

# Hawk Talk

École Seven Oaks Middle School

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Every day we aspire to be a great school for all our students – each and everyone. No exceptions.

This means creating a space in which all students feel safe, cared for, and engaged in meaningful school work. We are committed to the learning of our students, to our ongoing professional learning and to good teaching practice.

Schools are dynamic places. They never stand still. They are forever evolving and changing. For this very reason, we continually pay attention to questions such as:

1. What are we doing and why?
2. What is the educational value of our teaching practice?
3. What are our students learning?
4. How are we living the values and the culture of our school community?

These essential questions are always on the “front burner” and we are looking forward to our ongoing conversations about them with the parents and guardians of our students.

Best wishes for a happy and healthy New Year!



## IMPORTANT DATES

January 9	Classes resume – Day 5
January 10	Parent Advisory Council 6:30 pm - staffroom
February 3	School PD – No Classes
February 7	Parent Advisory Council 6:30 pm
February 8	Human Rights Museum Evening 6:00 pm
February 20	Louis Riel Day – No Classes
March 5	ESOMS Winter Activity Day
March 6	Parent Advisory Council 6:30 pm
March 7	ESOMS Band Concert 7:00 at NKMB
March 9	Student Reports go home
March 13	Parent/Teacher/Student Conferencing - Evening
March 15	Parent/Teacher/Student Conferencing - Evening
March 16	Parent/Teacher/Student Conferencing – No Classes
March 15-16	Brandon Jazz festival
March 23	Last day of classes before Spring Break
April 2	Classes resume after Spring Break
April 3	Parent Advisory Council 6:30 pm
April 6	Good Friday – No Classes
April 9 – 12	ESOMS Musical Production
April 18	ESOMS Open House – 7:00 pm
April 20	School PD – No Classes
May 1	Parent Advisory Council 6:30 pm
May 7	School PD – No Classes
May 15-18	Band Trip
May 21	Victoria Day – No Classes
June 5	Parent Advisory Council 6:30 pm
June 13	Choral Concert
June 27	Grade 8 Farewell Evening
June 28	Administration Day – No Classes
June 29	Last Day of Classes

# Multiple Intelligences in the classroom

La classe de M.Hall (7e année)

Most classes typically focus on the main subjects, like math, spelling and reading. What is unique about our class is that we have learned about all the different intelligences. We have learned that everyone has an intelligence. Not everyone has to be school smart, but can be musically rhythmic, bodily kinesthetic, verbal linguistic, and there are many others. To make this experience more creative, our class made a class brain out of plasticine. This makes it easier to locate someone in the class to help us with that intelligence. Everybody wrote their name on a Popsicle stick and their intelligence and put it on the brain. Here are the intelligences of our class: Verbal linguistic (Good orally and writing), math logical (enjoys learning math and solving puzzles and problems), intrapersonal (knows themselves and enjoys working alone) interpersonal (likes to work in groups, very social), Naturalist (someone that likes to be outside and loves animals and the environment), bodily kinesthetic (enjoys doing sports and likes to move around), existential (someone that wonders about the bigger questions about life), musically rhythmic (enjoys listening and playing music) visual spatial (loves to design and enjoys drawing and making art). Our class really enjoys learning about this because we learned that even though we might not be math logical or verbal linguistic, we are still smart in other intelligences.

## HOW CHAMELEON GOT TO CHANGE HIS COLOURS

By: Matthew  
December 19<sup>th</sup> 2011

A long time ago, in a large forest, there lived a chameleon. Every day, animals tried to eat him. He was never safe. He wished that he could change colours. One day, he went to the gecko twins. They said; "if you want your wish to come true, you must go to the wise old wizard". So, chameleon said his good-byes and set off. He set out to the place behind the two mountains. He was almost eaten several times. Finally, he reached a big cave. Inside was the wizard. The chameleon asked if he could change colours. The wizard said he could grant his wish if he brought him the following objects; lots of colourful autumn leaves, earth, grass and water. The chameleon set off to the nearest northern village. There he found a bunch of grass, earth and leaves which he carried on his back. Then he went to the nearest river and put some water into a large empty shell. He returned to the wizard. The wizard magically transformed all the objects into a coat over the chameleon. The chameleon thanked the wizard. Once he got back home nobody ever bothered him again.

## Mme Persaud : Salle 30

*By: Emily*

In Social Studies we learnt about John A. Macdonald, Poundmaker, Louis Riel and the history of Manitoba. We went on a trip to the Saint Boniface Museum. We visited Louis Riel's and Andre Nault's grave. We talked about Louis Riel and how he went to school because only rich kids went to school. It was 10 cents a year to go to school. They had a rope that said it was used in the hanging of Louis Riel, but I don't believe that. They also had a mask that they put over Louis Riel's head. I liked this unit.



## Mrs. Waskul : Room 35

By: Brooke

This month, my class decided to do a fundraiser in efforts to raise money for Siloam Mission. The cost to feed one person Christmas dinner is about \$2.97. Our class goal was to raise enough money to feed 25 people (that's how many students we have in our class). We ended up raising \$100.62. That was enough to feed 33 people. We were very pleased to have surpassed our goal.

