



R. F. MORRISON SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER – OCTOBER 2014



Principal: R. Valcourt

Welcome back. We are looking forward to a great year!

Please enjoy the first Principal's report in pictures!

A big thank you to Kyle (Manager), the Home Depot crew, and Barkman Concrete for the materials and labour to complete our new patio and garden at the front of the school. It is inviting and beautiful! We are so grateful for the donation of time and effort!



At the “Welcome Back” Barbeque PAC and RF Morrison School honoured Terry Bilyk, former Principal, with the dedication of “Bilyk’s Bench” on our newly renovated patio!



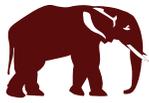
Big news for grade 3 students – the fiddling program has begun under the direction of our music teacher, Ms Todaschuk! Thanks to the Seven Oaks School Division for the beautiful violins!



And ... to make the first day of school even more special, a monarch butterfly emerges from its chrysalis! Ms Dahl shows the Kindergarten students the beginning of the amazing transformation. Ms Dahl's Gr. 2/3 students witnessed the final stages of the monarch emerging and released the butterfly a few days later.



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER



REMINDER



Monday, Sept. 29 th	Bus Evacuation Practice 9:15 a.m.
Monday, Sept. 29 th	Farm to School Orders due
Tuesday, Sept. 30 th	Patrol Training – Library – 11:00 a.m.
Friday, October 3 rd	PD Day – NO SCHOOL
Monday, October 6 th	Gr. 3-5 Cross Country
Tuesday, October 7 th	PAC Meeting 6:30 p.m. All are welcome!
Wednesday, Oct. 8 th	Farm to School Vegetable Delivery: parents pick up
Monday, October 13 th	Thanksgiving Day – NO SCHOOL
Tuesday, Oct. 14 th	Heritage Language classes start
Friday, October 17 th	PAC Pita Pit Lunch
Monday, October 20 th	Divisional PD Day – NO SCHOOL
Friday, October 24 th	SAGE – NO SCHOOL
Tuesday, November 4 th	Immunizations (p.m.) Gr. 4 (all students) & Gr. 6 (girls only)
Tuesday, November 4 th	PAC Meeting 6:30 p.m. All are welcome!
Friday, November 7 th	Picture retakes (a.m. only)
Monday, November 10 th	Admin. Day – NO SCHOOL
Tuesday, November 11 th	Remembrance Day – NO SCHOOL
Saturday, November 15 th	Gr. 4/5 Divisional Handball Tournament
Tuesday, November 18 th	Evening Parent/Teacher Conferences
Thursday, November 20 th	Evening Parent/Teacher Conferences
Friday, November 21 st	Parent/Teacher Conf. – NO CLASSES
Tuesday, December 2 nd	PAC Meeting 6:30 p.m. All are welcome!
Wednesday, December 10 th	Winter Concert (tentative)
Thursday, December 11 th	Winter Concert (tentative)
Monday, December 15 th	PD Day – NO SCHOOL
Monday, December 22 nd to	
Friday, January 2 nd	Winter Break

MILK PROGRAM

Milk tickets are sold in the office. We no longer sell individual tickets for milk. \$8.00 for a sheet of 10 tickets.
Cash or cheque payable to R. F. Morrison School.



GR. 1 ROOM 5

Перший клас (кімната 5)

У нашому класі, ми почали вивчати українську азбуку! Ось слова, які починаються буквою 'С':

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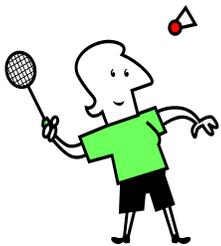
субота (Saturday)

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січень (January)

серпень (August)

PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS



We welcome Ms. Lasko who is very happy to be joining our R. F. Morrison staff. Ms. Lasko is teaching Phys. Ed. and Dance.

