

ESOMS

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January is the time to take a few moments and to think about what's happened during the first four months of the school year. Students worked well socially and academically, gaining new knowledge and developing new skills. December was a busy time when students were involved in many activities. They participated in field trips that enriched their knowledge in many subjects. Many classrooms were involved with the Christmas Cheer Board. Each group made Christmas hampers to share the joy of the Holiday season with those in need. *This kindness from our students and staff members help make a better world.* ESOMS is still a great caring place.

Our Keeping Balance program, Gitchimisawedamowinan, is well attended every Monday - Thursday evening. Students are happy with the services provided by the team. Thanks to all!

December also marked a transition from one type of activity to another in Phys. Ed. Volleyball season is now over and our basketball teams hit the court to develop their skills and, more importantly, to have fun.

We already know that January will be an eventful month. Students involved in the school production are working hard during lunch hour and after school, as well as during their TAS classes. Everyone is working hard at making sure "Back to the 80's" is going to be a huge success in April. January will also be super busy with the preparation of our Human Rights Museum which will take place on February 10th. Students and teachers have already given some thoughts to the topics they will study.

Our Next Striving for Excellence theme will give an opportunity to students and staff to look at the progress made so far. We are going to celebrate the virtue of improvement. Improvement is everyone's responsibility. As Arnold Glasgow said: "Improvement begins with I!"

Bonne Année 2011.

IMPORTANT DATES

JANUARY	6	Classes Resume – Day 4
	11	Parent Advisory Council 6:30 pm
	27	Striving for Excellence – Period 6
	31	School PD – No Classes* New Date*
FEBRUARY	1	Parent Advisory Council 6:30 pm
	10	Human Rights Museum
	11	Valentine Soc Hop
	21	Louis Riel Day – No classes
	23	Striving for Excellence – Period 6
MARCH	1	Parent Advisory Council 6:30 pm
	7	Winter Activity Day
	11	Progress Reports go home
	15	Three Way conferences
	17	Three Way conferences
	18	Three Way Conferences – No classes
	21	Striving for Excellence – Period 6
	25	Spring Break Soc Hop
25	Last day of Classes	
SPRING BREAK		MARCH 28TH – APRIL 1ST
APRIL	4	School Resumes – Day 6
	5	Parent Advisory Council 6:30 pm
	13	Open House
	22	Good Friday – No classes
	25 – 28	School Production
MAY	1	Striving for Excellence – Period 6
	3	Parent Advisory Council 6:30 pm
	5 – 6	School PD – No Classes
	23	Victoria Day – No classes
JUNE	1 – 3	Arts in the Park
	7	Parent Advisory Council 6:30 pm
	28	Grade 8 Farewell
	29	Admin Day – No Classes
	30	Progress Reports go home Last day of Classes - dismissal 11:15 am



HAPPY NEW YEAR

TRANSPORTATION

A reminder that bus students need to be at their bus stop 5 minutes before their pick up times. Buses will not be going back for them.

SCHOOL PRODUCTION - BACK TO THE 80'S

Welcome back after a well deserved break. Before Christmas, we began working on our production entitled 'Back to the 80's'. Now that the holidays are over, we will resume our busy rehearsal schedule. Rehearsals occur during the lunch hour, as well as after school. The schedule is located outside of rooms 5 and 30. The schedule can also be found on the school website. There is lots of cool information on the website. Have fun perusing the website and returning to the 80's.

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Do you know what is happening at ESOMS? Do you want to find out? Do you want a say in what's happening? If you answered "yes" to any or all of these questions, then mark Tuesday, January 11th, 6:30 p.m. on your calendar. That's the date of the next Parent Advisory Council Meeting.

Our meetings are relaxed and informal. Mr. Bérubé and Mr. Kowalchuk present all the latest ESOMS news and happenings.

STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE

Rm 5:Max, Kelsey; Rm 24:Lourdes, Kaitlin; Rm 8: Elizabeth, Kaylee; Rm 26: Paige, Keefe; Rm 25: Kristofer, Richard

Rm 17:Hayley, Dylan; Rm 30:Laruen, Rashaun; Rm 35:Jessica, Brooke; Rm 31:Erwin, Christine; Rm 19:Larisa, Harnoor

Rm 11:Vienna, Paul; Rm 15:Jose, David; Rm 33:Gordie, Renee; Rm 9:Renée, Riley; Rm 13:Arielle, Kacey

Please join us on January 27th for our next Striving for Excellence Assembly, Improvement.

