

# R.F.Morrison School

## December 2014

PRINCIPAL: R. VALCOURT

November was once again a very busy month at R. F. Morrison School. Thanks to the many parent volunteers who helped with hot lunch, as well as with hearing and vision screening.

Our Remembrance Day assembly featured some beautiful singing by our choirs and wreathes prepared and presented by each class. Another November assembly focused on Type 1 Diabetes. Two of our students, Evan and Noah B., made a wonderful speech and shared some videos. You can read the text of Evan's moving speech elsewhere in this newsletter.

Thanks to MPUE for allowing us to have the beautiful art panels and quilts created by all 12 schools with English-Ukrainian bilingual programs in the province. These quilts were created last year to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the birth of poet Taras Shevchenko. We were fortunate to be able to display these quilts and panels during the week of Student-Parent-Teacher conferences. Most classes also took a gallery walk/tour of all of the quilts and were able to ask questions of our Ukrainian staff members.

We welcome a new staff member to RFM: Mrs. Sawka joins us in the office as half-time secretary. Welcome, Mrs. Sawka!

Thanks to Ms. Matwichyna, Ms. Lasko and Mr. Kammerlock for coaching our grade 4 and 5 teams in the divisional handball tournament. Our students played very well and exhibited great sportsmanship, as always!

It was wonderful to see so many families in the school for student-parent-teacher conferences. Students were so excited and proud to share their work and progress with their families.

Winter has finally arrived, and with it comes the snow and colder temperatures. We ask that children come to school in warm winter clothing, so they can enjoy outdoor recess breaks and activities. This includes ski pants, boots, warm jackets, hats and mittens. Please label your child's outdoor clothing, especially their ski pants. They all tend to look the same!

December promises to be an exciting month with many new Christmas and winter activities. We look forward to seeing you at our concerts on **December 10th and 11th!**

Педагогічний Колектив Школи  
Р.Ф.Моррісон

хоче побажати усім учням то  
їхнім родинам

Радісних Свят та Здоров'я і Щастя  
у Новому Році !

### Important Dates

DEC. 2	PAC Meeting 6:30p.m.
DEC. 10	"Nutcracker" Winter Concert 7p.m.
DEC. 11	"Nutcracker" Winter Concert 7p.m.
DEC. 12	HOT LUNCH
DEC. 15	P.D. DAY NO SCHOOL
DEC. 19	LAST DAY
JAN. 5	1st DAY BACK
JAN. 7	UKRAINIAN CHRISTMAS
JAN 16	HOT LUNCH
JAN. 20	Gr.4 students & Gr.6 girls Immunization
JAN. 21	35th Anniversary EUBP Zabava
FEB. 2	P.D DAY NO SCHOOL
FEB. 16	LOUIS RIEL DAY— NO SCHOOL

# Important News from R. F. Morrison School...



## In preparation for Colder Weather, Please Note:

When the combined temperature and wind chill equal **-35°C or lower**, patrols will only be on stop for 5 minutes.

Students will stay in the school for recess when the combined temperature and wind chill equal **-27°C**.

Students will be outside for recess, including lunch recess when the weather permits. **Please dress your child appropriately for the weather - mitts, scarves, hats and boots are necessary at this time of year.**

During the winter months, transportation services may be cancelled due to adverse weather conditions.

When Environment Canada **wind chill at The Forks is -45°C or colder as of 6:00a.m.**, **school busses will be cancelled for the entire day.**

Listen to the following Radio Stations for school cancellation and bus cancellations:

**CJOB-680 or CBC-990**

Our Division web site will have all information regarding transportation cancellations and school closures. Log on to the divisional website: [www.7oaks.org](http://www.7oaks.org)

**BAREFOOT GYM— 9 TO 9:45 DAY 1,3,5**

**K—GRADE 2 STUDENTS**

**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP RUN THIS PROGRAM**

**IF YOU CAN HELP OUT DURING THIS TIME**

**STARTING IN JANUARY, 2015**

**PLEASE LET US KNOW, (204) 338-7804**

**THANKS!**

# P. E. NEWS!

# 2014

*On Saturday, November 15th some of our grade 4 and 5 students participated in the Seven Oaks Divisional Handball Tournament where our school entered two mixed grade teams. Both teams represented Morrison in exquisite fashion and showed impeccable sportsmanship towards their teammates and other teams.*

***Congratulations** to all the students who participated in the handball tournament, we are very proud of you!*

*Special thanks goes out to Mr. Kammerlock who assisted in coaching and supervising the tournament.*

*The next Physical Education activity will be snowshoeing. All students should be dressed for the weather to be outside for thirty minutes.*



**Please check the school website for important physical education announcements.**

**K. Matwichyna & B. Lasko**

## REMINDER:

The December weather is sure to be cold and the PE classes will be heading outside for snowshoeing and other outdoor activities during classes. It is very important that students are dressed appropriately for the weather.

