

West St. Paul School

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Dear Families,

We hope everyone is enjoying the fall weather. Our nights are getting cooler, gardens are slowing down and the leaves are turning colour. Please be sure that your children are dressing for our changing weather.

We have welcomed many new families to the area and to the school this year. A reminder for parents to complete and/or update their permission form for students to attend field trips, have pictures taken and published and to discuss the Appropriate Use of Technology forms. If you need to change your initial responses, please email or call the office.

Milk tickets have gone up this year and now cost ten dollars for ten tickets. Order forms for milk are available online. Did you know that the West St. Paul Lions Club helps to support our milk program with a donation each year?

The school will be selling the Peak of the Market Farm to School Vegetable packages again this year. All money raised will be used to plant trees in the school yard. Watch for an upcoming email announcing that the online Farm to School shop is open!

The construction on the school is progressing well. The front facade is nearly complete. The windows are all in. The window coverings have been ordered. The skylights look great. The roof is about 25% complete. The fence went up in the back of the school and excavation has begun where our new portables will be situated. We expect the concrete forms for the portables to be poured this week. Ten days later the concrete will have cured, and we are hoping for the portables to arrive and be connected to the electricity soon. Then we wait for stairs to be installed and our occupancy permit.

There was some extra excitement in the building on Friday. It was the first day of our visiting university cohort. We have 24 teacher candidates from the University of Manitoba learning and working in our building on Wednesdays and Fridays. Students have lessons in the library and then visit classrooms to help students. The university cohort will be here until the beginning of November.

We will be having our Terry Fox Walk on Wednesday September 28th. We will begin with an assembly in gym at 1:30. All students and staff will then cross the highway and do a walk and run around the Hiawatha and Minnehaha loop until 2:10. Students will then return to their classrooms for a freezie and dismissal at 2:30. Families are invited to join us for the walk at 1:45.

We will recognize the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and continue to learn about Orange Shirt Day on Thursday, September 29th. Each student will receive an orange shirt to wear from their classroom teacher. We will have an assembly for learning in the morning before students head back to classrooms to work on Orange Shirt Day activities. If you have purchased an orange shirt for your child to wear, feel free to have your child wear their own orange shirt and they can take their orange shirt from the school home to wear another time.

Enjoy the cool, fresh autumn air!

Administrators

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