

## Governor Semple School

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## October 2022 Newsletter

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Dear Families,

September is always a busy and exciting month at school. Many thanks to staff for all the thoughtful work they have engaged in to support students in adjusting to their new classrooms and school routines. It's been heartwarming to witness the creative ways staff have nurtured caring and supportive learning communities in Cottonwood, Jack Pine, Tamarack, Manitoba Maple, Wild Plum, Basswood, Willow, and White Spruce.

Students have been engaged in powerful learning about residential schools as we prepare to honour the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Families are invited to join us for an outdoor assembly on Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:45 AM, followed by a Community March in orange shirts (shirts provided by the school). Children in PM Cottonwood will participate in their Community March on Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. Please ask your children to share what they have learned about residential schools, and to explain why we wear orange shirts to honour the experiences of residential school survivors, as well as for those who did not return home.

At this time of the year, we begin to prepare for the cooler weather around the corner. Families are invited to donate socks and any outgrown winter clothing to support students and families in our community. Likewise, families are welcome to let me know if the school can be of assistance with winter gear or any other supports. Many thanks to our Community Coordinator, Sonia Cordeiro, for all her hard work and heart work behind the scenes to support our learning community in so many important ways.

Families, please know we appreciate your support of your children and our school community. Please feel free to reach out anytime with any questions or concerns.

Take care,

Sari





## Please note the remaining important dates for the 2023-2024 School Year:

(Subject to Change)

## October 3, 2023 - PD Day - No School

October 9, 2023 - Thanksgiving - No School

October 10, 2023 - Picture Day - Wear your best Smile

October 19, 2023 - PD Day - No School

October 20, 2023 - MTS PD Day - No School

November I, 2023 - PD Day - No School

November 9, 2023 - Picture Re-takes

November 11, 2023 - Remembrance Day

November 24, 2023- Family Conferences - No Classes

December 25, 2023 - January 5, 2024- Winter Break

January 8, 2024 - School Reopens

January 15, 2024 - PD Day - No School

February 2, 2024 - PD Day - No School

February 19, 2024 - Louis Riel Day - No School

March 15, 2024- Family Conferences - No Classes

March 25, 2024 - March 29, 2024 - Spring Break

April I, 2024 - School Reopens

April 12, 2024 - PD Day - No School

May 20, 2024 - Victoria Day - No School

May 29-31, 2024 - Arts in the Park

June 6, 2024 - Divisional Pow Wow

June 7, 2024 - PD Day - No School

June 21, 2024 - National Indigenous Peoples Day

June 28, 2024 - Last Day of School - Early Dismissal

PICTURE DAY IS COMING: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2023





Attendance: Your child's safety and whereabouts are important to us. Our Callback System ensures that your child is safely in your care when he or she is absent from school. Please call 204-339-7112 if your child is going to be away or late. Please keep in touch with us if your child will be staying home for an extended period of time. If you have any concerns or questions, please feel free to call us anytime. Our office hours are from 8:30am to 4:00pm. Outside of office hours, feel free to leave a voicemail message. As well, please feel free to update your contact information with the office (or on Parent Connect) anytime.





