

R. F. Morrison School

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OCTOBER, 2013

Principal's Message

IMPORTANT DATES:

OCT. 4	MOVIE NIGHT P.A.C. 6:30
OCT. 8	IMMUNIZATIONS GR. 4 STUDENTS & 6 GIRLS
OCT. 14	THANKSGIVING DAY- NO SCHOOL
OCT. 18	HOT LUNCH
OCT. 21	SAGE PROV. INSERVICE NO SCHOOL
NOV. 8	PICTURE RETAKES A.M. ONLY
NOV. 11	REMEMBRANCE DAY NO SCHOOL
NOV. 15	HOT LUNCH
NOV. 19 & 21	EVENING STUDENT/PARENT/ TEACHER CONFERENCES
NOV. 22	NO SCHOOL STUDENT/PARENT/ TEACHER CONFERENCES
DEC. 11 & 12	11TH ENGLISH CONCERT 12TH UKRAINIAN CONCERT
DEC. 13	HOT LUNCH
DEC. 20	LAST DAY

September has flown by, and everyone has settled in nicely to the daily life at school. Thank you all for participating in Orientation Days at the beginning of September.

It's great to welcome so many new students and staff members to the R.F. Morrison community.

Some of the September events included:

All students participated in bus evacuation drills with our divisional bus drivers and school patrols.

All students in Grades 1 – 6 enjoyed a visit and performance by the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra's woodwind ensemble.

Ms Borys' and Ms Luna's classes started skating lessons at the Maples arena.

Terry Fox run and assembly – Our school raised over \$300 for cancer research!

We continue to focus on nutrition, healthy eating and active living. We ask for your help in encouraging children to make healthy choices when packing their snacks and lunches for school. We now

have a water fill station and students are encouraged to bring water bottles (not glass) to school. Additionally, please remember not to send any food containing peanuts or tree nuts, as a number of our



students have life-threatening allergies to these products. Please consult your family handbook for more information.

Thanks to all of you for using the parent area in front of the office to wait for your children at the end of the school day. This decreases congestion, noise and activity in our hallways and allows your children and their teachers to focus and work right to the end the school day in their classrooms.

For the safety of your children, we remind parents and caregivers to respect the street signage on Morrison St. in

terms of parking and stopping, especially during bus drop off and pick up times. And just a reminder that there are clearly marked visitor parking spots along the north fence (playground side) in the parking lot. All other parking is assigned to staff. Even though another spot may appear to be open, that staff member may be returning late from a meeting or an appointment and will need their parking spot. Thank you for your understanding.

Please take a look at the mural on the front of the school, created in June by Wayne Elliot, artist, with the help of some of our students. Thanks to PAC for their support of this project! Bilyk's bench, purchased by PAC in honor of past principal Terry Bilyk, sits in front of this beautiful mural.

**Medication
Reminder!**

If your child requires medication at school, please remember to send or bring it in the original pharmacy container with dosage instructions. You will also be required to sign an "Administration of Prescription Medication" consent form. For the safety of your children, we are unable to administer medications brought to school in unmarked containers (example: Ziploc bags, Tupperware containers, unmarked pill bottles).

P.A.C.

News

Co-Chair:

D. Miller

L. Radlinsky

The Parent Advisory Council would like to thank all the parents that came to our first Annual Open House event. It was nice to see familiar faces and especially nice to meet the new parents. We know that your time is valuable and we appreciate you spending some of it to get to know us and our school.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Some of you are already familiar with the parent-led Barefoot gym program at our school. We are looking for parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, etc. volunteers that would be available in the morning for approximately 1 hour to run the program for students in grades K - 2 (and don't worry if you have small children at home, you can bring them with you).

A start date will be discussed at our next PAC meeting and if you have any questions we would love to see you there.

If you are available to volunteer but unable to attend the meeting please contact the school office and let them know you would like to volunteer and leave your name, phone number and someone will contact you.

MOVIE NIGHT:

The PAC is happy to announce that in lieu of a Fall BBQ we will be having a movie night for the children of R.F. Morrison and their families on Friday, October 4, 2013. We will be providing a drink and a snack for all the children and we hope that you can make it. We will have mats out for everyone to sit on but, you are welcome to bring a pillow or blanket to make yourself comfortable. The movie will be starting at 6:30 so come early to get a good spot and a prize will be awarded to some lucky viewer at the end of the movie.

The next PAC meeting is scheduled for 6:30 on Tuesday, October 1, 2013 at R.F. Morrison School, staff lounge.

We hope to see you then!

