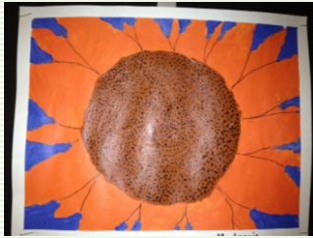


GOVERNOR SEMPLE SCHOOL

MAY/JUNE 2013 NEWSLETTER

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The Sunflower

*The sunflower is bright
like the warm sun
it gives us a warm feeling
when we are cold
when you feel lonely
look at the sunflower field and
remember we are not alone
we have many friends
let sunflowers give us hope
let it warm us and not
let us forget who we are
let us grow tall and strong
like the sunflower
as sunflowers come
and go
so do our friends
but
they do not leave
our memories
we
will remember them
in our hearts.
By: Santiago*



May and June are always exciting and busy times in a school. Rather than winding down, the pace and rhythm of our days speeds up. There are projects to finish and start, celebrations and new beginnings, farewells and welcomes! Our school and classroom calendars are full of important dates and invitations. It is an amazing but exhausting time of year!

We have begun to plan for next year, looking at opportunities for children and adults alike. After much research, conversation and consultation, Governor Semple will be piloting a Balanced School Day for the 2013-14 school year. We had a very positive response from parents who responded and from our school staff. Research and feedback from schools in Manitoba who have implemented this schedule indicate that reorganizing the day in this way promotes a better learning environment, meets the nutritional needs of students in a more balanced way, and provides more time for quality physical activity and play. The Balanced School Day does not change our start time of 9:00 a.m. or our end time of 3:30 p.m. The Balanced School day schedule divides the school day into three 90-100 minute blocks of instructional time. Two longer nutrition and activity breaks are provided in the morning and afternoon instead of the traditional 15 minute recesses and noon hour lunch. This schedule creates equally balanced teaching/learning blocks in the school day. Nutrition breaks provide 15-20 minutes for eating and 20-30 minutes for activity. Since Kindergarten is a half-day program, they are not included in this schedule. We will be sending more information and ideas for packing lunches in the fall.

As many of you are aware, Mr. Anderson will not be returning to Governor Semple School. Mrs. Darrach has been officially appointed as our 'new' principal. We are all grateful for his years of dedication, care and leadership and will be thanking Mr. Anderson at a future assembly. We wish him all the best at Ecole Leila North.



Important Dates to Remember

May	29 th & 30 th	Arts In The Park
	31	Theme Day- Pink Day
June	4	Track & Field @ West Kildonan Collegiate
	6	Rain Date for Track & Field
	12	Volunteer Reception (by invitation only)
	14	NO SCHOOL – Admin. Day
	19	Jelly Bean Day & Family Night
	20	Pizza Hot Lunch
	21	Theme Day
	21	grade 5 BBQ
	24	Rain date for gr. 5 Farewell
	27	Gr. 5 Farewell school assembly @ 9:30 (Families are welcome to attend)
28	Last Day of School- dismissal at 12:00	
September	3 & 4	Orientation Days
	5	First full day of school



NOTE: PLEASE NOTE THAT SOME DATES MAY CHANGE FOR IN-SERVICE DAYS TO BE ADDED OR DELETED.
PLEASE CHECK THIS LIST MONTHLY. THANK YOU



Kindergarten Registration Began on February 25th.

Governor Semple School started accepting Kindergarten Registration on Monday, February 25th, 2013.

Registrations will be taken during regular office hours from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Please note that your child must be five years old by **December 31, 2013** in order to be eligible for registration for the fall Kindergarten classes. You must bring your **child's birth certificate, medical card and proof of address** when coming to register.



REMINDER to all Parents/Guardians

It is important that you notify the office of any address, phone numbers and other changes, so that our records can be kept up to date.

Thanks for your cooperation!



Families Ask....Why Multiage Classrooms?

We have a group of dedicated and enthusiastic teachers at our school in all of our classrooms. All strive to meet your child's needs and are caring professionals. All of our classrooms need to emphasize the creation of nurturing communities where students of various ages and stages of development work together and alongside each other to reach their own individualized educational and personal goals

Families will sometimes ask us, "What is a Multiage Classroom?" Multiage classrooms differ from single age classrooms in that students stay with the same teacher for two years or more. The students and teacher spend more time together allowing for greater continuity in programming. Some additional benefits may include:

Children experience various roles. The range of social relationships children build in a multiage classroom more closely reflects the diverse social situations individuals encounter in real life.

