

École Constable Edward Finney School

February 2021 Newsletter



Dear Finney families,

We have been so happy to welcome students back to school during the winter term. Continued safety and cleaning protocols remain in place. Keeping school a “low-risk, high-gain” learning environment is very important to us.

As you may know, there is ample evidence showing that schools have not been major centres of transmission of the COVID-19 virus, especially for young children. A full 94% of our students attend our school in person and where we have had four confirmed positive cases with potential exposure to others since the start of the school year, there has been no evidence of any transmission to students or staff. Thank you for all you are doing at home to help us with keeping everyone safe!

While we hope the beautiful temperatures we enjoyed in January continue, we realize that February often brings cold weather. We strive for a careful balance of allowing children to enjoy the outdoors, while at the same time ensuring that they are comfortable and safe. We continually monitor the conditions throughout the school day and keep children indoors when the conditions are extreme. Please be sure that your child is warmly dressed for our winter weather each school day, as the weather can fluctuate dramatically. Thanks in advance for your support and cooperation.

Important Dates:

- Friday February 5—Divisional PD Day—NO SCHOOL
- Monday February 15—Louis Riel Day—NO SCHOOL
- Monday February 22—Online Kindergarten Registration Begins (for children born in 2016)
- Monday March 1—School Based PD Day—NO SCHOOL
- Thursday March 18—Evening parent/teacher/student conferences
- Friday March 19—Parent/teacher/student conferences —NO SCHOOL
- March 29—April 2—Spring Break— NO SCHOOL
- Monday April 5—First day back after break—School Day 3

Reminders regarding COVID

COVID-19 Screening Questions



Symptom and exposure screening questions (check all that apply)

A. Do you have a new onset, or worsening, of any ONE of the following symptoms?		Yes	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	• Fever > 38°C or subjective fever/ chills		
<input type="checkbox"/>	• Cough		
<input type="checkbox"/>	• Sore throat/ hoarse voice		
<input type="checkbox"/>	• Shortness of breath/ breathing difficulties		
<input type="checkbox"/>	• Loss of taste or smell		
<input type="checkbox"/>	• Vomiting or diarrhea for more than 24 hours		
If "yes" to any one of the above, DO NOT ENTER			
B. Do you have a new onset, or worsening, of any TWO of the following symptoms?		Yes	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	• Runny nose		
<input type="checkbox"/>	• Muscle aches		
<input type="checkbox"/>	• Fatigue		
<input type="checkbox"/>	• Conjunctivitis (pink eye)		
<input type="checkbox"/>	• Headache		
<input type="checkbox"/>	• Skin rash of unknown cause		
<input type="checkbox"/>	• Nausea or loss of appetite		
<input type="checkbox"/>	• Poor feeding (if an infant)		
If "yes" to any two of the above, DO NOT ENTER *			
<p>* If you have only one symptom in section B and it has been less than 24 hours since it started, stay home and avoid contact with others. Re-evaluate after 24 hours, and use the on-line COVID-19 Screening Tool. https://sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/screening-tool/.</p>			
Exposure history		Yes	No
1.	Have you, or a member of your household, been in close contact (within 2 meters/ 6 feet for more than 15 minutes) in the last 14 days with a confirmed COVID-19 case?		
2.	Have you been exposed to COVID-19 in a work or public setting?		
3.	Have you, or a member of your household, travelled outside of Canada, or within Canada east of Terrace Bay, Ontario in the past 14 days? **		
4.	Is a member of your household sick with COVID-19 symptoms, and waiting for COVID-19 test results? ***		
5.	Are you, or a member of your household, waiting for COVID-19 testing results? ***		
If "yes" to any of the above, DO NOT ENTER. Take the online screening tool https://sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/screening-tool/			

** Essential workers, such as those involved with transportation, are exempt from self-isolation (quarantine) orders, provided that they have no symptoms.

*** Exemptions are in place for asymptomatic household members if they are an essential worker required to wear medical grade PPE while at work, such as health care workers and first responders.

If the checklist advises you Not to Enter: stay home, isolate and refer to the **online COVID-19 Screening Tool** at <https://sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/screening-tool/> or call Health Links – Info Santé at 204-788-8200 or toll free at 1-888-315-9257 for further guidance.

