



# West St. Paul School

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September 28, 2023

Dear Families,

It has been a busy start to the school year. With many new students and staff at the school, we are working to build our community and routines together.

We were able to complete our Terry Fox Walk on Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. That Friday was a day where it drizzled intermittently. As we concerned ourselves about a bit of drizzle, it makes one consider the weather that Terry ran through, day after day, and what an incredible feat he accomplished by running 5373 kilometers in 143 days. Terry is truly a national hero. West St Paul School fundraised close to one thousand dollars.

We had a fantastic “Welcome Back” evening on Thursday, September 21. Our Parent Advisory Council (PAC) organized an evening of bouncers, face painting, mini-car driving, and tattoos with free pizza and drinks for everyone. We thank our PAC and volunteers for working to make this evening happen! Watch for the PAC Halloween Family Dance coming soon. The next PAC meeting is Wednesday, October 11 at 6:00. Childcare will be provided.

Each year we practice at least ten fire drills and two lockdown drills. We have already had two fire drill practices this year. After one fire drill, we practiced walking to our evacuation site at the West St. Paul Curling Club. We will always walk the west side of the highway to our evacuation site because it is safer than crossing the highway in two places with more than 650 students and staff. The west side of the highway is almost twice as quick as the east side where one needs to cross the highway in two spots. In an emergency, we will always take the safest and fastest route to the evacuation site.

Students in grades 6, 7, and 8 have been working hard on their Peace posters this month. The Lion’s International Peace Poster contest is an opportunity for students to creatively express what peace means to them. This year’s theme is “Dare to Dream”.

Tomorrow, we recognize the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and encourage everyone to wear an orange shirt. Discussions have been ongoing this week as we honour the children who never returned home and Survivors of residential schools, as well as their families and communities. Our grade 1-5 classes have been learning a song that they will be singing together outside the school tomorrow afternoon at 1:00.

Our Lost and Found Box is overflowing. Please label your child's clothing. Each month we find dozens of pieces of clothing outside, in hallways and other corners of the school. We would love to return the clothing to their owners but there are usually no identifying marks. Three or four times each year we take unclaimed clothing to the Salvation Army.

Our annual Farm to School fundraiser is now open. Vegetable packages are ordered online and will be delivered to the school and available to be picked up during parent teacher conferences November 22-24. See more information in this newsletter.

There is no school for students on Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> because of the provincial election. Our students in grades 3 and up have been learning about the election and will do a student vote on Friday and Monday. Monday October 9 is Thanksgiving, and the school will be closed.

#### Administrators

David Ingram   Tammy Harder   Jenny Macdonald



## WSP PAC Communication – Fall 2023

“Many hands make light work.”

Here at West St Paul, our Parent Advisory Council is a group of parents dedicated to keeping our families and community members up-to-date with events that are happening in and around the school. We meet once a month and all parents, guardians and community members are invited to attend our meetings. There is no commitment to sign up for positions or volunteering duties. We would love to see you out to a meeting so that you can learn about the goings on around the school, community, and offer suggestions for future events and projects.

That being said, there are times when we need help from people outside of the committee. This includes parents, grandparents, older siblings, community members, etc. With the help of these valuable volunteers, we are able to execute the visions that the committee and the school plan for. These are more of a one-time commitment and don't require any special skills or information, just a caring attitude and a willingness to help. Some examples of these opportunities include helping to distribute hot lunches or being present during fundraiser pick ups.

Take a look at the calendar below for some events that we already know about. And if you're not sure yet, but would like to be part of an email list calling for volunteers in the future, please send us your name and contact information via a google form (link found below!)

### Calendar of Events (2023-2024)

Month	Events
September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Welcome Back Family Fun Night – September 21</li> </ul>
October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Halloween Dance – October 19<sup>th</sup></li> <li>● Hot lunch starts - usually twice a month</li> </ul>
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Poinsettia Sale (into December)</li> <li>● Hot lunch - usually twice a month</li> </ul>
December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Holiday Concert (Dec. 20th)</li> <li>● Hot lunch</li> </ul>
January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Hot lunch</li> </ul>
February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Hot lunch</li> </ul>
March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Hot lunch</li> </ul>
April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Staff Appreciation Event</li> </ul>

May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• AGM – 2<sup>nd</sup> week (need 10 members for quorum/ elections)</li><li>• Kindergarten Registration &amp; Welcome</li><li>• Hot lunch</li></ul>
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Interested in signing up? Fill in the form below! We will keep your contact information confidential.

