

HAWK TALK

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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AT ÉSOMS

Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) involves incorporating key themes of sustainable development – such as poverty alleviation, human rights, health and environmental protection, climate change – into the education system (Manitoba Education, 2012).

ESD is an area of continued growth at ÉSOMS. Our priorities for this year include:

- Newly created student leadership groups at each grade level which will allow students to demonstrate leadership in this area.
- A focused dialogue on the expansion and evolution of the school's annual Human Rights project to take place this year in May. We will consider new ways of exploring social justice issues, such as using the arts as a way of both understanding and demonstrating social justice.
- The staff and students, along with the parent and broader community, will begin imagining and planning the development of a currently under-used parcel of school property as a flourishing outdoor learning space. The goal is to transform the area adjacent to the staff parking lot as a beautiful, functional space for student and community gathering and learning potential. We began discussing our ideas at our most recent staff meeting and we asked for feedback at our January Parent Council meeting. Stay tuned to learn about how you can contribute to the conversation, imagining and planning our outdoor spaces!

IMPORTANT DATES

January 7

January 8

February 4

February 5

February 18

March 4

March 5

March 6

March 8

March 12

March 14

March 15

March 14–15

March 22

April 1

April 2

April 4

April 16, 17, 18

April 19

May 6

May 7

May

May 20

May 29 – 31

June 4

June

June 26

June 27

June 28

Classes resume – Day 1

Parent Advisory Council 6:30 pm – staffroom

School PD – No Classes

Parent Advisory Council 6:30 pm

Louis Riel Day – No Classes

Winter Activity Day

Parent Advisory Council 6:30 pm

Spring Band Concert 7:00 pm – NKMB Chruuch

Student reports go home

Parent/Teacher/Student Conferencing – Evening

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Parent/Teacher/Student Conferencing – No Classes

Brandon Jazz Festival

Last day of classes before Spring Break

Classes resume after Spring Break – Day 1

Parent Advisory Council 6:30 pm

Open House – 7:00 pm

Musical Production – 7:00 p.m.

School PD – No Classes

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Parent Advisory Council 6:30 pm

Band Trip (Date TBA)

Victoria Day – No Classes

Arts in The Park/Plein d'arts au parc

Parent Advisory Council 6:30 pm

Choral Concert (Date TBA)

Grade 8 Farewell Evening 6:00–11:00 Location TBA

Administration Day – No Classes

Last Day of Classes

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 5th at 6:30 in the ESOMS staffroom.

At our December meeting we spent time discussing and providing feedback about the new Provincial Report Card that each of our students recently received.

At our January meeting, parents learned of the school's plans to design and create a new outdoor learning space behind the school on a piece of school property where portable classrooms used to be situated. The intent is to transform this gravel lot into a beautiful and functional setting for students to learn and play and for our community to enjoy as well. Once the school committee is formed there will be opportunities for students, parents and community members to be involved in the process of planning and design. Look for further information in the ÉSOMS newsletter in late spring about upcoming meetings or come out to the next PAC meeting on February 5th.

PAC is an opportunity for you to meet other parents in your neighborhood and gain knowledge about your child's education. The topics are varied and the group works each year to provide a format which meets the needs expressed at the meetings. Feel free to come along with questions you may have about your child's education and our school. If you have any ideas or suggestions for the PAC, please call Howard Kowalchuk or Leanna Loewen at 586-0327.

We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting.

ÉSOMS PROUDLY PRESENTS...

Aladdin!

April 16, 17, & 18

Franco Manitoban Cultural Centre



Aladdin, a crafty street rat, spends his days wandering the streets of Agrabah with his best friend, a monkey named Abu. By sheer accident, Princess Jasmine meets Aladdin and here their story begins. When Aladdin is thrown in jail he quickly becomes wrapped up in the evil Jafar's plot to rule the land with a mysterious lamp. Will Aladdin be the diamond in the rough?

Come see École Seven Oaks Middle School's annual production of Aladdin. A classic tale filled magic, excitement, and a few twists along the way! Ticket information will be coming soon!



Seven Oaks School Division presents Arts in The Park/Plein d'arts au parc 2013, a three day arts festival at Kildonan Park showcasing the creativity of our Kindergarten to Grade 12 students through music, visual arts, dance, drama, and student-developed movies. Mark May 29th, 30th, and 31st on your calendars!

EXTENDED DAY GROWTH EDUCATION

GREAT IN-DOOR WINTER ACTIVITIES!

EDGE once again will be offering a variety of after school activities. Participation begins after regular classes and in most cases – right in their own school! Parents and students who are looking to fill the gap between school and the supper hour can check out the affordable programs offered by *EDGE*. Courses like the Babysitter Certificate Program and Teen Club are regularly offered along with art programs and a variety of special interest courses as well.

Registration booklets and forms are now available! Programs will begin the week of January 28th and run through to spring break. The 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 your school.

You can pre-view the activities on the Seven Oaks School Website! Scroll down to Students – find *EDGE* and you can see your school registration booklets and all registration materials. There is even an *EDGE* calendar of events available when you click on your school.

Questions? Contact Penny Raymond, *EDGE* Coordinator at: 204-885-4333

or Email: penny.raymond@7oaks.org



KYAC IS FREE ALL SCHOOL YEAR LONG!

Guitar program continues this month! Tuesday nights @ ESOMS from 6-8pm

Beginners: 6-7pm Advanced 7-8pm

Important dates:

January 2nd, 3rd and 4th KYAC will be @ ESOMS from 12-5pm

January 7th – Regular hours resume

January 18th – KYAC CLOSED @ EP (Basketball tournament)

January 9th, 16th and 30th KYAC @ EP will be from 7-9pm

Check out our website: <http://www.7oaks.org/Programs/KYAC/Pages/default.aspx>

We are looking for parent representatives on the KYAC board council, email us!

Have a suggestion for KYAC programming?? Let us know!

'Like' our page on facebook, search: KYAC

Follow us on twitter → @kyac7oaks for daily updates

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

**Seven Oaks School Division
Met School**



**The Seven Oaks Met School is hosting its annual
Open House!**

**Wednesday, Feb. 20th, 2013
7:30—8:30pm**

Met School—Room 302 East
Garden City Collegiate East, 707 Jefferson Avenue

Students entering grades 9—12 are invited to apply.

Application deadline: Monday, April 8, 2013

For more information contact:
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