

R. F. Morrison School

Principal: R. Valcourt



January 2014

We hope that all of our R.F. Morrison families had a wonderful holiday. Hopefully the cold weather didn't deter families from participating in all of the festive activities over the holidays! We are so happy to welcome your children back to school, full of energy and eager to learn!

Here are a few news items and reminders:

We welcome our new school secretary, Mrs. Carol Anandranistakis, to our school. We are happy to have her join the RF Morrison community. We wish Mrs. Mundie a happy and healthy retirement.

Thanks to all of our R.F. Morrison community members who attended our December concerts. The students were excited to sing for you and to get into the spirit of the season with you! A big thank you as well to Ms Todaschuk for her hard work and leadership in preparing the students for this event, and to all Morrison staff members for their assistance with planning, decorations, supervision, sound system and many other tasks.

Just a reminder that children need to be dressed appropriately for the weather in order to play outdoors at recess. This includes ski pants, warm jackets, hats, boots and mittens. We are accepting donations of extra winter clothing (hats, mittens, ski pants, etc.) for days when children "forget!"

In January students in Mr. Kammerlock's class will start swimming lessons, and students in Ms Kunets' class will start skating lessons. Both activities will be on Thursday mornings.

Professional Development day for staff - **Monday, February 3** - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

Ukrainian Activity Week for all students: **January 20 - 24**. This will include an art project, a Zabava, and many other exciting activities.

Віншування

*Хай Різдво і Новий Рік
В Вашу хату завітають,
Принесуть добра й здоров'я,
Чого серце забажає.
Хай смачна кутя Вам вдасться,
Хай в сім'ї панує щастя.
Щоб весела коляда
В хату радість принесла.
З Новим Роком!
Христос Рожедається!*



Important Dates to Remember:

Tuesday, January 14	Gr. 4 students & Gr. 6 girls immunizations
Friday, January 24	Whole school perogy lunch
Monday, February 3	Professional Development Day – NO SCHOOL
Tuesday, February 4	PAC Meeting 6:30 p.m.
Monday, February 17	Louis Riel Day – NO SCHOOL
Sunday, March 9	Daylight Savings Begins (turn clocks ahead)
Tuesday, March 11 & Thursday, March 13	Student-Parent-Teacher Evening Conferences
Friday, March 14	Student-Parent-Teacher Conferences – NO SCHOOL
Monday, March 31 to Friday, April 4	SPRING BREAK – NO SCHOOL
Friday, April 18	Good Friday – NO SCHOOL
Friday, April 25	Professional Development Day – NO SCHOOL



The Parent Advisory Council hopes that everyone had a warm and safe holiday break and we wish everyone a great New Year!

We also want to plant a seed for anyone that would be interested in the role of Chair or Co-Chairs of R.F. Morrison PAC for the 2014-2015 school year. Unfortunately, after 2 years in this role both Lisa and I will not be able to continue going forward. We will however, still attend the meetings, volunteer as much as we can and help out the new chair(s) in any way required. If you are interested, please let us know, and if you would like you can shadow us for the rest of the year to get to know the requirements of the role.

It was lovely to see everyone at the Winter Concert. Also, a big thank you to everyone who supported the Christmas Cheer Board.

For those that came out to help out with Boston Pizza hot food lunch in December, thank you! The next PAC Hot Food Lunch will be in March.

NOTE: We will **not** be having a meeting in January. The next PAC meeting is scheduled for 6:30 on Tuesday, February 4 at R.F. Morrison School, staff lounge. We encourage all parents/grandparents/caregivers to join us.

Future PAC meetings:	March 4, 2014	April 8, 2014
	May 6, 2014	June 3, 2014

We hope to see you then! Thank you.

Dorothy Miller
Lisa Radlinsky
PAC Co-Chairs

Kindergarten registration begins—February 24, 2014

Office open 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Bring along proof of birth for the year 2009

and Manitoba Medical Card

Kindergarten Open House—February 24, 2014

6:30p.m.

HATS FOR HAIYAN FUNDRAISER



Students from R.F. Morrison School held a fundraiser on November 28, 2013, called "Hats for Haiyan", which was a huge success! Through your generous donations we were able to raise \$491.00 for the Red Cross in support of the victims affected by the typhoon in the Philippines. The Canadian Government will match our donation, bringing the relief fund total to almost \$1000.00!

