

Governor Semple

DECEMBER 2015 NEWSLETTER

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Dear Governor Semple Families,

You are cordially invited to our:

Winter Family Fun Night
Tuesday, December 15th
6:00-7:30pm

Come and watch our choirs perform in the gym, and when your children are not performing, participate with them in a variety of fun family activities located in several classrooms in the school.

We hope this alleviates congestion in the gym, while at the same time providing opportunities for enjoyment, conversation and hands-on fun for all. **See you then!**

December brings with it the gathering of items to build our Christmas hampers. Please consider sending any of the following non-perishable items to school. Thanks!

100% fruit juice	spaghetti sauce
cans of soup (lentil, pea, veg.)	sugar
oatmeal (nonsweetened)	mac & cheese
canned tuna (packed in water)	jam
beans in tomato sauce	gravy mix
cans of fruit (packed in its own juice)	
rice (brown, parboiled, or converted)	
cans of vegetables	pancake mix
syrup	cookies
cranberry sauce	tea

Karen Hiscott, Principal



The temperature is starting to drop.



Please remind your children to put on their mitts, scarves, hats and boots as they get ready to come to school. These items will keep them warm and happy during recesses.

Donations Needed!

Each good book deserves a second look....

We are very pleased to announce that Governor Semple School will be hosting its first-ever Book Swap! This will provide a new way for your children to find a great book to read and to recycle books they've finished with. Students may donate gently used children's books to their classroom teachers **between now and March 4th**, as the Swap will take place during the spring time parent teacher conferences, in lieu of a Scholastic Book Fair.

We are looking for gently used second hand children's books that are in reasonable condition. Please do not send in any coloring, activity or sticker books. Book donations must:

- **be appropriate for grades K-6 only**
- **be in gently used condition, cover on, no rips, tears or water damage**



NO SCHOOL ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS:

December 21—January 1 –Winter Break

Monday, January 18– P.D. Day

Friday, February 5– P.D. Day

Monday, February 15– Louis Riel Day

Friday, March 18—Parent/Teacher Conferences

Friday, March 25—Good Friday

March 28—April 1—Spring Break

Friday, April 22– P.D. Day

Monday, May 16—P.D. Day

Monday, May 23—Victoria Day

Monday, June 27—Administration Day

NOTE: Please check this month's calendar for activities.

School Bus Cancellation Policy

School bussing will be cancelled if the wind-chill reading is -45 or colder at 6:00 a.m. at The Forks according to Environment Canada. Notice of school bus cancellations will be provided to media outlets and posted on our school division website as soon as the 6:00 a.m. reading is posted by Environment Canada.



We Day

We went to We Day on Monday, November 16. We put on special bracelets and then took a bus with Room 11 to the MTS Center downtown. We sat down in the arena and there was a bag on each chair for us, and inside was a *Me to We* book, sunglasses, and a bandana. Those brothers named Marc and Craig Kielburger who invented We Day were there, along with lots of other speakers who talked to us about making change in the world. Henry Winkler is an actor, director, producer and an author and he spoke to us. Spencer West, a man who lost his legs when he was five, is a motivation speaker and a We Day Ambassador and an author. Also, Jr. Martinez is an actor, motivation speaker, author and former US Army soldier and winner of *Dancing with the Stars*. He drove over a bomb when he was 18 and has been scarred for life. Marlee Matlin is an Academy-award winning actress and devoted social activist, and she is deaf and talked to us about changing our thoughts when things in the world don't go our way. We also got up and did the We Day dance a few times to the song "Turn it Up". There were performers on stage in between all of the talks. When we got back to school we did a reflection on the issues that most pulled at our heart strings that day: equality in education, access to clean water for everyone, racism and Indigenous issues. We will continue to explore these ideas and take action in the classroom.

Riley, Cassandra, and Carrie



PARENT CONNECT

We are very excited to announce that our school will be using Parent Connect, a password protected website that allows you access to view your child's report card, attendance and, in the future, book your parent/teacher interviews and sign the yearly paperwork all at the click of a button. You can start to use the Parent Connect anytime now.