All R. F. Morrison students in Grades 3 – 5 will be participating in the Seven Oaks Divisional Cross Country Running Meet on Monday, October 6th (rain date will be Wednesday, October 8th).

The Gr. 4/5 Divisional Handball Tournament will be held on Saturday, November 15th.

LIBRARY NEWS



The beginning of another school year means excitement and curiosity about all the wonderful books in the R.F. Morrison Library.

Some students immediately go for old favourites from previous years, while others want to know "are there any new books?"

There are many new books on the shelves after a summer of preparing them for the students.

The Kindergarten classes are always shocked and thrilled when I say "you are taking a book home today". Their enthusiasm for books at this age is wonderful to behold.

Remember, a few minutes reading with your child each evening will put them on the road to a lifelong love of reading.

S. Rose, Library Technician



PARKING LOT SAFETY

Our system of school bus drop off and pick up is well organized and supervised. Several of our children who do not take the bus are met by their parents/guardians after school. This causes an increased amount of traffic at 11:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

For those parents/guardians who pick up their child(ren) by vehicle, we would kindly ask that you not stop or park in front of the school, and respect the NO STOPPING signs. A limited number of visitor parking spaces are available in our parking lot along the **north fence**. If these spots are vacant they may be used to park while picking up children. Visitors to the school must register their licence plate with the school office. However, we ask that parents not use other open spaces as they are all paid and assigned parking spaces. Even though a space is empty, staff may be out for a meeting or appointment and will be returning. No double-parking of vehicles is allowed. Too many vehicles may result in an accident/injury.

Please respect that school buses must leave in priority order and vehicles might need to wait a few minutes while buses clear the front of the school. We ask that if you are using the parking lot to **exit right towards Buttercup**. This will alleviate traffic congestion with the waiting buses.

Parents may use the bus loop to park while waiting for children. **Please remember to turn off your motor to prevent harmful exhaust gases from entering our school.**

Thank you for your cooperation.



PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The next PAC meeting will be **Tuesday, October 7th** at 6:30 p.m. Babysitting will be provided. We hope to see you there.

Thank you to all the parents and staff who came out and supported the Family BBQ. It was a huge success!

Our next hot food lunch will be Friday, October 17th and it will be Pita Pit. Orders will be due Thursday, October 9th. No late orders will be accepted.

Lisa Radlinsky, Chair



FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

I have another exciting music program in store for your children. The music program for early years students is based on Orff and Kodaly methods and stresses creativity at every level and emphasizes active participation. Since Seven Oaks School Division purchased violins for the students at our school, the Grade 3 students will be introduced to the new fiddling program. In keeping with the Orff program, it is necessary for each student in Grades 4, 5 and 6 to have their own English/Baroque recorder. The music department will supply each student in Grade 4 as well as the new students in Grades 5 and 6 with a new recorder. Only if your child loses or damages his/her recorder during the year can a new one be purchased from the music department at R. F. Morrison School for \$5.00.

Not only will the intermediate students focus on the Orff program as they learn to play their English/Baroque recorders using the Recorder Karate method, but they will also be involved in a guitar program. As well, there is junior choir for the students in Grades 1, 2 and 3 and intermediate choir for the students in Grades 4, 5 and 6.

There are many Music Schools providing group instruction and private music lessons. If you would like any information about various music lessons and programs available as well as information for private music teachers from the Manitoba Registered Music Teachers Association, contact me at the school.

Thank you!
Ms. Todaschuk

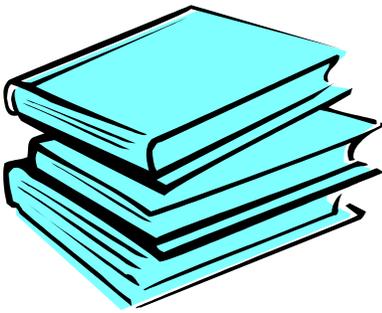


READING

Literacy is such an important aspect of your child's life. Please take the time to read with your child, as the benefits are endless.