- **Hat**
- **Scarf**
- **Mittens**
- **Snow Pants**
- **Warm Jacket**

All items in the list above are required to participate in outdoor activities because we will be outside for 30 minutes.



# Student November News

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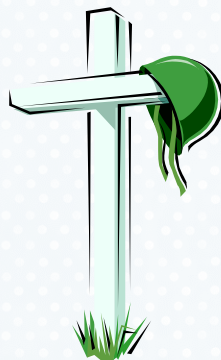
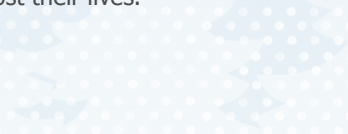
## Remembrance Day

On November 11th the First World War officially ended. On this special day we wear red (or white) poppies, to show that we remember everyone who went to war and lost their lives.

In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place: and in the sky  
The larks still bravely singing fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the dead: Short days ago,  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved: and now we lie  
In Flanders fields!

Take up our quarrel with the foe  
To you, from failing hands, we throw  
The torch: be yours to hold it high  
If ye break faith with us who die,  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields



A boy asks his father, "Dad, are bugs good to eat?"

That's disgusting—don't talk about things like that over dinner," the dad replies.

After dinner the father asks, "Now, son, what did you want to ask me?"

"Oh, nothing," the boy says. "There was a bug in your soup, but now it's gone."

Little snowy for November, isn't it?



# NUTCRACKER - Musical Production - December 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>

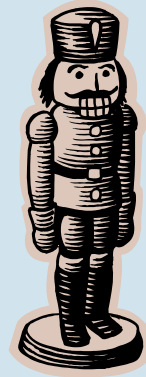
The students of R. F. Morrison School will be performing in the Musical Production “NUTCRACKER” on **Wednesday and Thursday, December 10 and 11, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.** in the gymnasium. Again, please note the day that your child/children will be performing in the “NUTCRACKER”:

## Wednesday, December 10 @ 7:00 pm

Kindergarten	Mrs. Kennedy
Grade 1	Ms. Tarasiuk
Grade 1/2	Ms. Gray
Grade 2/3	Mr. Behrendt
Grade 4/5	Mr. Kammerlock
Grade 5/6	Mr. Ilyniak

## Thursday, December 11 @ 7:00 pm

Kindergarten	Ms. Matwichyna
Grade 1/2	Ms. Kunets
Grade 1/2	Ms. Borys
Grade 2/3	Ms. Dahl
Grade 3/4	Mrs. Klimenko
Grade 4/5	Ms. Dutka



All family and friends are invited to enjoy your child’s performance in the Nutcracker. It is very important to your child and to the production itself that your child be present for his/her performance and that your child have your support and encouragement. All students have been rehearsing very hard for this musical production.

The children are asked to be at school by **6:40 p.m. for each 7:00 p.m. show** in their **costumes** (aside from the parts of their costumes that they will put on when they arrive at school). They are asked to also wear their costumes in the afternoon for the Dress Rehearsal prior to their performance in the evening show. **Please refer to the information sent home last week regarding costumes.**

**All parents, family and friends are invited to attend “NUTCRACKER”.**

Doors to the front entrance of the school will open at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free. Silver collection at the door will have proceeds going to Kamwokya School in Uganda. Also, we will be accepting non-perishable food items for Winnipeg Harvest.

As for parking, all staff members will be involved in the concert. Staff will need to use their parking spots during these times; therefore, please assist us by refraining from parking along the building in the lot. Thank you for your cooperation.

I hope you enjoy the students’ presentation of the “Nutcracker”!

Thank you for encouraging your child. Your support is greatly appreciated!

**Веселих Свят та Щасливого Нового Року!**

Sincerely,

Rosemarie Todaschuk

Music Educator

## Carolling Abroad

Ms. Todaschuk will be taking Ms. Dutka’s and Mr. Kammerlock’s classes to bring the spirit of the season into the hearts of the residents at St. Joseph’s Residence on **December 16<sup>th</sup>**. As well, the students in the English-Ukrainian Bilingual Program in Mr. Ilyniak’s and Mrs. Klimenko’s classes will sing Ukrainian Christmas Carols for the residents at Holy Family Home on **December 17<sup>th</sup>**.



