

Hawk Talk

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The History of Hawk Talk

Our class decided to find a name for our school newsletter. We wanted to get all the students of ESOMS involved in the search for a name. We organized a contest to find the best possible name for our school newsletter.

This meant visiting classrooms and explaining the contest to them. We had to write scripts and stand in front of classes to explain the contest to all the students.

The goal of the contest was to find the best possible name for our newsletter. The name had to be creative. It also had to represent our bilingual school. So the search was on!

We received many creative suggestions. The amazing class of Mme Brodeur in Room 24 gave us our new name and we hope to use it for centuries to come!

By April and Leira

Room 8

IMPORTANT DATES

December 5	School PD – No Classes
December 6	Parent Advisory Council 6:30 pm - Staffroom
December 22	Winter break Soc Hop
December 22	Last day of classes
January 9	Classes resume – Day 5
January 10	Parent Advisory Council 6:30 pm - staffroom
February 3	School PD – No Classes
February 7	Parent Advisory Council 6:30 pm
February 8	Human Rights Museum Evening 6:00 pm
February 20	Louis Riel Day – No Classes
March 5	ESOMS Winter Activity Day
March 6	Parent Advisory Council 6:30 pm
March 7	ESOMS Band Concert 7:00 at NKMB
March 9	Student Reports go home
March 13	Parent/Teacher/Student Conferencing - Evening
March 15	Parent/Teacher/Student Conferencing - Evening
March 16	Parent/Teacher/Student Conferencing – No Classes
March 15-16	Brandon Jazz festival
March 23	Last day of classes before Spring Break
April 2	Classes resume after Spring Break
April 3	Parent Advisory Council 6:30 pm
April 6	Good Friday – No Classes
April 9 – 12	ESOMS Musical Production
April 18	ESOMS Open House – 7:00 pm
April 20	School PD – No Classes
May 1	Parent Advisory Council 6:30 pm
May 7	School PD – No Classes
May 15-18	Band Trip
May 21	Victoria Day – No Classes
June 5	Parent Advisory Council 6:30 pm
June 13	Choral Concert
June 27	Grade 8 Farewell Evening
June 28	Administration Day – No Classes
June 29	Last Day of Classes

* 1 more PD Day – No Classes TBA



Parent Council Update

Our next PAC meeting will be on **Tuesday, December 6th at 7:00 pm** (instead of the usual 6:30) in the ESOMS staffroom. City of Winnipeg Councillor Ross Eadie has gladly accepted an invitation to be at this meeting to talk with us about some recent traffic and pedestrian concerns that have arisen in the neighbourhoods surrounding both ESOMS and Victory schools. We have invited the Victory School PAC to join us at this meeting. We look forward, as always, to having some great conversation about your children's' education and look forward to seeing you at this meeting.

Operation Donation

On Wednesday December 1, ESOMS is starting their annual "Operation Donation"! Operation Donation is a drive to collect money and food items for the Christmas Cheerboard. Our school's commitment is to put together 10 hampers for families in need in the West Kildonan area. We are asking for each student to bring in a food donation(students will have the opportunity to volunteer for items) and a monetary donation of \$2.00 so we are able to purchase toys and turkeys for the hampers. Thank you very much for supporting families in need within our community.

KYAC IS OPEN
at ESOMS
(DEC. 28, 29
& JAN 3, 4, 5)



Striking a Chord

From the Fiddle Room:

A huge thank you to parents and teachers who drove our Incredibows students to go to watch BARRAGE at the Franco Manitoban Center on Nov. 26. The kids had a fantastic time and were inspired by the amazing playing and performances. The tickets were made available by the support of Seven Oaks School Division's consistent and ongoing support of the Arts in our school and throughout the Division. We are very grateful for this!!

New– Wednesdays – extra fiddle training for grade 6 students – 11:35

There are quite a number of fiddle performances this month that you are welcome to attend.