Our school provided hampers for 8 families for the Christmas Cheer Board this year. We asked students and teachers to donate \$2 per person towards a turkey and a toy. With the extra funds, we donated it to Winnipeg Harvest. A big thank you to Mr. Page's class for raising \$85.00 and supplying their hamper with their own toys! Also, Mr. Serzu bought toys for his hamper and donated the class's money! Thank you to everyone who donated so generously.

Leadership students recently volunteered at the Christmas Cheer Board. We packed 500 hampers! It was so great to know that we helped a lot of people at Christmas time! Our school has been so great and so generous! Thank you for all of your donations!

By Brooke

KEEPING BALANCE

Keeping Balance has begun once again for 2011. This is a program that has been running for a number of years in different capacities throughout the Seven Oaks School Division. This program has been made possible by a group of very dedicated parents, the **Seven Oaks Parents in Support of Aboriginal Education**, who have written proposals and secured funding to complement programs and resources that already existed in the Division. The program includes a new segment to the after school "Keeping Balance" program. This segment will be open to students in the Seven Oaks School Division in grades 6-10. The community participated in our NAMING & PIPE CEREMONY on Thursday, December 2nd in our gym. We feasted and celebrated our new name for the day segment of Keeping Balance: *Gitchimisawedamowinan*.

New to the team: Sherri Courchene (Teacher/Program Coordinator), Donna Moose (Cultural Advisor), Michael Pierre (Cultural Advisor), Alyssa aka "Jenna" or "Big Al" (Youth Worker/Mentor)

Returning staff - Alyssa Denysuik (Youth Worker/Mentor), Tasha Clark (Youth Worker/Mentor), Stephanie Harper (Youth Worker/Mentor), Nicole Selkirk (Youth Worker/Mentor)

Our program offers activities based on First Nations Teachings & Culture. The after school program out of ESOMS on Thursday evening currently has 22 students registered. The students have had several meetings and have already been exposed to teachings about and/or completed a variety of activities including: Learning about Smudging, participating in Sharing Circles, Friendship Bracelets, What is a Bundle?, What kinds of things are in a Bundle?, How to care for a Hand Drum, Songs and their symbolism, and Individual Peace Shields. Students have also brought in and shared items that they have made in past Keeping Balance years.

Our program is open to all students in E.S.O.M.S. on Thursday evenings from 3:30-6:30pm. We do require a permission slip to be completed and brought back to the school. We supply healthy snacks and a small meal to the students throughout the evening.

The students and staff at E.S.O.M.S. have been absolutely fantastic in welcoming our new team, and returning staff. If you would like more information please contact Sherri Courchene @ 586-0327.

Thank you/Meegwetch/Ekosi,

Sherri Courchene
Teacher/Program Coordinator

LIBRARY NEWS

It's a new year, so why not curl up with a new book from ESOMS' library? This list is sure to include something for all interests. If you see a title you like, see Ms. VandenBerg and she will hook you up with your book.

Words that start with B: Clarissa wanted to make grade seven the best year ever. But she doesn't get her favourite teacher, her mom has a serious illness, and her best friend Benji becomes the target to the school bully.

Leviathan: In an alternate 1914 Europe, fifteen-year-old Austrian Prince Alek, on the run from the Clanker powers who are attempting to take over the globe using mechanical machinery, forms an uneasy alliance with Deryn, who, disguised as a boy to join the British Air Service, is learning to fly genetically engineered beasts.

Leven Thumps and the gateway to Foo: When fate brings fourteen-year-old Leven and thirteen-year-old Winter together, they discover that for mankind to continue dreaming, the gateway between reality and dreams needs to be found and demolished.

The Strange case of Origami Yoda: Sixth-grader Tommy and his friends describe their interactions with a paper finger puppet of Yoda, worn by their weird classmate Dwight, as they try to figure out whether or not the puppet can really predict the future.