# Room 5 - Grade 1

Room 5 has been busy over the past few weeks learning about Living and Non-Living things! We hope that you had a chance to check out some of our amazing dioramas during Student/Parent/Teacher interviews which were on display outside of our classroom!

We learned that living things:

- Grow
- Die
- Make Waste
- Have reactions
- Need energy
- Need air
- Need water



In our classroom, we have some living things including: plants, humans and sometimes bugs! There are also many non-living things such as: chairs, desks, pencils, books etc. We had a lot of fun learning about this science topic.

In Ukrainian, we have been learning some new phrases to say to each other and our families. Here are a few:

Добрий день! *Good day/hello!*

Добрий ранок *Good morning*

Привіт! *Hi!*

Я називаюся \_\_\_\_\_ *My name is* \_\_\_\_\_

Мій улюблений колір \_\_\_\_\_ *My favourite colour is* \_\_\_\_\_

Я народилися (feminine)/ народився (masculine) в Україні /Канаді. *I was born in Ukraine/Canada.*

## LIBRARY NEWS

December in the library (and in the school for that matter) revolves around Christmas. The giant stocking library display is up and students are excited about taking out Christmas themed books.

A note to parents/caregivers regarding the Winter Break (Dec. 20 until Jan. 4)—please go visit the Winnipeg Public Library with your children. It will thrill them to see how many more books the Public Library has compared to the school library.

The West Kildonan branch is at the corner of Jefferson and Powers (beside Victory School). It is a great place to start. However, if you are feeling like a family adventure, take the whole family to the Millennium Library at the corner of Graham and Donald downtown.

For those who would rather not go out in the cold there are ebooks available through the Winnipeg Public library website. There is a wide variety to choose from and all can be played on any computer or portable device. And all you need is a library card!

S. Rose, Library Technician



*Good Morning,*

*My name is Evan and this is my brother Noah. We both have Type 1 diabetes. I was diagnosed when I was 3 1/2 and Noah was diagnosed a couple of months ago before his 7th birthday. I wish Noah didn't have it.*

*Every day we have to check our blood sugar. We use a piker and poke our fingers to check our blood. Our bodies don't produce insulin, so we use needles to give ourselves insulin. We can check our blood sugar up to 10 times a day and average 5 insulin injections a day.*

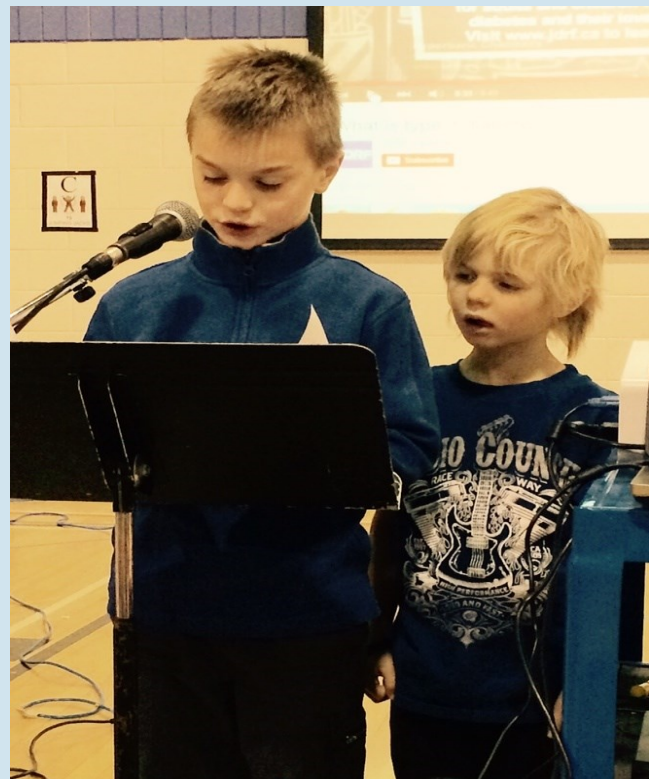
*If our blood sugar is too low, we don't feel very good. We get dizzy, shaky and very tired. We need carbohydrates to bring our blood sugar up. If our blood sugar is too high, we need insulin to bring it back down. When we are high we feel grumpy, thirsty, headaches and we don't feel good.*

*Insulin isn't a cure and neither are the needles. Insulin helps us control our blood sugars. One day we hope that there will be a cure. We walk in the Telus JDRF Walk every year to raise money in hopes a cure will be found.*

*Diabetes isn't fun, we have been to the hospital because of it.*

*Noah and I are very lucky to have such great teachers and friends at school that help us everyday. It means a lot to us and we would like to say thank you for all that you do.*

*Evan B.*



# Parent Advisory News...

THE PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE WHO ORDERED HOT FOOD LUNCH IN NOVEMBER, WE HOPE YOU ENJOYED IT. A BIG THANK YOU GOES TO MR. ILYNIAK AND HIS CLASS, NOELLE YACKEL, KARLIE DEBETS AND SHARON SALEMI FOR ALL YOUR HELP WITH NOVEMBER'S HOT FOOD LUNCH.

