

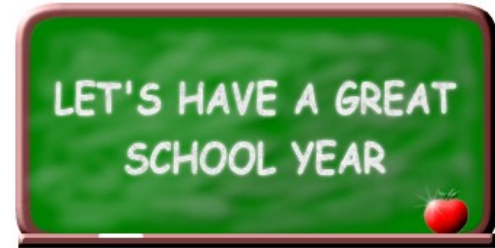


MARGARET PARK SCHOOL

SEVEN OAKS SCHOOL DIVISION

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Principal: Mr. Ross Meacham
Vice Principal: Mrs. Jillian Green



Welcome Back Margaret Park

Welcome to all the new families who have joined the Margaret Park community, and welcome back to all the returning families! We look forward to working with you to support the learning and healthy growth of all our children.

Thank you for being our partners in this most important work.

MARGARET PARKS'S WELCOME BACK BBQ



September 26th 5-7 pm

Join us for an evening of fun to celebrate the start of the school year. There will be food, face-painting, henna tattoos, bouncers and other outdoor fun.

There is no cost for food or activities at this event, but please RSVP so we know how many people to expect. A note will be sent home with your child.

We look forward to seeing your family there!

Staff Additions & Assignment Changes:

Jolene McFadyen-Nein: AM/PM Kindergarten

Karen Penner: Grade 4/5

Pam Pompana: Grade 4/5

Federico Vidad: Grade 4/5

Stephanie Luna: Learning Support

Alyssa Talbot: Learning Support

Barb Bottle: Art (half time)

PAC @ Margaret Park

Are you interested in adding your voice to discussions about school planning and community events? Would you like to connect with staff in a new way?

Consider joining our parent council!

We are looking for a parent/guardian representative from each classroom.

Please call or email:

ross.meacham@7oaks.org or
jillian.green@7oaks.org if you are interested in learning more.

THE BALANCED SCHOOL DAY

Margaret Park is on a Balanced School Day Schedule. This means that the school day is divided into three 90-120 minute blocks of instructional time. Two longer nutrition and activity breaks are provided in the morning and afternoon instead of the traditional mid-morning/mid-afternoon recess and noon hour lunch. This schedule creates equally balanced teaching/learning blocks in the school day. The two breaks allow for eating and activity in both the morning and afternoon. Since Kindergarten is a half-day program, they are not included in this schedule.

Before break	Hearty, nutritious snack
11:00-11:30	Activity break
1:00-1:25	Lunch
1:25-2:00	Activity break



We will have fun activities and involve our students to have a better understanding of healthy food choices by informing them about the type of food that they eat. Early on in this school year, we are asking for your help. Please try to send fruit and vegetables as a snack to school. The less packaging, the better! Throughout the year, we will let you know how we are doing and give ideas about healthy snacks to pack. Thanks in advance for your help.

SAFETY REMINDERS

The safety of your children is of prime importance to us. In order to do this, we kindly ask that you respect the following safety reminders.

MARGARET PARK CALL BACK SYSTEM

At Margaret Park we have an attendance call back system. If your child is going to be away from school due to medical appointments, illness or any other reason, we ask that you call the school office and speak to one of the secretaries any time after 8:30 am and by 1:00 pm for afternoon Kindergarten.

204-338-9384

If we do not hear from you and your child is not in attendance, we will give you a call to make sure he/she is safe.

Morning Supervision

Supervision on the playground begins at 8:30 a.m. The school does not provide supervision before 8:30 AM. Adults (identifiable by safety vests) are on duty on the playground before school and during activity breaks.

Drop Off

A big THANK YOU to all parents/guardians for respecting the 'NO PARKING ZONES'

There is NO stopping or parking in the bus loop between 8:15 AM-4:00PM.

Please do not use the parking lot to "drop and go". Cars backing out creates a safety concern for adults and students. Parking is available on Salter and the west part of Cork Ave.



HEALTH CHALLENGES FACED BY MANITOBA YOUTH

- ❖ Traffic congestion is directly linked to poor air quality and increased greenhouse gases around schools.
- ❖ In Manitoba, 45% of the population is inactive.
- ❖ Only 9% of Canadian children aged 5-17 get the 60 minutes of heart-pumping activity they need each day.