I am number four: In rural Ohio, friendships and a beautiful girl prove distracting to a fifteen-year-old who has hidden on Earth for ten years waiting to develop the Legacies, or powers, he will need to rejoin the other five surviving Garde members and fight the Mogadorians who destroyed their planet, Lorien.

The Shadow Project: A young English thief stumbles on, and subsequently is recruited for, a super-secret operation that trains teenagers in remote viewing and astral projection techniques in order to engage in spying.

Taken: In 2036 kidnapping rich children has become an industry, but when thirteen-year-old Charity Meyers is taken and held for ransom, she soon discovers that this particular kidnapping is not what it seems.

Stolen: Sixteen-year-old Gemma, a British city-dweller, is abducted while on vacation with her parents and taken to the Australian outback, where she soon realizes that escape attempts are futile, and in time she learns that her captor is not as despicable as she first believed.

If I stay: While in a coma following an automobile accident that killed her parents and younger brother, seventeen-year-old Mia, a gifted cellist, weighs whether to live with her grief or join her family in death.

WORLD WIDE TELESCOPE

There will be a free workshop held at Red River College (Princess Street Campus) on the use of the Microsoft Research astronomy software *World Wide Telescope* on January 13th, 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in the session, please email: jeff.cieszecki@7oaks.org.

BAND NOTES

Below are some important dates for 2011:

March 9th: Spring Concert, 7:00 pm, NKMB, 1315 Gateway Road

March 17th-18th: Brandon Jazz Festival for Senior Jazz Band and Vocal Jazz.

May 17th-20th: Minneapolis Grade 8 Band Trip

We will be sending registration letters home for the Brandon Jazz and Minneapolis trips shortly. We will also be announcing some new fundraisers in January. A band parent meeting for the Minneapolis trip will be scheduled in early Spring.

SILENT AUCTION FOR MAY 9th CONCERT

We are now collecting items for our annual Silent Auction! Proceeds go towards ESOMS band program with a percentage going towards The War Affected Children's Fund. Not too happy with that one Christmas gift? Please donate it for these worthy causes!

BAND SHIRTS

New students will be receiving their band shirts this February. A form will be sent home shortly requesting your child's shirt size.

FIDDLE NOTES

The Singing Fiddle Cafe was a huge success and many thanks are in order for all of those people who helped to make the event happen! To the wonderful teachers and parents who set up, supervised and tore down the stage and tables - you are appreciated beyond words! Thanks also to those parents who donated the tables and tables of beautiful baking and who took time from the busy December schedules to support their kids in their musical learning!

January is a relatively quiet month, musically speaking, while we get ready for the many performances to come. Dates to keep in mind are:

January 31 - Workshop on Violin Repairs and Maintenance
February 10 - Human Rights Museum
Feb 14 - Grade 7 Fiddlers visit other schools
February 24 - Fiddlers play with the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra
March 9 - Band Concert
March 17-18 Brandon Jazz Festival
April 13 - Incredibows play with Manitoba Chamber Orchestra
April 26 - 28 - Our Production!!!!
May 2 - Music Monday
June 1-3 Arts in the Park



Lots of fun coming up. Information will be posted on the music bulletin boards or on the teacher web sites. Let's have a great 2011 of music making!

IN THE GYM

PHYSICAL EDUCATION CLASSES

Throughout the month of December students completed a dance unit.

Please help remind your child to bring a change of clothes to gym class. There will be scheduled gym classes outside, so it is really important they are dressed for the cold weather.

AT LUNCH

Basketball is the new intramural game offered in January as part of our Hawks House League Program.

LEADERSHIP

Thanks to the students that helped run the Christmas Cheer Board food drive campaign. It was a big job but very rewarding in many ways. It was great to have reliable, enthusiastic volunteers!

A special thanks to the students that helped organize and run Spirit Week! Again, your help was greatly appreciated.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Snowshoeing has begun. The students are having a great time with this sport. They are preparing for the big competition on Saturday, January 22nd. There will be more information to follow.

EXTRACURRICULAR

Basketball

Practices ran throughout December and the new season started the week of Jan 10th. All participating players are to return their permission forms to their coach by their first game. Practice and game times can be found on the phys ed calendar outside the phys ed office or on the school web site under phys ed.