DECEMBER HOT FOOD LUNCH WILL BE PIZZA ON **DECEMBER 12, 2014**. KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR THE ENVELOPES YOUR CHILDREN SHOULD HAVE BROUGHT HOME. ORDERS ARE DUE BY FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5.

ONCE AGAIN THE PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE WILL BE SERVING HOT CHOCOLATE AND A PEANUT FREE TREAT FOR ALL THE CHILDREN AT OUR ANNUAL WINTER FUN DAY AT MAPLES SPORTSPLEX ON **DECEMBER 18, 2014**. IF YOU ARE ABLE TO GIVE US A HAND, WE WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE IT.

OUR NEXT PAC MEETING IS TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2014 AT 6:30 P.M. FREE BABYSITTING PROVIDED, PLEASE PHONE THE SCHOOL TO LET THEM KNOW.

A REMINDER: WE WILL **NOT** BE HOLDING A MEETING IN JANUARY. FEBRUARY'S MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR THE 3RD AT 6:30.

THANK YOU,  
LISA RADLINSKY  
CHAIR OF PAC



## *The Nutcracker*

*The "Nutcracker" is a story about a soldier commander who was a Christmas decoration. It is a play that R. F. Morrison students are preparing to perform for our families and friends during our school Winter Concert in December. We are practicing singing, dancing, acting and speaking parts. I will be playing a mouse, and I like it. Most kids in my class are mice and soldiers. My brother is a sugar plum, and we are performing on the same evening. We all are working very hard, and we hope all who come will enjoy our concert. So, come and celebrate with us!*

*By Jackson, Room 9*



# Mrs. Klimenko, Room 9

This year our class once again took leadership in an exciting program called "Bag up Manitoba". We worked very hard as a school to collect as many plastic bags as possible. We ended up with 9,413 plastic bags that were diverted from the landfills. Every second day my classmates and I cleaned and sorted all the bags and bundled them in groups of ten. Next, we made records and tried to fit as many plastic bags into larger recyclable bags. Sometimes we had to sit on the bags to fit all of them in. It was fun!

For our efforts our school will receive a large planter for the playground, and in the spring we will plant lovely flowers that might attract beautiful butterflies and birds. In April 2015 we will visit MTS Centre for the Take Pride Winnipeg celebration.

We hope everyone will remember to Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle every day!

By Mia

## So Take Pride R. F. Morrison!

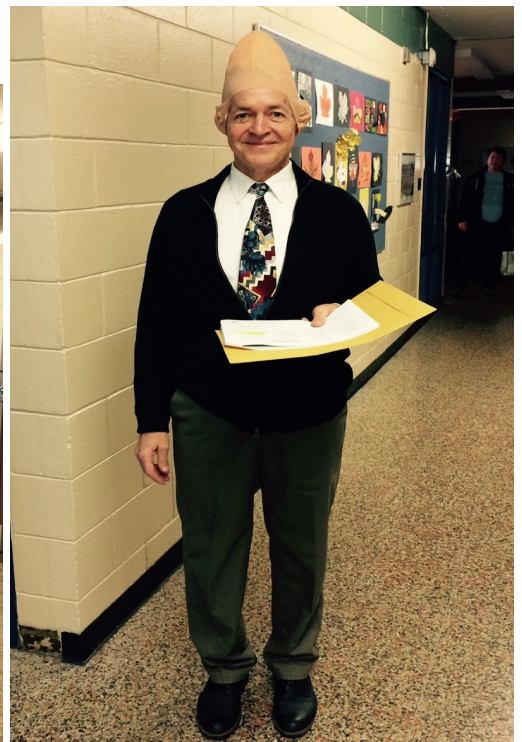


## Room 12—Siloam Mission “Let Us Give”

The students in Room 12 would like to **thank the community** for all the donations they have made to Siloam Mission. We have collected about 6 large garbage bags full of clothes and miscellaneous items!! The students have enjoyed sorting, and graphing the items we have collected. Please feel free to make donations anytime throughout the year. As long as there is a need, we will be collecting!



