

Governor Semple School

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Dear Governor Semple families,

I am pleased to share that we've had a positive start to 2021 at Governor Semple School. As a new principal, I appreciate the tremendous support I am receiving from staff, students, and families. While my opportunities to connect in-person with families have been more limited this year than they would typically be, please feel free to be in touch anytime. I strongly believe in the importance of a partnership between schools and families, and please know that I am always happy to discuss any questions, concerns, or ideas you may have.

I continue to be interested in collaborating with a Community Council. Many thanks to the parents who have indicated an interest in working together to support the Governor Semple community. Our meetings are taking place virtually on Teams at this time. Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 17th at noon. Please contact the school if you would like us to send you a link to our upcoming meeting.

As you may know, vision and hearing screening typically take place at school. Due to our current context, vision and hearing screenings are on hold at this time. Please note, however, that vision tests at optometrists are free of charge for students under the age of 19. Feel free to contact Sabrina Sheocharan at the school if you have any questions related to this.

We are excited to share that we will be welcoming a practicum student, Sydney Hayduk, from Winnipeg Holistic Expressive Arts Therapy Institute (WHEAT Institute) on days 2, 4, and 6. Sydney is specializing in art and theatre, and is excited to facilitate creative opportunities for self-expression with our classrooms.

Thank you, once again, for your ongoing support and reinforcement of our safety protocols. Please continue to keep your children at home when they are sick (even if they are only mildly unwell), and to limit the number of close contacts outside your households. We continue to support our students in ensuring they are frequently sanitizing, maintaining physical distance, staying with their cohorts, and wearing masks (mandatory for students in grades 3 and up and for all children riding the bus).

The pandemic has required us to think differently about how we structure school and support one another. Please know that despite these additional considerations, staff at Governor Semple continue to be grateful for the opportunity to teach and learn with your precious children every day.

Sincerely,

Sari Rosenberg



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION



Please be advised that Kindergarten registration begins on Monday, February 22nd. Due to our current context, the 2021-22 Kindergarten registration will take place online this year. Families are welcome to contact the school with any questions about Kindergarten or the registration process. All children registering for Kindergarten must be 5 years old by December 31st, 2021 (born in 2016). We look forward to meeting and welcoming our new Kindergarten students and families!

REMINDER—Important Dates:

- ◆ February 5, 2021 – Professional Development Day – No Classes
- ◆ February 15, 2021 – Louis Riel Day – School Closed
- ◆ March 19, 2021 – Family Conferences – No Classes
- ◆ March 29 – April 2, 2021 – Spring Break – School Closed
- ◆ April 5, 2021 – First day of class after Spring Break
- ◆ April 16, 2021 – Professional Development Day – No Classes
- ◆ May 24, 2021 – Victoria Day – School Closed
- ◆ June 7, 2021 – Professional Development Day – No Classes
- ◆ June 30, 2021 – Last day of Classes – Early Dismissal



Outdoor Clothing

So far, we have been fortunate to experience a mild Winnipeg winter. As we return to chillier seasonal temperatures, please send your children to school with warm winter gear that keeps them comfortable and safe during recess. Children will be going outside for movement breaks unless the combined temperature/windchill is -27 or colder. Please send your children to school with the following labelled clothing: **Warm winter jacket, boots, winter hat, waterproof gloves or mittens & snow pants.**

Reminders

Attendance: Your child's safety and whereabouts are important to us. Our **Callback System** ensures that your child is safely in your care when he or she is absent from school. Please call **204-339-7112** if your child is going to be away or late. Our office hours are from 8:30am to 4:00pm. Outside of office hours, feel free to leave a voicemail message. As well, please feel free to update your contact information with the office anytime.





HELP KEEP OUR SCHOOLS SAFE



Keep kids home from
school if they're sick



Screen for
symptoms daily



Practice wearing a
mask properly



Stay 6 Ft apart



Teach proper hand
washing/sanitizing



Don't share masks
or personal items

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