<https://forms.gle/woMvrMporjiewJFg9>

**Thank you in advance for your assistance in helping make West St Paul School the best it can be for our kids!**



SAVE THE DATE

*spooktacular*  
**HALLOWEEN  
FAMILY  
DANCE**

THURSDAY OCTOBER 19  
6PM-8PM

*Save  
the date*

HOSTED BY  
WEST ST  
PAUL PAC

**DON'T BE CAUGHT DEAD  
WITHOUT A COSTUME**



**WEST ST. PAUL SCHOOL**  
**FARM TO SCHOOL FUNDRAISER**

**ORDERS DUE: NOVEMBER 9**

**PICK UP ORDERS DURING PARENT TEACHER  
CONFERENCES: NOVEMBER 22, 23 & 24**

Pick up your orders during Parent Teacher conferences.

Thank you for your support.



**A Fresh Take on Fundraising**

Raise funds with Manitoba vegetables!



**\$15 Vegetable Bundle A**

- 2 lb. Carrots
- 2 lb. Onions
- 5 lb. Potatoes

\$7.50 Profit



**\$25 Vegetable Bundle B**

- 3 lb. Carrots
- 3 lb. Onions
- 10 lb. Potatoes
- 1 lb. Parsnips
- 1 Cabbage

\$12.50 Profit





# WEST ST. PAUL SCHOOL

## FARM TO SCHOOL FUNDRAISER



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### HOW TO ORDER ONLINE

- Visit [www.peakfarmtoschool.com](http://www.peakfarmtoschool.com) and click on **BUY A BUNDLE** from the **Menu**. Hit **CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE** Select the quantity of the product and Add to Cart. Select Continue Shopping to add multiple bundle types. \*Be sure to Update Cart to reflect changes to the quantity.
- Click on **Continue to Check out** when ready to pay. \*If you wish to add items to your order simply select **BUY A BUNDLE** from the **Menu**.
- Select the Province, and the School/Daycare/Organization you are ordering from. Enter the child/Student's name responsible for the order. \*Or check as Community Order if you are not supporting a student and picking up your order from the school/daycare.
- Enter **Billing** and **Payment Info**, once done click on **Review Order**. \*If you wish to make any changes click **BUY A BUNDLE**, Add an item and you will be taken to the Cart where you can adjust your order and Update Cart.
- Review your order summary, Supporting and Billing and Payment Info. \*If you need to make any changes at this point you can select **BUY A BUNDLE** and **Add to Cart** where you can adjust your order and proceed to make any other billing or payment info. **Place Order**.
- You will see an **ORDER COMPLETE** screen with your order number and an email will be sent to you confirming your order details.
- **NEED MORE HELP?**

Visit [www.peakfarmtoschool.com](http://www.peakfarmtoschool.com) Email us at: [farmtoschool@peakmarket.com](mailto:farmtoschool@peakmarket.com) Call us at: 204.594.1414

**Thank you for your support.**



SEVEN OAKS  
SCHOOL DIVISION  
*community begins here*

## Canada Learning Bond Uptake Program

950 Jefferson Ave  
Winnipeg, MB. R2P 1W1

Telephone: **204.632.1716**  
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September 21, 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians:

### **Did you know your child might be eligible to receive free money for post-secondary education?**

The Canada Learning Bond is a federal education savings grant from which eligible children can receive **up to \$2,000 deposited directly into a Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP)**. Receiving this money requires no personal contributions or fees and does not affect any other Government of Canada benefits you are receiving.

A child is eligible for the Canada Learning Bond if:

- They are born January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2004, or later
- They were a resident of Canada before they turned 15
- They have a Social Insurance Number (SIN)
- Their family makes a low income, or *has for even one year* before they turned 15

### **There is a Canada Learning Bond Sign-up event happening near you:**

**October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
**4:00 pm - 7:30 pm**  
**Maples Collegiate**  
**1330 Jefferson Ave**

At this event, you will have the opportunity to:

- Order a **no-cost Manitoba Birth Certificate**
- Apply for a **Social Insurance Number (SIN)** for your children
- Apply for a **Secure Certificate of Indian Status (SCIS)**
- Open an RESP with a provider to **apply for the Canada Learning Bond**.

Please note: Applying for a SIN requires you to bring certain documents with you. For more information, please visit <https://www.7oaks.org/RESP> or contact the Community Animator for the Canada Learning Bond Uptake Project: Robin Merasty at (204) 631-5849 ext. 66002 or [robin.merasty@7oaks.org](mailto:robin.merasty@7oaks.org).

Sincerely,

Robin Merasty



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