

Governor Semple

DECEMBER 2014 NEWSLETTER

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Dear Governor Semple Families,

November was another busy month filled with events and activities at our school. Some of the month's more memorable moments included:

- ◇ our Remembrance Day assembly, during which students actively participated through song
- ◇ parent-student-teacher conferences, always a wonderful opportunity to celebrate each child's ongoing learning journey

December brings with it the gathering of items to build our Christmas hampers. Please consider sending any of the following non-perishable items:

100% fruit juice	spaghetti sauce
cans of soup (lentil, pea, vegetable)	sugar
oatmeal (nonsweetened)	macaroni & cheese
canned tuna (packed in water)	beans in tomato sauce
cans of fruit (packed in its own juice)	syrup
rice (brown, parboiled, or converted)	pancake mix
jam	cans of vegetables
gravy mix	cookies
cranberry sauce	tea

Karen Hiscott, Principal

The temperature is starting to drop. Please remind your children to put on their mitts, scarves, hats and boots as they get ready to come to school. These items will keep them warm and happy during recesses.



Important Dates

- December 11** Last skate class-Rm 5
December 12 Last skate class-Rm 6
December 16 Winter Concert @ 7:00 p.m.
December 19 Last day of classes before Winter break
- January 5/2015** School reopens (Day 6)
January 5-9 Vision Screening
January 16 School P.D. Day--**NO SCHOOL**
January 22 2nd Hep B shot for gr. 4's @ 9:00
January 28 Family Night
- February 2** School P.D. Day-**NO SCHOOL**
February 16 Louis Riel Day--**NO SCHOOL**
February 25 Family Night
- March 7** Badminton Tournament
March 11-13 Second Term Conferences
March 13 Parent/Teacher Conference--**NO SCHOOL**
March 25 Family Night
March 27 Last Day of classes before Spring Break



From the Classroom...

Students in Room 1 recently enjoyed an interactive day learning about India. Bavneet invited his mother, Jasbir, and his sister, Harman, to attend the classroom in traditional Indian attire. Bavneet's mother created beautiful henna designs on each child's hand. Bavneet and Harman performed a modern Indian dance and taught us some Indian dance moves. The students ate traditional dishes including rice pullav, flavoured naan bread, black lentil curry, mughlai paneer, Bombay mix (like a spicy trail mix), and for dessert, sweet rajbhog. We learned that the population of India in 2013 was 1 billion, 200 million (1,200,000,000), the national animal is the peacock, and we coloured pictures of the flag, people, animals, and places in India like the famous Taj Mahal. We also enjoyed practicing yoga together with the help of our school counsellor, Terry Klan, created bar charts of our own ethnic backgrounds, and we created henna art works.



Winter Concert



Families are invited to the school on **Tuesday, December 16 at 7:00pm** to watch students showcase their learning in music and dance at our Winter Concert. Doors will open at 6:30pm. Due to limited seating, we are asking that no more than 2 family members attend the evening performance. Relatives, friends and other family members are welcome to join us at the Dress Rehearsal scheduled for 2:00pm on the same day (Tuesday, December 16).

Please note that Kindergarten students will not be performing at the Dress Rehearsal, but if you'd like to see them rehearse, please come at 11:00am that morning.

Did you know...

that the Salvation Army Weetamah provides gifts to families in need through their Toy Mountain Program as well as Adopt-a-Family? They also put on a Breakfast with Santa breakfast.



For more information, the phone number for Toy Mountain and Adopt-a-Family is 204-946-9490. You can phone Monday-Friday from 9am-4pm (closed for lunch 12-1pm).

You will need to have your Manitoba Health Card ready when calling.

Change in School Bus Cancellation Policy

Metro Winnipeg School Superintendents have made a change in the policy for cancellation of school bus service due to cold weather.

The new policy will use the temperature reading at The Forks instead of the Airport.

School bussing will be cancelled if the wind-chill reading is -45 or colder at 6:00 a.m. at The Forks according to Environment Canada.

Notice of school bus cancellations will be provided to media outlets and posted on school division websites as soon as the 6:00 a.m. reading is posted by Environment Canada.

Metro Winnipeg School Divisions are: Louis Riel, Pembina Trails, River East Transcona, St. James-Assiniboia, Seven Oaks and Winnipeg. Catholic schools and the Gray Academy also follow the same policy.

The change was made as weather conditions at The Forks are closer to weather conditions in most residential areas where children are waiting for school buses.

It has come to our attention that mini hockey sticks are re-appearing on the buses. While some sticks can be fully enclosed in larger back packs, others are left with the handles sticking out.

This could be a potential hazard for the student holding a back pack on their lap with the end of the stick outside the bag should the bus have to come to an abrupt stop. If the stick is just sitting in an un-zipped bag, it could become a projectile and injure someone else.

In order for our buses to transport the students safely, from home to school or from school to event, we ask for your assistance in this matter.