Reading books to children will:

- Increase language development
- Improve listening skills
- Develop reading-readiness skills



20 Minutes a Day

Read to your children
Twenty minutes a day;
You have the time,
And so do they.

Read while the laundry is in the machine;
Read while the dinner cooks;
Tuck a child in the crook of your arm
And read for the library books.

Hide the remote,
Let the computer games cool,
For one day your children will be off to school;
Love reading? Love books? You have the choice;
Let them hear their first tales,
In the sound of your voice.

Read in the morning;
Read over noon;
Read by the light of
Good Night Moon.

Turn the pages together,
Sitting close as you'll fit.
Till a small voice beside you says,
"Hey, don't quit."

- Richard Peck

GENTLY USED CLOTHING

If you are sorting through your children's closets and come across gently used clothing items, our Physical Education department would greatly appreciate donations.

We are looking for gently used:

- Children's sized T-shirts
- Children's sized shorts
- Touques, winter hats, jackets, gloves, mittens and scarves



The clothing will be used for those children who do not have gym clothes or outdoor clothes for Physical Education activities or recess.

PRAIRIE DOG CENTRAL FIELD TRIP



On a sunny and warm September 16, students from rooms 3, 4, 7, and 9 went back in time as we boarded the Prairie Dog Central. We travelled aboard 1900-era wooden enclosed passenger coaches from Inkster Junction Station to the rural community of Grosse Isle. Students had the opportunity to relive how Canadians travelled in that era, as we were joined onboard by our 1911 Passenger Agent. We really got a sense of how much everything has changed in the last 100 years. We brought a lunch and experienced a taste of rural Manitoba and a small community living away from the big city. We were also lucky enough to have a close look at a real television set, as a crew was filming for a series called The Pinkertons at the time. During our time spent in Grosse Isle we had the opportunity to experience a rare piece of completely untouched Canadian tall grass prairie. It was a beautiful day enjoyed by all.



The passenger coaches were over 100 years old!!





Parent & Child Evening Gym Program

A free program for you and your children ages 1 to 5

(PARENT/CAREGIVER PARTICIPATION)

Come join us for an hour and a half of fun-filled physical activity! This is a **FREE** gym class which will allow you and your children (ages 1 to 5) a chance to get active and be fit while having fun together!

Our program will include gym activities and yoga stretches along with a story to be shared with all participants. We encourage families to participate together and enjoy the benefits of physical activity and a healthy lifestyle.

Where: RF Morrison School
25 Morrison Street

When: Wednesday Evenings from 6:00-7:30pm
October 8 – November 26, 2014



Registration is required as space is limited. Deadline for Registration is Fri., October 3, 2014

Please complete and return the tear-off registration form below to your school office or your Community Coordinator. You will not receive a confirmation call that you have been accepted, so be sure to join us on the first class. A change of indoor shoes will be required for both, parents and children alike.

If you have any questions, please contact:



Veronica Thiffeault, Community Coordinator
RF Morrison School 204-338-7804
Victory School 204-586-9716
veronica.thiffeault@7oaks.org

Parent & Child Evening Gym Program 2014 Registration Form

Please fully complete and return to your school by Friday, Oct. 3, 2014

Children's Names & Ages:

Parent/Caregiver's Name(s):

Tel No: _____ Email _____

Your Home School:



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Day 4	2 Day 5	3 Day 6 PD Day No School	4
5	6 Day 1 Gr. 3-5 X-Country	7 Day 2 PAC Mtg 6:30	8 Day 3 Farm to School Delivery	9 Day 4	10 Day 5	11
12		14 Day 6	15 Day 1	16 Day 2	17 Day 3 PAC Hot Lunch	18
19	20 Day 4 Divisional PD Day No School	21 Day 5	22 Day 6	23 Day 1	24 Day 2 SAGE No School	25
26	27 Day 3	28 Day 4	29 Day 5	30 Day 6	31 Day 1 Halloween	