



# R. F. MORRISON SCHOOL

## APRIL 2014

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March has been another busy month at R.F. Morrison School. We were pleased to see so many parents, grandparents and guardians come to school to participate in student-parent-teacher conferences. Your children are always so proud to share their work with you and to be able to demonstrate their growth in so many areas. We know that children are more successful as learners when home and school work together! Hopefully you were able to enjoy the beautiful art work in the hallways created by your children. We were also pleased to offer the Scholastic Book Fair to families during conference time. Children were able to select some great books and our library will benefit by adding some more books as well.

This month, every class has been involved in sessions with the Environmental Speakers Bureau, where children are learning about our environment and keeping our planet green. Grade 5 students met with the band instructors from H. C. Avery to try out a variety of instruments for next year's band class. Students in the EUBP worked on a quilt project sponsored by the Manitoba Arts Council and MPUE to commemorate the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Taras Shevchenko. Patrols went bowling. Rooms 9 and 11 attended a performance of Pippi Longstocking at the Gas Station Theatre, and all students in Grades 4 – 6 attended a performance by the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra. On the 26<sup>th</sup> we celebrated "Wear Purple" day for Epilepsy awareness. Staff and students wore purple shirts, shoes or sweaters and learned about epilepsy and what it means to create awareness about an issue. All classes are busy preparing for our spring musical taking place in April. There's lots of "clowning around" going on! The annual chocolate fundraiser is now underway. Profits from this fundraiser will go toward camp expenses for our students in Grades 4 - 6, and toward special classroom activities and supplies for Grades K – 3. Grade 4 – 6 camp will offer daily activities for a week in June, from the 16<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup>. Stay tuned for more details.

We would like to acknowledge the financial contributions made to academic programming at RF Morrison by the **St. Boniface Ukrainian Foundation** and **Carpathia Credit Union**. Some of those funds are used to purchase supplies for writing Pysanky/Ukrainian Easter eggs, which all of our students will be participating in in April.

In March the Government of Manitoba announced a 3 classroom addition for RF Morrison to address the class size initiative. We are excited about the opportunity to watch our school community grow!

We hope you all enjoy your spring break. Hopefully the weather will finally start to warm up so children and families can get outside! April will be another busy month, with lots of exciting activities and learning opportunities. See you then!



## DATES TO REMEMBER



# REMINDER



Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>

Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup> Spring Concert - **CLOWNS**

Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup>

Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup>

Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup>

Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup>

Monday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>

Friday, June 27<sup>th</sup>

First day of classes after Spring Break

**Pink Shirt Day**

Good Friday – NO SCHOOL

Spring Concert - **CLOWNS**

P.D. Day – NO SCHOOL

MTYP – Night Light

P.D. Day – NO SCHOOL

Victoria Day – NO SCHOOL

Administration Day – NO SCHOOL

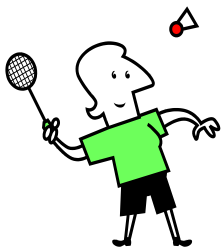
Last Day of School

## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten registration for English only program or English/Ukrainian Bilingual Program for 2014-15 began on February 24<sup>th</sup>. Parents of children born in **2009** can complete registration between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. All children should register at their home school for regular English instruction programs. To register please bring along the Birth Certificate and Manitoba Health Card for the medical numbers.

Please share this registration information with your neighbours who have kindergarten aged children.

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS



March has been an exciting month in the gym as many of the grade 4, 5 & 6s prepared for the March 19<sup>th</sup> badminton tournament! All of the participants did an excellent job representing Morrison at the tournament. The teamwork, fair play, and good sportsmanship we pride ourselves on was quite evident. Special thanks goes out to the students who were committed and came to the many MANY practices. As Spring Break approaches, some classes in the school have already begun practicing their jump rope skills in physical education to get ready for the awaited Jump Rope for Heart event that will take place at the end of April. Demo jumpers will be

invited to the kick off assembly to showcase just how much can be done with a jump rope! We are looking forward to learning new tricks and raising money for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Keep active!