Dec. 1 noon - Incredibows performing at the Festival of Trees and Lights – Hydro Building

Dec. 2 – 7:00 pm – Incredibows performing at the Norvilla Hotel (private function)

Dec. 7 – 2:00 and 3:00 – Incredibows performing at the Health Sciences Center

Dec. 19 and 20 – 10:00 am – Grade 8 classes perform at the Forks

Dec. 21 – 10:00 am – Mme Henry's class perform at Carriage House

Have a wonderful holiday season, everyone!!

From the Choir Room:

Both Vocal Jazz groups performed at Choral Fest on Nov. 18. The adjudicators had very positive things to say, and both Ms. Lees and Ms. Hamilton were incredibly proud of the students and how they represented our school. Rehearsals continue Tuesday and Wednesdays at 7:15 a.m. A huge thank you is in order to all of the parents who get up early to drive the kids to school for these rehearsals. Your support of the program and your child's experience is so appreciated.

Now that rehearsals are in full swing for the Production, there have been necessary changes to the choir schedule. Here is the current schedule:

Mon. / Tues./ Thursday – Production Rehearsals

Wed. – Jazz Band or Grade 6 fiddling

Friday – Senior Girl's Choir (gr. 8)

Please note that "Everybody Choir" will meet Day 6 period 5

Have a great Christmas Break!!!



Classroom News

Financial Frenzy

Money, money, money! A word everyone wants to hear. Our class has been working on a math project based on life. We had to buy an apartment, get a job, and had to calculate how much money we spent and how much we had left for everyday needs. Some of us ended up unemployed, confused or just plain broke!

We work on this every week with the help of Mrs. Lindsay. I like this project because it really made everyone open up their eyes to how life really gets sometimes, and it taught us the value of money. It's really fun. What a financial frenzy!

By: Amy - Room 8

Winnipeg Harvest

Did you know that Winnipeg Harvest relies on volunteers? If there were no volunteers there would be no Winnipeg Harvest!

Our class did some volunteer work at Winnipeg Harvest this fall. First we took a tour of Winnipeg Harvest, then our class got right to work bagging and boxing sugar and flour. We washed our hands, put on aprons and hair nets, then separated off into groups of two. There were three jobs: "fillers" "walkers" and "baggers." We got to try all of them. The "fillers" would re-fill the metal bins with sugar and flour. The "walkers" would take the filled bags and put them into a box. There had to be exactly 20 bags per box. And last but not least, the "baggers" would scoop the flour and sugar into the bags, and then tie them up. Winnipeg Harvest is an amazing place to be and work. Our class brought a lot of food donations and we really want to go back!

By: Lizz, Kiyana and Jestina – Room 8

Awesome Maps in Room 17

This month in Social Studies we worked on maps. We split into 6 groups. Each group was assigned a different continent. The only continent that wasn't made was Antarctica. They were all 3D in some form or another.

What we did was put plasticine to cover the entire land form. Some groups did elevation while others did vegetation. We had to pin-point the most populated cities. Tags were made to show the latitude and longitude, the population and the name of the city. Groups also had to show natural and man-made wonders.

Overall, this experience was awesome. We got to work in groups and learn about the ideas of elevation, population, vegetation and landforms. It was nice to use different materials to work with, such as plasticine and work with our hands. They are also very nice to look at, so please feel free to drop in and check them out. Signing out,

Veronica and Sara – Reporters for room 17



L'Histoire du Père Noël

Salle. 33 Mme. Pancotto

Saint-Nicolas est né en 280. Il était un prêtre chrétien qui après plusieurs années, est devenue un évêque. Il était un homme riche et il a voyagé partout en Europe. Il aidait les pauvres. Il leur donnait de l'argent et des cadeaux. Saint-Nicolas voulait passer inaperçu quand il distribuait les cadeaux. Donc les enfants allaient se coucher tôt parce que qu'ils pensaient que Saint-Nicolas ne venait pas s'ils étaient réveillés.

Aujourd'hui, rien n'a changé. Les enfants doivent encore aller se coucher tôt pour recevoir une visite du Père Noël.

