

R. F. MORRISON SCHOOL MARCH 2014

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Once again, "I Love to Read" month was a huge success at R. F. Morrison School! We kicked off the month with an Olympic-themed assembly, complete with the national anthem, Olympic torch, videos and all students reciting the athletes' oath. Throughout the month students have been immersing themselves in all kinds of print and books. Ask your children to tell you about some of the special guest readers who were welcomed to school almost daily in February. As well, children have enjoyed reading poetry and jokes on the morning announcements. An evening Pajama Pizza Party was well attended, and families were treated to yummy pizza, bannock and snacks, listened to elder **Mary Courchene** and storyteller **Joe McLellan** and shared a bedtime story before heading home to bed! Parent Council sponsored and served a delicious Pancake Breakfast enjoyed by all. We will wrap up "I Love to Read" month on Monday, March 3rd with another assembly, this time featuring a performance by well-known Winnipeg fiddler and recording artist **Sierra Noble**. Sierra will also share a message with our students. *Remember to keep reading with your children – in any language!*

Last week we welcomed **Fubuki Daiko**, a Japanese drumming group, who held drumming workshops for all of our students. We were treated to an inspiring performance on Monday morning. Thanks to the "Artists in the Schools" program for their support!

Another thank you goes out to former students **Ashley and Nicole Wiebe**, whose generous donation of children's books will enhance our classroom libraries. Thanks for giving back!

It's hard to believe that we are already thinking about next year, but registrations for Kindergarten are already being accepted. If you have a child born in 2009, or have friends, family members or neighbours who do, registration forms and information packages for both the English and English – Ukrainian Bilingual programs are available in the office.

Speaking of next year, please inform the office if your family will be moving over the summer. This information helps us as we create class groupings for the upcoming school year. Transportation forms for 2014-2015 school year will be going home shortly. Please watch for them and return completed forms to the school office as soon as possible.

And finally, for the safety of our children, a request to parents and caregivers to please respect the parking signage on Morrison St., particularly during school bus drop-off and pick-up times. Vehicles are sometimes obstructing the buses and the crosswalk. This, along with the very high snow banks, creates a very dangerous situation for bus drivers and for our patrols who are trying to cross children safely.

As well, please refrain from double-parking in the parking lot during drop-off and pick up times, as this creates a dangerous situation when students run between or around cars. As an alternative, please consider parking in available visitor parking spots facing the field or in the bus loop in front of the school with engines turned off.

Important Dates

March 4	PAC Meeting 6:30 pm
March 9	Daylight Savings Time-Clocks ahead 1 hour
March 11	Student/Parent/Teacher Interviews - evening
March 13	Student/Parent/Teacher Interviews - evening
March 14	Student/Parent/Teacher Interviews - No School
March 19	Badminton Tournament 5-9pm
March 26	Gr.4-6 WSO
March 31 to April 4	Spring Break - No School
April 7	First day of classes
April 9	Pink Shirt Day
April 18	Good Friday - No School
April 23 & 24	School Musical "Clowns"
April 25	P.D. Day - No School
April 28	MTYP - Night Light
May 12	P.D. Day - No School
May 19	Victoria Day - No School
June 23	Admin. Day - No School
June 27	Last day of school



Dear Parents & Families,

The **Scholastic Book Fair** is coming to R.F. Morrison School during March Parent/Teacher Conferences!

We invite your entire family to participate by purchasing the latest in children's books. Did you know that for every \$10 you spend at the Fair up to \$6 comes directly back to our school? Your support of this literary event helps us obtain new books and resources for our library.

You'll find hundreds of books at our Book Fair with a wide assortment for all reading levels. A Book Fair flyer, which provides a preview of only a FEW of the many books available to purchase at our Fair, will be coming home shortly.

Don't forget to mark the Book Fair dates on your calendar! We look forward to seeing you during our Scholastic Book Fair.

