



Школа R.F Morrison February Newsletter

Dear Morrison Families, Привіт, сім'ї Моррісон,

It is already March! This school year seems to be rolling along at a steady pace. In February, students welcomed an abundance of guest readers in the library and in their classrooms for *I Love to Read Month*, as they learned about themes of identity and anti-racism. There were also announcements from students about inspiring people in the black community in honour Black History Month.



Many of our grade 4-6s were able to learn a lot about Metis and Francophone culture as well in February, culminating in a field trip to Festival du Voyageur!

As a school R.F. Morrison also recognized an important day for a lot of families in our community. February 24th was the 2-year anniversary of the start of the war in Ukraine. We know that many families we have at our school are families that left Ukraine in the midst of this war. On Friday, February 23rd, as a school, we gathered in the hallways to sing and listen to the Ukrainian National Anthem and share in a moment of silence. We stand to support those families who have left their homes and continue to think of those still fighting for a free Ukraine. Слава Україні.

This month the Ukrainian Program is doing a lot of learning about the important Ukrainian poet, artist, and patriot Taras Shevchenko who is celebrated annually on March 9th by the Ukrainian community. We will be hosting an assembly about Taras Shevchenko on March 8th at 9:15 am.

March is an important month for us to share your children's learning and successes! We look forward to doing this at Parent Teacher Conferences on March 14th and 15th. We look forward to seeing you all. You will get an email when parent connect will open to allow you to book your time with your child's classroom teacher.

Please take a look at our calendar for dates such as our patrol celebration and our Spirit Week. Spring Break is around the corner. Hopefully spring weather is around the corner as well. We wish you all a safe and restful Spring Break. Enjoy and recharge in the time spent with family.

Amber Anderson & Oksana Kosteckyj

Principal & Vice-Principal

From the Office

- It is March, but it is still cold out. 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.*



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



Ongoing Important Reminders



- We have seen tremendous success with our Stop Drop and Go area outside the front doors on Morrison! Thank you to everyone who has been using it.
- Please be reminded that the crosswalk area directly across the street of the front doors is a NO STOPPING zone. We have had children trying to use the cross walk appropriately but stopped cars in that zone block the view of the crosswalk for moving vehicles and have caused dangerous situations.
- 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.

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

All Parents are welcome to join our Parent Advisory Council and attend scheduled meetings.

The next PAC meeting is Tuesday April 16th at 4pm. Feel free to attend. All are welcome!

****Stay tuned for more information about a Dominoes Pizza fundraiser starting the week of April 15th! Information to follow after Spring Break.****

***Reminder: Tenderloin Fundraiser Kubasa Pick up is during Parent Teacher Conferences on March 14th and 15th!**

Positive Discipline in Everyday Parenting program

This program is being offered for families within all of Seven Oaks.

The program is once a week for 8 weeks, starting April 4 until May 23 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at RF Morrison School. Childcare is available.

To register please click on the link below. Registration is now open. Space is limited and registration will close on Friday, March 15th.

<https://forms.gle/gxgd5UbGj8Qks1S79>

Message from Vice Principal Oksana Kosteckyj:

I wanted to say a big thank you and a farewell to our RFM Parent and Guardian community. I will be starting my maternity leave after Spring Break as our little one is due in April. It has been a continuous honor to serve this community, and to spend my days with your wonderful children. They honestly brighten my day every day and I will miss them. Thank you for all of your questions and well wishes when I see you in the hallways. I wish you all a wonderful end to the year, and an exciting school year next year as your children continue to learn and grow within this warm and supportive school community. Thank you and see you upon my return in 2025!
-Oksana Kosteckyj

Indigenous Words of the Week

At Morrison each week we learn an Ojibwe, Anishinaabemowin, 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 February:

Makwa – Giizis (Anishinaabemowin) – Bear Moon

Manidoo – Giizis (Anishinaabemowin) – Spirit Moon

Sakihitowin (Cree) – Love




Mino-Animikodaadim! (Ojibwe) – Happy New Year (in celebration of the Chinese New Year on Feb 10)

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Day 3	2
3	4 Day 4	5 Day 5	6 Day 6 Conference booking opens on Parent Connect	7 Day 1	8 Day 2	9
10 	11 Day 3	12 Day 4 Report Cards Available Online	13 Day 5	14 Day 6 Parent/Teacher Evening Conferences	15 Day 1 Parent/Teacher Conferences NO CLASSES	16
17 	18 Day 2	19 Day 3 hello spring!	20 Day 4	21 Day 5 Patrol Celebration 1-2pm in MPR	22 Day 6	23
24 31	25 Spring Break	26	27	28 	29 Good Friday	30




Learn to Swim
Mondays – Room 7
Wednesdays – Room 6




Learn to Skate
Mondays – Room 14
Wednesdays – Room 13
Thursdays – Room 4

GRADE 6
BAND - Days 2-4-6 in MPR
TAS - Day 1 @ GC Community Centre

Parent - Child Program
Monday & Wednesday Mornings
9:00 – 11:00 a.m. in the Library
Contact: Dave Mathers
Community Coordinator - Partners in Learning
david.mathers@7oaks.org



April 2024 – IMPORTANT DATES
1st First Day of School after Spring Break
8th PAC Hot Lunch
12th PD Day – NO SCHOOL



Milk Tickets
\$10.00/sheet of 10
Available in the office