

June Newsletter
2021



École Constable Edward Finney School

Dear Finney Families,

Important Dates:

- Grade 5 Farewell: TBA
- Friday June 25—Admin Day—NO SCHOOL
- Monday June 28—Report Cards available on Parent Connect at 3:00pm
- Tuesday June 29—Last Day for Afternoon Kindergarten
- Wednesday June 30—Last Day of Classes—Early Dismissal: Times will be announced

What a year it has been!!! As we continue to adjust to the different varieties of teaching and learning, everyone here continues to connect with students daily! June is a very busy month at school. As we await provincial word about what school will look like, we will keep our community aware of any changes. We are also busily planning for the upcoming school year. You may be curious about staffing changes for 2021-22, however it is not fully determined just yet. Please look forward to these details to be sent home later in June as they become finalized.

Report cards will be available on Parent Connect on June 28th for your viewing. Please go to <https://schoolconnect.7oaks.org/schoolconnect/parentsignore.aspx> or follow the links from our school web site. Enter the email address on file with the school, as well as your password. You can also review attendance records and ensure your contact information is up-to-date.

The link below is an article by Josh Fullen that speaks about the importance of children having a summer of playing after a year and a bit of restrictions:

[Opinion: After months of lockdowns, kids deserve a summer of play - The Globe and Mail](#)

Happy June!



If you are moving over the summer and your child will not be returning to Finney in the Fall, please advise the office as soon as possible!

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This is not the first-time masks have been worn in schools.

An Interview with My Great Grandma - by Lydia

Can you believe this is the second time in one hundred years that kids and teens have had to bring masks to school?

During the second World War as the Axis Powers in Europe invaded neighbouring countries, kids did not only have to worry about being bombed, but also about being gassed. Carrying a gasmask to school was not the only similarity to the Covid-19 pandemic.

I have interviewed my nana, Amy Bernhardt, who is currently 94 years old. When World War II hit she was 13 living in her town Ivegill, England. We talked about what it was like for her living through World War II and the similarities to the Covid-19 pandemic.

She recalls at recess they would have to practice going underground and putting on their gas masks in case a bomb dropped on or near the school. Similar to covid 19, they would have to bring their masks everywhere with them, but did not have to wear them all the time. She was lucky that they never had to use them.

As my nana grew older (keep in mind the war lasted 6 years) she got accepted into grammar school, which is like our high school, but unfortunately never got to go because older teenagers had to have jobs. My nana worked at an infirmary (a hospital for the mentally ill) because the adults who worked there had to help in the war.

She also told me about how each family was given a ration book, which looked like a big coupon book. Every time they would go to the supermarket, they would stamp the paper for that item to make sure no one was getting more than the others. They also could not buy nonessential items, mainly because they just weren't being made as all the factories were making items for the war. My nana says her mother was lucky one day when she went to get the monthly groceries and won a puzzle. That puzzle brought them a bit of happiness and something to do. She said after a while they did it so often, they could do it with their eyes closed! Similar to during our Covid pandemic, we also went through a time where we could only buy essential needs and some items, like toilet paper and hand sanitizer, were hard to find.

My nana recalls at nighttime they would have to stay home and "blackout" their windows to make the little town dark so the airplanes dropping bombs could not see the town. My nana also lived close to the airport which was a target for the enemy planes.

Similar to the Covid pandemic, if one person in the town decided not to turn off their light, they could have all been killed. If someone decides not to wear a mask, they are not only endangering themselves but putting everyone else at risk too because masks protect other people not just yourself.

The mental health of people was also different. My nana says her mom would cry at night and my nana would not understand why, because at the beginning things were different and exciting. This

was great, but after a while she started feeling different too. It was strange she said all these young soldiers coming and going and them not being able to leave the town.

That was also a bit similar to now. At the start of the pandemic, some kids and I were kind of happy we did not have to go to school, could sleep in and do fun things at home, but after a few weeks of this, it was not so fun and I wanted to go back to school, to see my friends, my teachers and do in person learning.

In the end, it was the efforts and sacrifices made by everyone that helped defeat the other side in WW2. People also learned what they could live without and what was nonessential. My nana agrees that the pandemic is hard, but at least we have food, Amazon, and technology to keep us connected.

