

# HAWK TALK

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## Report Cards and Student-Parent-Teacher Conferences

Teachers are currently completing report cards for the first term. Reports are scheduled to go home on **Friday, November 15**. As the first term of TAS is not completed until December 11, TAS will be reported as an appendix and will come home in mid-December. A date will follow in December's newsletter and by email.

Student-Parent-Teacher conferences will be held on **Tuesday, November 19th** and **Thursday, November 21st** from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and on **Friday, November 22nd** from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. A letter will be sent home shortly for you to indicate your preferred dates and times. Once the conference times are scheduled, a letter will be sent home to confirm your meeting(s). We look forward to this opportunity for sharing and dialogue about growth in learning.

## Farm to School Fundraiser

We are excited to introduce a school-wide fundraiser, *Farm to School - A Healthy Choice Fundraiser*. In consultation with staff, students and our Parent Advisory Council we believe this is a great choice for a school fundraiser. This fundraiser allows the school to keep 50% of the profits. The intention is to use the profits to support the enhancement of the play, recreation and learning spaces outside of our school. Through parent council, staff and student discussions it is evident that our outdoor spaces need improvement. Working with a landscape architect, we intend to create a more vibrant green space around our school, an outdoor classroom, more trees, areas for play, benches, murals and a number of other outdoor initiatives that will reflect the needs and wishes of our students, their families and our staff.

### How does it work?

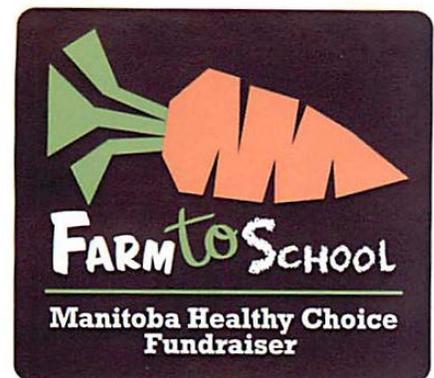
For only \$10.00 **BUNDLE A: 2lb carrots, 2lb onions, 5lb potatoes**

For only \$20.00 **BUNDLE B: 3lb carrots, 1lb parsnips, 3lb onions, 10lb potatoes, 1 cabbage**

Information packages will be sent home shortly. All orders will be delivered on Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> and ready for pick up between 12:00 and 6:00 pm

We are very pleased with the interest for our Healthy Choice Fundraiser and we look forward to working with you. The incentives offered through the program are:

- High profits with of 50% of sales going to our school
- Fresh, local vegetables
- Teaching our kids about healthy food choices



## Cool Weather & Lunch Information

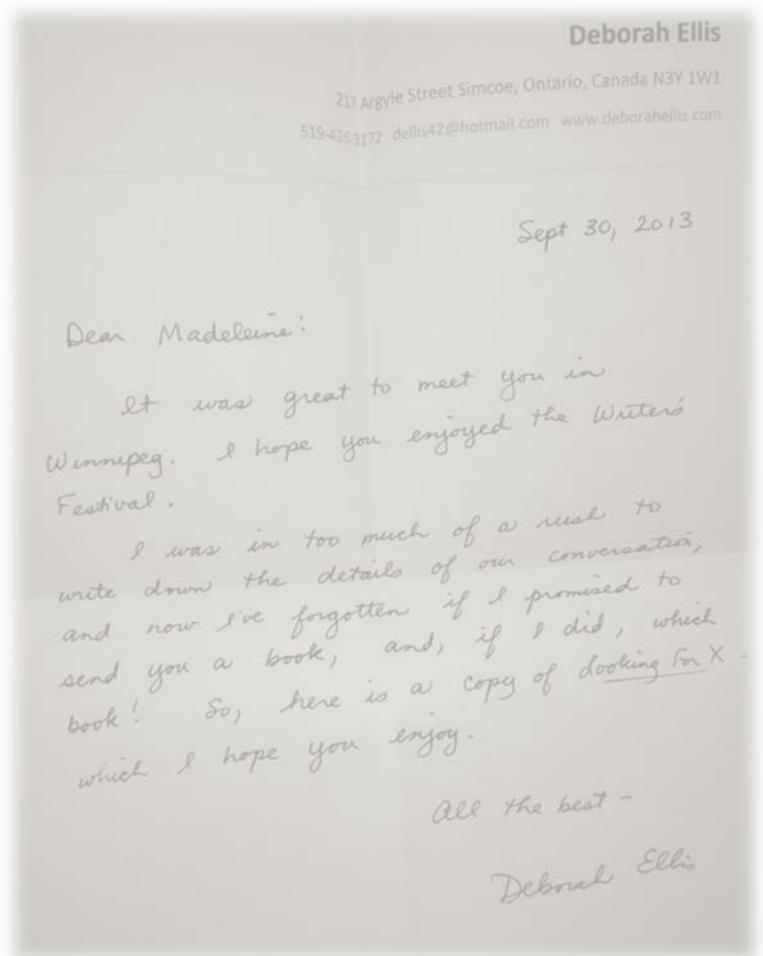
Lunchtime at ÉSOMS is from 11:15 until 12:15. Students have the choice of eating lunch in their homerooms or eating lunch out of the building. Students who leave for lunch are welcome back inside the school at 12:05. Students who choose to eat their lunch in their homerooms remain there until 11:35. While there are opportunities for some students to use passes for the West Kildonan Library, play intramurals in the gym or spend time in our library, everyone else goes outside until 12:05. The outdoor time is an important part of their school day. It is a time to get some exercise, socialize, breathe some fresh air and get energized for an afternoon of learning.

As the weather gets cooler, we will continue going outside at lunchtime. It will be indoor recess at times of rain and when the temperature goes below -26.

Students are reminded that they will enjoy their time outdoors more if they are dressed appropriately for the weather. We greatly appreciate your cooperation.

## Thin Air Writers Festival

In September, I got to go to the “Thin Air writer’s festival” with the grade 6 students (I’m in grade 7). The person speaking was award winning author Deborah Ellis who is one of my favourite authors. Her repertoire of books includes “The Bread Winner” trilogy, “Looking for X”, and many more. After she spoke, everyone had the chance to get an autograph or just share a few words with her. When I got up there, I talked to her. She is a wonderfully nice person. She asked for my name and where I go to school and after a few more words we said good bye to each other. About a week later, I got a package at school! Everyone in my class at the time (it was lunch) gathered around me to see what it was. It was a book! A book called “Looking for X” and in the package as well there was a note from the author. I’m planning to write her back as soon as possible and I will give an update on the response. Here is a copy of the letter that she mailed me.



