



# Governor Semple School

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## February 2024 Newsletter

Dear Governor Semple Families,

2024 is off to a positive start at school! We're grateful for the recent milder weather and are enjoying sledding, shovelling, and constructing with the snow. In the event the colder temperatures return, please remember that students will be indoors when it is  $-27^{\circ}$  or colder. In addition, when temperatures fall between  $-27^{\circ}$  and  $-30^{\circ}$ , patrols will be on duty for a maximum of ten minutes before and after school, and patrols will not be on duty when/if the temperatures fall below  $-30^{\circ}$ .

During the month of February, we will engage in various activities to honour and celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school, love and care for our community, planet, and each other, and a school-wide Festival du Voyageur. Many thanks to staff and students for their leadership in planning and supporting these exciting and unique learning opportunities!

Smudging is a tradition, common to many Indigenous Communities, which involves the burning of one or more medicines gathered from the earth. At Governor Semple, we use sage when smudging. Smudging allows people to become mindful, centered, and grounded. Beginning in February, students are invited to participate in smudging outdoors at 8:50 AM. Please note that this is an invitation and is optional.

As you will see on the list of important dates (next page), there is much to look forward to in February and the coming months. Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership.

Take care,

Sari



### **Was your child born in 2019?**

**Kindergarten Registration for the 2024-25 school begins on**

**Monday, February 26, 2024**

**Registration will take place online or by appointment at your catchment school.**

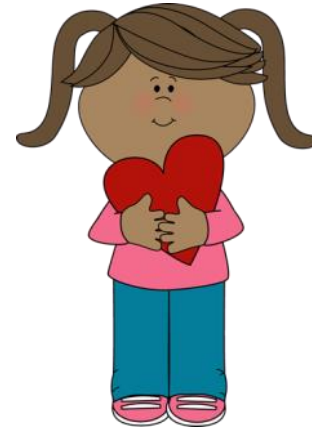
**If you have any questions or need assistance, please phone Governor Semple School at 204-339-7112**





**Please note the remaining important dates for the 2023 - 2024 School Year:**  
(Subject to Change)

- February 2, 2024 - PD Day - No School
- February 6, 2024 - Community Council Meeting in the School Library at 3:45pm
- February 19, 2024 - Louis Riel Day - No School
- February 26, 2024 - Kindergarten Registration Opens for 2024-2025 School Year
- March 15, 2024 - Family Conferences - No Classes
- March 25, 2024 - March 29, 2024 - Spring Break
- April 1, 2024 - School Reopens
- April 9, 2024 - Spring concert
- April 12, 2024 - PD Day - No School
- May 20, 2024 - Victoria Day - No School
- May 23, 2024 - Welcome to Kindergarten Evening 5:30pm-6:30pm
- 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 26, 2024 - Grade 5 Farewell - 2:00pm
- June 28, 2024 - Last Day of School - Early Dismissal



**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.



### Patrol News



*Please note that patrols will be on duty from 8:40am until 8:55am and 3:30pm - 3:40pm, unless weather limitations apply.*





**POP IT & DROP IT!**



**Make a difference and  
collect tabs!**



**The Seven Oaks School Division Tabs Collection Committee  
collects tabs. Once enough funds have been received from  
the tabs collected, we will purchase a specialty piece of  
equipment for one of our Seven Oaks Students.  
Thank you for your continued support!**

Drop off locations:

*\*during the school year\**

R.F. Morrison School (25 Morrison St.)

Victory School (395 Jefferson Ave.)

Amber Trails Community School (1575 Templeton Ave.)