**ВЕСНА ІДЕ ВЕЛИКДЕНЬ ВЕДЕ!**  
Зі Світлим Празником  
Воскресіння Христового  
Бажаємо Всім щастя, здоров'я  
і радісних Свят!



## LIBRARY NEWS



In March, during Parent/Teacher Conferences, we held a Scholastic Book Fair.

The winner of the Family Event Door Prize was Hannah in Room 9. Hannah received \$25 in books for herself and \$25 in books for her homeroom. Congratulations Hannah!

books.

The Library earned \$703 towards new

A big thank you to all who attended our Book Fair.

S. Rose, Librarian

**THANK YOU**



## TRANSPORTATION APPLICATIONS

**TRANSPORTATION APPLICATION FORMS FOR 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR HAVE ALREADY BEEN SENT HOME FOR ALL STUDENTS WHO NEED TO COMPLETE THEM. THESE FORMS MUST BE RETURNED BY APRIL 14<sup>TH</sup>.**



## Room 9 – Mrs. Klimenko

On March 9<sup>th</sup> Ukrainians around the world celebrated the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Taras Shevchenko.



*Taras Shevchenko 1814-1861*

*Ukrainian poet, artist and thinker.*

Students from all 12 E.U.B.P. schools in Manitoba were involved in a fabric art project to commemorate the anniversary. Students in our school worked with visiting artist **Natasha Halayda**.

First we read, looked at the art, and talked about the life of Taras Shevchenko.

We looked at pictures from Ukraine and made a pencil drawing on paper.

Next, we transferred pictures onto the painting fabric, and outlined them with permanent black markers.

Later, we used special fabric dyes to fill in our drawings.

Finally, we signed our paintings, took pictures, and admired our masterpieces that will be sewn into quilts which will travel to various destinations and exhibits in Manitoba.







**SETTLEMENT PROGRAM  
FOR IMMIGRANTS TO SEVEN OAKS**  
[www.7oaks.org/programs/settlement](http://www.7oaks.org/programs/settlement)

***All events and programs are for newcomers to Canada. They are CIC funded and hosted by the Seven Oaks Settlement Program.***

***BRING YOUR PERMANENT RESIDENT CARD TO REGISTER.***

***Questions? Phone 204-632-1716 or 204-697-5961***

**PROGRAMS, PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS**

- **Computer Classes** – Wednesdays 1-4pm at 660 Sheppard St. Beginner level classes at your own pace— Call Jose if you have questions or to Register.
- **Income Tax Preparation** — March 29, April 2, 12, and 26 at 10am-2pm at 950 Jefferson Ave. Volunteers will help you with your 2013 income tax if your income is below \$30,000 and your taxes are simple. Phone Randean if you have questions or to book an *appointment*.
- **Women’s Zumba and Sharing Circles** – Fridays, April 11 and 25, 5-7pm at 950 Jefferson Ave. Call Rowena if you have questions or to register.
- **Career Coaching** – Monday April 7th, 1-4pm at 660 Sheppard Ave. Call Shane if you have questions or to register.
- **Job Searching? Need help?** - Job Search Skills Workshop Tuesdays starting April 8th, 12:30pm at 660 Sheppard St. Each week we will look at a different job search approach, followed by individual help if needed. Call Sally if you have questions or to register
- **Conversation Café - Medical Profession Career Focus** : We will have a guest immigrant Doctor to lead a conversation on becoming a health professional in Canada. Monday, April 14, 6-8pm at 950 Jefferson Ave. Call Shane if you have questions or to register.
- **Conversation Classes** - Saturdays, April 12 and 26, 1-3pm at 950 Jefferson Ave. Call Randean if you have questions or to register.
- **Are you thinking of going back to University?** University of Winnipeg Presentation - Tuesday, April 8th, 6:30pm at 950 Jefferson Ave. No pre-registration needed.