Written by MADELINE

## Important Dates

November 4	School PD – No Classes
November 5	Parent Advisory Council 6:30 pm
November 8	Remembrance Day Assembly – Periods 3 and 4
November 15	Student Reports go home
November 19	Parent/Teacher/Student Conferencing - Evening
November 21	Farm to School orders due
	Parent/Teacher/Student Conferencing - Evening
November 22	Parent/Teacher/Student Conferencing - No Classes
December 2	Farm to School order pick up
December 3	Parent Advisory Council 6:30 pm - ÉSOMS staffroom
December 4	Gr. 7 & 8 Band, Choir & Incredibows Concert
December 12	First day for term 2 of TAS morning options
December 20	Last day of classes
January 6	Classes resume – Day 6
January 27	School PD – No Classes
January 30	Gr. 6 Band, Choir & Fiddling Concert
February 3	School PD – No Classes
February 4	Parent Advisory Council 6:30 pm
February 17	Louis Riel Day – No Classes
March 3	ÉSOMS Winter Activity Day
March 4	Parent Advisory Council 6:30 pm
March 10	Student Reports go home
March 11	Parent/Teacher/Student Conferencing - Evening
March 13	Parent/Teacher/Student Conferencing - Evening
March 14	Parent/Teacher/Student Conferencing – No Classes
March 20-21	Brandon Jazz festival
March 28	Last day of classes before Spring Break
April 7	Classes resume after Spring Break – Day 5
April 7	First day for term 3 of TAS morning options.
April 8	Parent Advisory Council 6:30 pm
April 10	ÉSOMS Open House – 7:00 pm
April 15-17	ÉSOMS Musical Production – 7:00 p.m.
April 18	Good Friday (No Classes)
April 25	School PD – No Classes
May 6	Parent Advisory Council 6:30 pm
May 12	School PD – No Classes
May 13-16	Band Trip
May 19	Victoria Day – No Classes
May 29	Choir/ Fiddling Concert
May	Sustainability in Action 5:00 pm (Date TBA)
June 4	Parent Advisory Council 6:30 pm
June 11	Band Concert – North Kildonan Mennonite Church
June 25	Grade 8 Farewell Evening 6:00 – 11:0 – Sunova Centre
June 26	Administration Day – No Classes
June 27	Last Day of Classes

## Student Leadership at ÉSOMS

### Terry Fox Walk

On September 27<sup>th</sup>, we had our annual Terry Fox Walk. Students had the opportunity to take pledge forms to collect donations or just donate their loose change. Students, families and staff went above and beyond and we were able to raise \$1697.53. This is the highest amount our school has ever raised. I would like to thank all of our students, families and staff who donated and helped make our Terry Fox a huge success.

### WE Day 2013

This year, I was one of the lucky students chosen to go to We Day. As soon as I set foot in the MTS center, I knew it was going to be an awesome day. The energy that I felt was unimaginable, and it stayed the same way throughout the entire day. Not a single person in the stadium looked bored, and everywhere I looked there was a smile on everyone's face.

The speakers and performers at We Day were so inspiring. All of the speakers and performers had such amazing stories and so many of them were so talented. Each and every one of the speakers impacted me in a different way. Some of their stories made me want to cry, some stories gave me hope. The one thing that each story had in common was that all of them made me want to make a difference. We Day was an unforgettable experience.



### Free the Children

For the second year in a row, our school participated in "Free the Children" campaign "We Scare Hunger". This campaign is designed to raise awareness and non-perishable food for Winnipeg Harvest. The idea behind the campaign is to ask students to trick-or-treat for non-perishable goods in lieu of candy. Our students again, did a fantastic job and we raised 197 items of food for Winnipeg Harvest. I would like to thank all of the students who participated in making this campaign a success.

# IN THE GYM....

## Physical Education Classes

Throughout the month of October students completed a Football unit, Team Handball unit, a soccer unit, yoga and a number of fitness themed classes. As well, they completed the one mile fitness run.

Also, gym classes will continue to take place outdoors, so please help remind your child to bring gym clothes that are suitable for the cold weather.

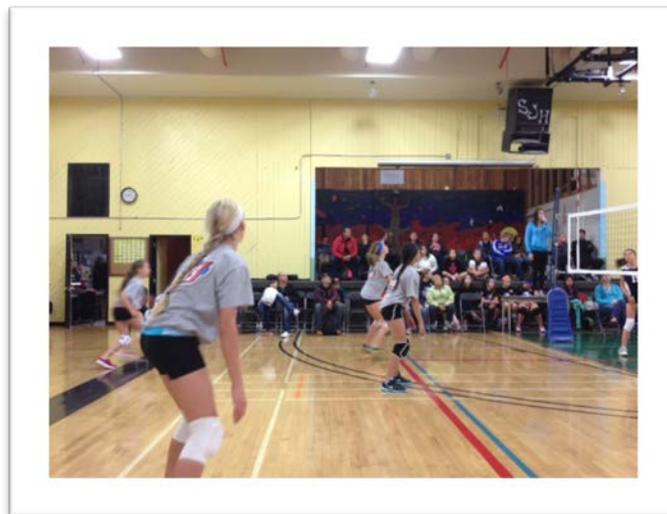
## Special Olympics

We are very excited to be the upcoming host for the "In The School Basketball Special Olympic" skills competition and basketball games. Our athletes are preparing for this fun event!

## Extracurricular

Volleyball is well underway. Our students continue to do a great job committing to practices and representing our school at their games!

Be sure to check on the school website ([www.7oaks.org](http://www.7oaks.org)) for the sports calendar (found under the phys ed tab) and all team practice/ game times. This is each player's responsibility. The schedules can also be found on the phys ed calendar in the hallway by the gym. Game participation is dependent on practice attendance.



**Thank you to all our volunteer coaches :-)**

# MUSIC NOTES...

## Winter Concert: Wednesday, December 4, 7:00 p.m. in the ÉSOMS Gymnasium

Join us for an evening of fun and festive music performed by ÉSOMS students. Featured acts for the concert include vocal jazz, grade 7 and 8 bands, and the Incredibows. All students performing in this concert should be dressed in concert attire – solid black t-shirt, pants, shoes, and socks. Admission is at no cost, and there will be a silver collection at the door. We look forward to seeing you there!

## Poinsettia Band Fundraiser

We will be selling poinsettias as our second band fundraiser of the year. Information and materials for this fundraiser will be coming home with band students over the next week. The deadline for poinsettia orders will be Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. Plants will be delivered to ÉSOMS on Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>.



## Seven Oaks Divisional Concert Band

This is a new group open to any interested grade 8 band students. The band is a great opportunity for students to perform engaging music and meet other musicians from across the division. Students are picked up at ÉSOMS after dismissal and transported by school bus to Maples Collegiate, the rehearsal venue. Rehearsals are on Tuesdays from 4:30 p.m. until 6:15 p.m., beginning this week. All students are encouraged to join!

## Grade 8 Fiddling classes at the Forks

Our grade 8 classes will be spending a morning at the Forks in December, presenting a 30 - 40 minute performance by the instrumentalists (fiddles, drums, guitars, bass). The performances will begin at 10:00 a.m. Please come to hear them if you have a chance!

Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup> - Ms. Conner, Ms. Korsunsky, and Mr. Ruppenthal's classes  
Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> - M. Hall, Ms. Tyndall, and Ms. Courchene's classes

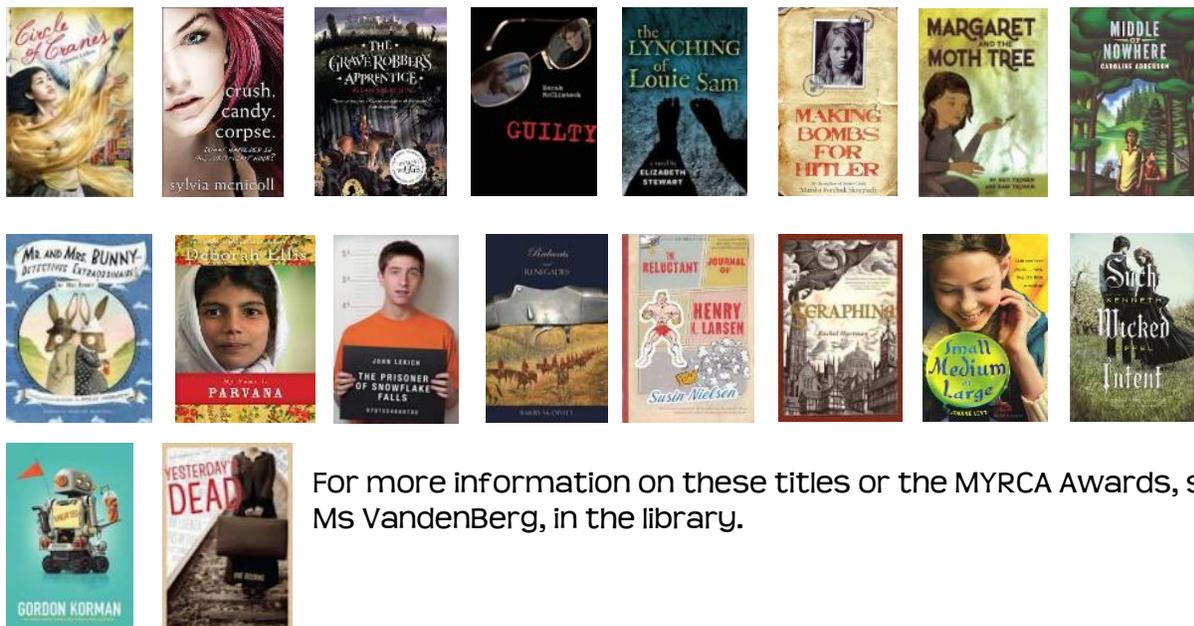


# MYRCA BOOKS AVAILABLE AT ESOMS LIBRARY

Manitoba Young Readers' Choice Awards (MYRCA) books for 2013 are now available from the library. MYRCA aims to promote reading and Canadian literature by giving young people the opportunity to vote for their favourite Canadian book from an annual preselected list. All students in grades five to eight who have read or heard read at least 5 titles from the list can vote for their favourite book.

This year's titles are as follows:

- Circle of Cranes / Annette LeBox
- Crush, Candy, Corpse / Sylvia McNicoll
- Grave Robber's Apprentice / Allan Stratton
- Guilty / Norah McClintock
- The Lynching of Louie Sam / Elizabeth Stewart
- Making Bombs for Hitler / Marsha Forchuk Skrypuch
- Margaret and the Moth Tree / Kari Trogen
- Middle of Nowhere / Caroline Adderson
- Mr. and Mrs. Bunny – Detectives Extraordinaire / Polly Horvath
- My Name is Parvana / Deborah Ellis
- The Prisoner of Snowflake Falls / John Lekich
- Redcoats and Renegades / Barry McDivitt
- The Reluctant Journal of Henry K. Larsen / Susin Nielsen
- Seraphina / Rachel Hartman
- Small Medium at Large / Joanne Levy
- Such Wicked Intent / Kenneth Oppel
- Ungifted / Gordon Korman
- Yesterday's Dead / Pat Bourke



For more information on these titles or the MYRCA Awards, see Ms Vandenberg, in the library.

# LIFE AND LEARNING AT ÉSOMS

## LA VIE ET L'APPRENTISSAGE

### SALLE 8- MME LAURIE

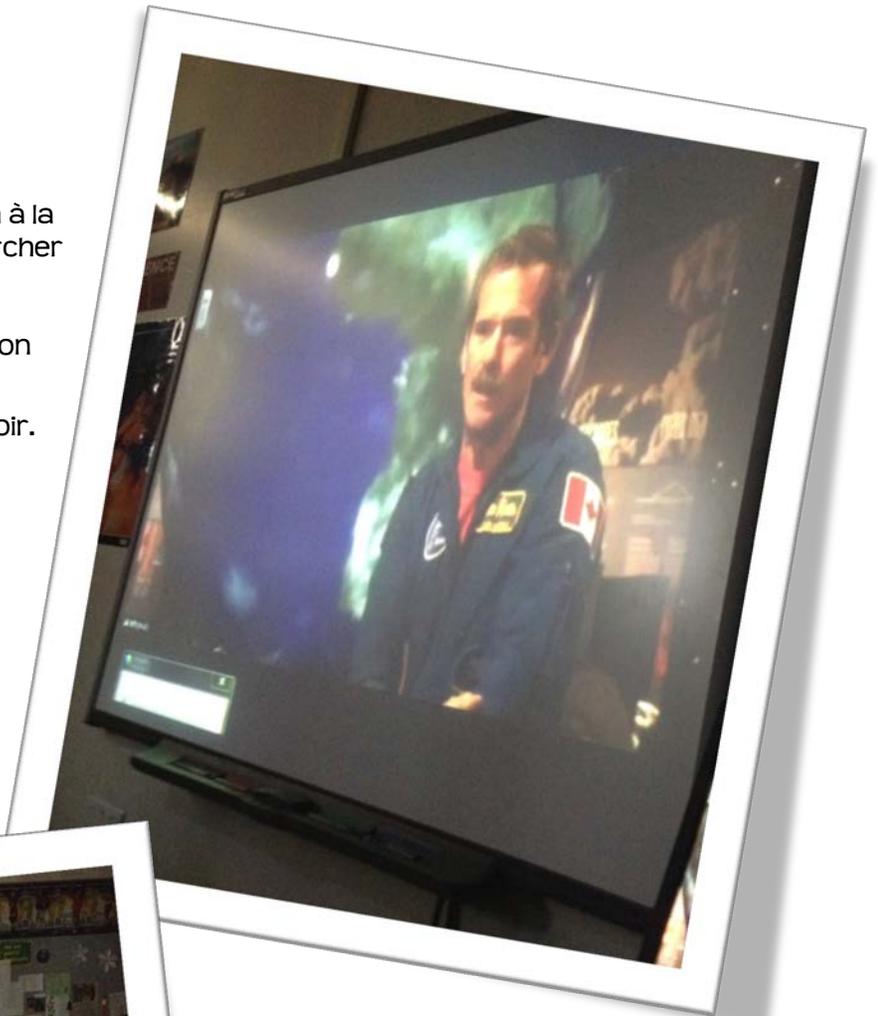
Notre classe "skyped" avec Chris Hadfield!

Chris Hadfield est un astronaute canadien à la retraite qui a été le premier Canadien à marcher dans l'espace. Il a aussi collaboré avec le chanteur Ed Robertson, (de "Bare Naked Ladies") et a enregistré la première chanson écrite et chantée de l'espace.

Notre classe était vraiment excitée de le voir. (Ouah! Un vrai astronaute!) Nous avons appris beaucoup de choses de lui, comme ce qu'ils ont mangé dans l'espace, à des choses qu'ils devaient faire chaque jour. Il doit exercer pendant 2 heures chaque jour, ou ses muscles et os s'éroder.