You can watch a video on-line to help you log in, or follow the instructions below:

1. Log on to our website at www.7oaks.org/school/governorsemples
2. On the top right hand corner you will see a **Parents** tab. Click on it.
3. Click on **Parent Connect (using email address)**
4. Now, you will sign in. Type in your email address (be sure this is the one on file with the school)
5. Next, you will click on "**FORGOT MY PASSWORD**". You will then be prompted to re-enter your email address. (lower case letters with no spaces between). Click on the blue [email me my current password](#) button. You should receive your password within minutes.
6. Now, you need to check your email. You will receive the temporary password to log in. Please change this password as soon as possible to something that you will remember. *Passwords must remain confidential.*

If you are having trouble logging in, it may be because:

- **Pop-ups are not enabled. Please check your computer settings to make sure you enable pop-ups.
- **Your email address you are using is not the address we have on file at the school.
- ** If your email address has changed, please contact the school to have it updated.

GRANNY'S POULTRY FUNDRAISER

Thank you to all who participated in the chicken fundraiser.

\$280.00 was raised for the school!



City of Winnipeg Leisure Guide

The City of Winnipeg is proud to provide a wide variety of recreation and leisure opportunities that contribute to the overall well-being of our community. The Leisure Guide is published three times per year and is filled with fun and exciting activities for everyone.

For more information on leisure, sport and fitness activities, please pick up a copy of the Leisure Guide, call 311 or visit Winnipeg.ca. Guides are available for pick up at civic indoor pools, libraries and leisure centres, and at a number of retail locations including Safeway, 7-Eleven and Mac's.

Registration for swimming lessons only will begin on December 15 at 8:00 am. Registration for all other activities will begin on December 16 at 8:00 am.

City of Winnipeg Priceless Fun

Winnipeggers now have easy access to information about free recreation, leisure and library programs with the free programming guide, Priceless Fun.

The fall edition of Priceless Fun, available in mid-December, provides information about the free programs for children and youth being offered by the City of Winnipeg throughout the city, all in one convenient guide. Hard copies of Priceless Fun are available for pick up at all civic indoor pools, libraries and leisure centres. You can view the current edition of Priceless Fun online at: Winnipeg.ca/cms/recreation/leisure/leisureguide.stm. Information about programs is also available by calling 311.



**Manitoba Eco-Awareness Day/
Recycled Material Fashion Fest
Saturday, January 23, 2016
at St. Vital Centre**



A dress made from newspapers



What: Booths will be set up throughout St. Vital Centre for people to learn about environmental and sustainability issues. Students are being asked to make outfits from recyclable materials for the Fashion Fest part of the day.

Who: The Fashion Fest is open to all students in Manitoba.

When: Deadline for getting a picture of your outfit to Take Pride Winnipeg is December 15, 2015. Send your picture to tom@takepride.mb.ca Top entrants will get to showcase their outfits at the Fashion Fest on January 23, 2016 at St. Vital Centre. There will be categories – K to grade 4, grades 5-9, grades 10-12 and post-secondary students.

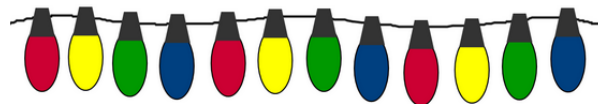
Prizes: Gift Certificates from various stores and restaurants around St. Vital Centre and tickets to some sporting events. For more information, Contact Tom Ethans at Take Pride Winnipeg tom@takepride.mb.ca or 204-956-7590

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 Day 5	2 Day 6	3 Rm. 3 swim 10:00-11:15 Day 1	4 Day 2	5 
6 	7 Rm. 7 swim 10:30-11:45 Day 3	8 Day 4	9 Bicycle Helmet orders due Day 5	10 Rm. 3 swim 10:00-11:15 Day 6	11 Rm. 6- Children's Museum 9:30-1:30 Day 1	12 
13 	14 Rm. 7 last swim 10:30-11:45 Day 2	15 Winter Family Fun Night 6:00-7:30 pm Day 3	16 Day 4	17 Rm. 3 last swim 10:00-11:15 Day 5	18 Last day of class before break Rm. 7 & 11 Siloam Mission @ 12:30 Day 6	19 
20 	21 W I N T E R	22	23	24	25  <i>Merry Christmas!</i>	26 Boxing Day
27 	28	29 B R E A K	30	31		Classes resume Monday, Jan. 4 Day 1



Happy
Holidays!