

HAWK TALK

Are you registered for Parent Connect?

Beginning this October, École Seven Oaks Middle School will be using Parent Connect to book appointments for Student-Parent-Teacher Conferences and to distribute report cards. Our goal is for all families to view report cards online. Families are reminded to register as soon as possible.

What is Parent Connect?

Parent Connect is a password-protected website that allows parents to access information pertaining to their child, such as: attendance, report cards, family information, and news bulletins.

Why are we using Parent Connect?

- The new provincial report card is a document with many pages. École Seven Oaks Middle School would like to reduce paper and environmental impact by allowing parents to read their child's report card online.
- Families will have the ability to go online to book their own times for Student-Parent-Teacher Conferences, allowing for more choice.
- Families will be able to update and change their contact information.

How do I set up my Parent Connect account?

- At the top of the student report card, you will see your child's MET number (9 digit number listed as provincial student number) which is assigned by the Province of Manitoba. You will need this number to log on to Parent Connect.
- To access the Parent Connect site, go to the École Seven Oaks Middle School website. Here you will find a few different spots to find the Parent Connect site:
 - On the "Community, Parents, Staff" located at the top of the screen, click on "Parents" and scroll down to click on "Parent Connect (using Student Met#)" -OR-
 - On the "Parents" tab located in the grey bar, click on "Parent Connect (using Student Met#)" -OR-
 - Scroll down on the website page and there are links in purple on the right side. Click on "Parent Connect (using Student Met#)"
- On your initial log in, click on "FORGOT MY PASSWORD". You will be prompted to enter the 9 digit MET number and your postal code (lowercase letters and no space). The system will then send you a temporary password to the email address you have on file at the school. Please note this is a temporary password and it should be changed as soon as possible. PLEASE DO NOT GIVE PASSWORDS TO STUDENTS.

What if I do not have internet access?

We will provide a paper copy of report cards to families who do not have internet access. Families will also have the opportunity to make appointments for Student-Parent-Teacher Conferences by phone.

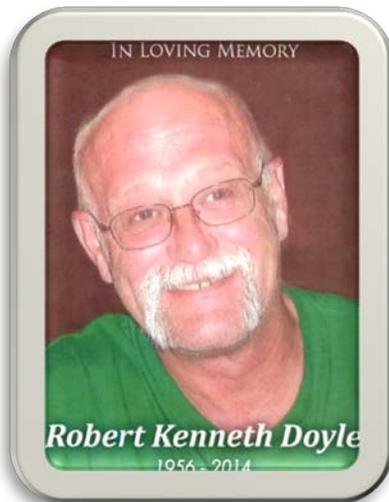
If you have questions please contact Bonnie Pollreis in the office at (204) 586-0327.

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In memory of our custodian, Bob Doyle



It is with great sadness that we share that our evening custodian Bob Doyle passed away on September 14th. Bob was a very-dedicated, long-serving employee of Seven Oaks School Division. He worked vivaciously, always looking for those extra tasks that he could take on to make a difference in the lives of staff and students. He was also a volunteer for our school, helping to acquire props and build sets for the spring musical. Bob loved to write and was known for reading his stories to many classrooms. Bob was also a man who liked to tell jokes and always had a line that would make you laugh. We will be holding a school-wide assembly in

October to celebrate his life and recognize his many contributions to our school community.



Il y a une semaine, les classes de Mme Laurie et Mme Friesen ont eu une vente de pâtisseries pour prélever des fonds au nom de notre ami, Bob Doyle. Nous avons

apporté des biscuits, des biscuits de Red Lobster, des friandises de Jello, parmi d'autres choses! Il y avait table après table de nourriture et nous avons presque tous vendus! L'école a prélevé plus de 600\$ (Incluant la vente de crème glacée de Sherril!) et tout l'argent est pour Cancer Care. WOW! Félicitations ÉSOMS!!! -Par Cameron



Mme Friesen and Mme Laurie's classes held a bake sale in honour of our beloved friend and co-

worker, Bob Doyle. We had tables upon tables of delicious treats, donated by staff, students and parents! Everything was sold for 50 cents and by the end, every item had been sold. Together with Sherril's ice cream sale, we raised a total of 605\$ which will be donated to Cancer Care Manitoba in Bob's name. Great job ESOMS!!! Bob would have been so touched to know that this was all for him. He always appreciated hard work and I'm sure he was very happy that we all came together as a team and raised so much money. We miss you Bob!



