



ШКОЛА R. F. MORRISON SCHOOL
SEVEN OAKS SCHOOL DIVISION

Report to the Community

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Школа R. F. Morrison School 2018-2019 Report to the Community

The 2018-2019 school year marked many changes for Школа R.F. Morrison School. We saw the addition of a new classroom in our English Program, welcomed a new teaching and support staff, Andrew Volk and Amber Anderson joined Morrison as new administrators and we welcomed many new students and families from near and far. Our school also got a new roof, we had our Christmas/Winter concerts in the brand new SOPAC theatre, recorded new student versions of Acknowledgements and O Canada! (English and Ukrainian), and fundraising for our outdoor greening project continued. We were also excited to unveil our new school logo this Spring! We are all proud and honored to be part of a growing and increasingly diverse community at Школа R.F. Morrison School. It allows us to bring our school motto to life every day:

“Working, Learning and Growing Together”



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We also continued the many traditions that students love including Pysanky, Paska making, EUBP field trips to Leo Mol Garden, the Manitoba Legislative Building and Grade 6 Language Camp, Carolling and St. Nicholas classroom visits to name a few. Students represented our school at Cross Country, Track and Field, Traditional Graduation Pow Wow, Arts in the Park and at many other SOSD events.

We hope that you'll enjoy reading and seeing pictures of the community, learning and fun events that students experienced at Школа R.F. Morrison School this year.

This year marked the 40th anniversary of the Ukrainian Bilingual Program in Manitoba. Thank you to the amazing past and present teachers who have made this program possible and to our supporters, including EUBP, Carpathia Credit Union and Seven Oaks School Division!

SCHOOL PERFORMANCES

Школа R.F. Morrison School had a variety of assemblies throughout the school year. Assemblies were planned for events like Terry Fox Walk/Run day and I Love To Read Month, Remembrance Day and sometimes just as a way to gather when we returned from breaks. This year we had opportunities to showcase the talents of our students at a variety of Concerts and performances in the community.



School Assemblies at Школа R.F. Morrison School

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PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE

R.F.
Morrison



2019 English and Ukrainian Christmas Concerts



Intermediate Choir sang O Canada! at a Manitoba Moose game at MTS Centre



K-6 Ukrainian Program students sang the Ukrainian and Canadian National Anthems at a the Legislature



Students sang carols at St. Joseph's and Holy Family

TRADITIONS AND SPECIAL ACTIVITIES



Traditional drumming



St. Nicholas visits...



...and Santa too!



I Love to Read – Mrs. Chilelli transformed the library into a beach!



Pysanky



Paska



Traditional Grad Pow Wow



Students from all grades participated in Pow Wow Club with Elders Curly and Denise. They visited Morrison every Wednesday to teach Pow Wow dancing and the students got to demonstrate their skills at the SOSD Traditional Graduation Pow Wow along with hundreds of other students from Seven Oaks. This is just one of the many ways we celebrate diversity and teach indigenous education and perspectives to all students. Great job Pow Wow Club!

Arts education is woven into the fabric of our classrooms, whether it's Ukrainian cultural art, students recreating our school logo, or hands on demonstrations of learning in Science and Social Studies, you will see student art in every classroom and hallway in our school.



Natasha Halayda and Val Vint worked with every class at Morrison for the second year of our Manitoba Arts Council Art Smarts grant

ARTS

We also bring artists to the school. This year students saw the MTYP production "Torn Through Time". As part of I Love to Read month classes also had the opportunity to work on creating works of fiction with published author Karin Adams.

HEALTHY

At Школа R.F. Morrison School we believe that every part of the school day is an opportunity to teach and learn about healthy lifestyles. Before school even begins and at nutrition break and lunch we provide healthy food for upwards of 20 students every day. Health curriculum is taught at the classroom level and our spacious playground is used throughout the year for outdoor education and land-based learning. Our Physical Education program teaches students basic movement and fitness skills, the benefits of an active lifestyle, low-organized games and organized sports. We also participate in “Project 11”, a program that teaches teamwork, sportsmanship and positive self-esteem and mental health strategies. Learning Support Teachers and clinicians also use the “Kimochis” program to teach emotional intelligence, self regulation and mental health in many of our classrooms. Once again this year we offered Learn to Swim and Learn to Skate programs and our second year of the BEST Bike Program. With opportunities to participate in Divisional Cross Country and Track and Field as well as a number of organized sports tournaments, students at Morrison don’t have to wait until Middle Years to participate in organized sports. Before and after school and at recess times, teachers also offered extra-curricular activities including dance groups and running/walking club. We are proud to promote lifelong healthy lifestyles and active living!



LIFESTYLES



Students practice bus ridership



Heading out for the Terry Fox Walk/Run



Learn to Skate



Traversing obstacles in Gym



Outdoor Activity Day

Школа R.F. Morrison School provides a music program that is as diverse as our community. This year students had the opportunity to learn a variety of instruments including recorder, fiddle, guitar, drums and voice. Both English and Ukrainian program students had many opportunities to demonstrate their skills in performances and community events. This year we have to say a very special thank you to Ms. Rosemarie Todaschuk for over 3 decades of service as our Music Teacher. Here are just some of the amazing groups and performances that were showcased at Arts in the Park this year.

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Fiddlers at Arts in the Park

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Intermediate Choir at Arts in the Park

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Pani Todaschuk leads Ukrainian Choir with Pani Borys accompanying on piano



Thank you Ms. Todaschuk!

STUDENT LEARNING

Школа R.F. Morrison School offers rich learning experiences to students inside and outside of the classroom. Play-based learning, morning meetings, math and literacy centres, explorations, hands-on activities, critical thinking, design and problem solving, creative art and authentic reading and writing can all be found throughout our school on a daily basis. Our staff have worked hard over the years to develop expertise in the areas of differentiation and inclusion with the goal of meeting each and every learner at their current developmental level and supporting them in their next steps. As a school and a staff we are committed to doing our best to meet the needs of each student through excellence in teaching and building strong relationships with students.



Школа R.F. Morrison students are doing well! According to provincial data from 2009-2017, our students are performing higher than the provincial average in Literacy and Numeracy. We are proud of our students' achievements and we are always looking for areas we can improve our practices and the quality of learning for students.



This year we also saw our students learning outside and in our community. Classrooms went on a variety of field trips and engaged in outdoor education. We are excited about plans to continue building community partnerships, engage in service learning and extend our outdoor/land-based learning the new SOSD Aki Centre.

2018 – 2019 has been a year of working, learning and growing together. Thank you to the staff, students and families of Школа R.F. Morrison School!