Full size hockey sticks are not a problem at this time as those students in the hockey program have their parents transport them. Full size sticks are not allowed on the bus and students will be refused transportation should they attempt to board with one.



Slide into **Winter Camp at Oak Hammock Marsh**

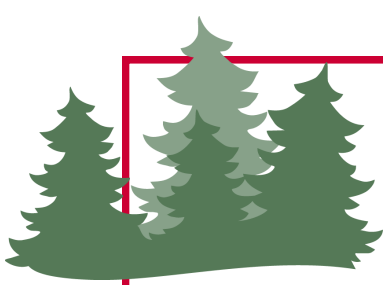
Interpretive Centre
December 29, 30 and January 2!

Come and join us for a frosty good time at one or all of our Winter Day Camps. Activities may include snowshoeing, bannock baking, cool crafts, winter games and more. Camp runs daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and costs 24\$ for members & 30 \$ for non-members. Camp is for children ages 6 to 9. For more information or to register a camper please visit: <http://www.oakhammockmarsh.ca> or call (204) 467-3300.



On the subject of ice skates, a reminder that they are to be transported with blade guards and inside a protective bag.

Plastic grocery bags do not serve the purpose of keeping the blades from cutting or poking through the material.



COMMUNITY COORDINATOR NEWS



Can you believe we have almost completed a whole term of the school year already? Time sure flies when you're having fun!

The Preschool programs have been well attended and enjoyed by all. Welcome to all the new families who have started with the program this year.

The current session will be ending the week of **Dec. 8 – 12** to allow for planning and preparing for the second session.

I'm looking forward to more exciting stories, songs and activities beginning in the New Year on **Wednesday January 7th**. Remember to keep reading, rhyming and singing with your children throughout the holidays.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy holiday season filled with joy, laughter, family and friends.



Dave Mathers
Community Coordinator



City of Winnipeg Leisure Guide

The City of Winnipeg is proud to provide a wide variety of recreation and leisure opportunities that contribute to the overall well-being of our community. The Leisure Guide is published three times per year and is filled with fun and exciting programs for everyone.

For more information on leisure, sport and fitness programs, please pick up a copy of the Leisure Guide, call 311 or visit Winnipeg.ca. Guides are available for pick up at civic indoor pools, libraries and leisure centres, and at a number of retail locations including Safeway, 7-Eleven and Mac's.

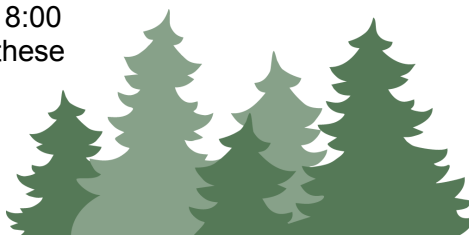
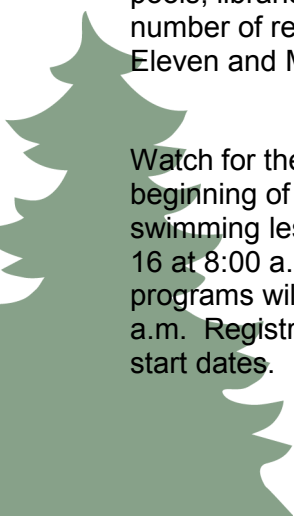
Watch for the Winter 2015 Leisure Guide at the beginning of December! Registration for swimming lessons only will begin on December 16 at 8:00 a.m. Registration for all other programs will begin on December 17 at 8:00 a.m. Registration will be ongoing after these start dates.

City of Winnipeg Priceless Fun

Winnipeggers now have easy access to information about free recreation, leisure and library programs with the free programming guide, Priceless Fun.

The winter edition of Priceless Fun, available at the end of December, provides information about the free programs for children and youth being offered by the City of Winnipeg throughout the city, all in one convenient guide.

Hard copies of Priceless Fun are available for pick up at all civic indoor pools, libraries and leisure centres. You can view the current edition of Priceless Fun online at: Winnipeg.ca/cms/recreation/leisureguide.stm. Information about programs is also available by calling 311.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Happy Holidays!</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Day 3</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Day 4</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Day 5</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Skating/Rm.5 11:10-12:35</p> <p>Day 6</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Skating/Rm.6 11:10-12:35</p> <p>Day 1</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>7</p> <p>Day 2</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Day 3</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Day 4</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Day 5</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Last skate class for Rm.5</p> <p>Day 6</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Last skate class for Rm.6</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>14</p> <p>Day 1</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Day 2</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Winter Concert (see page 2)</p> <p>Day 3</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Day 4</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Day 5</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Last day of classes before Winter Break</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>21</p> 	<p>22</p> <p>First day of Winter Break</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Christmas Day</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Boxing Day</p>	<p>27</p> 
<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>			<p>Classes resume Jan. 5/15 (Day 6)</p>