## Halloween at R.F. Morrison



## Change in School Bus Cancellation Policy

Metro Winnipeg School Superintendents have made a change in the policy for cancellation of school bus service due to cold weather.

The new policy will use the temperature reading at The Forks instead of the Airport.

**School bussing will be cancelled if the windchill reading is -45 or colder at 6:00 a.m. at The Forks according to Environment Canada.**

**Notice of school bus cancellations will be provided to media outlets and posted on school division websites as soon as the 6:00 a.m. reading is posted by Environment Canada.**

Metro Winnipeg School Divisions are: Louis Riel, Pembina Trails, River East, Transcona, St. James Assiniboia, Seven Oaks and Winnipeg. Catholic schools and the Gray Academy also follow the same policy.

The change was made as weather conditions at The Forks are closer to weather conditions in most residential areas where children are waiting for school buses. This should result in fewer cancellations.



R.F.Morrison's  
contribution to the  
MPUE quilt project.



# Upcoming COMMUNITY EVENTS



## Slide into **Winter Camp** at **Oak Hammock Marsh Interpretive Centre**

December 29, 30 and January 2!

Come and join us for a frosty good time at one or all of our Winter Day Camps. Activities may include snowshoeing, bannock baking, cool crafts, winter games and more. Camp runs daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and costs 24\$ for members & 30\$ for non-members. Camp is for children ages 6 to 9. For more information or to register a camper please visit:

<http://www.oakhammockmarsh.ca> or call (204) 467-3300.

## **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 visit [Winnipeg.ca](http://Winnipeg.ca). Guides are available for pick up at civic indoor pools, libraries and leisure centres, and at a number of retail locations including Safeway, 7-Eleven and Mac's.

Watch for the Winter 2015 Leisure Guide at the beginning of December! Registration for swimming lessons only will begin on December 16 at 8:00 a.m. Registration for all other programs will begin on December 17 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 at the end of 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/leisureguide.stm](http://Winnipeg.ca/cms/recreation/leisureguide.stm). Information about programs is also available by calling 311.

# Preschool Program at RF Morrison

## DECEMBER 2014



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 Preschool Prog 9:30-11:30	2	3	4 Preschool Prog 9:30-11:30	5	6
7	8 Preschool Prog 9:30-11:30	9	10	11 Last Preschool Prog 9:30-11:30	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
<i>Winter</i> ----- <i>Winter Break</i> -----						
28	29	30	31			
<i>Happy Holidays and all the best in 2015 !</i>						
First program of 2015 will be on Monday January 5, 2015.						



### Winnipeg Harvest

At R. F. Morrison we are again collecting for Winnipeg Harvest, to help people who are in need of food. We are trying to collect as many non-perishable food items as possible.

The 10 most wanted foods are: canned fish and poultry, baby food and formula, canned vegetables and fruit, canned stew, chili, brown beans, peanut butter, dry pasta, rice, canned spaghetti sauce, cereals, and canned soups.

Last year we collected more than 50 bins of the listed most wanted food items. We are very, very happy to help people who are in need of food this Holiday Season!

So let's gather as many food items as possible to help our Winnipeg families!

We **thank you** for your help and support!

By Benjamin, Room 9

# December 2014



**Principal: R. Valcourt**  
 25 Morrison St. Winnipeg,  
 Mb. R2V 3B3

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <b>day 3</b>	2 <b>day 4</b> PAC Meeting 6:30 p.m.	3 <b>day 5</b> Rm. 9 Swimming	4 <b>day 6</b>	5 <b>day 1</b>	6
7	8 <b>day 2</b>	9 <b>day 3</b>	10 <b>day 4</b> <b>Musical</b> <b>NUTCRACKER</b> 7 p.m. Rm. 9 Swimming	11 <b>day 5</b> <b>Musical</b> <b>NUTCRACKER</b> 7 p.m.	12 <b>day 6</b> <b>PAC Hot Lunch</b>	13
14	15 <b>day 1</b> PD Day <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	16 <b>day 2</b>	17 <b>day 3</b> Rm. 9 Swimming Rms. 5 & 11 Children's Museum	18 <b>day 4</b> Winter Fun Day at Maples Arena 9-11:30a.m.	19 <b>day 5</b> <b>LAST DAY</b>	20
21	22	23	24	25 Christmas Day	26 Boxing Day	27
<b>Winter Break</b>						
28	29	30	31			

