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Each year, schools in Manitoba prepare a Report to the Community which summarizes the year's learning opportunities, events and activities for students, staff and the community.

Who We Are:

Governor Semple School is a Kindergarten to Grade 5 school in the Seven Oaks School Division on Treaty 1 territory and the homeland of the Metis Nation. We currently have 134 students who come to learn with us every day. We have 27 staff made up of 11 teachers, 5 clinicians, 7 educational assistants, 1 Library Technician, 1 Administrative Assistant, 1 daytime and 1 evening custodian. We are home to a permanent occupancy satellite site from Sunny Mountain Daycare that cares for our children before and after school.

At Governor Semple, we strive to create an inclusive and engaging learning community that celebrates diversity and values the unique stories that each child brings with them to their school experience. At Governor Semple, we also pride ourselves on being a small school with a big heart. One mom said it best when she said "This school is exactly what it should be, the heart of the community."

What We Believe:

- We believe that we must build strong foundations in literacy and numeracy for all of our children. We must lay the ground work on which future learning and understanding can be built.
- We believe that children need to feel safe at school to learn best and with this we strive to build and maintain a safe and caring school community.
- We believe that children need to develop as global citizens and environmental stewards. We strive to provide opportunities for them to explore sustainability, the world around them and make responsible decisions.
- We believe that we must work to better understand Indigenous ways of learning and knowing and let this guide us on our journey towards reconciliation.



Well to say that the 2019-2020 school year is one for the books would be an understatement to say the least. Firstly, I would like to congratulate each and every one of you. You have successfully made it through an unprecedented time in history. When COVID 19 struck and forced our schools to shut down and shift our learning from in class to remote, we didn't know how we would all manage. Families have had to step up in unfathomable ways to support our kids over the last three months. Thank you all for that. I was continually reminded about how lucky these children are to be surrounded by such an amazing community where families and schools work together so carefully to make an immensely challenging time as valuable and positive as possible.

To our children, you have persevered through uncharted territory and undoubtedly, you have learned things about your strength and resilience that you may not have recognized before. These are all lessons and contributions to your character that will serve you well throughout the rest of your lives.

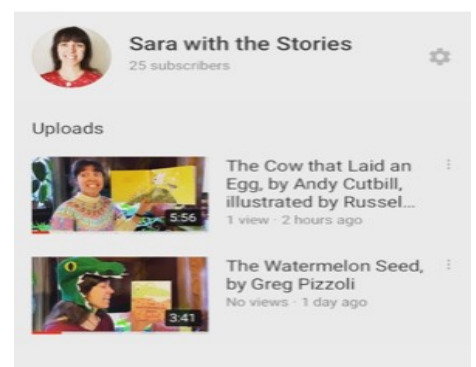
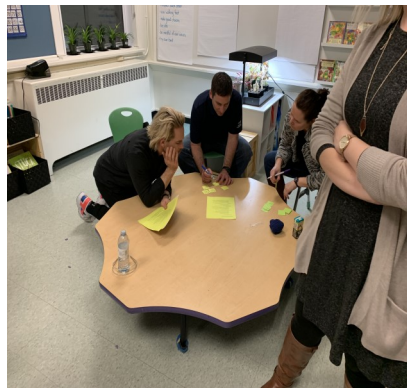
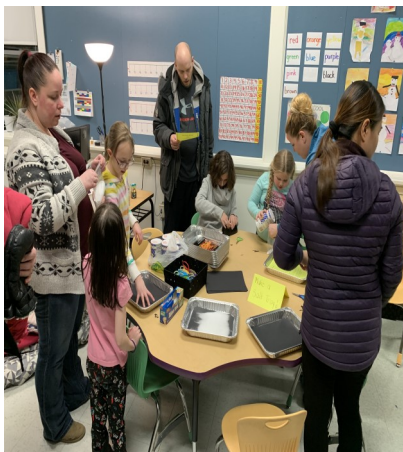
To our teachers and staff, the work and commitment that you all exhibited makes me enormously proud. Literally, in almost a 24 hour turn around education shifted from what we have known it to be, to a hybrid model that separated the three most important components, the teacher and the child and of course the child and their peers. Education was never meant to be done in isolation, and while we made it work temporarily, we look forward to the day when we can celebrate that human connection that enhances all of our learning, we sure hope it is someday soon!

We would like to take this time to wish you all a most relaxing, safe and enjoyable summer.