Ms. S. Rose, Library Technician

Book Fair Dates & Times:	Tuesday, March 11	3:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
	Thursday, March 13	3:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
	Friday, March 14	8:30 a.m. – noon

Location: Front Hallway (outside office)

We accept cheques made payable to R.F. Morrison School. Visa, MasterCard & American Express are welcome too.



Room 3, Grade 5/6

Earlier in the school year the Grade 5/6 class did a poetry unit. Here are some samples of poems whose theme is **Family**. We hope you enjoy them, and are able to make connections to some of your own family members.

If it weren't for you, dad
I would not have to read so much
If it weren't for you, dad
I could play games on my computer
If it weren't for you, dad
I wouldn't have to learn so much
But, if it weren't for you, dad
I wouldn't be so smart by Nazar

ANGALA LYN
Blond hair blue eyes
Has a very large laugh
Lover of her two kids
Who really needs her morning coffee
Who fears her house burning down
Who's very superstitious
Who'd like to visit Mexico
My mom by Nicholas

Larry
Black hair, blue eyes, scary laugh, weird attitude.
Lover of cooking, his family, work.
Who needs a clean house, dishes done.
Who fears nothing.
Who gives dogs belly rubs.
Who feels excited when cooking.
Who would like to work days.
Resident of Jefferson Street.
My dad. By Laryssa

Candace
Green eyes, brown hair, easy going, good with children
Lover of bike rides, birds, dogs, children
Who needs morning coffee, clean house
Who fears spiders
Who gives me lots of love
Who feels tired after work
Who would like to see a football game
Resident of Wellwood Pl.
My mom by Emma

If it weren't for you, Mom
I wouldn't have to get up in the morning
If it weren't for you, Mom
I would never have to clean my room
If it weren't for you, Mom
I could watch my TV shows and play on the computer all day
If it weren't for you, Mom
I could bake and not have to clean up the mess on the counter
If it weren't for you, Mom
I wouldn't have to be embarrassed when you dance around at family functions
If it weren't for you, Mom
I would never have to take vitamins
But if it weren't for you, Mom
I would never have anyone to love and take care of me, as much as you do

by Shane



Lots of love,
A big hugger, is really nice, and is super
smart
Is not afraid to be herself,
Nice weather in the summer,
Having fun swimming,
Good times,
A great day with my mom.

By Misha

Little Brother

If it weren't for you, little brother
I would never have to let you win in anything.
If it weren't for you, little brother
I would never have to help you with homework.
If it weren't for you, little brother
I would be able to go trick or treating with my friends.
If it weren't for you, little brother
I would have more closet space.
But if it weren't for you, little brother
It would never be as much fun.

By Taras S.

Never ending love

Always caring, kind, and a helper,
Takes me to the park,
White snow coming down,
Having lots of hot chocolate,
Playing in the snow,
Fighting with snowballs,
My awesome mother.

By Maksym

Marie

Busy, loving, brown hair, fun to be around
Lover of Star Trek, books, her son
Who needs more sleep
Who fears her four month old son will have an allergic reaction
Who gives a lot of love
Who feels tired all the time
Who would like to go to the Rockies
Resident of the Universe
My Oldest Sister

by Caitlyn

If it weren't for you
If it weren't for you, dad
I wouldn't have to do my homework
If it weren't for you, dad
I would be able to play video games all day
If it weren't for you, dad
I could shoot my bb gun
If it weren't for you, dad
I would be able to go to hockey games
But if it weren't for you dad, life wouldn't be as much fun
My dad

by Brandon

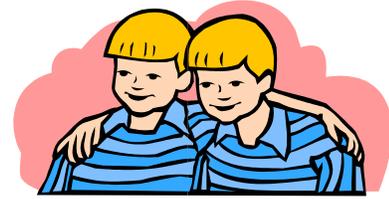


Andriy

Awesome, cuddly, sometimes hungry, always kind
Lover of Olena, family and food
Who needs love and air
Who fears heights
Who gives attention and care
Who feels lucky, because he has everything he needs
Who would like to see the top of Mount Everest
Resident of Garden City
My brother

by Kateryna R.