C'était une bonne expérience d'apprentissage sur l'espace, et d'entendre directement à partir d'un astronaute la fait encore mieux.

Écrit par Abbie





## LES CLASSES DE MME PANCOTTO ET MME PERSAUD

En octobre, les classes de 7e année sont allées à Fort Whyte pour explorer les rôles des organismes dans un écosystème. Les élèves ont joué le jeu Prédateur et Proie et ont appris les divers rôles d'omnivore, de producteur et d'herbivore. Ils ont également appris l'importance de l'eau et les dangers qui existent pour les animaux. Dans les photos, vous pouvez voir les élèves qui cherchent et observent les petits organismes dans l'étang. Enfin, les élèves ont illustré la beauté naturelle de ce bel habitat!



## ROOM 26 - MR. SERZU

In room 26 we have been working on value during art. We have learnt that you can change the value of a color by shading, which is adding black to a color to make it darker, or tinting by adding white to a color to make it lighter. We have done this while working on different art projects which have included a look at Lois Mailou Jones' "Les Fetiches", which depicts masks in 5 distinct, ethnic styles. We were encouraged to tint and shade our masks using white and black chalk pastels. We also used our winter landscape paintings to experiment with tinting.

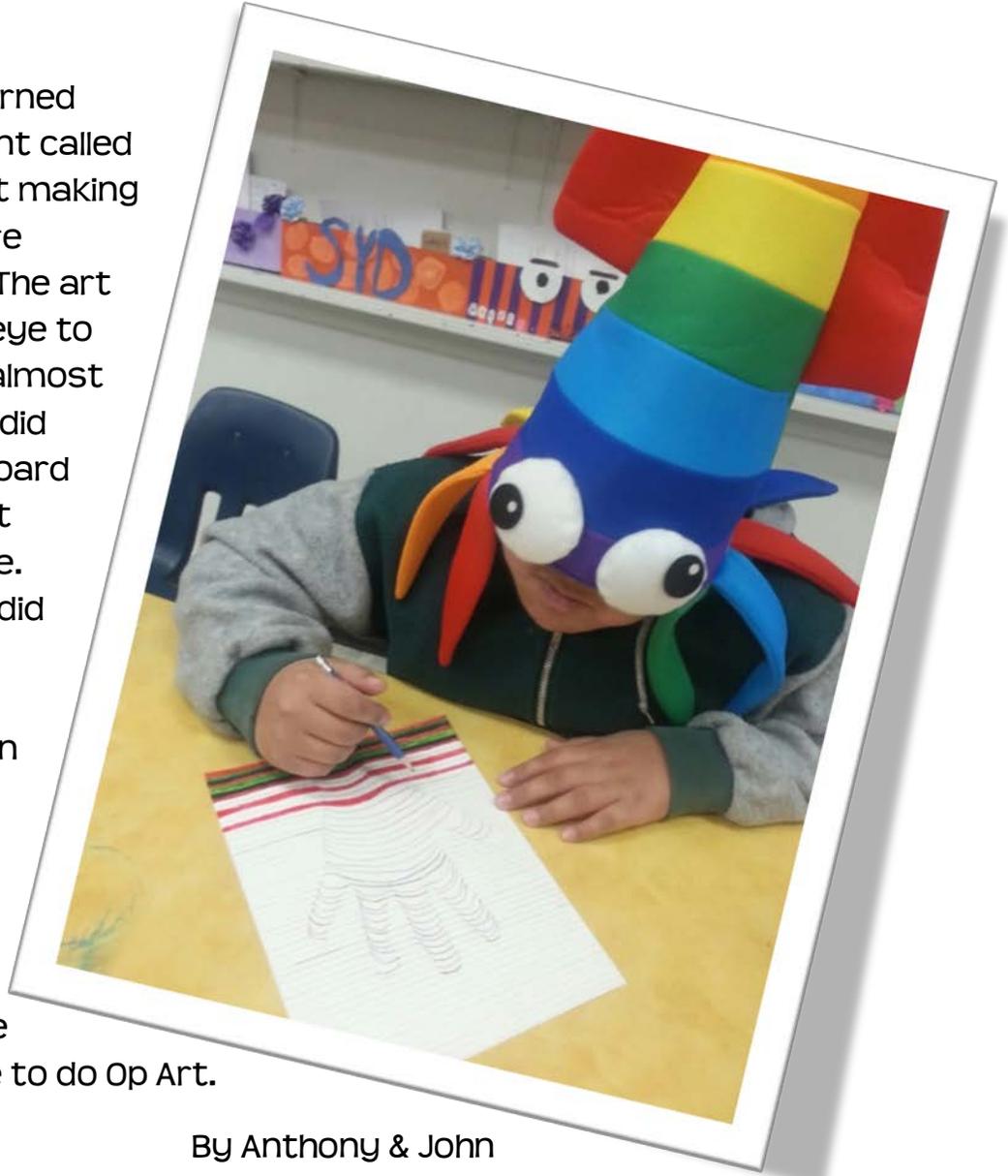
By: Myah



# OP ART

ROOM 19 - MR. NAULT

In October our class learned about the art movement called “Op art”. Op art is about making images look like they are popping off the paper. The art is meant to trick your eye to think that it’s real. It’s almost like 3D. The art that we did so far was a checker board design that looked like it was folded in the middle. The second project we did was research about Josef Albers and Victor Vasarly. They are known as the fathers of Op Art. We had to try to copy some of their art. Next we did a hand that makes you think that it’s under the paper. It was awesome to do Op Art.



By Anthony & John

## ROOM 17 - MS KORSUNSKY

*"The purpose of a storyteller is not to tell you how to think, but to give you questions to think upon." — Brandon Sanderson*

On October 24<sup>th</sup>, our class had the unbelievable opportunity to visit West Kildonan Collegiate for a morning we will not soon forget. For a little over an hour, we sat in complete awe listening to Ivan Coyote tell stories about her life.

Ivan is a published author, storyteller and activist whose work is internationally recognized. As a great storyteller does, she had us hanging on her every word. Ivan had us reflecting on the people we are, the people we hope to be, and how we interact with each other. Every student took something different from the experience:

"I was thinking about [Ivan] all weekend. When she tells these stories, it's almost like we were right there with her."

"Stories need a lot, I mean A LOT of sad things to make me cry... but that one kind of did."

"... I had a strong feeling something was going to happen, and it wasn't good. "

"During the storytelling, it was almost like I've known [the character] my whole life because of how Ivan described him and the way she acted out the characters. Right now, I just want to go back in time and talk to [the character], but I can't. It already happened."

"Ivan tells stories so great that she gets you attached to the characters and makes you go inside of the story and live it, so you feel sad if someone you're attached to in the story dies."

"I think that seeing Ivan Coyote was a good experience for our class. I think that Ivan is so brave, going and doing these storytelling's."