**EVENTS**

**Housing Questions?** New Journey Housing will be at 950 Jefferson once a month to help with rental questions, subsidy applications, leases, rental search, house purchasing, etc... Starts April 11th 1-3pm Call Sally if you have questions.

**April is Spring Break** from Tuesday, March 31– Friday, April 4th. The Seven Oaks Settlement Program will be open during Spring Break but with reduced hours. We will be open from 9am-6pm Monday to Friday at 950 Jefferson Ave. **No EAL classes.**

Contact Information  
**Seven Oaks Adult Learning  
and Settlement Services**

**Website:**  
[www.7oaks.org/programs/  
settlement](http://www.7oaks.org/programs/settlement)

**Call us:** 204-632-1716 or  
204-697-5961

**Email us:**  
[settlement@7oaks.org](mailto:settlement@7oaks.org)

**Visit us:**  
950 Jefferson Ave

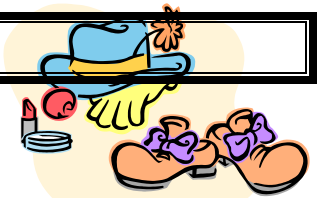
**OFFICE HOURS**  
Monday to Thursday  
9:30 am – 8:00 pm

**Drop-in Computer Use,  
Help or Information**  
660 Sheppard St.  
Monday to Thursday  
1:00 – 4:00 pm

**Settlement Team:** Shane,  
Rowena, Jose, Randean  
and Sally

**Coordinator:** Jana

## MUSICAL NOTES – MS. TODASCHUK



### **CLOWNS – Musical Production – April 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 p.m.**

The students of R. F. Morrison School will be performing in the school's Musical Production entitled **CLOWNS**. This production will take place on Wednesday & Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the gymnasium at R. F. Morrison School. Below, please note the day that your child/children will be performing in the Musical:

#### Wednesday, April 23, 2014 @ 7:00 p.m.

<b>Kindergarten</b>	<b>Mrs. Kennedy</b>
<b>Grade 1</b>	<b>Mrs. Luna</b>
<b>Grade ½</b>	<b>Ms. Borys</b>
<b>Grade 3</b>	<b>Mr. Behrendt</b>
<b>Grade 4/5</b>	<b>Mr. Kammerlock</b>
<b>Grade 5/6</b>	<b>Mr. Ilyniak</b>

#### Thursday, April 24, 2014 @ 7:00 p.m.

<b>Kindergarten</b>	<b>Ms. Tarasiuk</b>
<b>Grade 1</b>	<b>Ms. Kunets</b>
<b>Grade 2</b>	<b>Ms. Gray</b>
<b>Grade 2/3</b>	<b>Mrs. Klimenko</b>
<b>Grade 4/5</b>	<b>Ms. Dutka</b>
<b>Grade 4/5</b>	<b>Mr. Tarasiuk</b>

There are families with more than one child that may have children scheduled on both nights. These class groupings affect the least number of families having to come to both evening shows.

All children performing in the musical production are asked to create their own clown costume! Anything goes! There are many types of clowns! Use lots of colour, and use what is available and already made. Aside from the typical clown costume, some suggestions are:

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| *big floppy shirts with baggy pants   | *oversized jackets                       | *goofy, fun hats |
| *bright colours and lots of colour  | *oversized clothing                      | *floppy hats     |
| *big glasses, goofy glasses   | *wide or long ties                       | *overalls        |
| *patterns, stripes, polka dots  | *unusual colour and pattern combinations |                  |
| *wacky hair, spiky hair, high pigtails or lots of pigtails  |  |                  |
| *big bows or gift bows in girl's hair or as bow ties for boys   |  |                  |
| *clowns of different character: fairy, princess, fire fighter, police, animal, Disney character, etc. |  |                  |



At Dollarama stores, you can get any of the following:

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|---------------------|----------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| *multicoloured wigs | *goofy glasses | *pigtail headbands | *noodle headbands |
|---------------------|----------------|--------------------|-------------------|
- At Party Stuff (on Milt Stegall Drive/Regent Avenue/Kenaston)
- |                              |                              |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| *clown noses (\$1.49-\$2.99) | *wigs (wide range of prices) |
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Also, check out Value Village.