If it weren't for you
 If it weren't for you, little brother
 I wouldn't have gotten into trouble as much
 If it weren't for you, little brother
 I wouldn't have to watch out for you
 If it weren't for you, little brother
 I wouldn't have to pick you up from daycare
 If it weren't for you, little brother
 It would be more quiet in the house
 But if it weren't for you, it wouldn't be as much fun as it is at home
 By Knowle



From the MUSIC DEPARTMENT

CLOWNS - Musical Production – April 23rd & 24th @ 7:00 pm



The students of R. F. Morrison School will be performing in the school's Musical Production entitled **CLOWNS**. This production will take place on Wednesday & Thursday, April 23rd & 24th at 7:00 p.m. in the gymnasium at R. F. Morrison School. Below, please note the day that your child/children will be performing in the Musical:

Wednesday, April 23, 2014 @ 7:00 pm

Kindergarten	L. Kennedy
Grade 1	L. Luna
Grade 1/2	D. Borys
Grade 3	M. Behrendt
Grade 4/5	D. Kammerlock
Grade 5/6	M. Ilyniak

Thursday, April 24, 2014 @ 7:00 pm

Kindergarten	A. Tarasiuk
Grade 1	N. Kunets
Grade 2	E. Gray
Grade 2/3	H. Klimenko
Grade 4/5	A. Dutka
Grade 4/5	M. Tarasiuk

There are families with more than one child that may have children scheduled on both nights. These class groupings affect the least number of families having to come to both evening shows.

All children performing in the musical production are asked to create their own clown costume!

Please, mark these dates on your calendar. All family and friends are invited to enjoy your child's performance in **CLOWNS**! Further information will be provided in the next newsletter.

Ms Todaschuk



Staff and students at R. F. MORRISON enjoyed celebrating "I Love to Read" in February. We welcomed many guest readers to our school throughout the month including:



Terry Bilyk (former principal of RFM)
Gwen Birse (Assistant Superintendent – Personnel – Seven Oaks School Division)

Mary-Jane Wasney (Petrusia Perogy)

Lisa Dveris (Social Worker - Seven Oaks School Division)

Leah Gazan (Professor, Aboriginal Education, U of W)

Sharon Halldorson (Speech Language Pathologist & Director of Educational & Clinical Support Services - Seven Oaks School Division),

George Bednarczyk (Psychologist - Seven Oaks School Division),

Jordan Knight (Energy 106)

Dan Szutiak (fire fighter)

Dave Chomiak (Local Politician)

Sean Pollock (Police Officer)

Dr. Tim Hilderman (Medical Director of Communicable Disease Control, Manitoba Health & former R. F. Morrison student)

Jamie Vargas (Royal Winnipeg Ballet, Rusalka)

Kelly Ring-Whiklo (Speech Language Pathologist – Seven Oaks School Division)

Daniel Buchanan (Psychologist – Seven Oaks School Division)

Bernadette Smith (Teacher Team Leader – Aboriginal Education – Seven Oaks School Division)

John Keam (Custodian – R. F. Morrison School)

Kristya Matwichyna (R. F. Morrison staff member)



Our guest readers shared beautiful books with our students, talked about the important work they do in our community, and promoted the importance of reading. We want to take this opportunity to thank all of them for taking time out of their busy schedules to make February extra special at R.F. Morrison.



EXTENDED DAY GROWTH EDUCATION

GREAT AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS FOR *MIDDLE YEAR STUDENTS!*

EDGE SPRING SESSION INVITES ALL GRADE 5 STUDENTS!

