# R.F. Morrison School June 2015



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- We are so grateful to all of our volunteers at RF Morrison. We could not offer the great programming we do without your support. As a token of our appreciation, we invite all PAC members and all volunteers to join us for a *"Volunteer Appreciation Assembly"* on Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. The assembly in the gym will be followed by a reception in the library. Whether you've volunteered once or many times, we hope you will join us on the 9<sup>th</sup>.
- 2. A huge thank you to Home Depot, Barkman Concrete, parent volunteers Chantal Charney, Heather Sellar, Monica Vaters and Ms Dahl and the students of room 12 for building our Butterfly Garden in the south playground. Next week Living Prairie Museum will assist the students in planting beautiful plants that will attract butterflies to our playground. As well, all students will have the opportunity to participate in a presentation by Living Prairie Museum.
- 3. As we prepare classes for next year, we ask that you please let us know if your child will not be returning to RF Morrison School in the fall. Please call the school office at 204-338-7804.
- 4. *Staffing Update:* We say a fond farewell to *Mrs. Louise Welsh*, our guidance counselor, as she retires at the end of June. We say thank you and wish her all the best as she embarks on this next chapter in her life.

We welcome *Mrs. Iryna Deneka*, who will be joining our staff as Kindergarten teacher for the English-Ukrainian Bilingual Program in September.

5. Congratulations to all of our singers, dancers and fiddlers who performed at Arts in the Park last week. You were awesome! Thank you also to Ms Todaschuk, Ms Tarasiuk and Ms Lasko for preparing our students so well for this event!

We invite you to join us for several special occasions in the month of June: Tuesday, June 9 – 2:00 p.m. – Volunteer Appreciation Assembly Tuesday, June 16 – 9:30 a.m. – Dance Class Showcase Monday, June 29 – 9:15 a.m. – Gr. 5 (English) and Gr. 6 (Ukrainian) Farewell Assembly Monday, June 29 – 1:00 p.m. – Talent Show



# IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>

Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, June 10<sup>th</sup> Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup> Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, June 16<sup>th</sup> Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup>

Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup> Monday, June 29<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday, June 30<sup>th</sup>

Gr. 4 & 5 Divisional Track & Field @ West K. Collegiate Oak Hammock Marsh – Rms. 5 & 11 Volunteer Assembly p.m. Patrols – Dragon Boating a.m. Assiniboine Zoo-Rms. K, 1 & 6 **PAC – Staff Appreciation Luncheon** Dance Showcase 9:30 a.m. **Kindergarten Farm Field Trip** Gr. 4 & 5's Art Camp **Kindergarten Farewell** Gr. 5 & 6 Farewell Patrol Assembly a.m. Talent Show 1:00 p.m. **Report Cards go home** Last Day of Classes



In an effort to be environmentally-conscious and save paper, the complete newsletter, including photographs, will only be available on our website from now on.

> http://www.7oaks.org/school/rfmorrison 文令》多

# **Ukrainian News**

# Ms. Matwichyna Room 1



# LEARNING AND HAVING FUN Навчання та Розваги









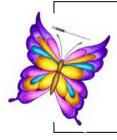
Room 10's Classroom Brain

MR. BEHRENDT

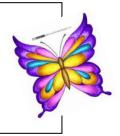
Our classroom brain lets us know how we are all smart. We learned that everyone is smart in different ways. There are nine ways that we can be smart. They are Bodily/Kinesthetic, Musical/Rhythmic, Logical/Mathematical, Interpersonal, Intrapersonal, Naturalistic, Visual/Spatial, Verbal/Linguistic, and Existential. We started with more kid-friendly words and made collages with examples of all these ways to be smart. Now we are only using the big fancy words in our classroom. We took surveys to learn what kind of smart we all are. Once we knew how we all are smart, we made a classroom brain out of clay and everyone put a flag in the brain that says how they are smart. This lets everyone know that we are all smart in different ways. We will also use the brain to ask people for help when we need it. If we need help with something, we can easily find a person that is smart in that way by looking at the flags in the brain. We are delighted to have our classroom brain and it is important to our classroom.

