

# Governor Semple School

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# SUMMER 2023 NEWS

**Governor Semple School welcomes** Morgan Reitberger, Matthew Knight, James Ryan, Kaylah Chartrand, Daria Puttaert, Melissa Harder, Nicole LaBossiere and Kayla Fisher who will be joining us in the fall.

## 2023-2024 Teaching Staff:

AM Kindergarten - Sara Neufeld - Rm 4 - Cottonwood PM Kindergarten - Morgan Reitberger - Rm 4 - Cottonwood Grade 1/2 - Larysa Chimuk - Rm 6 - Tamarack Grade 1/2 - Daria Puttaert - Rm 3 - Jack Pine Grade 2/3 - Jody Koch - Rm 11 - Manitoba Maple Grade 3/4 - Morgan Pisni-Ray - Rm 2 - (tree name TBA) Grade 3/4 - Carrie Doerksen - Rm 5 - Basswood) Grade 4/5 - James Ryan - Rm 1 - Willow Grade 5 - Kaylah Chartrand - Rm 7 - White Spruce Learning Support - Melissa Harder, Cameron MacKay Physical Education - Alma Brigole Music - Matthew Knight (Sept.-Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>), David Stark (Jan.-June 30<sup>th</sup>)

## WELCOME

to our new staff





### Morgan Reitberger - PM Kindergarten

I am so excited to be joining the Governor Semple school community next year. I am grateful to have the opportunity to get to know your children and everyone in this wonderful community. I am looking forward to having a year full of learning and growing together!

#### Matthew Knight - Music



Hello to the Governor Semple community! I will be your music teacher until winter break. I enjoy camping, biking, cooking, and singing with my family. I have lived in three countries and I love learning music from every part of the world, especially Georgia, Africa, Turkey, Mongolia, and Ukraine.

#### James Ryan - Grade 4/5

A warm hello Governor Semple Community! I am overjoyed to be joining the team for our upcoming learning season. I feel deeply fortunate to come back to teach and learn in the Seven Oaks Family. I am excited to learn together and let passion and curiosity be our guide. I'm looking forward to learning your names and being teammates for a great season of learning.





#### Kaylah Chartrand - Grade 5

Hello, my name is Kaylah Chartrand.

I have a big family. I've been in education for 10 years now. I enjoy going to dog parks with my dogs. I have a black lab named Myla and a Jack Russell named X. I also like going camping with my kids and going for scooter rides through Kildonan Park.

#### Daria Puttaert - Grade 1/2

Hello Jack Pine Students and Families. My name is Daria, and I am so excited to be joining the Governor Semple community. I love books and art, and try to bring this love into my teaching practice every day. I like to teach through hands-on experiences, both inside the classroom and outside in nature. Our learners come to school each day with unique perspectives, experiences, and



ideas to share with each other. In Jack Pine we will learn from each other, work together, and have fun celebrating what makes us special. I look forward to meeting you in September and exploring, learning, and growing together. Have a wonderful summer.



#### Melissa Harder (Learning Support)

As one year is winding down, I am already excitedly thinking about next year at Governor Semple and meeting all of you. I am a lover of kids, art, travel and diversity of cultures and cuisine. I have lived across Canada as a child and settled here 23 years ago after getting married. We have raised two young men and have an incredible grandson who lives with us. I enjoy being outside, road tripping and am known to try most things at least once. I see education as a journey too. My heart for education is to find ways for students to see themselves as confident and curious explorers. I look forward to getting to know the friends and families connected to Governor Semple. However, until we

meet, I wish you a safe and sunshiny summer.

#### Nicole LaBossiere - Educational Assistant

"Hello everyone!! I am so excited and looking forward to this September to embark on the teaching adventure with the Semple family. I am new to teaching but it has been a dream of mine to help explore all the wonderful benefits and fun we can all have while learning together! I enjoy spending time with my family and 3 Weiner dogs and absolutely love creating a warm comforting environment for people around me. I am thankful to be able to share this new school year and to meet so many new people and make some wonderful memories."

#### Kayla Fisher - Educational Assistant



I am immensely excited to become a part of the Governor Semple team in September! I have been fortunate enough to have had the opportunity to meet some of the staff and children already; and am looking forward to starting CATEP in the fall.

Kind regards,

Kayla













Governor Semple School also wishes a fond farewell to the following staff members. We wish them the best for the future and will miss them.