A special thanks to Ms. Dutka, Mrs. Hnatiuk, and Mrs. Cullum for their generous contributions. Thank you to the students of Room 7 for their hard work and dedication in making our fundraiser such a great success!



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RF Morrison Preschool Program

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6 Preschool Program 9:30-11:30 Welcome Back!	7	8	9 Preschool Program 9:30-11:30	10	11
12	13 Preschool Program 9:30-11:30	14	15	16 Preschool Program 9:30-11:30	17	18
19	20 Preschool Program 9:30-11:30	21	22	23 Preschool Program 9:30-11:30	24	25
26	27 Preschool Program 9:30-11:30	28	29	30 Preschool Program 9:30-11:30	31	



MOTHERS, DO YOU WANT TO HAVE BETTER COMMUNICATION WITH YOUR DAUGHTERS?

Seven Oaks School Division Advancing Community Schools will be offering an 8 week program called

“Mothers and Daughters in Touch”

It is designed for mothers and their daughters 9 -11 years of age.

The program uses different activities, some with moms and daughters together, some with them in different groups. The Mothers and Daughters in Touch program focuses on skill building for both mother and daughter.

Some of the information covered will be:

- Learning to hear and respect each others feelings
- Developing strategies to deal with peer pressure
- Learning how to be an approachable parent
- Understanding the meaning of a healthy body image and what contributes to one.
- Gain knowledge and skills to cope with changes during puberty

The weekly sessions are a time for the two of you to have some fun, uninterrupted time together and enhance the mother daughter relationship.

When: Wednesday February 19/14 – April 16/14 (No class during Spring Break) 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Where: Ecole Riverbend 123 Red River Blvd.

Cost: A commitment to your child that you will attend all 8 weeks to the best of your ability.

To register or for more information,
please call Cheryl at 339-1964.

The group is limited to a maximum of 12 mother/daughter teams.



The Seven Oaks Education Foundation Inc.

Invites Parents and Staff to Attend

7 OAKS GOT TALENT

Featuring the musical talents of Seven Oaks School Division teachers & staff!

SPUD, STEAK & BEVERAGE

fundraising event

Friday, February 7, 2014

4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

at

essence nightclub

Canad Inns Garden City

(McPhillips & Jefferson)

TICKETS:

→ **\$20 per person** includes
6 oz. AAA Steak or BBQ Chicken Breast
Baked Potato, Vegetables, Mushrooms,
Caesar Salad, Garlic Toast & Beverage
OR

Vegetarian Option (pre-order by February 3rd)

→ May be purchased from:

School/Site Ticket Coordinator

→ **cheques payable to:**
Seven Oaks Education Foundation Inc.

GRAND PRIZE

→ 300,000
Avion Points

SILENT AUCTION

DOOR PRIZES

50-50 DRAW

Room 12s New Year Resolutions

Dina	I want to do homework.
Jayken	I want to get better at math.
Lauren	I want to get faster at doing work.
Logan	I want to get better at writing.
Paige	I want to get better at reading.
Cassidy	I want to get better at math.
Victoria	I want to get better at writing.
Brielle	I want to read better.
Gabriel	Clean up the classroom better.
Jackson	Be nicer to people.
Sara	I want to learn numbers.
Joshua	Work faster.
Ethan	I want to get better at numbers.
Marcus	I want to get better at reading.
Nevaeh	I want to get better at music.



January



<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
			1	2	3	4
5	6 Day 6 First day of classes after Winter Break	7 Day 1 Ukrainian Christmas	8 Day 2	9 Day 3-Gr.1 Skating begins-Rm.6 (every Thurs. a.m.)	10 Day 4	11
12	13 Day 5	14 Day 6 – Gr. 4 students & Gr.6 girls immunization	15 Day 1	16 Day 2-Swimming begins Rm. 4 (every Thurs. a.m.)	17 Day 3	18
19	20 Day 4 Ukrainian Artist Ms.A.Kulyk(K-6) Ukrainian Week Zabava (evening)	21 Day 5	22 Day 6	23 Day 1	24 Day 2 Whole School Perogy Lunch	25
26	27 Day 3	28 Day 4	29 Day 5	30 Day 6	31 Day 1 – Gr. 6 Wheelies	

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