Classroom News

Room 15 — Mr. Nault's classroom

December has been a busy month. In Math, we have been working on the multiplication and division of integers. In Science, we did experiments to find out the differences between fresh and salt water; and the effects of each on the buoyancy of an object. In Social Studies, we have been exploring early man, and learning about the importance of history. We also have continued to learn how to compile information for our research projects. We have gone to the Public Library to sort through books and begin to decide which books could help us in our research. Our eco-corner has had an explosion of guppy babies and snail babies! We are going to begin thinking about other fish and animals we can put in the tank that will get along with our guppies and will help keep our tank healthy and happy. We hope everyone enjoyed their holidays, and expect the months to come to be even busier!

Room 24 — Mr. Dewit's Classroom

During the month of December we did a lot of different things before the Christmas holidays. In Science, we finished our unit about the diversity of living things. We learned that there are many different ways to classify living things and how they adapt to their environment for survival. We also went to the IMAX Theatre and watched 2 documentaries in 3D. In Math, we are learning about prime numbers, composite numbers, factors, and multiples. For Social Studies, a professional artist came to our school and taught us how to draw cartoon characters. We all made comic strips about famous Canadian moments. In Basic French, we learned many different words that related to Christmas and winter. In Language Arts, we are reading the novel "Bridge to Terabithia". We are also doing a book report over the Christmas break. The basketball season has started and will continue after the Christmas break. Many students are looking forward to their first game. The month of December has been a lot of fun and has gone by very fast!

Salle 13 — la classe de Monsieur Hall

Dans la salle 13 nous faisons beaucoup de choses! En français nous faisons les présentations de supers-orateurs, nous commençons les jeux d'impro et nous écoutons de la musique francophone. En anglais, nous écrivons des monologues et nous travaillons les présentations de TUSC. En sciences humaines, nous avons fait des présentations sur l'Égypte ancienne et en sciences naturelles nous étudions la mitose en faisant des observations avec les microscopes. En mathématiques, nous travaillons sur l'aire des polygones et des objets à trois dimensions.

Par Faith Allard

Room 31 — Mrs Chrnyk's classroom

Our class had a great time at Spirit Week. We are looking forward to the new year. We will be beginning a novel study for LA - "Underground to Canada". We will be continuing with volcanoes in Science and starting a new unit in Math. Our student teacher has returned to school and will return to ESOMS in March. We are looking forward to the new material for 2011!

Salle 8 — la classe de M. Page

Ahhhh! C'est déjà le retour des vacances d'hiver!. En décembre, n a fait une dictée et on a étudié les verbes en français. En sciencesde la nature on a exploré les invertébrés: c'est-a-dire les animaux qui n'ont pas de colonne vertébrale. En Anglais, on essaie d'utiliser le système google docs. En Anglais, on fait le tusc et le six traits of writing. En sciences humaines on a étudié l'immigration au Manitoba. En Mathé on fait les facteurs et les multiples communs. Nous avons eu du bon temps avec Monsieur Hall. par April

Room 30 — Ms Koshelanyk's classroom

This December we have learned about succession and food chains in Science. In Math, we wrapped up our data unit with a quiz. It was a breeze! In Social Studies, we finished watching the Amazing Race and are looking forward to our own mini race. In ELA, we have been doing our holiday unit where we do different activities on traditions from around the world. We just finished the book *A Boy Called It*. It is a very sad story about a boy who is abused by his mother. It is really sad but he survives and his story is really cool. In French, we are making a visual dictionary of *Le Monde*. Our class is looking forward to 2011. By Celina Mahoney