--This piece of writing was written by Room 10 students as a group.





VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR UPDATES AND PICTURES OF OUR *"NEW"* BUTTERFLY GARDEN





Seven Oaks School Division presented *Arts In The Park / Plein d'Arts au Parc*, a three-day Arts Festival at Kildonan Park showcasing the creativity of students in Kindergarten to Grade 12 on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>.

The following groups featuring students in Grades 3 to 6 from R. F. Morrison School participated:

- Intermediate Choir
- Kozachok Ukrainian Dance
- Grade 3 Fiddling Mustangs

The audience really enjoyed the performances of the enthusiastic dancers, talented fiddlers and beautiful singers who also performed with lots of energy. I thank all of the parents and grandparents who joined us at Arts In The Park.

## Congratulations to all performers for presenting their best!

Ms Todaschuk



Check out our website to see pictures from "Arts in the Park" <u>http://www.7oaks.org/school/rfmorrison</u>

# ARTS CAMP

On Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, our students in Grade 5 and their classmates in Grades 4 & 6 will participate in Seven Oaks Divisional Arts Camp with Grade 5 students from other schools in our Division. Students will have the opportunity to experience a wonderful day with the Arts in a workshop of their choice.





As we approach the end of another school year, families (and staff) are looking forward to lazy days lying in the sun and relaxing.

What better way to relax than by reading a book? On the beach, in front of the fire at the cabin, or under a tree in the city, we can curl up with a good book and let our imaginations soar

The Winnipeg Public Library (The West Kildonan Branch is at the corner of Jefferson and Powers) is a wonderful place to take the family and explore.

> For those who are more tech-minded, you can sign out ebooks readable on any hand-held device (including smart phones) from the Public Library as well.

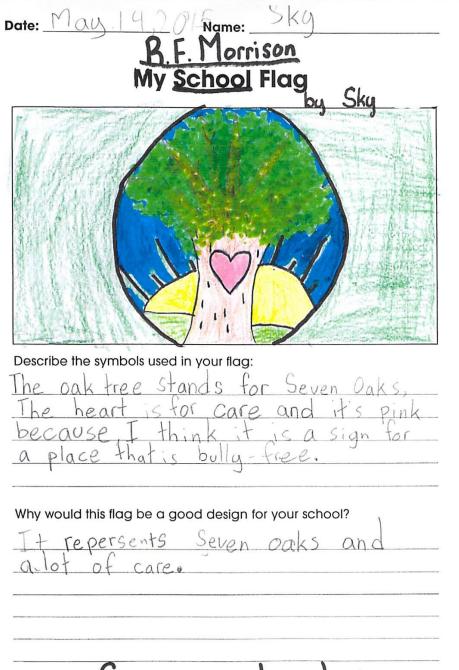


All SCHOOL LIBRARY BOOKS ARE DUE BACK by JUNE 23rd



Enjoy the summer and see you in September!!!!!

S. Rose, Library Technician



Seven oaks division

**My School Flag** Ms. Dutka -Room 7







Check out our website for more community news and pictures http://www.7oaks.org/school/rfmorrison







# In July

<u>FREE parent-child summer preschool programs</u> <u>for parents/adult caregivers and children ages</u> <u>0-5</u>

Tuesdays at Victory School (395 Jefferson Ave.), OR

Wednesdays at Amber Trails School (1575 Templeton Ave.)

Each school will be open for drop-in on the following dates: Victory School: July 7, 14, 21 and 28

10:00 am to 12:00pm or 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm Amber Trails School: July 8, 15,22 and 29 10:00 am to 12:00 pm or 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm



- At summer pre-school programs we:
  - 💐 read interesting books
  - 💐 play

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- 💐 sing
- 💐 create wonderful art

share a delicious healthy snack.

