

**November  
2023**



# November Newsletter

Dear Morrison Families, Привіт, сім'ї Моррісон

We have had an eventful and exciting month!  
**Thank you PAC for generously donating pumpkins  
that were carved and decorated by our students.**



Students and staff also participated in a very spirited Spirit Week, having fun dressing up for the variety of days.



In other news, the kids participating in cross country ran for 2.5 weeks every morning recess developing stamina to run 3 full laps around the school block. The grade 4-6's participated in a divisional run at Little Mountain Park where they were outstanding athletes and represented the school positively. When they got back from the race they were able to warm up with a hot chocolate/herbal tea in the MPR prepared by Ms. Nikki and Ms. Linda. The grade 3's had a race at our school and their older fellow Cross Country members and coaches cheered them on. Great running everyone!



Grade 4 and 5 students have also been involved in handball this month. Learning about it in their PE classes, and those who have wanted to play more have been practicing at lunch hours for the Divisional Handball tournament on November 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. Good luck Handballers!

Lastly, a big thank you to Michael Winter who donated a fire pit to our school. Classrooms have already enjoyed some rich outdoor learning. After learning in the classroom about the importance of fire and traditional Bannock making in the Metis culture, students were able to take that learning outside and bake Bannock as a class. Thank you, Mike, for the fire pit that will allow many students to engage in continued valuable outdoor learning.

*Amber Anderson & Oksana Kosteckyj*

Principal & Vice-Principal

## From the Office

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- **Please keep children home if they have cold/flu symptoms** until fevers have stopped and they're starting to feel better.
- If your child is not going to be at school for any reason (sick, late, vacation, etc.), please contact the office at 204-338-7804 or email [rfmorrison@7oaks.org](mailto:rfmorrison@7oaks.org).
- Please remember to include utensils when packing snacks and lunches for the students. And remember to send children to school with a water bottle.



- It is getting increasingly colder out; please remember to dress your children for the weather—mitts, toque, neck warmer, warm coat, boots, ski pants, etc



### **Very Important Request**



The parking lot spots are **all paid spots for staff** and we ask that parents **do not use the lot for pick up and drop off of students at any time of the day.** Please make use of street parking for pick up and drop off, and outside of the time directly before and after school when busses are running, you may use the bus loop to park for short periods of time **BUT ENGINES MUST BE TURNED OFF** as fresh air intake is along that wall and we can't have exhaust fumes entering the classrooms. Thank you so very much for your compliance with this request.

\*R.F. Morrison PAC (Parent Advisory Council) is continuing to plan another year of fun events and initiatives. PAC plays a key role in planning community events, Hot Lunch, and fundraisers that support our greening/playground project.

You can join the PAC Facebook group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/879161455520474/?ref=share>

PAC meetings will be announced by email and are always open to all parents/guardians of RFM students. We would love to have more parents join our PAC. All are welcome!

## **Indigenous Word of the Week**

At Morrison each week we learn an Ojibwe or Cree word. We'd like to share those words with you monthly. Maybe at home you can find ways of using them too! Words for the last month with translations in English and Ukrainian:

**Okosimaan** (*Ojibwe*): pumpkin or squash, гарбуз

**Pisim** (*Cree*): sun, сонце

**Gashkadino Giizis** (*Ojibwe*): Freezing Moon, Замерзаючий Місяць

**Mikwendaagozi** (*Ojibwe*): to remember (Ojibwe), запам'ятати


# NOVEMBER 2023



**Школа R.F. Morrison School**

204-338-7804

<http://www.7oaks.org/school/rfmorrison>

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> Day 5 <b>Divisional Day</b> <b>(No classes)</b>	<b>2</b> Day 6	<b>3</b> Day 1	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Day 2	<b>7</b> Day 3	<b>8</b> Day 4	<b>9</b> Day 5	<b>10</b> Day 6	<b>11</b> Remembrance Day 
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Day 1	<b>14</b> Day 2	<b>15</b> Day 3	<b>16</b> Day 4	<b>17</b> Day 5	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Day 6 Book Fair All Week in Library	<b>21</b> Day 1	<b>22</b> Day 2	<b>23</b> Day 3 <b>Parent/Teacher</b> <b>(evening)</b>	<b>24</b> Day 4 <b>Parent/Teacher</b> <b>(No classes)</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Day 5	<b>28</b> Day 6	<b>29</b> Day 1	<b>30</b> Day 2		

## November 2023 – IMPORTANT DATES

- 1<sup>st</sup> Divisional Day- No Classes
- 11<sup>th</sup> Remembrance Day
- 20<sup>th</sup> Picture Retakes – A.M. Only
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Report Cards available
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Student Led Conferences - (Evening)
- 24<sup>th</sup> Student Led Conferences – No classes



### Learn to Swim

Mondays – Room 5  
Wednesdays Rooms 10



### Learn to Skate

Mondays - Rooms 8  
Tuesdays - Rooms 15

## GRADE 6

**BAND - Days 2-4-6 in MPR**  
**TAS – Day 1 @ GCCI**

## Parent-Child Program

located @ RFM

**Monday & Wednesday Mornings**  
**9:00 – 11:00 a.m. in the MPR**

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