Salle 9 — la classe de Madame Henry

Le mois de décembre a été rempli d'activités amusantes. On a fait beaucoup de choses qui nous ont fait réaliser que nous sommes vraiment privilégiés. Une de ces choses est notre panier de Noël pour le Christmas Cheerboard. Nous avons collecté trois boîtes pleines d'aliments pour le petit déjeuner, le dîner, le souper et les desserts. Nous avons aussi recueilli plusieurs cadeaux pour cinq enfants et leur mère. Cette expérience a été une grande leçon d'humilité. On est aussi allé en excursion à deux reprises. On est allé au Siloam Mission et à Winnipeg Harvest. Au Siloam Mission on a fait la tournée de leur bâtiment. On a vu des salles comme la salle à manger, les dortoirs, leur salle d'art et plus encore. On a fait du bénévolat à Winnipeg Harvest. Nous avons trié et emballé des patates et des oignons. En classe, nous avons appris l'aire des formes à dimensions. En Sciences de la nature, nous avons appris à propos de la mitose. Nous avons fait les présentations de nos projets sur l'Égypte ancienne, la Mésopotamie et la vallée des Indus en Sciences humaines. Nous avons célébré la dernière journée d'école avant les vacances avec une fête où on a mangé un petit déjeuner copieux avec des œufs, des crêpes, des fruits et des muffins.

On souhaite à toutes les familles des élèves d'ESOMS une excellente année 2011 remplie de joies et de succès.

Salle 17 — la salle de Madame Pancotto

We are the kids from Mme Pancotto's class. We are all hoping you had a safe and fun holiday. We had a very busy month working very hard in Math, French, Language Arts, Sciences Naturelles and Sciences Humaines. In Mathématiques we are learning about relationships between fractions, percentages and decimals. In Français we are finishing our speeches about famous Canadians. In Language arts we are doing a novel study on *Underground to Canada*. In Sciences Naturelles, we are finished presenting our projects on Biomes. Soon we will be learning about matter. Finally, in Sciences Humaines we are working on a project about Francophone countries around the world. We wish everyone a great month. Happy Birthday to Magen on January 11th. By: Emma

Salle 5 — la salle de Monsieur Hall

Before Christmas, we began working on a new site called Google docs where you can work with anybody you want from where ever you are. We have started a project with Google docs already. In Math we have been working on a thing called machine entrée et sortie where a number is put in the machine and a number comes out and you have to use addition, subtraction, division and multiplication but there is a row of numbers that go in and come out and they have to work for all of them.

Room 33 — Miss Rigey's classroom

Ms. Rigey's grade 8 class has been very busy this past month! In Math we are continuing with Integers and building on our skills as we advance our learning. In December, the class presented an *Imaginary Civilization* project for Social Studies. Students created their own civilization from the ice age period making sure the characteristics regarding the natural environment and the time period selected were realistic. In Science, our class will be presenting their group Body System unit projects next week. The five groups are Skeletal & Muscular, Cardiovascular, Respiratory, Reproductive and Nervous systems. Before the Holidays, our class presented in the school assembly for *Striving for Excellence*. Our theme was honesty. Happy new year to all!

Room 25 — Miss Lindsay's classroom

This month we have been busy. In LA we finished our Novel Study 'The Beech Nut'. In Math we had fun learning about Lowest Common Multiple and Greatest Common Factor. For Science we started our space unit and went to the IMAX to see *The Hubble & Dolphins and Whales 3D*. In French we did a 'Jours de Noel' project. We had a Christmas party, (and ate PIZZA)!!! We even did pastel art this month. We had a ton of fun in December.
Sidney, Veronica, Maia and Halle

Room 35 — Ms Waskul's classroom

Our class has had a wonderful year. We recently had a "Despicable Me" fundraiser for Siloam Mission. We raised \$109.00. Each Christmas dinner costs about \$3.00 so we helped many people. Many of us also volunteered at the Christmas Cheer Board. We helped pack hampers for a lot of families in need. We loved helping out and felt very proud of ourselves. In Math, we just wrapped up our unit on fractions, decimals, and percents. We worked on changing fractions into lowest terms. We will now start working on our "Living on Your Own" project that will be due in late February. In Language Arts, we recently finished our novel "Underground to Canada". I think the book appealed to everyone in my classroom. We just had our test on it. On the last week of school before Christmas break, we had "Choice TUSC" where we got to pick our own jobs and had a lot of fun. We finished and presented both our "Theme" projects and our "12 Days of Christmas" holiday project. In our "Theme" projects, we got to choose our own topic which we based our project around. Our student teacher, Ms. Muc, taught us Science. She taught us about biomes, food chains, food webs, succession, and many other topics based around that. We studied succession by making one in a jar. We put soil, water, aquatic plants, and snails into them. We added bird seed everyday to see what would happen. It was a lot of fun. Social Studies has been awesome. We studied each of the continents and did different activities around each one. We also finished "The Amazing Race". I know for a fact that all of us definitely loved that! In French, we studied francophone countries around the world. We made Visual Dictionaries and will now start making our own passports! So far, this has been a wonderful year. I know all my classmates and I love coming to school and having so much fun doing all these great things!
By Brooke