Note: To help us with the planning, please let Veronica Thiffeault, Community Coordinator know if you and your preschooler would like to join us at preschool summer programs.



# RF Morrison Preschool Program June 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Preschool Program 9:30-11:15	2	3	<b>4</b> Preschool Program 9:30-11:15	5	6
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# **June 2015**

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Day 2	2 Day 3 PAC Meeting 6:30 All Welcome	3 Day 4 Divisional Track and Field (Gr. 4-5) @ West K. Collegiate	4 Day 5 Living Prairie Museum re: Butterfly Garden – assembly and planting	5 Day 6 Rms. 5 & 11 Oak Hammock Marsh	6
7	<b>8</b> Day 1	9 Day 2 VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION ASSEMBLY 2 p.m.	10 Day 3 Patrols dragon boating- a.m.	11 Day 4 Rms. K, 1, 6 Zoo	12 Day 5 Staff Appreciation Luncheon (PAC)	13
14	15 Day 6	16 Day 1 Rm. 10 Living Prairie Museum DANCE CLASS SHOWCASE 9:30 a.m.	17 Day 2	18 Day 3	19 Day 4 Grade 5 Arts Camp Kindergarten Farm Field Trip	20
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28	29 Day 4 Farewell Assembly Patrol assembly-a.m. Talent Show-1 p.m. Reports go home	30 Day 5 LAST DAY OF CLASSES	Lett	the sum	mer be	gin

# **R.F. MORRISON JUNE PHOTO PAGES** Arts in the Park









# BEGINNINGS OF OUR NEW BUTTERFLY GARDEN





## SEVEN OAKS



## **Immigrant Services**

All events and programs are for immigrants to Canada. There is no cost for our services. Seven Oaks Immigrant services Funded by CIC.

## **Programs & Presentations**

**JUNE 2015** 

Immigrant Services

Website: www.7oaks.org/ programs/settlement

Call us: 204-632-1716 OR 04-697-5967

Email us settlement@7oaks.org

Visit us 950 Jefferson Ave or 930 Jefferson Ave.

OFFICE HOURS Drop-in Computer Use,

Help or Information

930 Jefferson Monday to Thursday :00am - 5:00pm riday: 9:00-12:00

950 Jefferson Avenue Ionday to Thursday 30-8:30pm Ionday & Wednesday 15-10:45am lesday & Thursday 00-12:00pm

Settlement Team: Shane. Rowena, Jose, and Salinder

Summer Student: heobe

Program Manager: Jana

Program Director: Fran



NEW OFFICE

930 JEFFERSON AVE.

Conversation Classes: Thursday's 6:00-7:30 starting June 4th @ 930 Jefferson Avenue. Please contact Shane more information. Phone: 204-632-1716 Or Email: nisw4@7oaks.org.

English Conversation Café: Wednesday,

New Settlement Office now open !!

Adult Learning Centre.

June10th 6:00pm-8:00pm. Guest speaker will be a pharmacist. Listen and share stories about settlement and qualification recognition from a pharmacist who immigrated to Canada. At 950

Computer Tutoring Drop-by tutoring at 930 Jefferson Avenue on Monday evenings 6:00-7:30 and Wednesday afternoons 1-3pm. Call Jose if you have any questions. No pre-registration required.

Are you pregnant? Free Prenatal Classes: Tuesday & Wednesdays July 7th & 8th, July 14th & 15th : 5:30- 730 @ 930 Jefferson. Learn about newborn care, learn breastfeeding, giving birth and what to expect in Canada after childbirth care. Please contact Salinder, 632-1716.

SELF DEFENSE classes for adults, no cost. Every Friday 6:00-7:00 pm, May 29 to June 22nd.