Call Back System

If your child will not be at school or will be late, please contact our office at 204-586-0327 or email marie.jowitt@7oaks.org or bonnie.pollreis@7oaks.org. The office is open for phone calls between 7:45 am and 3:30 pm. If your child is absent and we have not been notified, you will be contacted to ensure your child is safe.

Dress warmly – We go outside at lunch!

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.

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.

Parent Advisory Council

PAC is an opportunity for you to meet other parents in your neighborhood and gain understanding about your child's education and school community. Our meetings are informal and we work each year to provide a format which meets the needs expressed at the meetings. We share information and stories about what is happening at ÉSOMS and provide opportunities for families to ask questions.

We generally meet the first Tuesday of the month. Here are the dates of upcoming meetings:

Tuesday, November 4th

Tuesday, December 2nd

Tuesday, February 3rd

Tuesday, March 3rd

Tuesday, April 7th

Tuesday, May 5th

Tuesday, June 2nd



We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting!

SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD IN FRENCH IMMERSION

Parents often ask how they can support their child's learning in the French Immersion Program. While a parent may have no personal knowledge of the French language, it is important that they demonstrate to their child the value of language learning. This can be done by providing resources in French or by accompanying the child in activities in French. Some suggestions for parental involvement are:

- watching a French television show or movie;
- listening to music or the radio
- engaging in cultural activities such as Festival du Voyageur; Festival Manipogo
- going to a French restaurant
- taking trips to the library to borrow French resources
- visiting a French bookstore
- arranging a family to trip to a French-speaking destination

Parents can help a child to develop good study habits by setting aside some time every day for independent reading, doing homework assignments, and reviewing.

French immersion parents can help with homework too. Many parents either have a limited background in French or do not speak the language. Regardless of the language, the purpose of homework is to reinforce learning or to extend learning that has begun in the classroom. The most important factor is the encouragement and the positive support a parent is able to give a child. Parents influence the attitude of their child to homework. Here are some practical suggestions for parents:

- Discuss with the teacher and the child the reason for homework. Ask what to expect and how much.
- Be informed about your child's assignments and tests.
- Provide a quiet, well-lighted place to work, away from distractions.
- Treat homework as the child's responsibility, with yourself as advisor or consultant.
- Set a regular period of homework time and if necessary, help the child organise his or her schedule.
- Follow up with your child. Ask how particular assignments or tests went.
- Develop with the child a system for remembering assignments and test dates so you can both know what is in the future.

Adapted from *French Immersion in Manitoba: A Handbook for School Leaders* (Manitoba Education, Citizenship and Youth, 2007).

PROVINCE-WIDE IMPLEMENTATION OF *TELL THEM FROM ME* GRADES 4-12 STUDENT SURVEY ON BULLYING AND SCHOOL SAFETY

In our continuing efforts to increase school effectiveness, Education and Advanced Learning will continue with the implementation of an online student survey this fall called *Tell Them From Me* (TTFM). This is a well-known survey tool which gives students the opportunity to express their thoughts on various topics and provides schools and school divisions with information to improve student learning and foster safe and welcoming environments for all students.

TTFM was created by The Learning Bar and is based on the work of Dr. Doug Willms, a researcher who is well-known nationally and internationally for his work on the development of educational monitoring systems. Please refer to The Learning Bar's website at <www.thelearningbar.com> to obtain more information.

TTFM is an online survey that allows students to provide their input anonymously in terms of school improvement initiatives. Each student receives a randomly generated username and password, so that their identity and responses cannot be linked. All students from grades 4 to 12 will be given the opportunity to participate in the survey, but their participation is not required.

The survey on bullying and school safety has been specifically designed for elementary students (grades 4 to 6) and secondary students (grades 7 to 12) and will require approximately 15 minutes to complete. Students will be asked a variety of questions that will assist the school in determining whether bullying is occurring, what types of bullying students may be experiencing, and where and when bullying is taking place. The survey will be administered in our school during the month of October 2014.

If you have any questions, please contact Leanna Loewen, Vice Principal/Directrice adjointe.

Terry Fox Walk

Terry Fox Run and September Assembly

École Seven Oaks Middle School has participated in the Terry Fox Run for 20 years and from all the years, our school has raised \$8 222.32 for cancer research. This money has helped many people survive cancer by receiving new medical treatments. Thank you ÉSOMS students & families for your generous donations, raising \$ 1 427.48 this year to fight cancer.