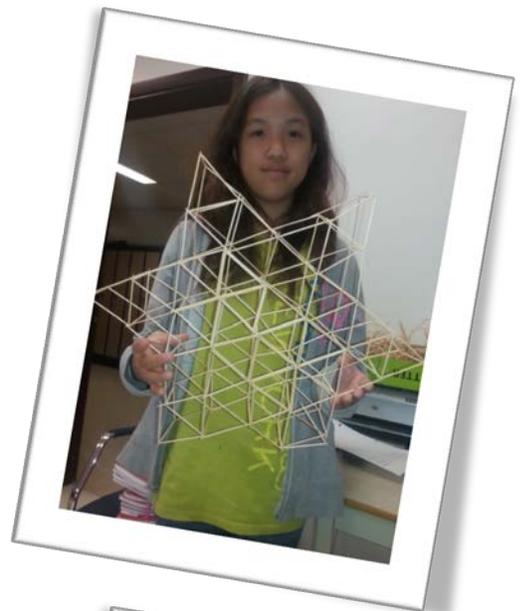
## ROOM 21 - MS SAMPSON

### SCIENCE:

In our Ecosystems "Levels of Life" unit we have created a "Forest in a Jar" to recreate succession. Succession is used to describe the ever changing environment and the gradual process by which one habitat is replaced by another. Many habitats that appear to be stable are changing before us. In this activity we were able to see in miniature how a swampy area can be succeeded by a forested habitat. Students documented in a "jar journal" the almost daily changes that occurred.

### ART:

In art students created a Linear Toothpick Sculpture. Their task was to create a free standing linear sculpture composed of units. Their objective was to design a modular unit using two or more toothpicks and then construct as many modular units as possible with 100 toothpicks. They then had to design a sculpture made from the modular units and show awareness of art vocabulary with emphasis on line, movement, and repetition.



## SALLE 13 - MME FRIESEN

Les élèves d'exploratoire sont allés parler à M. Little, vétéran de West Kildonan Legion. Il est de seulement dix vétérans qui sont encore vivants de ce Legion. Il était bien gentil d'avoir partagé ses expériences de la guerre, Normandy, et sa famille.



**KYAC is FREE all school year long!**

**Important dates:**

**Friday November 1<sup>st</sup> – Inservice at EP, KYAC is still OPEN!**

**Friday November 8<sup>th</sup> – Inservice at FP, KYAC is CLOSED (GROUP B)**

**Monday November 11<sup>th</sup> – Remembrance Day, KYAC IS CLOSED!**

**Friday November 22<sup>nd</sup> – P/T Conferences, KYAC is still OPEN!**

**KYAC would like to welcome Chelsea Volkart as the new KYAC coordinator!**

**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!

**Register w/ KYAC - Email us [kyac@7oaks.org](mailto:kyac@7oaks.org) for more details! \*\***

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

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

**‘Like’ our page on [facebook](#), search: **KYAC****

**Follow us on [twitter](#) → [@kyac7oaks](#) for daily updates**

For more information, contact Chelsea Volkart, KYAC Program Coordinator, at 586-0327

or

by email at [Chelsea.volkart@7oaks.org](mailto:Chelsea.volkart@7oaks.org).

## **Active Healthy Kids Canada: Are we driving our children to unhealthy habits?**



Active transportation – walking, biking, in-line skating and skateboarding to get to and from places such as school, parks and shops – has long been known to be an important source of physical activity for children and youth. If children walked for all trips of less than one kilometre rather than being driven, they would take an



average of 2,238 additional steps per day! This translates to approximately 15-20 minutes of walking and thus has the potential to make a substantial contribution to the 60 minutes of daily physical activity children need for overall health. Imagine the potential impact this small change could have on increasing overall physical activity levels in Canadian children! Students who use active transportation to get to and from school can accumulate up to 45 more minutes daily of moderate- to-vigorous-intensity physical activity compared to students who get to school via car, train or bus.



### **Steps we can take: Recommendations for increasing active transportation**

Parents should: Encourage and support their children to actively travel to and from school as well as to other destinations (friends' houses, parks, etc.). Share responsibility with other parents for supervision of younger children as they travel to and from school and activities (e.g., take turns leading a walking school bus). Park the car a short distance from school and/or other destinations and walk from there when it is not possible for their kids to walk the whole way.



Source: Healthy Active Kids Canada 2013 Report Card



## **City of Winnipeg Leisure Guide**

The City of Winnipeg is proud to provide a wide variety of recreation and leisure opportunities that 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 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](http://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.

Watch for the Winter 2014 Leisure Guide at the end of November! Registration for swimming lessons only will begin on December 10 at 8:00 a.m. Registration for all other programs will begin on December 11 at 8:00 a.m. Registration will be ongoing after these start dates.

### **City of Winnipeg Priceless Fun**

Winnipeggers now have easy access to information about free recreation, leisure and library programs with the 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 the current edition of Priceless Fun online at: [Winnipeg.ca/cms/recreation/pdfs/Free\\_programs.pdf](http://Winnipeg.ca/cms/recreation/pdfs/Free_programs.pdf). Information about programs is also available by calling 311.

# NOVEMBER 2013

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
					1 DAY 1	2
3	4 DAY 2  ÉSOMS PD NO CLASSES	5 DAY 3  PARENT ADVISORY 6:30 PM	6 DAY 4	7 DAY 5	8 DAY 6  REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY 10 AM  ALL WELCOME	9
10	11  REMEMBRANCE DAY  NO CLASSES  	12 DAY 1	13 DAY 2	14 DAY 3	15 DAY 4  STUDENT REPORTS GO HOME	16
17	18 DAY 5	19 DAY 6	20 DAY 1	21 DAY 2  FARM TO SCHOOL ORDERS DUE	22 DAY 3  PARENT / TEACHER NO CLASSES	23
24	25 DAY 4	26 DAY 5	27 DAY 6	28 DAY 1	29 DAY 2	30



## Seven Oaks School Division OJIBWE & CREE LANGUAGE PROGRAMMING APPLICATION FORM

**PARENT/GUARDIANS/CAREGIVERS**  
of Seven Oaks School Division

Seven Oaks School Division is once again pleased to offer languages classes in Cree and Ojibwe to its division community including. These sessions are Free and open to all staff and parents of Seven Oaks School Division. The classes will run as a **10 week program on Wednesday evening from 4:30-6:30** at Edmund Partridge School, 1874 Main Street. This series will incorporate experiential learning opportunities and work to build community through interactive learning. Mark your calendar, all classes will take place on Wednesday's which include:

**October 16 23, 30**  
**November 6, 13, 20, 27**  
**December 4 & 11**

**On Saturday December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013 there will be a 4 hour cultural experiential learning class that will allow you to apply what you learned throughout this series. Don't miss this celebration!**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL [REBECCA.CHARTRAND@7OAKS.ORG](mailto:REBECCA.CHARTRAND@7OAKS.ORG)**

**FILL OUT THE ATTACHED REGISTRATION FORM ASAP**

***WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!***

# SOSD ABORIGINAL LANGUAGES REGISTRATION FORM

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## Applicant Information:

Name:

Address:

City, Province:

Postal Code:

Phone number(s)

Emergency Contact Person:

Relationship:

Phone Number:

E-Mail Address:

## Choose a Language Program:

Teacher: Shirley Cook

Cree \_\_\_

Teacher: Pat Ningewance

Ojibwe \_\_\_

Have you taken a language program before  
Are you of Aboriginal descent

YES\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_

YES\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_

## **PLEASE SUBMIT REGISTRATION FORM TO:**

**Bernadette Smith**

**EMAIL: BERNADETTE.SMITH@7OAKS.ORG**

**FAX: 204 632-6198**

**MAIL: 1520 JEFFERSON AVENUE**

**TELEPHONE: 2042507253**

FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL [REBECCA.CHARTRAND@7OAKS.ORG](mailto:REBECCA.CHARTRAND@7OAKS.ORG)

If you are a staff member of the division (i.e EA, teacher admin, bus driver) please register on employee connect to participate.



