



West St. Paul School

3740 Main St. West St. Paul, Manitoba R4A 1A4

Telephone: 204-339-1964

Fax: 204-339-7204

website: www.7oaks.org/school/weststpaul

David Ingram – Principal Tammy Harder – Vice-Principal Jenny Macdonald – Vice-Principal

April 4, 2024

Dear Families.

Welcome back! Spring has arrived and our field is wet, muddy and icy all at the same time. Soccer, football and basketball games are back during recess breaks along with the ever-present man tracker. Slips on ice, mud, gravel, goose droppings are common, so it is a good idea for students to have extra clothing to change into if they get dirty. Rubber boots are recommended.

Badminton season and cross-country running are starting in the gym while our Gidha, Bhangra, Tap Dance and Jigging clubs continue practicing for Day of Dance and Arts in the Park performances.

Children who require transportation for school next year must have an online application completed for them by their parents. Go to the 7oaks.org website and choose Departments and go to Transportation. Look for the big yellow dot to complete the form. Please complete one application for each child needing bus transportation.

It is no secret that our community and West St. Paul School continue to grow rapidly. If you know people in our catchment area that have not yet registered their children for next year or if you know of kindergarten age children (born 2019) for next year who have not yet registered, please encourage them to do so. Conversely, if you are moving from our community next year, please call the school so that we can forward your child's records to the new school.

We know that there will be an eclipse taking place on Monday. Because it will be a partial eclipse, at no point will it be safe to look at the sun. Where we live, the eclipse will be partial from about 12:50-3:10 PM.

Our students will be inside from their lunch recess before the eclipse begins but classrooms will show the eclipse on their TV. Classrooms have been talking about and learning about eclipses – both the fascinations and dangers of an eclipse. At the end of the day on Monday, students will be directed to immediately get on the school busses. Most students will be home before the eclipse ends.

Solar eclipses are quite rare, and we want our students to be respectfully cognizant of safety measures that are being taken to keep them safe.

Enjoy the spring weather!

Administrators,

David Ingram Tammy Harder Jenny Macdonald



A Word from PAC (Parent Advisory Council) April 2024

Welcome back from Spring Break! As spring arrives and the school year wraps up quickly, here are a few notes from your PAC.

PAC is a group of parents who meet once a month.
Our mandate is to:

- promote the welfare of children and student learning
- serve as a resource organization for parents
- support a common vision for the school
- act as a general liaison between the school and community
- coordinate fundraising initiatives.

Mini Minutes - March 12th ***Highlights from March's meeting***

Upcoming Events:

- McDonald's Lunch (for those who have ordered): April 24 & May 22
- Upcoming PAC meeting: April 10 at 6 pm. Child care provided.
- Registered Kindergarten Students - Welcome Night - May 7
- Final PAC Meeting and AGM - May 8 at 6 pm. **Join us for a meal!** Child care provided.
- Also, we'll be having another Family Fun Day (September 11), another Halloween Dance (October 18), and we're re-introducing our Craft Sale! (November 16)

Upcoming Fundraisers:

- Lacoste hanging baskets and frozen pizzas - **Order Due Date:** April 19, 2024
 - **Pick Up Date:** May 9th at the Access Centre from 3 - 5 pm

Next Meeting - Wednesday, April 10th from 6 - 7:30 pm. Child care provided.

Also:

- Do you own a business? Do you have donations that you think may be useful for prize baskets to raffle off? Would you like to volunteer to help out with an event, but don't want to commit to an executive position? No problem! Reach out to PAC at weststpaulpac@gmail.com and a member of our committee will contact you about ways that you can help. Thanks in advance for what you are doing for our kids!
- Did you know? West St. Paul's Craft Sale is back! Mark **November 16** on your calendar for a day of crafting and fun! If you are interested in reserving a table, reach out to weststpaulcraft@gmail.com.

PAC Annual General Meeting
Wednesday, May 8th at 6:00 pm
Child care and a hot meal will be provided!

Nominations are now being accepted for the executive for the Parent Advisory Council (PAC). Election of the 2024-2025 Executive will take place during the AGM.

The duties and responsibilities of the Executive shall include:

Chair – shall preside at meetings of the PAC Executive; shall set the agenda in consultation with the school Principal; shall chair meetings of the PAC; shall be ex-officio member (s) of all PAC committees; shall act as authorized signing officer (s) on bank accounts; shall have signing authority on official correspondence; shall coordinate all activities of the PAC executive between regular meetings.

Vice-Chair – shall assist the Chair and in the absence of the Chair; shall chair meetings and supervise the affairs of the PAC. In the event of resignation, incapacity or leave of absence of the Chair, shall fulfill those responsibilities.

Secretary – shall maintain all records pertaining to the APC and its committees; shall be responsible for any correspondence issued under the direction of the PAC; shall provide copies of meeting minutes within two weeks to all Executive members, and in addition, shall provide a copy to the school for distribution to the general public.

Treasurer – shall keep an account of all financial transactions of the PAC as per School Division guidelines; shall be responsible for banking the PAC's funds and for arranging banking services; shall present a financial report at each meeting of the PAC and an annual financial statement at the Annual General Meetings; shall submit a copy of the financial report to the Principal, who shall retain one copy on file at the school for a five year period.

Committee Chairs – shall perform duties assigned by the PAC Executive; shall provide regular progress reports to be included in the minutes; shall provide financial reports relevant to the work of the committee.

The standing committees shall be:

- Hot Lunch Committee
- Fundraising Committee
- Play Space Committee

Ad-hoc committees will be established by the PAC or the Executive as the need arises.

If you have any questions about putting your name forward to become an executive member of PAC - or if you have any questions about the AGM in general - please feel free to contact the current chair, Christine Collings, at weststpaulpac@gmail.com.



Fifth Annual

WHATEVER SALE!

**GARAGE SALE ITEMS
VENDORS
CRAFTERS
BAKERS
& MORE**

**SILENT
AUCTION
& 50/50**

**APRIL 13th
10am - 3pm**

**FREE
ADMISSION**

**PETTING
ZOO!**

IN SUPPORT OF

WKC ZOOLOGY CLUB



**West Kildonan
Collegiate**

**101 Ridgecrest Ave
IG@thewhateversale**