As the teacher of the Grade 8 students who organized, promoted and prepared for Terry Fox week, I was privy to see another side of generosity. My students showed their creativity and courage when getting to know facts about Terry Fox and his foundation. They challenged themselves to memorize these facts, and more importantly practiced speaking clearly, loudly, with an interesting voice, in addition to making eye contact with the audience. All this hard work was demonstrated by reading the daily announcements and in front whole school at the September assembly!



After the assembly, our whole school went outside to take a roof top photo and then proceeded to take a walk around the community. We were fortunate to have a sunny day and it was our honour to show our appreciation of the Terry Fox foundation.

A special thank you to classroom teachers and families who made the Terry Fox Fundraiser a successful event!

Merci,
Ms. Cervantes

Music Notes...

We are off to an exciting start in the music department this year!

The Vocal Jazz ensemble had a last minute performance come up, and despite only having a week to learn their parts, put on a moving show of musical artistry.

Students in grade 6-8 band have all been assigned instruments and have started down the path of this year's musical journey. A reminder that all tuba and euphonium players have an instrument to keep at home for practice; these all need to be taken home by October 10. All band students are expected to be practicing a minimum of 45 minutes a week.

ÉSOMS will host a number of musical concerts this year allowing the students to share the product of all of their hard work and dedication with you. Concert dress will once again simply consist of all black: black dress pants (or skirts longer than knee-length for the girls), a black dress top, black dress shoes, and black socks. Participation in every concert is expected of all band students as each and every member's attendance and participation is essential to the success of the performance. Please plan ahead in terms of clearing your schedule or arranging carpooling. We look forward to seeing you there!

- December 3/14: Grade 7-8 Winter Concert (Band, Choir, Fiddle)
- January 28/15 Grade 6 Winter Concert (Band, Choir, Fiddle)
- February 25/15: Choral Coffee House
- June 4/15: Grade 6-8 Band Concert
- June 10/15: Choir & Fiddle Year-End Concert

We are just wrapping up our Show & Save fundraiser, but there will be more fundraising opportunities available over the course of the year; starting with Lacoste Garden Centre Poinsettias coming soon!. Fundraising goes into individual student accounts to help students pay for any music trips they may choose to go on while participating in the music program at ÉSOMS.

Congratulations to Michael and Adeline, who participated in Seven Oaks' first Summer Band Camp! The musical finesse displayed by a middle years ensemble who had only been rehearsing together for a week was incredible! Congratulations also to Mya and Madeline who participated in Winnipeg Studio Theatre's Summer StudioWorks program. The showcase featured an outstanding number of musical scenes and excerpts for one short week of rehearsal time!

In the Gym....

Physical Education Classes

Throughout the month of September students completed a volleyball unit and an ultimate frisbee unit as well as a number of fitness theme classes.

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

This year, the *In the School* Special Olympic program will consist of 4 different sports: basketball, snowshoeing, outdoor track and field and soccer. Coaches will be preparing our Special Olympic athletes for all of these events that are scheduled to take place throughout the year.

Extracurricular

Cross-country: Our Athletes have been training hard each Monday and Wednesday. Their season will come to an end on Friday October 10th with the 3rd race at Birds Hill Park. Thanks to Mr. Dan Hall for his efforts and congrats to each of our runners for their strong showings.

Volleyball:

The volleyball season is in full swing. Teams have been practicing in preparation for their upcoming tournaments. Permission slips are due as soon as possible. Please refer to the school calendar on the website (www.7oaks.org) for all team practice/ game times. This is each player's responsibility. The schedules can also be found on the gym calendar in the hallway by the gym office. Game **participation is dependent on practice attendance.**

Life and Learning at ÉSOMS

La vie et l'apprentissage

Salle 33 – Mme Pancotto

Les élèves de Mme Pancotto à la
fête de la culture



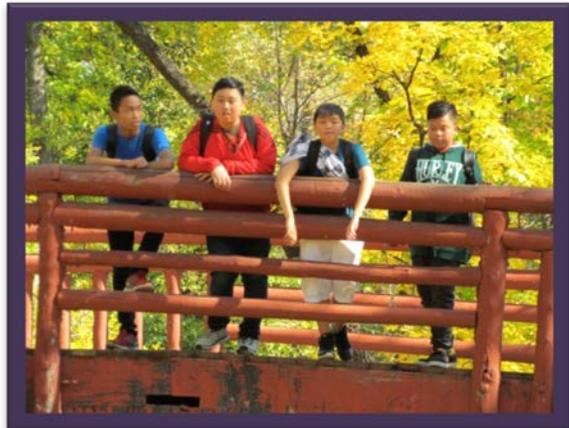
Salle 30 – Mme Persaud

Le 26 octobre, une belle journée d'automne, nous sommes allés au Parc Kildonan pour faire une exercice de photographie. Les élèves ont appris quelques concepts de base en photographie avant d'y aller. Ils ont exploré le parc en groupe et ont pris des photos différentes. Voici les types de photos prises:

- les animaux
- le paysage
- abstrait
- portrait
- de groupe
- gros plan
- arbre
- fleur ou plante
- ``selfie``
- angle différent

L'expérience s'est avérée positive et creative pour tout le monde. Nous avons hate de voir les photos prises par la classe. Les activités de poésie et d'art suivront avec ces photos.

Passez un octobre agreeable.



Salle 13 et Salle 8

Mme Friesen et Mme Laurie

Pour la deuxième année de suite, les classes de Mme Friesen and Mme Laurie ont marché à la pâtisserie "À L'épi de Blé" sur la rue Main. Nous avons bien mangé! Chaque élève a eu l'occasion de non seulement parler en français, mais d'interagir avec les élèves de l'autre classe. Bon effort les élèves!



Salle 8 – Mme Laurie

Mme Laurie's class did some awesome art this week! "The longest line" tested the students ability to plan ahead, communicate with each other and follow direction. I think it turned out great! Well done room 8!



2014 - 2015 Important Dates

October 7	Picture Day
October 13	Thanksgiving – No Classes
October 20	Divisional Professional Development Day – No Classes
October 24	SAGE - Provincial PD day – No Classes
October 27	Picture Re-takes
November 3	School Administration Day – No Classes
November 4	PAC – 6:30 pm
November 10	Remembrance Day Assembly – Period 7
November 11	Remembrance Day
November 17	Student Reports go home
November 18	Parent/Teacher/Student Conferencing - Evening
November 20	Parent/Teacher/Student Conferencing - Evening
November 21	Parent/Teacher/Student Conferencing - No Classes
December 2	PAC – 6:30 pm
December 3	Gr. 7 & 8 Band, Vocal Jazz & Incredibows Concert
December 10	First day for term 2 of TAS morning options
December 19	Last day of classes before winter break
January 5	Classes resume – Day 6
January 28	Gr. 6 Band, Choir & Fiddling Concert
February 2	School PD – No Classes
February 3	PAC – 6:30 pm
February 16	Louis Riel Day – No Classes
February 25	Choral Coffee House
March 2	ÉSOMS Winter Activity Day
March 3	PAC – 6:30 pm
March 9	Student Reports go home
March 10	Parent/Teacher/Student Conferencing – Evening
March 12	Parent/Teacher/Student Conferencing - Evening
March 13	Parent/Teacher/Student Conferencing – No Classes
March 19-21	Brandon Jazz festival
March 19	First day for term 3 of TAS morning options.
March 27	Last day of classes before Spring Break
April 6	Classes resume after Spring Break – Day 5
April 7	PAC – 6:30 pm
April 8	ÉSOMS Open House – 7:00 pm
April 21-23	ÉSOMS Musical Production – 7:00 p.m.
April 24	School PD – No Classes
May 5	PAC – 6:30 pm
May 11	School PD – No Classes
May 18	Victoria Day – No Classes
May TBA	Sustainability in Action and Community Feast 5:00 pm
May 27-29	Arts in the Park
June 2	PAC – 6:30 pm
June 4	Grade 6, 7 and 8 Band Concert
June 10	Grade 6, 7, and 8 Choir and Fiddle Concert
June 25	Grade 8 Farewell Evening 6:00 – 11:00 – Sunova Centre
June 26	Administration Day – No Classes
June 30	Last Day of Classes

October 2014

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
			1 Day 4	2 5 Day	3 Day 6	4 <i>Yom Kippur</i>
5	6 Day 1	7 Day 2 Picture Day	8 Day 3	9 4 Day	10 Day 5 Cross Country Bird's Hill Park	11
12	13 Thanksgiving No Classes	14 Day 6	15 Day 1	16 2 Day	17 Day 3	18
19	20 Day 4 Divisional PD Day No Classes	21 Day 5	22 Day 6	23 1 Day	24 Day 2 SAGE No Classes	25
26	27 Day 3	28 Day 4	29 Day 5	30 6 Day	31 Day 1 Soc Hop PM - Gym	