Teachers get to know children in depth, planning for their individual strengths, needs and interests. Time becomes a positive variable.

Continuity over two or three years can help diminish anxiety associated with moving to a new classroom and shortens the time it takes to learn new routines thereby increasing instructional time.

Multiage programs like other classrooms recognize that each student is at a different stage of learning and focuses on the strengths, needs and interests of the learner. Multiage programs address curriculum concepts, skills and understandings over a two to three year period.

Families have the opportunity to develop a relationship with classroom teachers over a longer period.

Multiage classrooms can reflect natural family groupings, siblings can be placed in the same classroom. This simplifies demands on families for attending class events, volunteering and communicating with the school.

Families may experience less stress related to beginning a new school year and adapting to the expectations and routines of a new classroom.

Additional information is available on-line from Manitoba Education, Citizenship, and Youth.

www.edu.gov.mb.ca/ks4/docs/support/multilevel/index.html or give us a call !

Room 6 Happenings...By Room 6

In the morning meeting we do calendar and ten frames. Ten frames are where you color in one frame every day. We have been in school for 157 days. We also do money. In money we know how to make \$1.57 with coins. In explorations we do clay, paper airplanes, sketching, art and drawing. Explorations is fun! Reading time is when you read. After we read we retell stories. Retelling stories is when 3 people read a story and retell it. For maps we look at the map and find places. We have a big map and a compass. We know where people's houses are. We do lots of different things too. We have lots of fun!



In math we are working with clocks. We are learning how to tell and say time. We have fun learning with time and we play games like time tack toe and TIME! It's a lot of fun in community walk and we sketch too. We sometimes we see our friends' houses and go to the park. In writing we do mini books. Mini books are where we make our own mini books. It is a lot of fun when we work in our journals. In our journals we do sticker story and that is when you use stickers!

By Mikayla

Parents of Kinders and School Age Children

Governor Semple Children's Place currently has spaces open for enrollment. If you or someone you know is in need of child care, please drop by room 5 in the school or call our program @ 290-8517 between

7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. or 11:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. You can ask for Debbie. You may also call our main center Sunny Mountain Daycare @ 290-7980 after 9:00 a.m. and ask to speak with Patrisha.

In September the center will also be starting up an introduction to French nursery program from 9:00 – 11:30, Monday to Friday. Please call with inquiries.

PHYSED NEWS:

***A BIG CONGRATULATIONS to all our Cross Country Runners that participated in the Divisional Cross Country held at Little Mountain Park.

Thank you to our Cross Country Coaches Ms. Evans and Mr. Flett... for your time and effort :)!



***WOW...WOW and WOW.... Our 7th Annual Jump Rope for Heart & Stroke was once again a great success :)!

WOW!

..... Governor Semple raised \$1,679.00.

.... Collicutt raised \$1,137.80.

..... Thank you for participating in the Jump Rope for Heart program this school year - You are Heart Heros in our eyes!

*** On May 15th, 2013... our Grade 4 and 5 students participated in our annual Dual Track and Field Meet held at West Kildonan Collegiate.

A BIG THUMBS UP to our Grade 4 & 5 students, West Kildonan Leadership Students, and staff for making the day a great success :)!

*** On June 4th, 2013... Forty seven Grade 4 & 5 students will represent Collicutt/Governor Semple at the Divisional Track and Field Meet to be held at West Kildonan Collegiate. Letters will go home to participating students.



TRANSPORTATION NEWS:

The transportation applications have been given out for the 2013/2014 school year. If your child is a bussed student and you haven't turned in the bus form, please do so as soon as possible.

COMMUNITY COORDINATOR NEWS

With the winter we just had (and the second coming of winter) and the current spring (?) we are experiencing, it makes me wonder what kind of summer we will have. I hate to be a pessimist but we could be in for some rain. Hopefully we will have a lot of sunshine, but are you prepared for some rainy days? If you have kids, here are a few suggestions I found in the latest edition of Today's Parent magazine, May 2013.

"My 4 year old loves to set up a tent in the basement and pretend that we're camping. I make snacks and treats and, of course, hot chocolate with marshmallows. We sit inside the tent, read books and play games. It really turns a rainy day into an adventure."