Une autre histoire de Saint-Nicolas était à propos d'un homme pauvre qui n'avait pas assez d'argent pour donner un cadeau à sa fille le jour de son mariage. Saint-Nicolas est venue chez eux et il a mis de l'argent dans les bas de la fille de l'homme. Ses bas étaient pendus près de la cheminée pour sécher. C'est pourquoi les enfants pendent leur bas la veille de Noël en espérant des cadeaux du Père Noël.

Par : Shannice et Alyssa



Students visit Siloam Mission

Salle 13 – M. Hall

On Tuesday, November 22 our class took a field trip to Siloam mission which is located at 300 Princess St. in downtown Winnipeg. Some of us had been there before, but it has been renovated quite a bit. We walked up four flights of stairs and we discussed what home means to us. We then took a tour of the four storey building and saw the great work that the people at Siloam Mission are doing. On the fourth floor we saw the gym that is made up of donated equipment. Then we rode the one hundred year old freight elevator to another floor where we saw where everyone sleeps. The most interesting thing we saw was the art room where people can make all kinds of different forms of art.

At Siloam Mission there is room for about 190 people in the cafeteria, yet there are around 1000 meals served every day. For Thanksgiving, however, they serve 1000 meals not including breakfast and lunch. All food served at Siloam Mission comes from donations, including Christmas gifts that they give to people that come on Christmas. (This would include socks stuffed with toiletries and useful items). All donations are handled by helpful volunteers and some volunteers are doctors, dentists, and chiropractors who donate their services! One of their most special volunteers is their bedbug sniffing dog who is owned by two of the volunteers.



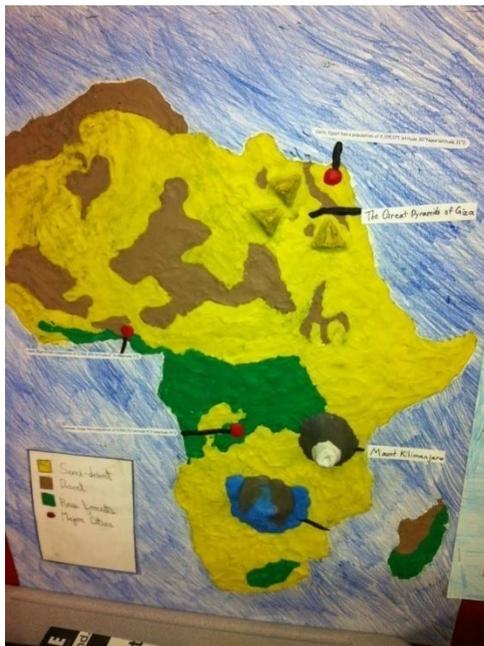
A New Face in room '15

There is always something new going on in Mrs. Cervantes grade 6 class room. However, these grade 6 students were really curious when they came to school and saw a new face in their class room 3 weeks ago. The students have a new teacher candidate in their class. Their new teachers name is Mr. MacLeod. After seeing Mr. MacLeod for the first time, one of the students said this, "I was surprised to see Mr. MacLeod in our class, I wanted to know how long he was going to stay."

In looking at the faces of the students, we noticed that they seemed to really enjoy Mr. MacLeod in the class. When we asked students about having Mr. MacLeod in the class, Sam said, "I feel good because there are two teachers that could help you and he is funny too!" Mishel also agreed with Sam, "He's a really big help."

Mr. MacLeod has taught lessons on drawing the eye, mapping and mathematics (about prime, and composite numbers). Mr. MacLeod has had some previous experience in working with children. He has been an Educational Assistant for 5 years and has also taught Rugby.

By the looks of things, we think that Mr. MacLeod will definitely have a bright future in education. We wish him the best of luck in his upcoming term at the University of Manitoba and look forward to having him in our classroom in the Spring of 2012!



Our Ethnic Feast

Room 31 – Mrs. Courchene

In our grade 8 class Social Studies class, we completed an assignment about our family's history, backgrounds, and culture. It was called, "My Family," and then we came up with the idea of doing a class feast. We have a diverse classroom and accept everyone. Everyone was encouraged to share a food item that was related to their culture. Our families contributed by preparing the food and we ate it as a class. It was a great way to bring together different cultures. We had a lot of fun experiencing the different foods that our classmates brought. It was nice that people showed pride in their culture by sharing cultural foods.