Garden Box Project: Do you want to have your own garden? Come out and learn how to garden, as well as take a garden box home to take care of your own garden beds. If you have a backyard or an apartment balcony and you are interested, please contact Shane for more information. Phone # 632-1716. More details coming soon!

Next SONA (Seven Oaks Newcomer Advisory) Meeting is meeting @ 950 Jefferson Avenue Wednesday June 10th, 2015. Are you looking for committee experience? Come join our Newcomer advisory committee Everyone is welcome!! Contact Jana 204-632-1716.





# **ONGOING & UPCOMING**



Philippine Heritage and Independence Day Celebration: Friday June 12th, 5:00-8:00pm

Formal program at 6:00pm at Judy Silver Commons, Maples Collegiate. Admission \$3.00.

### **Employment assistance:**

Are you looking for a job? Come and get assistance with finding a new job or exploring different job options you may be interested in doing, learn what careers Canada can offer. To make an appointment contact Shane @ 204-632-1716 or drop by 950 or 930 Jefferson Avenue.

Resume Support: Tuesday's 6:00-7:30pm

Job Search: Wednesday's 1:00-3:00pm

Interview Skills: Thursday's 10:30-11:30am

## For other appointment times please contact Immigrant Services @ 697-5967 or 632-1716

English Conversation Walking group: Every Wednesday 6:00-7:30pm starting July 8th. Meet at 950 Jefferson Avenue

English Conversation classes: Starting in July every Tuesday Morning 9:30-10:30am @ 930 Jefferson Avenue.

## Free English Classes being for immigrants in grades Kindergarten to grade 8.

July 6th-24th 9:30-11:30 @ Amber Trails school. To register you must be a Seven Oaks School Division student. Please contact your child's school to register, or phone the adult learning centre at 632-1716 for more information.







# The Foundations of the Seven Oaks Education Foundation 3

Previous Seven Oaks Education Foundation newsletters have introduced (or re-introduced) members of the Foundation's volunteer board. Now it's time to hear from the remaining members and find out why they give their time to help give Seven Oaks students opportunities to further their education.

### Theresa Hass-Speirs

Born and raised in the Seven Oaks community, Theresa's connection to the Seven Oaks School Division started with her attending school there. But it didn't end there.

Theresa has been employed by the Division since she graduated from the University of Winnipeg. She began

as a classroom teacher and, more recently, became Student Services Coordinator. Of course, she's also a Board member with the Seven Oaks Education Foundation.

"Seven Oaks has been my home and now it's time to give back," she said when asked why she volunteers for the Board.



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While the work the Foundation does inspires Theresa to volunteer, she also draws inspiration from her fellow Board members, saying, "I enjoy the collegiality of being a part of a Board whose goal is to provide opportunities for students living in our community."

When she's not at work in the Division, Theresa might be at her year-round cottage or working out at the Reh-Fit Centre.

"My goal is to remain healthy and strong in anticipation of retirement in the next few years."

Until it's time to retire, Theresa will be doing her part to enhance education in the Division and beyond.

"My goal for the Foundation is always bigger and better, " says Theresa. "The more scholarships we can offer, the greater the impact we have on the futures of our students."

#### Heather Janczyszyn

You may know Heather as a neighbor and parent in Riverbend whose sons attended Seven Oaks schools before graduating from West Kildonan Collegiate in 2010 and 2012, respectively.

If you're a customer at the Main and Semple Branch of the Royal Bank of Canada (RBC), you might also recognize Heather from her work as a Financial Advisor. Oddly enough, it was her work at the bank that led her to volunteer for the SOEF Board.

"The branch managers at RBC Main and Semple have been Board members for several years, and I have attended the Bud Spuds in the past, so I was aware of the great work the Board does to raise money for scholarships," explains Heather. "When my manager asked me to attend a meeting on her behalf, I was happy to go, and ultimately volunteered to take the position when the opportunity arose."

"One of my sons received a scholarship

from West Kildonan Collegiate, so I want to ensure that this Board is successful in continuing to provide scholarships for high school children."