Return to PAC R. F. Morrison School

I am available to volunteer for **Barefoot Gym:**

_____ 9-9:45 Day 1 Ms. Gray and Ms. Kunets

_____ 9-9:45 Day 3 Ms. Tarasiuk and Mrs. Kennedy

_____ 9-9:45 Day 5 Ms. Borys and Ms. Luna

Name: _____ Telephone #: _____

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 day 3 PAC MEETING 6:30P.M. CALL THE SCHOOL IF YOU REQUIRE BABYSITTING 204-338-7804	2 day 4	3 day 5 Pre-School Program 9:30-11:30	4 day 6 GR. 6 MIDDLE YRS. X-COUNTRY RUN BIRDS HILL 9-2P.M. 6:30 PAC Movie Night	5
6	7 day 1 Rm. 8 & 12 Skating Pre-School Program 9:30-11:30	8 day 2 IMMUNIZATIONS ALL GR. 4'S AND GR. 6 GIRLS P.M.	9 day 3 Gr. 3-5 Divisional X-Country Run Little Mountain Park 11:45-2:30	10 day 4 Pre-School Program 9:30-11:30	11 day 5 Gr. 3-5 X-Country Rain Day.	12
13	14 Thanksgiving Day NO SCHOOL	15 day 6 Heritage Language class start at 4:30 today. (if you have regis- tered your child), Parents pickup students at appropriate school at 5:30p.m.	16 day 1 Rm 5 Swimming 10:45—11:30 Heritage Language	17 day 2 10a.m. Assembly Heritage Language Pre-School Program 9:30-11:30	18 day 3	19
20	21 day 4 DIVISIONAL P.D. DAY NO SCHOOL	22 day 5 Heritage Language	23 day 6 Rm 5 Swimming 10:45—11:30 Heritage Language	24 day 1 Pre-School Program 9:30-11:30 Heritage Language	25 day 2 S.A.G.E. INSERVICE NO SCHOOL	26
27	28 day 3 Rm. 8 & 12 Skating Pre-School Program 9:30-11:30	29 day 4 Heritage Language	30 day 5 Rm 5 Swimming 10:45—11:30 Heritage Language	31 day 6 HAPPY HALLOWEEN Heritage Language		

YOU MAY VIEW OUR FULL OCTOBER NEWSLETTER ON OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE:

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

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RF Morrison Preschool Program October 2013



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3 9:30 – 11:30	4	5
6	7 9:30 – 11:30	8	9	10 9:30 – 11:30	11	12
13	14 Thanksgiving NO SCHOOL	15	16	17 9:30 – 11:30	18	19
20	21 PD DAY NO SCHOOL	22	23	24 9:30 – 11:30	25 SAGE NO SCHOOL	26
27 	28 9:30 – 11:30	29	30	31 NO PROGRAM 		

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Manitoba Parents for Ukrainian Education Inc. Annual General Meeting

Date: Saturday, October 26, 2013
Location: St. Anne Ukrainian Catholic Church
35 Marcie Street
Winnipeg, Manitoba
Time: 9:45am - Continental Breakfast to be served
10:00 AM – 12:00

Manitoba Parents for Ukrainian Education (MPUE) would like to invite you to attend and learn more about this organization and what we are doing to enhance the learning experience for your child(ren)! Come learn more about the activities MPUE organizes and sponsors, such as field trips for grades 4-8/9, for all children enrolled in the 12 English-Ukrainian Bilingual Schools in Manitoba. We also will address questions and suggestions you may have regarding the English-Ukrainian Bilingual Program.

As a parent of a child/ children registered in the English-Ukrainian Bilingual Program, you are automatically a member! Nominations are now being accepted for all positions on the MPUE Executive Committee – all positions are listed on our website at www.mpue.ca. If you, or someone you know is interested in a position on the Executive, contact the MPUE office at (204) 942-5405.

Sincerely,

Susan S. Zuk

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President, MPUE

Please reply by email (mpueinc@mpue.ca) or phone (204 942-5405) or by sending this completed form back to your child's school by **Thursday, October 17th**

Name of Parent(s) _____

Name of Child(ren) and Grade _____

Phone Number _____ Email: _____

Name of School _____

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Seven Oaks School Division OJIBWE & CREE LANGUAGE PROGRAMMING APPLICATION FORM

PARENT/GUARDIANS/CAREGIVERS
Seven Oaks School Division

Seven Oaks School Division is once again pleased to offer languages classes in Cree and Ojibwe to its division community including. These sessions are Free and open to all staff and parents of Seven Oaks School Division. The classes will run as a **10 week program on Wednesday evening from 4:30-6:30** at Edmund Partridge School, 1874 Main Street. This series will incorporate experiential learning opportunities and work to build community through interaction learning. Mark your calendar, all classes will take place on Wednesday's which include:

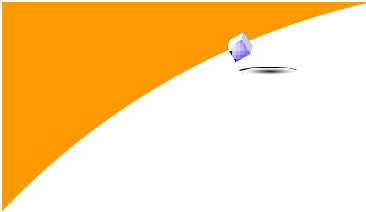
October 16 23, 30
November 6, 13, 20, 27
December 4 & 11

On Saturday December 7th, 2013 there will be a 4 hour cultural experiential learning class that will allow you to apply what you learned throughout this series. Don't miss this celebration!

FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL REBECCA.CHARTRAND@7OAKS.ORG

FILL OUT THE ATTACHED REGISTRATION FORM ASAP

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!



SOSD ABORIGINAL LANGUAGES REGISTRATION FORM

Applicant Information:

Name:
Address:
City, Province:
Postal Code:
Phone number(s)

Emergency Contact Person:
Relationship:
Phone Number:
E-Mail Address:

Choose a Language Program:

Teacher: Shirley Cook **Cree** ___
Teacher: Pat Ningewance **Ojibwe** ___

Have you taken a language program before YES ___ NO ___
Are you of Aboriginal descent YES ___ NO ___

PLEASE SUBMIT REGISTRATION FORM TO:

Bernadette Smith
EMAIL: BERNADETTE.SMITH@7OAKS.ORG
FAX: 204 632-6198
MAIL: 1520 JEFFERSON AVENUE
TELEPHONE: 2042507253

FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL REBECCA.CHARTRAND@7OAKS.ORG

If you are a staff member of the division (i.e EA, teacher admin, bus driver) please register on employee connect to participate.

SPARE CHANGE FOR BRAINS

Supporting Global Education

Make change with your change



MCF Founder Kish Modha at Kamwokya School

Every kid deserves a shot at quality education – no matter their station, background or location.

That's why Seven Oaks School Division is teaming up with the Mondetta Charity Foundation to help improve access to education and learning supports both near and far.

We're giving our Spare Change for Brains!

The Halloween themed initiative will fund programming and services at our own Wayfinders program as well as the construction of new classroom space at the Mondetta-supported Kamwokya School in Uganda.

We encourage all Seven Oaks students, parents and residents to take part in the change drive from October 1 through Halloween night.

Your pennies, nickels, dimes and dollars will all go directly back into changing the educational experience for kids who need it.

A LITTLE COIN GOES A LONG WAY

Change – both the bling-bling kind and that feel-good, kids-getting-a-better-education kind – will happen in all Seven Oaks schools Oct 7-31.

Students will be encouraged to use their spare change for brains by either donating a lump sum at any point throughout the campaign or bringing in a coin per day on the following schedule:

October 7-11 – nickel a day

October 14-19 – dime a day

October 21-25 – quarter a day

Halloween Day – loonie or toonie

Drop your change off at any school through the month!

Community members and parents are also encouraged to participate via central receptacles located in each school's office. Donations of \$20 or more will receive a tax receipt.

We'll tally the total on November 1 and send half the money raised to Kamwokya School and half to our own Wayfinders program – no administrative fees, no kickbacks.

We're helping one kid at a time, one coin at a time!



**SEVEN OAKS
SCHOOL DIVISION**
community begins here

MORE ON MONDETTA CHARITY FOUNDATION*

Mondetta Charity Foundation – established by Mondetta Clothing – aims to make a difference in East Africa, the first home of the company's founders.

MCF's strong philanthropic efforts benefit a wide variety of local, national and international charitable organizations and ease some of the suffering in Kenya and Uganda.



Tackling such problems as poverty and the devastating AIDS epidemic, MCF takes action at the grassroots level to ensure the help pledged goes to those who need it most.

MCF supports the operations of Kamwokya Primary School – a tiny and overcrowded, 1,400-student complex located in a sprawling slum in Kampala, Uganda's capital.



AEW teacher JNan Bjornson with students on a trip to Uganda

KAMWOKYA SCHOOL – OUR PARTNER IN LEARNING

Seven Oaks is proud to partner with the Mondetta Charity Foundation as a longtime supporter of Kamwokya School.

Our Arthur Wright School is Kamwokya's sister school and teachers travel between the schools on our Teacher Exchange Program.

*CRA Charitable No. 817720071-RR0001

We donate old school supplies, books and outdated shelving and office furniture to the school and are happy to further support MCF's efforts, which include:

- Implementing a daily feeding program that has served over 2 million meals to hungry children many of whom would go without were it not for the lunch received at school
- Providing uniforms to all 1400 students at the school
- Revitalizing the school library
- A Dental Mission that witnessed five dentists, their assistants and families travel to Uganda to establish a temporary clinic at the school and provide dental treatment to 400 children

WAYFINDERS FAST FACTS

Seven Oaks believes every student deserves a chance. A chance at education. A chance at community. And a chance at a brighter, better future.

Wayfinders is a community-based mentorship and outreach program that aims to provide that chance to high-school-aged students living in NW Winnipeg's Elwick Community and Watson Street neighbourhood.

Run outside regular school hours, Wayfinders supports low-income students earning credits towards graduation and developing life skills through tutoring, career exploration, community mentorship and community service.

Students who visit Wayfinders engage in their communities and work together to set goals and reach their full potential in high school and beyond.