SEVEN OAKS EDUCATION FOUNDATION INC

# Foundation

NEWS

Fall/Winter 2013

## The Foundations of the Seven Oaks Education Foundation

Most of us have volunteered for something at some point, whether it's to help organize an event, raise money for a cause or just be there to lend a helping hand when needed.

But the reasons we volunteer are different from person to person.

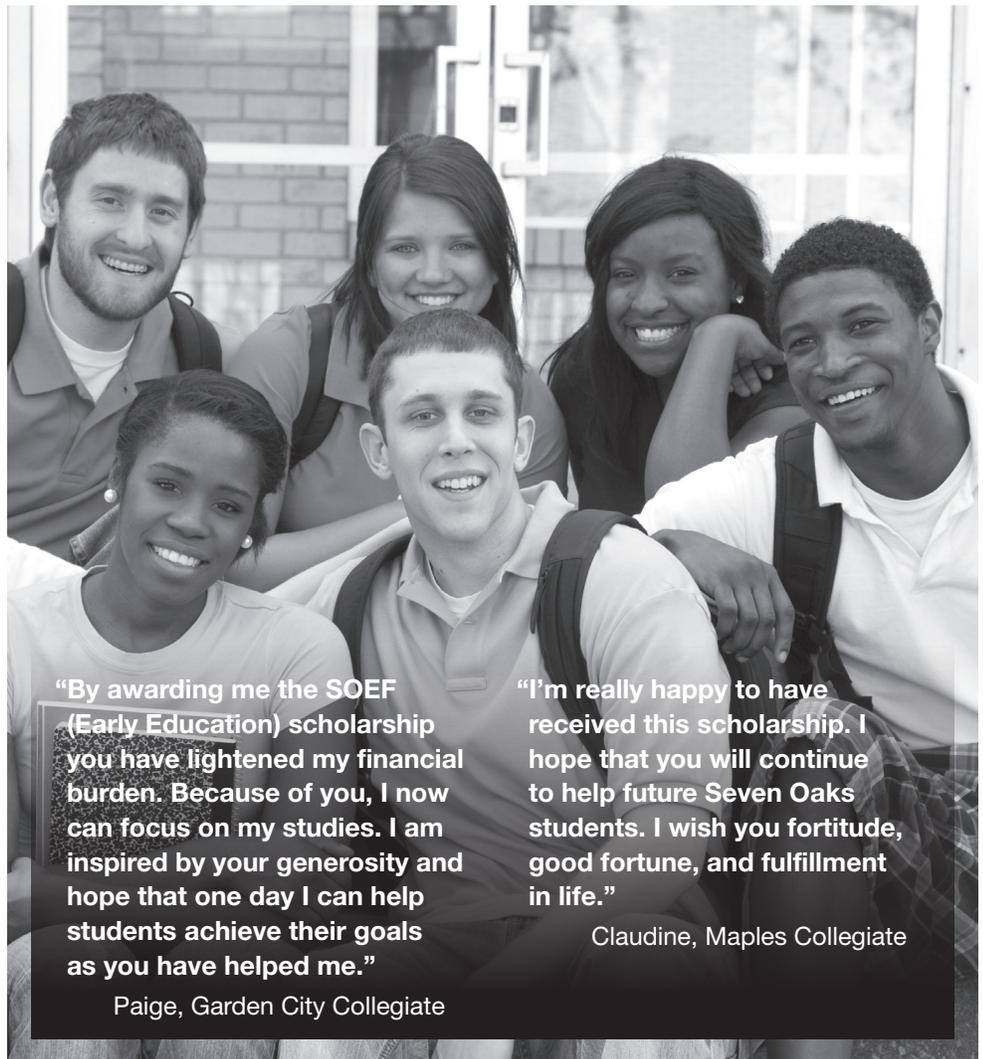
Our Seven Oaks Education Foundation volunteer Board of Directors is no different. Each person has reasons for giving his or her time and energy to the Foundation. And though some of the reasons may be similar, it's the personal meaning that makes them unique.

### Pat Stefanchuk

After years of teaching in the Seven Oaks School Division, Pat Stefanchuk retired in 2004. But you'd never know it from the amount of time she spends working for the Seven Oaks Education Foundation Board.

Already busy volunteering for the F.A.S.T. (Families and Schools Working Together) program at Margaret Park School, chairing a committee that plans luncheons for ex-Flin Floners and taking courses through Creative Retirement, Pat wanted another way to maintain her ties with Seven Oaks.

"I looked for a way that I could stay connected to the school division and contribute as a volunteer," explains Pat. "The Seven Oaks Education



"By awarding me the SOEF (Early Education) scholarship you have lightened my financial burden. Because of you, I now can focus on my studies. I am inspired by your generosity and hope that one day I can help students achieve their goals as you have helped me."

Paige, Garden City Collegiate

"I'm really happy to have received this scholarship. I hope that you will continue to help future Seven Oaks students. I wish you fortitude, good fortune, and fulfillment in life."

Claudine, Maples Collegiate

Foundation was a perfect opportunity to continue to work for students who graduate and pursue post-graduate studies at a university or community college."

"I joined the Board in March, 2005, and

immediately began my quest to have a Creative Arts Scholarship created for each of the three high schools. The creative arts have always been important to me as a former Music teacher and Arts Consultant in Seven Oaks School Division."

The Board moved to approve a Creative Arts Scholarship along with two others: the Technology and Campus Life Scholarships. Seeing the addition of new scholarships and knowing what a vital role they played in promoting post-secondary education, Pat decided to continue her volunteering. She's been part of the Board ever since.

Today, she's Past President and current Chair of the Newsletter Committee (the most recent edition of which you're enjoying right this second). And she doesn't intend to stop volunteering any time soon.

"I believe in making a commitment once I have joined an organization," says Pat. "I enjoy meeting with my fellow Board members, serving on committees and working on fundraising initiatives such as our annual Bud, Spud, and Steak night."

More than that, however, Pat remains involved for the simplest of reasons; she believes in what the Board does.

"I don't think there's such a thing as too much support for education," says Pat. "Anything we can do to help encourage a student to take that next step into post-secondary learning is something that we should consider. Because it means a lot more than people realize."

### **Wayne Shimizu**

Wayne Shimizu's involvement with the Seven Oaks Education Foundation Board actually started when he was working at another school division.

Wayne was originally a member of the Seven Oaks Scholarship Board, the precursor to the Seven Oaks Education Board. However, when the Scholarship Board began its transition to a full-fledged Foundation, Wayne took a job with the St. Vital/Louis Riel School Division.