Up to date information on COVID-19 can be found at: www.manitoba.ca/covid19/index.html

How can you help us keep everyone safe at school?

- by keeping your child at home when they are sick, and by contacting your child's pediatrician or Health Links at 204-788-8200 whenever you are unsure if your child should attend school – please remember that if *any* member of your household is symptomatic for COVID-19, the entire household needs to self-isolate when waiting for test results
- by coming quickly to pick up your child from school if we call you, and updating us immediately if your contact information changes
- by dropping off and picking up your child at their designated outside meeting spot outside
- by reporting to the school office if you are needing to pick up your child for appointments or drop items off
- by sending your child with weather-appropriate clothing (labeled with his/her name) for spending time outdoors

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten Registration will begin Monday February 22nd, 2021 for children born in 2016. Due to COVID restrictions, a new online registration form will be available for parents/guardians to fill out. Please visit [Kindergarten Registration - Seven Oaks School Division \(7oaks.org\)](https://www.7oaks.org/registration) for more details. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school at 204-694-8688 or constable.finney@7oaks.org.



Kindergarten

From Room 18

After learning a little bit about Arctic animals as part of their polar bear inquiry last year, the Grade 1/2 children in Room 18 were eager to choose an Arctic marine animal to study this year. They began the year with a whole class inquiry about belugas, as they are a symbol of northern Manitoba. Though parents couldn't come in to see the classroom due to Covid-19 restrictions, Mme Gaudet made sure to keep them connected to their child's learning with many Seesaw posts and updates. The children and she learned about belugas and about Inuit hunting and conservation practices, as well as food insecurity facing many Northern communities. Parent and industrial arts teacher at Collège Garden City, Graeme Crawford approached the class with an idea. He wanted to help them create a large art piece to celebrate their learning. His wife, from Rankin Inlet, has connections in Nunavut and they were put in touch with Inuit artist Cindy Kudloo. Cindy graciously sketched out a mother and baby beluga and mailed it to Graeme. With the help of his students, Graeme transferred the drawings to large plywood sheets and then cut them out. The jagged edges represent the melting ice and how it affects both animals and people. The children each painted a piece of the mural and then it was reassembled and hung in our school. They couldn't be together in person this year, yet they managed to come together and create an amazing piece that celebrates culture and community.



From Community Coordinator

Hi Finney Preschool Families,

There are a number of videos that include stories, songs and rhymes, and even Yoga available for you to watch with your preschool children on the Seven Oaks School Division website, www.7oaks.org. They would also be appropriate for Kindergarten and grade one children, and several include French content. All you have to do is visit the website, scroll down under News and Announcements and click on the circle that says **Preschool**. That will take you to a spot that says [click here](#) and then you will be able to choose from a number of videos to watch. The videos have been created by the Community Coordinators in our division and filmed with the help of the Seven Oaks Performing Arts Centre.

Enjoy!

Donna Giesbrecht

Community Coordinator

École Constable Edward Finney 204-694-8688

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the website homepage



From the Office

If you have moved, or are planning a move, please notify the school office so we can update your address. We require proof of the new address, either a lease agreement, offer to purchase, hydro bill, property tax bill, or water bill.

Constable.finney@7oaks.org or 204-694-8688

Thank you!



From Salle 13

Hello Finney Family,

We are from Salle 13. We want to tell you a story. Last year, our Grade fours suggested getting a class pet. This year our teacher asked us if we wanted one, and we said YES! We made a giant list of pets and then did research and the list got smaller and smaller. Soon enough we got down to the top 4, then the top 2. We have a new classmate now, actually, we have 2 new classmates! Try to guess what they are...Now for the big moment-it's Guinea Pigs!

We did a lot of work and research and got a grant from PetSmart for a travel cage and some coupons. We bought a cage online from the USA because the cages PetSmart sells are too small, and they need to run a lot. It was hard to find Guinea Pigs in Winnipeg due to the code red but during winter break our teacher found 6 in stock and she asked which one we wanted. We found the perfect two.

Our Guinea Pigs' names are Popcorn and Peanut. We got them right after Christmas break. They are so fun to take care of; they are also so cute. We have learned a lot about Guinea Pigs and now we love them. Guinea Pigs, Yay!

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Popcorn



Peanut



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- WITH CORINE ANDERSON -

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