There was a terrific variety. We had items such as Jamaican beef patties, Ojibway moose meat pies, Metis bannock, and much more. We tried a lot of new food that we are not normally accustomed to and found out that we enjoyed them. Everyone is unique in their own way and especially with the foods that they brought to share.

The food was amazing. It was a blast in the class. It was a lunchtime well spent. We are privileged to have the experience of celebrating our heritage. Everyone should accept people for who they are and what they eat. We learned more about our friend's cultures than we ever would have from just talking.

Country of Origin

Food Item

Jamaica	Beef Patties
Ojibway	Moose Meat Pies
Philippines	Shanghai Rolls
Phillipines	Leche Flan
England	Yorkshire Pudding
Phillipines	Pancit
Iceland	Vinnatorte
Metis	Bannock
Poland	Chicken drumsticks & veggies
Poland	Pereshkaya
Ukraine	Perogies
British	Biscuits
Scottish	Butter Tarts
Norway	Cookies

We would like to thank our parents & grandparents for preparing the food for us!

Waskul's Class Update

The month of November flew by! I guess we've had a lot of fun ☺

In Math, some of the fantastic things we've done include adding and subtracting fraction. We had a pop quiz on fractions and have had multiple worksheets on this.

In History, we are working on a new unit. Our previous unit was "Early Man" but we wrapped that up this month. Our lovely student teacher, Miss. Adamus, is teaching us "Ancient Egypt". I think we all enjoy it. We are also learning about the Holocaust.

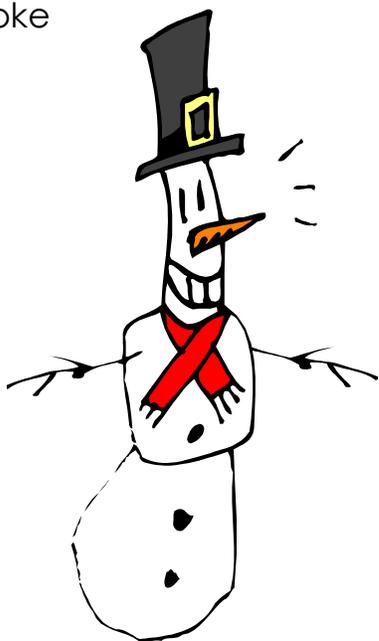
In Language Arts, we are doing a Holiday Project. We also did an "Expository Writing" assignment. We had to write a step-by-step book about something that we know how to do well.

In Science, we are starting to learn about Systems. Currently, we are focusing on the circulatory system. We finished our Cells unit by ending it with a test.

In French, Miss. Adamus is also doing a unit on food with my class. I'm sure it will be fun.

November was a great month so here's hoping December will be even better!!!

By Brooke



A Week to Remember

The week leading up Remembrance Day room 26 looked at the history connected to Remembrance Day. We examined the significance of the poppy. We researched the connection between this day of remembrance and the soldiers who fought for our freedom in World War 1. There were many students who shared their personal stories of family members who fought in for our country and in some cases even gave up their lives. While many of these stories were sad, they were also stories of courage and hope. Near the end of the week the students created posters that reflected what Remembrance Day meant to them.

On the 10th of November we had a Remembrance Day assembly in the gym. There was a presentation on the poem Flanders Field that was presented by Madame Henry's class. It was a great presentation. The assembly was a time of remembrance that brought the whole school community together.

After this week I realized that Remembrance Day is important because there were so many that fought for our country. Even after these people pass on, it we must not forget them and what they did for us.

EDGE

EXTENDED DAY GROWTH EDUCATION

EDGE information is available through the Seven Oaks Website! www.7oaks.org

At the site, click on **Programs**, scroll and click on **EDGE**. You will be able to view information on programs, participating schools, calendars plus much more.
Course booklets may be viewed/printed as well as all registration materials when they become available for the Winter session.