After a job well-done, we thought it might be fun to reward ourselves. Our lovely teacher, Ms. Waskul, and paraprofessional, Ms. Morton, brought in some tasty treats to enjoy while we watched "The Smurfs". We called it "Our 'Smurfalicious' Siloam Mission Fundraiser".

I think it's fair to say that *everyone* in my class thoroughly enjoyed this. It felt so good to be helping others in the season of giving.

## News Flash from the BOSS Room

Grade 8, Rm. 31

In the past month our class has been very busy reading the novel, *Juliana and the Medicine Fish*, by a local author – Jake MacDonald. This novel is contemporary and takes place in Winnipeg and the Lake of the Woods. We have been learning about how complicated relationships can be and the different perspectives. Thank you to Mrs. Kiva for encouraging our writing skills and to Mr. Meiers introducing us to *Brimm's Tales*.

We've completed an expository text in the form of a "How to Book." All of the students did a great job presenting their information. In Science we completed a major project on "Specialized Cells" and presented to our class along with Ms. Koshelanyk's class. In Math, we have been working with fractions and in Social Studies we have begun to study Ancient Egypt. Thank you to Ms. McGowan for coming in and showing the class "The Magic Circle."

Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> marked our second class feast of the year. We all shared things that we are thankful for in our lives. Thank you to our parents and families for supporting this endeavour. Everyone enjoyed it and we were able to share the event with several other students.





## Life in Room 19

Life in room 19 is very fun and it can get very loud and busy. We do independent work but we all love having group work time. Our teacher Mr. Nault lets us express who we are as people. We do a lot of fun things with Mr. Serzu also. We all like sharing band and exploratory time together with the other classes. On day 4 we share TAS classes with all of the other grades 6 classes including the French immersion students. In our room 19 class we do lots (and most) of our activities as a class but we also do many activities with room 26. We have gone on community and park walks with Mr. Nault's and Mr. Serzu's classes. Both of our classes were looking at street names and signs. Being able to work with other classes is what a lot of us like to do.

"I like working with other classes" says Nickolas of room 19.

"I like working with other classes because I think that is fun" says Mackenzie L. of room 19.

"I like working with other groups because it's nice to have some help from other people from other classrooms" says Alon of room 19.

We love working in our classroom and we are not in a rush for the school year to end.

By: Shae-Lynn and Sydnie



### Sunny Mountain Daycare

**Belmont Before and After School Program now have openings for ages 6-12 years of age. Please contact 290-7980 for more information or stop by our location in the gym at Belmont School and speak to Teresa.**

**Governor Semple Children's Place have openings for ages Kindergarten to 12 years of age. Please contact 290-7920 or stop by Room 5 at Governor Semple School and speak to Anita.**

### SHHH... (Student Holiday Hamper Helpers)

"SHHH..." was the name chosen as the good deeds that the students are intended to participate in are done with a sense of secrecy. The goal is to generate a sense of humility. Not all actions require an expression of gratitude, but that the purpose of "giving," "charity," "donating" is from the heart and a personal choice.

This new group has been involved in creating crafts and generating ideas in which students can increase their citizenry. The students have the opportunity to attend one day after school on Mondays, and one lunch time on Fridays. This is done as a drop in and the students who have been attending along with the Gr. 8 Rm. 31 class created a variety of gifts/crafts (table center pieces, tree ornaments, etc.) that were given to all of the families on our Hamper list.

After the winter holiday the group name will become "SH" for student helpers.

### Keeping Balance

Keeping Balance has started this month and has been running on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3pm-5pm. This program is planned to recommence in the New Year. This is a program that is open to all students. Permission slips are available in the office.

## KYAC @ ESOMS

KYAC RESUMES NORMAL HOURS ON JANUARY 9<sup>th</sup> 2012!

### JANUARY INFO

**Come and participate @ KYAC and enter your chance to WIN JETS TICKETS!**

**(Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> vs Boston and/or March 5<sup>th</sup> vs Buffalo)**

**\*rules/regulations @ kyac locations, draw eligibility between December and March\***

Governor Semple → Now open to ALL KYAC participants!!

FREE All school year long!

Guitar Program with Ashley continues through January – Thursday nights  
@ ESOMS from 6-8pm in the Band Room

Register w/ KYAC – Email us [kyac@7oaks.org](mailto:kyac@7oaks.org) for more details!\*\*

ALL ARE WELCOME!

\*\*Subject to cancel if there are not enough participants\*\*

Check out our website: <http://www.7oaks.org/Programs/KYAC/Pages/default.aspx>

'Like' our page on facebook, search KYAC

Follow us on twitter → @kyac7oaks for daily updates

For more information, contact Pierre Feng, KYAC Program Coordinator, at 586-0327 or

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# January 2012

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
1 New Year's Day	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 Day 5 School Reopens	10 Day 6 Parent Advisory Council 6:30 pm	11 Day 1	12 Day 2	13 Day 3	14
15	16 Day 4	17 Day 5	18 Day 6	19 Day 1	20 Day 2	21
22	23 Day 3	24 Day 4	25 Day 5	26 Day 6	27 Day 1	28
29	30 Day 2	31 Day 3				