For make-up, children can come to the production with rosy cheeks, red noses, big red lips, etc.

Children are asked to come to their classroom dressed as clowns by 6:45 p.m. for each 7:00 p.m. show. The leading characters in Grades 4, 5 or 6 should dress appropriately for the Dress Rehearsal which takes place in the same afternoon as the evening show. There will be a **silver collection** at the door with proceeds going to The Canadian Museum for Human Rights.

Everyone is asked to refrain from parking along the building in the lot. All staff members will be involved in providing assistance during the production; therefore staff will need to use their parking spots during these times. Thank you for your cooperation.

Please, mark the dates on your calendar. All family and friends are invited to enjoy your child's performance in **CLOWNS!**

Ms. Todaschuk



Students in Grades 3 to 6 in the English-Ukrainian Bilingual Program from R. F. Morrison School who caroled at the Metropolitan's Ukrainian New Year's Levee hosted by the Ukrainian Professional & Business Club of Winnipeg at the Manitoba Legislative Building on Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>.


In marking the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the birth of Ukrainian poet, writer and artist, Taras Shevchenko in 2014, the Ukrainian Canadian Congress - Manitoba Provincial Council (UCC-MB) hosted the bicentenary celebrations. Students in Grades 1 to 6 of the English-Ukrainian Bilingual Program at R. F. Morrison School sang at the Taras Shevchenko monument and on the Grand Staircase of the Legislative Building on Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014.





# RF Morrison's Preschool Program

## April 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 <i>Preschool</i> 9:30-11:30	8	9	10 <i>Preschool</i> 9:30-11:30	11	12
13	14 <i>Preschool</i> 9:30-11:30	15	16	17 <i>Preschool</i> 9:30-11:30	18	19
20	21 <i>Preschool</i> 9:30-11:30	22	23	24 <i>Preschool</i> 9:30-11:30	25	26
27	28 <i>Preschool</i> 9:30-11:30	29	30			

### Canadian Museum for Human Rights

The Canadian Museum for Human Rights, set to open in Winnipeg in September 2014, will be a wonderful contribution to Canada and Human Rights across the world. Educational programs will be inclusive and accessible and will be dedicated solely to helping people understand, celebrate and promote human rights. In support of the Museum, all proceeds from the **silver collection** at our musical production of *CLOWNS* will go to Friends of the Canadian Museum for Human Rights.

I thank you in advance for your contributions!

Ms. Todaschuk



APRIL 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 ←	2	3	4	5
			Spring	Break		
6	7 Day 5	8 Day 6 – Rm. 7 Swimming PAC Mtg.6:30	9 Day 1 – <b>Pink Shirt Day</b>	10 Day 2 Rms. 4 & 9 Take Pride Winnipeg	11 Day 3	12
13	14 Day 4– Jump Rope for ♥ Kickoff 9 a.m.	15 Day 5 – Rm. 7 Swimming	16 Day 6	17 Day 1 Rms. 5 & 7 to SHREK	18 Good Friday No School	19
20	21 Day 2	22 Day 3 – Rm. 7 Swimming	23 Day 4 CLOWNS 7:00 p.m.	24 Day 5 CLOWNS 7:00 p.m.	25 Day 6 PD Day-No School	26
27	28 Day 1-MTYP Night Light	29 Day 2 – Rm. 7 Swimming Spring Photos	30 Day 3 Gr. 6 Camp (to May 2)			