Thank you for reading my report!

By Lydia
Grade Five student

Library - Bibliothèque



Just a friendly reminder that ALL library books will be due **Wednesday, June 16**. There will be no more book exchanges after this time.

It is very important to return all the library books, no matter what shape they are in. Please let me know if you think the books have gone missing altogether. I will be doing a full inventory this summer and this will help determine what new books should be bought in the Fall!

Please email me if you are not sure what books your child has checked out from the library.

Mme Ramona

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September 2021 Start up Information:

Please note the following important information for September: **This is preliminary information and subject to change. We will update as we approach the school start in accordance with government directives.**

- Parent Connect will open to book orientation times Tuesday Aug 31st for Grades 1-5, an email will be sent out confirming it is open with the times available. (Kindergarten orientation times are mailed out beginning of summer)
- Web Forms will need to be completed on the Parent Connect front page prior to your orientation appointment.
- Student Supply Fees will be as follows: Kindergarten \$30, Grades 1-5 \$35. Please pay online through Parent Connect or bring in exact change/cheque to your orientation appointment.
- Kindergarten Orientation Days: September 7-10. First day of Kindergarten classes: **Monday Sept 13**
- Grade 1-5 Orientation Days: Sept 7 & 8. First day of classes: **Thursday Sept 9**
- If you applied for bussing in the spring, please login to Parent Connect after August 15th to see routing information. Kindergarten students will receive letters from transportation in the mail.

Happy Summer!

Kidsfest

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FRIDAY JUNE 11

MORNING SHOW

Gates Open: 9:45am

Showtime: 10:30am

Splash n Boots

Dammecia Hall

Street Circus

Exit: 12:00pm

AFTERNOON SHOW

Gates Open: 12:45pm

Showtime: 1:30pm

Summer Bear Dance Troupe

Dammecia Hall

Al Simmons

Exit: 3:00pm

SATURDAY JUNE 12

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2021 KIDSFEST SAFETY PROTOCOLS

The Winnipeg International Children's Festival aka Kidsfest is committed to the health and wellness of our guests, staff and performers. The safety of our Kidsfest family is always our number one consideration. In these challenging times we have been working with our partners in Public Health and Education to ensure that we can present the Kidsfest in a safe and comfortable manner while complying with all public health regulations. To make that happen, we have established the following safety guidelines and protocols so we can all come together and enjoy the best Kidsfest ever!

- Each vehicle to be a single household
- Audience members are to remain in their vehicle at all times unless utilizing the washrooms or in line at a mobile food truck.
- Maintain socially distance while in lines.
- Washroom facilities will be sanitized regularly.
- Audience members will be required to wear masks while utilizing the washrooms or in a food truck line. Children under 5 will not be required to wear masks.
- Masks will be worn by all Festival volunteers, staff and by all artists whenever social distancing is not possible.
- There will be no physical contact between artists and audiences.
- Multiple hand sanitizing stations will be provided throughout the site.
- All Kidsfest ticket sales will be either online or by mail.
- Our policies and best practices are continually evolving to meet the changing environment and to remain in compliance with the current public health recommendations. To stay up to date, please check our website often.

TICKETS ARE NOW LIVE: WWW.EVENTBRITE.CA/E/KIDSFEST-DRIVE-IN-TICKETS-156809351993

NEED DAYCARE?

OPEN HOUSE:

JUNE 10th AND 17th

4:00 pm to 8:00 pm

PLEASE CALL TO BOOK AN APPOINTMENT!

NEW ACTIVE CHILDCARE LEARNING CENTRE

AGES 2-5

OPENING SEPTEMBER 2021

An active approach to learning and child development!

ACTIVE BEFORE AND AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM

AGES 6-12

SHUTTLE SERVICE PROVIDED

An active alternative to traditional after-school care!

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SEVEN OAKS SCHOOL DIVISION
TAB COLLECTION COMMITTEE
JUNE 2021

Who we are: We are a group of Seven Oaks employees, past and present, dedicated to improving the quality of life for students in the Seven Oaks School Division by providing recreational items that aren't funded publicly.