#### Jenni Magnus (Rm 6 - Tamarack)

Hello Families,

It is with mixed emotions that I say farewell to you all. I cannot put into words how much I am going to miss this community and how much each one of you and your children means to me. I want to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to each and every one of you, as together you have made my time at this school one filled with learning, exploration, joy, and love. The Semple community and my many Team Tamarack families will always have a special place in my heart. It is bittersweet that I have to say goodbye,

but I am looking forward to this new adventure. I hope that our paths cross again one day!

#### Richard Milbourne (Rm 7 - White Spruce)

I'm so grateful to everyone at Governor Semple School for making me feel so welcome and for making my experience here such a positive one. It's been wonderful getting to know the students, the staff and parents. The Governor Semple community is unique, and I feel privileged to have been a part of it. Good luck to all of my students as they move on to new adventures and to all those who are staying, I hope to see you again! So, this is thank you, and this is see you later!



#### Sabrina Sheocharin (Learning Support)



#### Dear Families

After my many years at Governor Semple I will be saying a heartfelt good-bye.

I have learned so many valuable lessons from our students, staff and parents while making some very strong connections within the community. Because of all of you, I have grown as an educator, colleague and individual.

My next chapter begins in the Maples Family of Schools where I will continue as a Learning Support Teacher.

Wishing all of you the very best.

With gratitude---Sabrina Sheocharan



#### David Stark (Music)

I will miss the students of Governor Semple School in the Fall. I will be on leave from September to December 2023 to study at the University of Manitoba. I look forward to seeing everyone again in the New Year of 2024. Best wishes for a wonderful start to the new school year.



Best wishes,

David

#### Meghan Villaverde

Hi Families! We had such a wonderful year filled with so much learning and growth. I am so excited to share that I am expecting my first little one later this summer and I will be on Maternity Leave for the 2023/2024 school year. I hope everyone has a fantastic and safe summer!







#### **Mary Constable**

Hello Governor Semple families! It has been a lovely year teaching and growing with you in our community this year as your afternoon Kindergarten teacher. I will be moving to James Nisbet Community School this coming school year to teach Grade 1/2. I wish you all a safe, healthy and fun-filled summer break! I look forward to visiting you again after Baby Constable is born sometime in the winter. Thank you for your endless love and support.

- All the best, Mrs. C.

#### Laura Selkirk

It's been an absolute pleasure working within the Semple community. I've really enjoyed getting to know the children, and building amazing memorable bonds with them. I am sure going to miss you all, wishing everyone a beautiful summer holiday!

- Laura



Goodbye









#### **Finn Taylor**

It's been a great time here at Governor Semple. I will miss everyone here. I am so glad I got to call this place my home the last three months. Good luck to the grade fives and to each member of faculty leaving to go elsewhere!

#### **Brenda Jones**

As always I have loved my time at Semple. I enjoy the sense of community in the school, the exceptional staff and the wonderful kids. Have a fabulous summer everyone.





#### **Richard Kovich**

I've had a great time at Governor Semple. Being able to come back to where it all began for me and give back to the children here has been a dream come true.

Have a great summer.







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

#### (subject to change)

September 4, 2023 - Labour Day - No School September 5, 2023 - Orientation Day (K-8) September 6, 2023 - Orientation Day K-8) September 7, 2023 - First Day of School September 14, 2023 - Welcome Back Celebration (evening) September 30, 2023 - National Day for Truth & Reconciliation October 3, 2023 - PD Day - No School October 9, 2023 - Thanksgiving - No School October 10, 2023 - Picture Day October 19, 2023 - PD - Day No School October 20, 2023 - PD Day - No School November 1, 2023 - PD Day - No School November 24, 2023 - Parent/Teacher Meetings - 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 - Parent Teacher Meetings - No Classes March 25, 2024 - March 29, 2024 - Spring Break March 29, 2024- Good Friday April 12, 2024 - PD Day - No Classes May 20, 2024 - Victoria Day - No School June 7, 2024 - PD Day - No School June 28, 2024- Last Day of School - Early Dismissal



MOVING????

If your family is planning to move over the summer or your child will not be attending Governor Semple School in the fall, please let the office know as soon as possible at 204-339-7112.

Was your child born in 2018?

Kindergarten Registration for the 2023-2024 school year is open.

Registration is taking place by appointment at your catchment school.

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





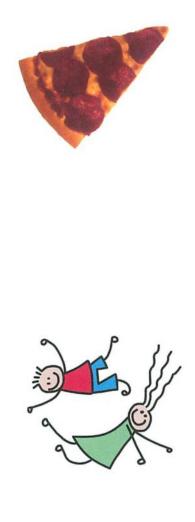




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When: Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup> from 4:30pm to 6:30pm Where: On the Governor Semple Playground

There will be Food, Entertainment, and Tons of Fun!!





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