Salle 19 — la salle de Mme Persaud

On a fait beaucoup de choses intéressantes pendant le mois de décembre. En français, on a fait les saynètes pour *l'Intrigue en France* et ont aussi travaillé les verbes au présent. En anglais, on lit le livre *Underground to Canada*, et on fait un petit travail après chaque chapitre. En science de la nature, on a travaillé les relations symbiotiques, et les animaux et leurs niches. En science humaines, on a travaillé les biomes et leur végétation, les climatogrammes et comment les analyser. En maths, on a travaillé les fractions, les décimaux, et les pourcentages. On a appris comment simplifier les fractions. Bon Noel et bonne année a toutes et a tous!
Reposez-vous et amusez-vous bien!

Room 26 — Mr. Serzu's classroom

December was great month in room 26. In Science we began our unit on space. We looked at different details about the planets and looked at the vocabulary related to space. In Social Studies we completed our study on Louis Riel and the Metis. We also looked at the different flags of the Metis. From that we created our own flags that represent us. In math we finished looking at prime and composite numbers. In the New Year we will be looking at immigration in Social Studies, continue our study of space, work on essay writing and research strategies.
By: Brandon



The Seven Oaks Education Foundation Inc.

Invites Parents and Staff to Attend

7 OAKS GOT TALENT

Featuring the musical talents of Seven Oaks School Division teachers & staff!

SPUD, STEAK & BEVERAGE

fundraising event

Friday, February 4, 2011

5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

at

Silverado's

Canad Inns Garden City

(McPhillips & Jefferson)

TICKETS:

- ➔ **\$15 per person** includes
6 oz AAA Steak or BBQ Chicken Breast
Baked Potato or French Fries
Mushrooms, Caesar Salad, Garlic Toast
Vegetables & beverage
- ➔ **\$10 Admission/Entertainment**
- ➔ May be purchased from

GRAND PRIZES

- ➔ 200,000 Avion Points
- ➔ Winnipeg Blue Bomber
2011 Season Tickets

SILENT AUCTION

DOOR PRIZES

- ➔ 50-50 DRAW

School Ticket Coordinator

- ➔ cheques payable to:
Seven Oaks Education Foundation Inc.

**MANITOBA ANAPHYLAXIS
INFORMATION NETWORK (MAIN)**

Teen Allergies

Tuesday Jan 18, 2011

7:00 - 8:30 pm.

The Gray Academy 123 Doncaster St

Email: mainmanitoba@shaw.ca

FREE



“Activities in Community Places”

Everyone is invited to get “in motion” with **Seven Oaks Healthy Living** this winter! All ages are welcome to join in the Open Gym times on the schedule below (equipment provided).



All activities are offered FREE of charge

Day	Location	Time Slot	Activity
Mondays	Ecole Seven Oaks Middle School	6 p.m. – 8 p.m.	Open Gym (all ages)
10 weeks Starting January 10 Ending March 28	800 Salter		<u><i>Students may not attend without parents!!</i></u> <u><i>Adults Welcome!</i></u>
Thursdays	Elwick School	6 p.m. – 8 p.m.	Open Gym (all ages)
10 weeks Starting January 13 ending March 31	30 Maberley Road		<u><i>Students may not attend without parents!!</i></u> <u><i>Adults Welcome!</i></u>

Join us for Skating every Tuesday at Elwick from 4 – 6pm!

For more information call Evan @ 938-5707

January 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	Day 4 6 School Re-opens	Day 5 7	8
9	Day 6 10	Day 1 11 Parent Advisory 6:30 pm	Day 2 12	Day 3 13	Day 4 14	15
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23	Day 4 24	Day 5 25	Day 6 26	Day 1 27 Striving for Excellence "Improvement"	Day 2 28	29
30	Day 3 31 ESOMS P.D. No Classes					