Registration booklets/forms will be delivered to your student *right after the winter break*.
Remember courses are fun and educational, but spaces are limited...

So...don't delay, register as soon as possible to ensure participation in **EDGE**.

If you or someone you know would like to instruct a course ***please contact me immediately***.
We are currently looking for sewing instructors.

Questions? Contact Penny Raymond, 885-4333 or 227-7136
e-mail: penny.raymond@7oaks.org

KYAC @ ESOMS

Come and participate @ KYAC and enter your chance to WIN JETS TICKETS!
(Feb. 17th vs Boston and/or March 5th vs Buffalo)

rules/regulations @ kyac locations, draw eligibility between December and March

*****KYAC ends Dec. 22nd but will open during the winter break!**
Dates: Dec. 28th/29th and Jan. 3rd/4th/5th @ ESOMS 12-5pm***
KYAC RESUMES NORMAL HOURS ON JANUARY 9th 2011!

Next Youth Council meeting is December 6th, 3:15pm @ ESOMS
All students are welcome, sign up in the KYAC office!

****Parent/Child Yoga classes @ Riverbend Friday nights! Last class is Dec. 9th 2011**
Guitar Program w/ Ashley McCurdy Thursdays nights (Dec. 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd)
from 6:00-8:00pm @ ESOMS!

Register w/ KYAC - Email us kyac@7oaks.org for more details!**

ALL ARE WELCOME!

****Subject to cancel if there are not enough participants****

For more information, contact Pierre Feng, KYAC Program Coordinator, at 586-0327 or
by email at pierre.feng@7oaks.org.

City of Winnipeg Leisure Guide



The City of Winnipeg is proud to provide a wide variety of recreation and leisure opportunities to contribute to the overall well-being of our community. The Leisure Guide is published three times per year and is filled with fun and exciting programs for everyone.

For the Winter 2012 session, the registration process will have a staggered start. Registration for swimming lessons only will begin on Day 1 of registration (December 13) at 9:00 a.m. Registration for all other programs will begin on Day 2 of registration (December 14) at 9:00 a.m. Registration will be ongoing after these start dates.

For more information on leisure, sport and fitness programs, please pick up a copy of the Leisure Guide, call 311 or log on to Winnipeg.ca/leisureonline. Guides are available for pick up at civic pools, libraries and leisure centres, and at a number of retail locations including Safeway, 7-Eleven and Mac's.

City of Winnipeg Priceless Fun

Winnipeggers now have easy access to information about free recreation, leisure and library programs with the new free programming guide, Priceless Fun.

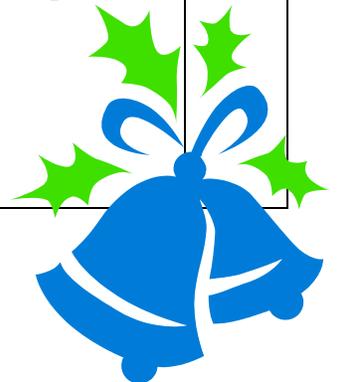
The winter edition of Priceless Fun, available in December, provides information about the free programs for children and youth being offered by the City of Winnipeg throughout the city, all in one convenient guide.

Hard copies of Priceless Fun are available for pick up at all civic indoor pools, libraries and leisure centres. You can view Priceless Fun online at: Winnipeg.ca/cms/recreation/pdfs/Free_programs.pdf. Information about programs is also available by calling 311.



December 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				1 Day 1	2 Day 2	3
4	5 Day 3 ESOMS PD No Classes	6 Day 4 P.A.C. 7:00 pm	7 Day 5	8 Day 6	9 Day 1	10
11	12 Day 2	13 Day 3	14 Day 4	15 Day 5	16 Day 6	17
18	19 Day 1	20 Day 2	21 Day 3 Hannukah Begins	22 Day 4 Soc Hop 12:30 Last day of school	23 Winter Break Begins	24



25	26	27	28	29	30	31
<i>Christmas Day</i>				Classes resume January 9th, 2012 Day 5		

