

# Governor Semple School – October 2021



October, 2021

Dear Governor Semple families,

I hope your children have had a smooth transition back to school and a positive start to the year. It's wonderful to have our classrooms full of smiles, laughter, and learning again!

In our first few weeks of school, students have been engaging in powerful learning opportunities about the history and continuing impacts of residential school. Our focus on Truth and Reconciliation will continue throughout the school year, and we encourage families to have ongoing conversations with their children about this important topic. Students and staff participated in a meaningful march through our community in their orange t-shirts on Wednesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>. Many thanks to Manitoba Blue Cross and our school's Community Council for co-supporting this initiative.

As a school community, we're thinking about the ways that digital media, online culture, and social networks impact the lives of students. Join us during Family Conferences on the evening of November 18<sup>th</sup> or during the day on November 19<sup>th</sup> to share your thoughts, questions, and concerns. We hope this will be an invitation for further conversation of how we can support parents in these issues. Many thanks to Devin King, dad to Ollie in Team Tamarack and James in White Spruce, for supporting us in this learning journey. Devin has tremendous experience supporting students, families, and staff in this area through his work with Winnipeg School Division.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. Please feel welcome to contact me anytime with any questions, ideas, or concerns.

Take care, Sari



**Please note the remaining important dates for the 2021-2022 school year:**

October 6, 2021	Picture Day
October 8, 2021	Professional Development Day - No Classes
October 11, 2021	Thanksgiving Day - School Closed
October 22, 2021	Professional Development Day – No Classes
November 11, 2021	Remembrance Day - School Closed
November 19, 2021	Family Conferences - No Classes
December 23, 2021 – January 5, 2022	Winter Break - School Closed
January 6, 2022	First day of class after Winter Break
January 17, 2022	Professional Development Day – No Classes
February 4, 2022	Professional Development Day - No Classes
February 21, 2022	Louis Riel Day - School Closed
March 18, 2022	Family Conferences - No Classes
March 28 - April 1, 2022	Spring Break - School Closed
April 4, 2022	First day of class after Spring Break
April 15, 2022	Good Friday – School Closed
April 21 and April 22, 2022	Professional Development Days - No Classes
May 23, 2022	Victoria Day - School Closed
May 27, 2022	PD Day – No Classes
June 27, 2022	PD Day – No Classes
June 30, 2022	Last day of classes – Early Dismissal

Picture Day is coming on Wednesday, October 6th. After Picture Day, you are welcome to order pictures on [mylifetouch.ca](http://mylifetouch.ca) using your Portrait ID and Access Code which can be found on your Picture Day order form.



**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. Our office hours are from 8:30am to 4:00pm. Outside of office hours, feel free to leave a voicemail message. As well, please update your contact information (and emergency contact information) with the office anytime.

**REMINDERS:**

- Outdoor supervision begins at 8:30am
- Student fees for 2021/22 are **\$35.00 per child**. You are welcome to pay by cheque/cash in the office or online in Parent Connect.
- Please complete the **4 webforms** in Parent Connect as soon as possible. Feel free to contact the office for any support with Parent Connect.
- Please remember to send cutlery with your child

As the temperatures change and cool, please help children dress for the weather. In addition to movement breaks and outdoor Physical Education classes, teachers are engaging students in many exciting outdoor learning opportunities. Toques, mittens, and proper footwear help children stay warm and comfortable outdoors.



**Stronger  
together.**

**OCTOBER  
3 - 9, 2021**



**Musical Theatre Day**  
**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3**

**Mindfulness Day**  
**MONDAY, OCTOBER 4**

**Visual Art Day**  
**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5**

**Contemporary Dance**  
**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6**

**Songwriting Day**  
**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7**

**French Theatre Day**  
**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8**

**Improv Day**  
**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9**



**Mood Disorders**  
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## Positive Discipline in Everyday Life

Positive Discipline is for parents who are looking for long-term parenting skills that will encourage their children to;



- think for themselves,
- become more responsible,
- have a greater respect for themselves and others.



The teachings of Positive Discipline are filled with non-punitive, respectful methods that will incorporate kindness and firmness into parenting, help parents get to the core of their child's behavior, bring more joy into the home and give parents a sense of accomplishment!

The **7-Oaks School Division** will be offering a series of 8 sessions on Positive Discipline.

**Sessions begin:** Wednesday, October 6<sup>th</sup> and runs until Wednesday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at R.F. Morrison School, 25 Morrison St.

**Due to Covid-19, childcare will NOT be available for these sessions and all participants will need to be fully vaccinated and provide proof of vaccination as per Seven Oaks divisional policy and Partners in Learning.**

**Masks are mandatory for each session.**

To register please contact Marielle Meades at 204-697-5962 or 204-338-7893 or email [marielle.meades@7oaks.org](mailto:marielle.meades@7oaks.org). Registration is open now and will close on Monday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Space is limited, and registration is on a first come basis. You must commit to attending all 8 sessions.

Please return the completed form to your child's school or by email to [marielle.meades@7oaks.org](mailto:marielle.meades@7oaks.org) on or before Monday, September 27<sup>th</sup>. You will receive a confirmation email or phone call that you have been accepted for the program.

Parent(s) name(s); \_\_\_\_\_

Number of adults attending; \_\_\_\_\_

Contact phone number; \_\_\_\_\_

Email address; \_\_\_\_\_

Ages of your children; \_\_\_\_\_

Your child's school; \_\_\_\_\_