IWONA FROST, OAKVILLE ONTARIO

"We cover the table with brown paper so the kids have a huge canvas to colour, play games and use playdough. If they make a mess, we just crumple the paper up and throw it away."

CHANTELLE RANTUCCI, LEDUC, ALTA

We've put a little basketball net in the basement so our toddler can shoot hoops indoors."

RACHEL BENTLY
CAMBRIDGE ONTARIO

"We take my sons' toy cars and put them through the "car wash." We fill a big plastic bin with soapy water and use a sponge to clean them. It keeps the kids entertained for a long time and their toys get a wash."

CANDICE BOTELHO, TORONTO

"It's a free-for-all! We descend upon the playroom and every single toy makes it out of the bins. We make forts and tunnels, and pull out the crayons and painting supplies."

JEN OZGA, OTTAWA

IKEA and Ontario Early Years Centres are big saviours."

AMBER WHATLEY ROHAL
BURLINGTON ONTARIO

(Kid City, Children's Museum or Museum of Man and Nature in Winnipeg)

"We pull out the umbrellas, raincoats and rubber boots, and go splash in the puddles. If there is thunder and lightning, we'll watch the show and try to catch strikes on my camera."

KARLA MONTGRAND
TURNOR LAKE SASKATCHEWAN

"I bought a magnetic fishing set from the dollar store; we fill up the bathtub and fish!"

ANDREA LINTHORNE MUGFORD,
MAKINSON, NFLD

"We break out those overlooked craft and science kits that the kids got for Christmas."

JENNIFER COX-MCCAUGHEY
BARRIE ONTARIO

"We aim for a mix of energy-burning games like hide-and-seek and balloon pong, and quiet activities like baking or drawing. There's usually a lot of dress-up and active imagination play too."

JENN RICHARDSON
PETERBOOROUGH ONTARIO

If you have any suggestions to pass along, please email them to me.
david.mathers@7oaks.org

Watch for an email or phone call in September regarding the preschool program resuming in the fall.

Have a great summer,
Dave Mathers

Talking to a small child at their eye level gives us a different perspective on the world and lets them know we are really listening and interested in what they have to say!



A Note from the Library



The last month of school! Wow the school year has just flown by. The library is busy getting ready for a good clean up over the summer, and when students return in the fall there will be many new books that will have been added to the collection.

All library books are due back Monday June 10th. Please return any overdue books as soon as possible. There are a number of outstanding items, and it is very important that they get returned to the library before the summer holidays begin.

I hope everyone has a wonderful summer holiday, and gets a chance to visit the public library so you can keep reading!

N. Sampson
Library Technician



Spend your summer at Oak Hammock Marsh!

Oak Hammock Marsh Interpretive Centre is offering weeklong camps for children ages 5 to 13 in July and August. Camp is filled with fun indoor and outdoor themed activities that could include scavenger hunts, canoe adventures, outdoor cooking and nature crafts. For more information on weekly themes or to register a camper please visit: <http://www.oakhammockmarsh.ca>, or call (204) 467-3300.



MOVING????

If your family is planning to move over the summer or your child will not be attending Governor Semple in the fall, please let the office know as soon as possible at 204-339-7112

Meet the B.E.E.P Teachers



The **Balanced Experiential Education Program (B.E.E.P)** is a new **FREE** summer program for students in grades 1-5 at Governor Semple School. The program is run by certified teachers and provides hands-on learning activities, sports, art, music and cooperative games. Students will get to go on 5 field trips, will be provided with breakfast daily and will get a free tee shirt. The program is **FREE** and loads of fun and we hope that your child can attend! Keep an eye out for B.E.E.P registration forms that will be coming home next week. Our summer programs runs from July 2- August 9th.

Reanna likes reading, painting and getting to know new friends.

Evan enjoys keeping active, playing guitar and being outdoors.

Kayla is always getting her hands dirty exploring nature and the world around her.

Sam has a passion for dance, yoga and always has a smile on her face.

Gilli can be found writing books and inventing new games for kids.