Ultimately, it's Heather's belief in the Foundation's work that keeps her involved. "I believe in the purpose of the Board, which is to raise funds for scholarships for post secondary education," said Heather. "I went to university and got my Bachelor of Commerce degree, so I know that education is important, and we have instilled that in our children." Because she works nearby, finding time to attend the Board meetings isn't too difficult for Heather. She even finds time to attend Manitoba Theatre Centre plays and the Royal Winnipeg Ballet. What she wants to find more time for is community involvement with the Seven Oaks Education Foundation.

"I have only been on the Board for a short time, but I would like to see greater involvement from the Community – perhaps with a presence at some of the high school events, maybe with a booth to show people what the Foundation is and does."

#### **Brent Olynyk**

If you live in either Winnipeg or the RM of West St. Paul, you definitely know Brent. He was project manager on several special projects for the City of Winnipeg, including the \$6.5 million Central Park rebuild and the transition of Assiniboine Park to the public sector. Today, he's the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) of the Rural Municipality of West St. Paul.

His roots in the Seven Oaks community run deep.

"My mother, Mabel Dobrinsky was born on Hartford Ave in 1926. She along with eight brothers and sisters attended school in the Seven Oaks School Division. Since then, there have been well over 60 descendants of this family who went through the same school division, including my cousin Randy Bachman," says Brent. "In the early days, most students did not receive the encouragement or have the finances to go beyond high school. Financial help or even a pat on the back from a teacher can spur a student to go further in school. I never had that and wanted to change it."

Brent's own educational journey was challenging. He began working in 1977 at the age of 17. He attended university at night for over 35 years, achieving a Masters in Public Administration, as well as other diplomas and degrees. "All my family was very proud," he recalls.

"I want everyone in Seven Oaks School Division to have the opportunity for a post secondary education and for the community to be proud of us all."

His current role as the CAO of the RM of West St Paul keeps him busy, as does his work not only with the Seven Oaks Education Foundation but with the Platinum Jets Fundraising Group, the Seven Oaks General Hospital Foundation and the Robert Coffey Memorial Scholarship Foundation (of which he is currently President).

Busy as he is, Brent still puts his family first. He, his wife, Kim, and daughter, Jade, always make time to head out to their cottage at Grand Beach to enjoy summer with neighbours and friends.

His dedication to education – and the Seven Oaks Education Foundation – never flags. He credits part of that to the energy and enthusiasm his fellow Board members bring to the table.

"The other Board members are extremely dedicated, especially the members who currently or previously taught or worked at Seven Oaks School Division, " says Brent. "The Board works very hard to provide opportunities to a diverse group of students. There is a lot of passion within this organization."

"I want this Board to be the model for all other school divisions that are trying

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to move forward with scholarships. We want to pave the way for every child in the Seven Oaks School Division to have hope and achieve their dreams. And one day, I believe they will come back, tell us their success stories and then help the next generation to become even better."

#### **Edie Wilde**

If you've spent any time in the Seven Oaks School Division in the last 40 years, you will almost certainly know the name Edie Wilde.

In 1975, Edie began her Seven Oaks School Division career as a teacher at Collicutt School. She went on to work at A.E. Wright, O.V. Jewitt, Margaret Park School, and Elwick Community School. to name just a few. She's also been an administrator and assistant superintendent, so it's no surprise that she became a member of the Seven Oaks Education Foundation Board.

"When the Board approached me to become a Board member, I could not say no," says Edie. "I have a deep connection to the School Division and I care deeply about the students in this community."

Edie recently retired, and is spending her time with family and friends, travelling, cooking, studying art history, doing home renovations and – of course – volunteering, an interest that naturally includes the Seven Oaks Education Foundation Board.

"The Board commitment is a small investment of time," says Edie. "And being on the Board is a way to stay connected and to give back to a community that has been an integral part of my life."