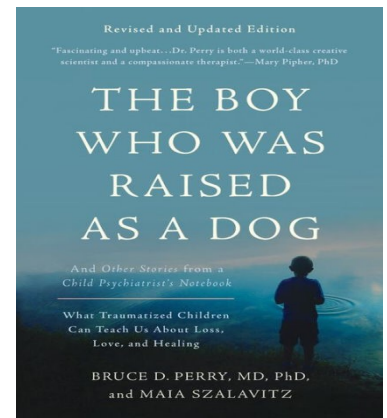
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- Critical Math Friends
- University Partnerships
- Shared Learning
- Poetry Publishing
- Student Teachers
- Publishing Stations
- Student Authors
- Writing Centres
- Book Studies
- Sharing Evenings
- Reading Centres
- Book Clubs
- Rich Classroom Libraries
- Integrated Curriculum



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- Community Council
- Student Initiated Clubs
- YOGA leaders
- Family Involvement
- BEST Bike Program
- Career Trek
- Day of Caring with Garden City
- Zones of Regulation
- Trauma Informed Care
- Skating Program
- Community Resource Officer
- School Safety Patrols
- KYAC
- Project 11
- Self Regulation
- See Spot Read
- Social Detectives
- Behaviour as Communication
- School wide yoga
- Swimming Program
- Parent Child Programs
- Breakfast Bowls
- Jets Learn to Play
- Safe Learning Spaces
- Mind Up
- Self Regulation Strategies
- Curiosity before Judgement



We believe that children need to develop as global citizens and environmental stewards and with this we strive to provide opportunities for them to explore sustainability, the world around them and make responsible decisions. We are so fortunate to have such welcoming and inviting outdoor spaces for our learning to happen. Now more than ever it will be so valuable for us to shift our focus to the natural world around us and explore what it has to offer.

- Composting
- Nature Based Adventure Playground
- Building Partnerships
- Bird/Butterfly Garden
- Classroom Gardening
- Recycling Program
- Community Clean Up
- Building Community
- Worker Bee
- Outdoor Classroom
- Building Environmental Stewards
- Community Run Club



Manitoba Earth Week Bingo

SPEND AN HOUR OUTSIDE	WATER YOUR PLANTS	POST A PICTURE OF YOU-HOLDING A TREE AND SHARE #EARTHWEEK	RESEARCH A LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL ORGANIZATION	LEARN ABOUT A TREE OR ANIMAL THAT LIVES IN MANITOBA
GO ON A BIKE RIDE OR A HIKE	MAKE YOUR OWN T-SHIRT BAG	SIT BY A SUNNY WINDOW AND ENJOY FOR 10 MIN.	FIND AN ITEM IN YOUR HOME PRODUCED IN MANITOBA	REPAIR/RE-USE AN ITEM YOU WERE GOING TO THROW AWAY
TO SHOW YOUR SUPPORT PLACE AN IMAGE OF THE EARTH IN YOUR WINDOW	LOWER YOUR THERMOSTAT	Free	WATCH A CLIMATE CHANGE CONNECTION FRESH STORY	PLANT A SEED OR TREE
WATCH AN ENVIRONMENTAL VIDEO	LEARN ABOUT COMPOSTING	PARTICIPATE IN THE CLIMATE STRIKE ON FRIDAY	NEIGHBOURHOOD CLEAN UP	FIND A WAY TO REDUCE THE USE OF ELECTRICITY IN YOUR HOME
COOK A VEGETARIAN MEAL	MAKE AN ALL NATURAL CLEANER	SEND THIS BROOD CARD TO SOMEONE ELSE	SHARE YOUR FAVORITE EARTH FRIENDLY MEME	TALK TO SOMEONE ABOUT AN ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUE

GOVERNOR SEMPLE BINGO

Go on a walk and write down 10 words you see along the way.	Build a structure using materials you have around the house. Draw or measure it!	Notice the different types of birds that see outside your house! Sketch them!	Build a snow sculpture! (and watch it melt!)	Measure the perimeter (distance around the outside edge) of your bedroom.
Write a song or a poem!	Call a grandparent, friend or relative. Ask them to teach you a song from their childhood!	Tally the number of times you wash your hands in one day!	Draw a map of your home!	Design and build a puppet and perform a puppet show!
Construct a family tree, or a graphic of all the important people in your life!	Write a set of instructions to something you know how to do!		Build a fort with items from your home (shirts, chairs and pillows for example)	Bake or cook a new recipe you've never tried before!
Think of 8 questions and interview someone!	On a clear night, look up in the sky and star gaze!	Measure and record the amount of water you drink in a day!	Write a letter to your teacher or principal!	Classify twenty objects by shape, colour, height or material.
Sketch the scene you see outside one of the windows of your home!	Build a musical instrument out of materials from around your home.	Call someone and read or tell them a story.	Draw a map of your neighbourhood!	Read a new book!



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- Powwow Club
- Graduation Powwow
- Land Based Teaching/Learning
- Orange Shirt Day
- Orange Ribbon Tying
- Working with Elders
- Feasting
- Indigenous Books
- Building Relationships
- Working with families
- Sharing Circles



We would love to know how you think we have done this year in supporting your child's learning and growth. Please let us know how you think we are doing and remember that our door is always open. Please also check us out on social media accounts:

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