EAL Summer School for Children 2013

**FREE EAL Classes
For Seven Oaks students Gr. 1 – 8
new to Canada within the last 4 years**

**July 2nd to 26th
9:00 am – 11:00 am
At Arthur E. Wright School, 1520 Jefferson Ave.**

REGISTER AT YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL

**Busing available from Garden City Collegiate
and return to Garden City Collegiate daily**

MAY INFO

KYAC is FREE all school year long!

Important dates:

JUNE 15th – LAST DAY OF KYAC for the school year

Summer Drop-In program runs from July 2nd – August 9th

9:30am – 4:30pm @ ESOMS and EP

June 3rd – Summer registration begins

June 21st – Field Trip registration begins

Check out our website:

<http://www.7oaks.org/Programs/KYAC/Pages/default.aspx>

We are looking for parent representatives on the KYAC board council, email us!

Have a suggestion for KYAC programming?? Let us know!

Register w/ KYAC - Email us kyac@7oaks.org for more details!**

ALL ARE WELCOME!

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

**'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
by email at pierre.feng@7oaks.org.

June 2013

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
GOVERNOR SEMPLE – GS (4) ECOLE SEVEN OAKS MIDDLE SCHOOL – ESOMS (27) EDMUND PATRIDGE – EP (18)						FOREST PARK – FP (3) RIVERBEND – RB (10)
1						KYAC @ ESOMS 12-5pm
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
KYAC is CLOSED	KYAC @ EP 6-9pm	KYAC @ RB 3:15-5:15pm KYAC @ ESOMS 6-9pm	KYAC @ GS 330-530pm KYAC @ EP 6-9pm	KYAC @ FP 330-5pm KYAC @ ESOMS 6-9pm	KYAC @ EP 6-9pm KYAC @ RB 6-9pm	KYAC @ ESOMS 12-5pm
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
KYAC IS CLOSED → Preparing for the summer program!						
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						
SUMMER DROP-IN program runs from July 2 – August 9 @EP						

R. F. Morrison is Celebrating 50 years!



All former staff and students of R. F. Morrison School in Seven Oaks School Division are invited to join us in celebrating 50 vibrant years of learning. There will be two events:



Fashion Show Through the Decades *April 25*

Drop in to R. F. Morrison to visit between 5:00 and 8:00 pm
Program at 6:30

Anniversary Barbeque

June 7

4:00 to 7:00 pm

Join us at 25 Morrison Street

For information please call 204-338-7804



We are preparing an Anniversary presentation and we are looking for R. F. Morrison memorabilia and photos of R. F. Morrison events from the 1960's and 1970's. If you can help us out, please call the school at 204-338-7804. We will be happy to photograph the memorabilia items, scan any Morrison photos and return them to you.

Thank you!

Take Pride
Winnipeg!



Councillor Devi Sharma invites you to

RECYCLATHON

2013

Garden City Shopping Centre
2305 McPhillips Street
in front of Canadian Tire

Saturday, May 25, 2013
10:00 am to 2:00 pm

RECYCLE your non-standard recyclable items
(items not accepted in your blue box)

COLLECT these items while spring cleaning and
bring them to this event instead of throwing them
away

LEARN about what items in your home and
business are recyclable and find out where they
can be dropped off throughout the year

HELP raise awareness for industry-led associations
that run these recycling programs

What to Bring?

Products accepted at the event
(some companies are accepting
only certain items at this event)

CBCRA **(Recycle Everywhere)**

Beverage containers made of

- glass
- plastic
- aluminum
- poly-coated juice containers

EPRA:

- computers & components
- televisions
- non-cellular telephones
- microwaves
- stereo equipment
- portable audio equipment

MARRC:

- used oil
- oil filters
- used oil and antifreeze containers
- antifreeze

PCA

- household paint products (max 25L)
- all paint aerosol containers (max 660g)
- residential fluorescent lights (tubes up to 8ft and CFLs)

FREE

**Councillor
Devi Sharma
will donate
packages of
yard waste bags
to the first
25 people who
participate
at the
Recyclathon!**

*For a full list of collection
locations year-round and products
accepted at those locations, please
refer to their websites.*

Canadian Beverage Container
Recycling Association CBCRA

www.cbcr-aacrb.org

Electronic Products Recycling
Association (EPRA)

www.recyclemyelectronics.ca

Manitoba Association for
Resource Recovery Corp (MARRC)

www.usedoilrecycling.com

Product Care Association (PCA)

www.productcare.org