"I have not been able to attend every event or meeting, but when I do, my contributions are always welcomed. The people around the Board table want to make a difference in the lives of students as they transition into postsecondary education, and I am proud to be associated with this dedicated group of community members."

Edie's years with the Division have provided her with a particular appreciation for the Foundation's work and its increasing importance to the community.

"The costs of post-secondary education keep rising," notes Edie. "I believe that the Board needs to continue to fundraise in order to expand scholarship opportunities."

#### **Mario Coquete**

For Mario, the Seven Oaks Education Foundation isn't just a worthwhile organization; it's a valued client.

Mario is both a Branch Manager and Mutual Fund Representative with the Royal Bank of Canada (RBC) at the 1795 Henderson Highway location. Because the Seven Oaks Education Foundation is among RBC's clients, Mario knows first-hand how seriously the Board takes its fiscal responsibilities.

Add the fact that he has two children attending Edmund Partridge School in the Division, and it's not all surprising that he's on the Board.

"I had been a Board member for a while before but left for a period," explains Mario. "When the new President, Kraig Hillis – a good friend of mine – asked me to return, I felt the time was right. And I was more than happy to because I think it's important for us to do whatever we can do to help students get an education."

Like his fellow Board Members, Mario makes time for the Foundation amidst a busy schedule. He balances his Board duties with the bank, his role as Chairperson of the Financial Committee at his church, his involvement with the Manitoba Movement Centre and – of course – his family.

Two things inspire him to schedule time for the Seven Oaks Education Foundation. The first is his belief in what the Foundation is doing for students. The second is his fellow

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#### Board members.

"These are people dedicated to making a difference," says Mario of his fellow Board members. "Many of them work or have worked in schools, so they know first-hand what children need for their education. And they make the decisions that, in turn, help the Foundation meet those needs."

"My own children are fortunate in that they don't need the financial help. But there are many who do, and that's what makes the Foundation so important."

As for the future of the Foundation, Mario would like to look at taking some new directions.

"I'd like to see further expansion into scholarships for our Aboriginal community," says Mario. "It's a rapidly growing community in the Seven Oaks School Division and I think we need to find ways to support those students."

"I'd like to take a look at how we can better distribute funds overall. There's limited funds, so the more we can explore ways to use those funds better, the better it is for all students in the Division."

Mario would also like to expand the partnerships between the Foundation and the Seven Oaks community.

"We have great community partners – individuals, businesses, all committed to helping students through the Foundation," says Mario. "I'd like to see us adding even more community partners. Because the more we get involved in education, the more we are able to move forward and improve the opportunities for students."

Visit **7oaksedfoundation.org** for more information on how to donate or to make an online contribution.

The Foundation provides tax receipts for donations of \$10 or more.





# Join the Graduation Celebration!

Graduation is a culmination of hard work and dedication. It's the recognition of promise realized and potential yet to be explored. It's about taking time to enjoy a sense of personal accomplishment and pride – and of sharing that moment with the people who have been there to provide support and guidance along the way.

We invite you to join family, friends and other well-wishers in saying congratulations to this year's Seven Oaks School Division graduates at their ceremonies:

### 2015

- The Seven Oaks Graduation Powwow Thursday, June 4, 2015 - 7pm West Kildonan Collegiate Gymnasium
- The MET School Graduation Wednesday, June 17, 2015 - 1pm Garden City Collegiate Gymnasium
- Garden City Collegiate Graduation
  Monday, June 22, 2015 7pm
  Centennial Concert Hall
- Maples Collegiate Graduation
  Thursday, June 25, 2015 7pm
  Centennial Concert Hall
- West Kildonan Collegiate Graduation Friday, June 26, 2015 - 7pm Centennial Concert Hall
- Adult Education Graduation Monday, June 29, 2015 - 7pm Maples Collegiate, Judy Silver Commons

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