

January  
2024



# Школа R.F Morrison January Newsletter

Dear Morrison Families, Привіт, сім'ї Моррісон,

The last month has included our Winter holiday, but leading up to the holiday, there were many festive and exciting events that we as a community were happy to take part in together. Our Winter Concert was a wonderful success and a beautiful display of the many multicultural celebrations that happen in December. Our students did an amazing job, and we thank our teachers, specifically our music teacher Ms. Yakiwchuk, for preparing the beautiful concert. We also thank you, our parent and guardian community, for supporting your kids and for coming to share in our winter celebration.



We also had both St. Nicholas and Santa Claus visit our students in January. They both brought good wishes and treats for our students. Students in the Ukrainian Bilingual Program prepared songs and greetings for St. Nicholas, and both visits were very exciting for our kids. A big thank you goes out to Save-On Foods on McPhillips for supporting our St. Nicholas visit, by donating the mandarin oranges for him to give out to children that day. Thank you, Save-On from St. Nick, and the EUBP students!



Our Ukrainian Student Choir spent a morning before the holiday break at Holy Family Seniors Home singing carols for residents and brightening their holiday season. Also all students were invited to make holiday cards to deliver to the seniors. RFM students, yet again, you did a wonderful job spreading the holiday spirit. Thank you!

As we move into a new year, we'd like to welcome back two staff members who are returning from being on leave. Welcome back to Sabyna Sawka, our wonderful admin assistant who is always a friendly voice on the phone and a friendly face in the office when you call or come by. And welcome back to Iryna Deneka, who is back to teach grade 3 in the EUBP program. Ми раді вашому поверненню, Пані Денека! We are fortunate that Viktoriia Semenii who was previously teaching the grade 3 class is still with us and is helping currently in Kindergarten and Grade 1/2 classrooms.

We hope that everyone had a restful, warm and happy holiday! The holidays can be a special time to recharge, connect with family and friends and make memories. We hope that all families were able to share in warm moments together. We are looking forward to a 2024 full of rich learning and lovely experiences for our students and our community. We wish everyone a Happy New Year! Вітаємо всіх з новим роком!

*Amber Anderson & Oksana Kosteckyj*

Principal & Vice-Principal

## From the Office

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- January is quite a cold month; please remember to dress your children for the weather—mitts, toque, neck warmer, warm coat, boots, ski pants, etc. *Indoor recess will only occur if the temperature falls below -27 degrees, using the Environment Canada reading from the Forks.*



- Polar Bear Recess Club will be starting soon. When there is an indoor recess, those students who have brought in permission forms for Polar Bear recess will be able to go outside as long as appropriate clothing is worn. Thank you to our volunteer teacher supervisors for volunteering to brave the cold and supervise Polar Bear Recess!
- **Please keep children home if they have cold/flu symptoms** until fevers have stopped and they're starting to feel better.

- If your child is not going to be at school for any reason (sick, late, vacation, etc.), please contact the office at 204-338-7804 or email [rfmorrison@7oaks.org](mailto:rfmorrison@7oaks.org).



- Please remember to include utensils when packing snacks and lunches for the students. And remember to send children to school with a water bottle.

### ***Important Reminder***



Thank you so much for your compliance in not using our school parking lot for student pick up and drop off. We'd like to remind you again that all parking spots are all paid spots paid for and used by staff. Please continue to make use of street parking for pick up and drop off, and feel free to use the designated Stop, Drop and Go area outside of our front doors on Morrison St. for drop off of students who can independently get into the school or to the field. Outside of the time directly before and after school when busses are running, you may use the bus loop to park for short periods of time **but engines must be turned off** as there is fresh air intake along that wall and we can't have exhaust fumes entering the classrooms. Thank you so very much for your compliance with this request.

**Thank you to our Parent Advisory Council**, and specifically Liz Pimental, for planning 2 very successful hot lunches before the break. Students hugely enjoyed the hotdogs and pizza, and the funds raised will continue to support our playground improvements. R.F. Morrison PAC (Parent Advisory Council) is always looking for more parents to join the committee.

You can join the PAC Facebook group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/879161455520474/?ref=share>

The next PAC meeting is *Tuesday January 16<sup>th</sup> at 4pm*. Feel free to attend. All are welcome!

### **Indigenous Word of the Week**

At Morrison each week we learn an Ojibwe or Cree word. We'd like to share those words with you monthly. Maybe at home you can find ways of using them too! Here are the words from December and this first week of January:

**Askiwin:** year (Cree)  
**Pipon:** Winter (Ojibwe)  
**Miskwamiy:** ice (Cree)  
**Yoskikonis:** soft snowflakes (Cree)  
**Wasaskocenikanis:** candle (Cree)



# JANUARY 2024



**Школа R.F. Morrison School**

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Sun	Mon	TUE	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> New Year's Day	<b>Winter Break</b>				<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Day 1 School Reopens	<b>9</b> Day 2	<b>10</b> Day 3	<b>11</b> Day 4	<b>12</b> Day 5	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Day 6 PD Day No school	<b>16</b> Day 1 PAC Meeting 4pm Staff room All Welcome	<b>17</b> Day 2	<b>18</b> Day 3	<b>19</b> Day 4 Sadok Closed	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Day 5	<b>23</b> Day 6	<b>24</b> Day 1	<b>25</b> Day 2	<b>26</b> Day 3	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Day 4	<b>30</b> Day 5	<b>31</b> Day 6			

## February 2024 – IMPORTANT DATES

2<sup>nd</sup> Divisional PD Day – No Classes  
 19<sup>th</sup> Louis Riel Day – No Classes



### GRADE 6

**BAND - Days 2-4-6 in MPR**  
**TAS – Day 1 Soccer @**  
 Garden City Community Centre



### Learn to Swim

Mondays – Room 7  
 Wednesdays - Room 6



### Learn to Skate

Mondays – Room 14  
 Wednesdays – Room 13  
 Thursday Room 4

### Milk Tickets

**\$10.00/sheet of 10**  
**Available in the office**

### Parent - Child Program

Monday & Wednesday Mornings  
 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. in the library

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