What do we do? We collect tabs and sell them to a local scrap metal dealer. We arrange for pickup of donated tabs from the tops of drink cans from our 2 main locations in Seven Oaks School Division – Victory School & R. F. Morrison School. Once enough money is collected, we usually purchase a specialty bike or trike (or bike parts) for a student in the Seven Oaks School Division.

A big thank you to Seven Oaks Maintenance Department for picking up the tabs and taking them to the scrap metal dealer!



1,000 tabs = 1 lb. (2,202 tabs = 1 kg.) By collecting tabs you have made a difference for 16 students to date. A low rider trike will be going to a student at H. C. Avery by the end of June. That will be 17! THANK YOU!!

Since the inception of this committee in 2003, through partnerships with schools in the Seven Oaks School Division, the Children's Rehabilitation Foundation, Children's Disability Services, legions, churches, businesses and individual donors, we have been able to raise money to:

- Assist with purchasing a lightweight wheelchair for a student at West Kildonan Collegiate in 2005
- Purchase specialized accessories for the wheelchair used by a student at Governor Semple School in 2007
- Assist with the loan of a sand and snow wheelchair for a student at Victory School in 2007 (in partnership with the Children's Rehabilitation Foundation)
- Assist with purchasing a specialty trike for a student at West Kildonan Collegiate (in partnership with Children's Disability Services)
- Assist with purchasing a specialty trike that has been enjoyed by students at Victory School, Leila North School, West Kildonan Collegiate and Governor Semple School over the years
- Assist with purchasing a specialty tandem trike for a Victory School student in 2013
- Assist with purchasing a specialty walker for a Maples Collegiate student in 2015
- Make modifications to a specialty trike for a West Kildonan Collegiate student in 2014, and for a Governor Semple student in 2015
- Assist with purchasing a low rider trike for a H. C. Avery student in June 2020

Transcript of thank you notes we have received:

My new bike is just superb. I love riding it. Thank you to everyone who collected the tabs for it.
Naomi

Thank you for the generous funding you provided for a Trialmate Low Rider bike for student at H. C. Avery School. This new bike will provide many opportunities to encourage and promote physical activity for the student within the school, and at home with his family!

Thank you again for this wonderful fundraiser, and helping to make a difference in this student's life! It is truly appreciated!

Tracy Dreger BMR (PT), School Therapy Services

How to help? Keep the tabs and cash donations coming in! You can help by collecting tabs at your school, community club, legion, place of worship, etc. As you can see from the impressive list above, it doesn't take long to collect enough tabs to make a difference for a child. Some of our schools have even held bake sales to raise additional funds to speed up the process for one of their classmates. Amazing!

What to do with all of the tabs? Send or bring all of the collected tabs to one of the two main drop offs in the Seven Oaks School Division – R. F. Morrison School, 25 Morrison St., or Victory School, 395 Jefferson Ave., or to Specialized Services for Children and Youth (SSCY) at 1155 Notre Dame Ave. We'll take it from there!

Who helps us? A huge thank you to all individuals and groups who have been collecting tabs for us (in no particular order):

Students and staff of all Seven Oaks schools	Seven Oaks School Division Board Office
Seven Oaks Educational and Clinical Support Services	Seven Oaks Maintenance and Transportation
Lutheran Women's Missionary League	National Leasing
Royal Canadian Legion West Kildonan Branch #30	Atlantic Garden City United Church
Seven Oaks School Division IT Centre	Berna Walichnowski
Mackenzie and Newella Bell and family	Brenda Robertson and Hatch Ltd.
D. Riordan	M. Martinos-Wutzke
Children's Rehabilitation Foundation	Joanne Zahaiko and family
Tracey Sobo	Lyrissa Loeppky and grandmother
Specialized Services for Children and Youth staff	Denise Durand

...and many, many previous and **anonymous** donors who drop off tabs at schools and other locations in support of our work. We couldn't do it without all of you!



Who are we collecting for right now?

TABS



The **Seven Oaks School Division Tabs Collection Committee** is continuing to collect tabs. Once enough funds have been received from the tabs collected we will select a student and the specialty trike best suited to meet the student's needs.

Thank you for your continued support of this important initiative.

Questions: Call Carol at R. F. Morrison School (204-338-7804) for more information.