"I began working with the St. Vital Education Foundation and learned of the support they were receiving

from the Winnipeg Foundation," says Wayne. "I mentioned this to Ed Johns, the Secretary-Treasurer of the Seven Oaks School Division who was spearheading the transition from Board to Foundation."

Ed arranged a meeting between the newly formed Seven Oaks Education Foundation and the Winnipeg Foundation, and an agreement was completed for the Winnipeg Foundation to look after a portion of the Seven Oaks Foundation's investments.

When Ed retired from Seven Oaks in 2005, Wayne returned to the Division and immediately re-involved himself with the Foundation. He remains part of the SOEF Board because he wants to ensure the good work – and opportunities for students – continue to grow.

"My interest is in seeing students from the high schools receive financial assistance for their post-secondary education," explains Wayne. "It would be great if we were able to see our asset base grow to the extent that we would be able to provide some very significant scholarships."

Since the move to an endowment model, the Foundation's asset base has grown from around \$60,000 in the late 90's to approximately \$600,000 as of today. But the goal is to continue to build on that so more scholarships in larger amounts can be awarded.

"An asset base of over \$1,000,000 would likely enable the Foundation to provide a number of \$500 scholarships along with a few scholarships in the \$5,000 range," says Wayne. "So my hope is to see our asset base grow to the extent that we can provide a few significant scholarships along with the ones we are providing currently."

### **Dawne Smithson**

For Dawne Smithson, volunteering as a member of the Seven Oaks Education Board is a matter of family. Starting with her own.

As the mother of three children who attended school in Seven Oaks, Dawne has seen the changes and challenges students and their families encountered, including those related to post-secondary education.

Now, with grandchildren in the Division, Dawne volunteers her time to help ensure as many children as possible have more doors open when it comes to their education – particularly in an age where post-secondary education is becoming increasingly expensive.

"I joined the board because I was impressed with the way the division is adapting itself to the challenges associated with education in 2013 and with the unique programs that have been put in place to address these needs," says Dawne. "I also believe that providing financial support for education through the Foundation can make a real difference for someone."

"We have seen first-hand the commitment that the people that work in the Division have towards their role in helping to set children on a strong path for the future. I want to be part of that."

Dawne is currently the Secretary of the Board, and she definitely intends to remain involved with the SOEF Board for some time. She has a vision for where the Foundation can go; one she shares with her fellow Board members.

"For the future, I hope that the SOEF can raise its visibility and awareness in the community, allowing for greater fundraising opportunities which will ultimately benefit students in the Seven Oaks School Division by providing greater funds for scholarships."

### **Ramona Gallos**

Though Ramona Gallos is now an Honorary Member of the Seven Oaks Education Foundation Board, you can rest assured her dedication and belief in what the Foundation does remains steadfast.

"I knew my ability to attend the meetings was going to be reduced and I didn't think it would be fair to keep the spot from someone else who wanted to be part of things," explains Ramona of her new Honorary Member status.

The title "Honorary Member" is well-earned. Ramona has been involved with the Seven Oaks School Division since 1979 when her own children began attending school and she joined the Parent Council. She has been an active volunteer since, along with her eleven years of service on the Seven Oaks School Board.

Ramona was also part of the sub-committee that helped transition the Scholarship Board into the Foundation because she – like her colleagues – believed in the importance of providing sustainable scholarship opportunities for students.

"I didn't want to see the opportunity for the creation of scholarships pass us by," Ramona says of the transition into an endowment fund model.

Ramona has always made time for the Foundation while balancing her already busy schedule. She volunteers (with the Maples Youth Activity Centre and the Junior Diabetes Research Foundation Gala Committee to name but two committees), operates Master Roofing with her husband, and – of course – spends time with her family.

"I think when something is important to you, you make time for it," she says. "And I feel it's important to give back to the community."

"That's something I always ask myself: how can I give back? It's just something that's near and dear to my heart."

Right now, Ramona's biggest time commitment is being a grandmother to "7.5" grandkids ("The 8th is impending," she laughs, noting that her eldest grandson now attends kindergarten in Seven Oaks). But she still wants to remain connected to the Foundation she has been such an integral part of for so long.

"What I want for the Foundation is for it to become self-sustaining; for the Foundation to be able to provide an increased number of scholarships and increased scholarship amounts through the interest generated by the endowment fund."

"I'm just so proud to be part of this organization that has enabled us to offer so many opportunities to students... but there's still always room for growth."

# Scholarships 2013

A quick look at this years' scholarship recipients – scholarships made possible through the Seven Oaks Education Foundation, the Seven Oaks School Division and Community members and organizations.

## GARDEN CITY COLLEGIATE 2013

### SEVEN OAKS EDUCATION FOUNDATION/ SEVEN OAKS SCHOOL BOARD AWARDS:

Seven Oaks School Board Scholarship .....	Meagan Burbella - \$500
Seven Oaks School Division Scholarship .....	Princesca Reyes - \$500
O. V. Jewitt Memorial Scholarship .....	Kayla Matos - \$250
Ann and Paul Ruta Scholarship .....	Dorothy Mackintosh - \$200
Greg Zazulak Memorial Scholarship .....	Peter Oliver - \$200
S.O.S.B. Scholarship – John Leaman Memorial Scholarship .....	Braedon Humeniuk - \$300
Francis Standil Memorial Scholarship .....	Kaitlynn Nachtigall - \$250
Graham Murray Memorial Scholarship .....	Simona Ardita - \$250
Glen Proudlove Memorial Scholarship .....	Vasyl Katchanovski - \$250
John Trevenen Memorial Award .....	Josee Voyer - \$300
Jake Yakmission Memorial Scholarship .....	Farah Katz - \$500
Arnold G. Minish Anniversary Award .....	Christina Claeys - \$500
Howard & Sari Sinaisky Memorial Scholarship .....	Ji Hae Kim - \$500
Lindsay C. Ulrich Memorial Sports Scholarship .....	Wesley Sysa - \$750
Vince Leah Scholarship/A. E.Wright Memorial Award .....	Sara Sadowy - \$250
R.D. Bell Memorial Award/Maltz Family Award .....	Andriy Andriyeshyn - \$250
Robert Jolly Memorial Award .....	Christian Davies - \$250
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$6,000</b>

## SEVEN OAKS EDUCATION FOUNDATION AWARDS:

Seven Oaks Education Foundation Creative Arts Scholarship .....	Cassandra Julyan - \$500
Seven Oaks Education Foundation Technology Scholarship .....	Jesse Harder - \$500
Seven Oaks Education Foundation Campus Life Scholarship .....	\$500
Early Years Education Scholarship (award to rotate annually 2011 WK, 2012 Maples, 2013 GCC etc) .....	Paige Payment - \$500
Pow Wow Scholarship .....	Kelsey Honke & Katee Weremiuk - \$400
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$2,400</b>

## OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS – FUNDED THROUGH SOEF:

Garden City Collegiate 50th Anniversary Reunion Scholarship – for excellence in the sciences .....	Nicholas Ferens - \$1,500
Nellie & Ben Zaidman Memorial Scholarship Fund .....	Andrell Carta - \$1,000
David Allen memorial Scholarship .....	Geoffrey Wolk - \$500
CUPE 949 Scholarship .....	Matthew Fraser - \$500
City Councillor Scholarship, Mynarski Ward .....	Cynthia Mazurek - \$500
Devi Sharma Leadership Award, City Councillor, Old Kildonan .....	Danielle Dunn - \$300
Susan Popeski Memorial Scholarship .....	Natasha Wagner - \$500
Kendra Latzkitsch Memorial Scholarship .....	Sabrina Ferraz - \$500
J.D. Lysack Memorial Scholarship .....	Shayna Pierce - \$3,000
R.M. OF West St.Paul Scholarship .....	Kayla Atwood-Maluzynsky - \$300
Platinum Jets Scholarship .....	Jenny Truong - \$1,000
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$9,600</b>

**Total Scholarships 2013 .....** **\$18,000**

## MAPLES COLLEGIATE 2013

### SEVEN OAKS EDUCATION FOUNDATION/ SEVEN OAKS SCHOOL BOARD AWARDS:

a) Vocational .....	Wico Genido - \$150
b) Faculty of Education .....	Alyssandra Robles - \$300
c) Faculty of Arts/Science (2 scholarships to be awarded) .....	Michael Le - \$300
	Caspar Zhong - \$300
d) University I (a first year Post Secondary Program) .....	Fredieson Tumambing - \$300
Vince Leah/ Maples Letterman Sports Award .....	Divya Punj - \$300
Ken Seaford Award .....	Hannah Moral - \$300
Jake Yakmission/O. V. Jewitt Scholarships (2 scholarships to be awarded) : .....	Jan Manibo - \$250
	Christian Gutierrez - \$250
Seven Oaks Education Foundation Classic Scholarship .	Claudine Ordonez - \$350
Maples Scholarship Leadership Award (4 awards).....	Kristen Ulasz - \$250
	Amandeep Brar - \$250
	Sursattie Gorcharan - \$250
	Jessie Gamis - \$250
Seven Oaks School Board Bursaries.....	Claudine Ordonez - \$400
	Joan Vilaluz - \$400
	Maria Rodella - \$400
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>

### SEVEN OAKS EDUCATION FOUNDATION AWARDS:

a) Campus Life/ Future Paths .....	Amelia Hampton - \$500
b) Creativity in the Arts.....	Hardeep Suri - \$500
c) Technical Trades .....	Rodelio Tagle - \$500
Pow Wow Scholarship.....	Alexis Campbell - \$400
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$1,900</b>

### OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS – FUNDED THROUGH SOEF:

CUPE 949 Scholarship .....	Camille Quintinio - \$500
CUPE 731 Scholarship .....	Daljit Theathi - \$500
Mae Mendoza Scholarship:.....	Christian Ilagan - \$500
	Adam Lennox - \$500
Toby Cracknell Award (Rotation: 2013 Maples, 2014 WKC, 2015 GCC).....	Phillip Hakeem - \$500
Maples Collegiate Alumni Scholarship.....	Prabhnoor Osahan - \$350
Lion's Club of West St. Paul Scholarship (2011 WKC, 2012 GCC, 2013 Maples).....	Keegan Speidel - \$500
Mohinder Saran, MLA for Maples .....	Melinda Dao - \$300
Devi Sharma Leadership Award, City Councillor, Old Kildonan .....	Stefan-Angel Trajkov - \$300
R.M. OF West St.Paul Scholarship .....	Keegan Speidel - \$300
Bridge Builders Award .....	Amandeep Sehira - \$500
Cambrian Credit Union – Learning for Life Award.....	Maryanne Tran - \$1,000
Platinum Jets Scholarship .....	Mac Gel Capuno - \$1,000
Roy Snow Bursary Award:.....	Hailey Kostusik - \$750
	Prabhnoor Osahan - \$750
Roy Snow Bursary Award.....	Jaskiran Bedi - \$350
Walter Janzen Memorial Award.....	Trevor Evanchuk - \$400
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$9,000</b>

**Total Scholarships 2013 .....** **\$15,900**

## WEST KILDONAN COLLEGIATE 2013

### SEVEN OAKS EDUCATION FOUNDATION/ SEVEN OAKS SCHOOL BOARD AWARDS:

James C. Anderson Award .....	Ginelle Judge - \$300
Jake Yakmission Memorial Scholarship.....	Kathy-Leen Flores - \$400
John Leaman Memorial Scholarship .....	Danielle Dolyniuk - \$300
Olive & George Allen Memorial Scholarship.....	Irah Niyo - \$300
SOSD/SOEF Faculty of Education Scholarship .....	Tristan Michaels - \$300
SOSD/SOEF Faculty of Arts and Science Scholarship.....	Corene Simmonds - \$300
West Kildonan Collegiate Student Recognition Award.....	Melissa Pierson - \$300
West Kildonan Kiwanis Club Scholarship.....	Rachelle Kazina - \$300
O. V. Jewitt Memorial Scholarship .....	Josh Post - \$300
SOSD/SOEF Scholarship .....	Teagan Fontaine - \$400
SOSD/SOEF Scholarship .....	Tanner Long - \$400
Guy De Caire Scholarship.....	Jessica Barley - \$300
Ian Dordick Memorial Award for English.....	Jessica Campbell - \$300
Arthur E.Wright Award for Technology & Applied Arts.....	Benjamin Sodja - \$250
Vince Leah Sports Award .....	Mathew Carvalho - \$300
The Bailey Family Computer Science Award.....	Scott Haligowski - \$250
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>

### SEVEN OAKS EDUCATION FOUNDATION AWARDS:

Seven Oaks Education Foundation Creative Arts Scholarship .....	Rebecca Bettencourt - \$500
SOSD/SOEF WKCI Citizenship Scholarship.....	Alexa Hoy - \$500
SOSD/SOEF Campus Life Scholarship .....	Tamara Chymyshyn - \$500
Judy Silver Memorial Scholarship Fund (award to rotate annually: 2011 GCC, 2012 Maples, 2013 WK) ....	Taylor Hewak-Lacy - \$500
Pow Wow Scholarship.....	Carter Wilson - \$400
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$2,400</b>

### OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS – FUNDED THROUGH SOEF:

David B. Oster Memorial Scholarship (2013 WKCI, 2014 Maples and 2015 GCC) and rotate thereafter each year ).....	Austin Zayac - \$400
WKCI 50th Anniversary Scholarship #1 .....	Anton Uklein - \$650
WKCI 50th Anniversary Scholarship #2 .....	Liad Grosman - \$650
number TEN Architectural Group – 5 year commitment commencing 2010 WKC, 2011 GCC, 2012 Maples, 2013 WKC and 2014 GCC .....	Jacquelyn Markiewicz - \$1,000
CUPE 949 Scholarship .....	Laura Burtnyk - \$500
City Councillor Scholarship, Mynarski Ward.....	Kayla Bartisz - \$500
Devi Sharma Leadership Award, City Councillor, Old Kildonan.....	Allison Danyluk - \$300
R.M. OF West St.Paul Scholarship .....	Alexa Hoy - \$300
Marjorie Jean Sanders Bursary (Platinum Jets) .....	Derek Warren - \$1,000
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$5,300</b>

**Total Scholarships 2013 .....** **\$12,700**



# TOTAL Scholarships

## \$46,600

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