EDGE is offering all grade 5 students, who will be our middle year students next year, an opportunity to try our great after school programs. These fun courses are located in all middle year schools this spring. Participation begins after regular class times at the middle school you will be attending next year! (Some classes start prior to elementary dismissal but our instructors will be aware that some may arrive later)

Parents and students who are looking to fill the gap between school and the supper hour can check out the programs provided by **EDGE**. We offer up to 18 hours of instruction plus all materials

are supplied - that works out (with a class registration fee of *maximum* \$50.00) to only **\$2.78** an hour! *Many classes are less and some are even FREE!* **EDGE** programs are offered in 3 separate 8 week sessions during the full school year.

Registration booklets and registration forms will be available on the **Seven Oaks Website** towards the end of March (click on **Parents** and then click on **EDGE**). Find your school, booklet and registration forms all on-line. For more after school programs check out **KYAC** and **MYAC** drop in centers to find a location close to you today!

EDGE programs begin the week of April 28th (*NO CLASSES ON VICTORIA DAY – Monday MAY 19th*) through to June 23rd. Courses are fun and educational, but spaces are limited. So don't delay, register as soon as possible to ensure participation in **EDGE** programming at a Middle Year school near you. Registration is due **Monday, April 21st**.

Questions? Contact Penny Raymond, Extended Day Coordinator at: 885-4333
Or email: penny.raymond@7oaks.org



RF Morrison School Preschool Program March 2014



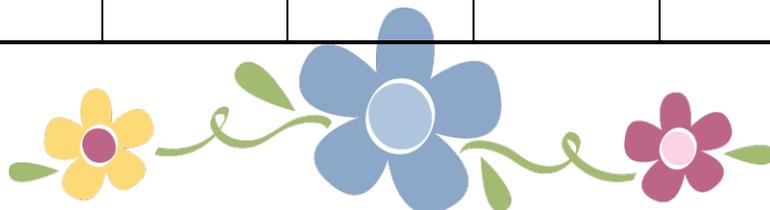
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16	17 Preschool Program 9:30-11:30	18	19	20 Preschool Program 9:30-11:30	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	PROGRAMS WILL RESUME ON MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2014 AT 9:30 AM				

April 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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6	7 Day 5	8 Day 6	9 Day 1	10 Day 2	11 Day 3	12
13	14 Day 4	15 Day 5	16 Day 6	17 Day 1	18 Good Friday No School	19
20	21 Day 2	22 Day 3	23 Day 4	24 Day 5	25 Day 6 P.D. Day No School	26
27	28 Day 1	29 Day 2	30 Day 3			

May 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Day 4	2 Day 5	3
4	5 Day 6	6 Day 1	7 Day 2	8 Day 3	9 Day 4	10
11	12 Day 5 P.D. Day No School	13 Day 6	14 Day 1	15 Day 2	16 Day 3	17
18	19 Victoria Day No School	20 Day 4	21 Day 5	22 Day 6	23 Day 1	24
25	26 Day 2	27 Day 3	28 Day 4	29 Day 5	30 Day 6	31



March



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2	3 Day 3	4 Day 4 PAC Mtg. 6:30	5 Day 5	6 Day 6 Rm 4 Swimming Rm 6 Skating	7 Day 1 - Bowling for Patrols	8
9 Turn clocks ahead one hour!	10 Day 2	11 Day 3 - Evening Par/Stud/Tch Conf	12 Day 4	13 Day 5- Evening Par/Stud/Tch Conf Rm 4 Swimming Rm 6 last Skating	14 Day 6 Par/Stud/Tch Conf NO SCHOOL	15
16	17 Day 1 Rm 8 Field Trip 	18 Day 2	19 Day 3 - Badminton Tourn @ G.C. 5-9pm	20 Day 4 - 1 st day of Spring Rm 4 last Swimming	21 Day 5	22
23	24 Day 6	25 Day 1	26 Day 2 Gr. 4-6 WSO	27 Day 3	28 Day 4 PAC Hot Lunch	29
30	31	Spring Break				