learned folk tunes, popular songs, and simple guitar riffs. We just had our last class and ended the term by performing our favourite songs for each other! Here are a few pictures of the guitar students rocking out.



Grade 8 Forks Visit!

Our grade eight students will be spending a day at the Forks in December, as follows:

Hall/Labossiere/Persaud/Sherri – Monday, Dec. 7

Chrnyk/Cervantes/Ruppenthal – Friday, Dec. 11

The fiddle students will present a 30-minute concert at 10:00 a.m. on the centre court stage, after which the grade eight classes will have lunch and then spend the next few hours enjoying activities at the Forks. We will return to ÉSOMS by 2:00 p.m.

Parents and friends – you are welcome to attend the concert if you are able to join us!

Fiddle Jams

Fiddle students from ÉSOMS and other SOSD schools have been taking part in our after-school fiddle jams in the fiddle room. These are open to any students who want to come out and make music together, and include guitarists, bassists, drummers, as well as fiddlers.

Our next fiddle jam is on Thursday, Dec. 3 – hope to see you there!

Life & Learning at ÉSOMS

La vie et l'apprentissage

Room 25 – Ms Bromilow

The federal election may be over, but in Room 25 we are gearing up for the provincial election in April 2016, by participating in Elections Manitoba Citizen Next Video Challenge. The purpose of the challenge is to allow students to weigh in on the democratic process and to get them thinking about democracy and what it means to them. Throughout this challenge we have learned about representation, the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, and mandatory voting. As well, we have had the opportunity to experiment with different forms of art, editing and music composition. A highlight was welcoming Shaw TV into our classroom to document us creating our second video on Canadian Democratic Rights. You can check out the story at



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DxKLQJTDXYA>

The results to the challenge will be announced in the new year. Wish us luck!



Room 26 – Mr. Serzu

This has been a great month in room 26. We have been spending some time learning about the elements of art. The last three pieces we have worked on have all been connected to value.

Value is the lightness or darkness of a color. You can change the value of a color by tinting it, which is adding white to a color to lighten it, or shading, which is adding black to a color to darken it.

In our winter landscape piece, we had to choose a winter scene from the internet, pick a cool color, and try to paint that scene only using the cool color we chose, white and black. This forced us to create various values of the color we chose. We created the details with our painting using charcoal after the paint had dried.



We also worked on African masks using chalk pastels. These were inspired by Lois Mailou Jones' "Les Fetiches". We were encouraged to shade and tint different areas of the masks.

Another painting that allowed us to experiment with value was our underwater painting. We were supposed to try to show the sun piercing through the ocean to the bottom of the sea.



ÉSOMS Clubs

Monday: MakerSpace

Students have the freedom to build, use tools, tinker, build and create.

This month we have been:

- Experimenting with lights, wires, motors and fans
- Taking apart electronics to see what is inside.
- Using syringes and tubing to learn about hydraulics and pneumatics
- Building houses, catapults and more.



Tuesday: Science Club



This month we had a presentation by Let's Talk Science and learned about careers in science, science after high school, what scientists do and BATS! We took this knowledge and started to come up with a passion project that we will turn into a science fair project. We also made Ooblek and dissected pig hearts!



Wednesday: SO Sustainable

We have a small but dedicated group that is working to make our school a more sustainable and eco-friendly place. This month we have been organizing a Bag it Up Challenge / Le défi des sacs en plastiques. We will be collecting plastic bags to recycle until December 15th.



Thursday: CodeMakers



This month we have been playing some coding games on code.org. Some of the groups favourites include Star Wars: Building a Galaxy with Code, Minecraft Hour of Code, Make a Flappy Game and Code Combat!

Club de photo – Photogenics

At our meeting we started looking at 'what makes a "good" photo'. We reviewed the Halloween Spirit week photos we took, and noticed things that we liked about lighting, facial expressions, background etc. We are documenting our learning in their personalized 'photo albums'.

Anyone is welcome to join in!



You Be the Chemist



Congratulations to Mike Holmes and Michael Ross who represented ÉSOMS at the You Be the Chemist Competition that happened at the University of Winnipeg on November 24th. They were tested on their knowledge of the scientific method, the atomic model, the periodic table and much more. Between rounds they participated in science experiments including goffy putty, balloon in a bottle, and the rainbow fire tornado. Both students did great. Way to go Mike and Michael!



The City of Winnipeg is proud to provide a wide variety of recreation and leisure opportunities that contribute to the overall well-being of our community. The Leisure Guide is published three times per year and is filled with fun and exciting activities for everyone.

For more information on leisure, sport and fitness activities, please pick up a copy of the Leisure Guide, call 311 or visit Winnipeg.ca. Guides are available for pick up at civic indoor pools, libraries and leisure centres, and at a number of retail locations including Safeway, 7-Eleven and Mac's.

Registration for swimming lessons only will begin on December 15 at 8:00 am. Registration for all other activities will begin on December 16 at 8:00 am.

City of Winnipeg Priceless Fun

Winnipeggers now have easy access to information about free recreation, leisure and library programs with the free programming guide, Priceless Fun.

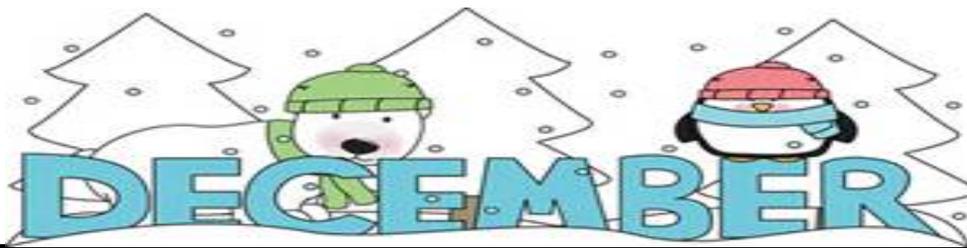
The fall edition of Priceless Fun, available in mid-December, provides information about the free programs for children and youth being offered by the City of Winnipeg throughout the city, all in one convenient guide.

Hard copies of Priceless Fun are available for pick up at all civic indoor pools, libraries and leisure centres. You can view the current edition of Priceless Fun online at:

Winnipeg.ca/cms/recreation/leisure/leisureguide.stm. Information about programs is also available by calling 311.

Happy Holidays!





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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
		1 Day 5 P.A.C. 6:30 pm	2 Day 6 Gr 7 + 8 Winer Concert Garden City Coll 7 pm	3 Day 1	4 Day 2 ÉSOMS PD No Classes	5
6	7 Day 3 Hanukkah Begins	8 Day 4 TAS Term 2 begins	9 Day 5	10 Day 6	11 Day 1	12
13	14 Day 2	15 Day 3	16 Day 4	17 Day 5	18 Day 6 Last day of classes	19
20	21 Winter Break begins	22	23	24	25 Christmas Day	26
27 	28	29	30	31	Classes resume Mon. January 4/16 Day 1	