THE BENEFITS OF ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL

- ✓ Increases physical activity throughout the entire day.
- ✓ Reduces traffic congestion, air pollution, and greenhouse gas emissions.
- ✓ Increases exposure to sunlight, which helps regulate sleep patterns.
- ✓ Results in fewer injuries when paired with appropriate infrastructure.
- ✓ Increases readiness to learn and can lead to higher grades in school.
- ✓ Enhances neighbourhood safety, social connectivity, and sense of community.

Source: *Making Children Count: A Call to Action to Increase Active School Travel in Manitoba*
www.greenactioncentre.ca/MakingChildrenCount

Terry Fox School Run

The annual Terry Fox School Run for Margaret Park School is coming up on September 26th. This year our school has a goal of raising even more for cancer research than we did last year! The Terry Fox Foundation has a great reputation, with \$.82 cents of every dollar raised going directly to cancer research. You can simply give your child cash/change on or before Run day or donate online by visiting our school fundraising page: <http://www.terryfox.ca/MargaretPark>



Any parent/guardian or other family member is welcome to come walk with us from 2:00 pm—3:20 pm on the 26th. For more information please contact the school.



Partners in Learning

Margaret Park School

385 Cork Avenue

Parent/Child Programs

We'd like to welcome families in our school community to join us for our **FREE** Parent/Child Programs held in our **Margaret Park Family Centre (Room 10)**. During each of our programs, parents/caregivers participate in fun activities along with their children. With a focus on literacy, nutrition, parenting and building community, our programs encourage you to connect with each other. This is also a great opportunity to meet other families in your community.

Story Time

A parent/child program for children ages 5 and under that includes stories, songs, rhymes and art activities. You and your child will have fun together sharing and meeting others. A snack is also provided.

(Please see program calendar for more details)

Evening Gym Program

A time for parents and their children, ages 5 and under, to have fun participating in physical activities together in our gym.

(Please see program calendar for more details)

Registration is required as space is limited.

For more information or to register for our Parent/Child Programs, please contact Debbie Talling (Community Coordinator) via email at debbie.talling@7oaks.org or call (204) 338-9384.





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IMPORTANT DATES: 2019-2020 (Subject to Change)

SEPTEMBER 2019

September 2 Labour Day - NO SCHOOL
 September 3&4 Orientation Days
 September 5 First Day of Classes
 September 26 Welcome Back Barbecue
 September 27 School PD—No School
 September 29 Rosh Hashanah

OCTOBER 2019

October 2 Cross Country
 October 8 Cross Country rain date
 October 11 Divisional Inservice-NO SCHOOL
 October 14 Thanksgiving Day - NO SCHOOL
 October 18 Picture Day
 October 25 MTS PD Day – NO SCHOOL

NOVEMBER 2019

November 11 Remembrance Day - No School
 November 26 Report Cards Open
 November 28 Family Conferences – evening
 November 29 Family Conferences—No School

DECEMBER 2019

December 5 Winter Concert
 December 21 Winter Solstice
 December 20 Last Day before Winter Break
 December 23—Jan 3 WINTER BREAK
 December 25 Christmas Day
 December 26 Boxing Day

JANUARY 2020

January 1 New Year's Day
 January 6 School Re-Opens
 January 31 PD - NO SCHOOL

FEBRUARY 2020

February 17 Louis Riel Day – NO SCHOOL

MARCH 2020

March 10 Report Cards Open
 March 12 Family Conferences—Evening
 March 13 Family Conferences—No School
 March 27 Last Day before Spring Break
 March 30 - April 3 SPRING BREAK – NO SCHOOL

APRIL 2020

April 6 School Re-Opens
 April 10 GOOD FRIDAY
 April 17 PD Day - NO SCHOOL

MAY 2020

May 15 School PD - NO SCHOOL
 May 18 Victoria Day - NO SCHOOL
 May 20 Cross Country
 May 22 Cross Country - Rain date

JUNE 2020

June 4 Grad Pow Wow
 June 5 School PD - NO SCHOOL
 June 18 Concert
 June 21 National Indigenous Day
 Summer Solstice
 June 22 School PD - NO SCHOOL
 June 25 Summer Feast and Giveaway
 June 29 Grade 5 Farewell
 June 30 Last Day of School