

November News 2014

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**REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY NOV. 7
AT 10:50A.M.**

Important Dates

Nov. 4	Immunizations (p.m.) Gr. 4 all students Gr. 6 girls only
Nov. 7	Picture retakes (a.m. only) Remembrance Day Assembly 10:50 a.m.
Nov. 10	Admin. Day – NO SCHOOL
Nov. 11	Remembrance Day SCHOOL CLOSED
Nov. 14	PAC Hot Lunch
Nov. 15	Gr. 4/5 Divisional Handball Tournament
Nov. 18	Parent Teacher - Evening
Nov. 20	Parent Teacher - Evening
Nov. 21	Parent Teacher Day NO CLASSES
Dec. 2	PAC MEETING 6:30 p.m.
Dec. 10	"Nutcracker" Winter Concert – 7:00 p.m.
Dec. 11	"Nutcracker" Winter Concert – 7:00 p.m.
Dec. 12	PAC Hot Lunch
Dec. 15	School PD – NO CLASSES
Dec. 19	Last Day of School before Winter Break
Jan. 5	First Day back from Winter Break
Jan.16	PAC Hot Lunch
Feb. 2	School PD – NO CLASSES
Feb. 13	Pancake Breakfast
Feb.16	Louis Riel Day SCHOOL CLOSED
Mar. 10	Parent Teacher - Evening
Mar. 12	Parent Teacher - Evening
Mar. 13	Parent Teacher Day – NO CLASSES
Mar. 27	Last day of classes before Spring Break
Apr. 6	First Day back from Spring Break
Apr. 24	School PD – NO CLASSES
May 11	School PD – NO CLASSES
May 18	Victoria Day – SCHOOL CLOSED
June 30	Last Day of School

The cold weather is upon us. Please remember to send your children to school with mitts, hats, boots & warm jacket/pants. Students will only stay in school for recess when the combined temperature and wind chill equals -27°C .

Шановні Батьки,

З приходом зими просимо одягати дітей тепліше. Діти обов'язково повинні мати рукавиці, шапки, чоботи, теплі куртки, і штани. Учні бидуть залишатися підчас перерви у школі тільки тоді, коли на вулиці температура повітря -27° з вітром.



Principal's Message:

November is here and with it the start of colder weather. Students are reminded to dress appropriately for the weather. This includes warm winter jackets, hats and mittens, and ski pants once the snow flies. Outdoor recess is an active and enjoyable time, but not much fun if you're shivering and feeling cold! *Just a reminder that if a child is well enough to come to school, they are well enough to go out for recess!*

October has been another busy and active month, and culminated with our annual Halloween Gym experience, which was planned and carried out by Ms. Lasko and Ms. Matwichyna and our capable and enthusiastic helpers from Mr. Ilyniak's Grade 5/6 class.

Other October Highlights:

- We are so proud of all of our students in grades 3 – 5 who participated in the divisional cross-country run at Little Mountain Park. Great sportsmanship and effort were displayed by all of our students!
- Grade 6 TAS students took part in visiting a corn maze, hiking and art at Bird's Hill Park, and geocaching at Oak Hammock Marsh. Gr. 6 students also participated in a half-day volleyball workshop.
- Our school patrols also had a great time at the patrol outing to the corn maze.
- PAC sponsored a delicious hot lunch.
- The Humane Society made presentations to classes with the help of some furry friends.
- Mr. Kammerlock and his class ran the Peak of the Market fundraiser this month with all proceeds going to building the new classroom addition at Kamwokya Primary School in Kampala, Uganda.
- Author Karin Adams visited room 3 to talk about her newest book and inspire our young writers.
- After-school Heritage Language classes started for several of our students.
- Staff attended a variety of interesting professional development sessions and workshops during the divisional professional development day on October 20th and the annual provincial in-service day (SAGE) on October 24th.
- Grade 3 and 4 students in room 9 continue to work hard on their swimming skills every Wednesday morning.

Reminder re: Illness: Please inform your child's teacher or the office if your child or family member has a communicable illness such as chicken pox, Fifth disease, etc. This information is vital to the well-being of other students and staff with health care concerns.

Please continue to drop in or call the school with any questions or concerns. We welcome your comments, interest and support!

Let us Give (to the tune of Let It Snow)

Oh the weather outside is unforgiving
It's where the homeless are living
And since they've no place to live
Let us give, let us give, let us give

It doesn't show signs of warming
And I've brought some items for giving
The list is in this newsletter
Let us give, let us give, let us give

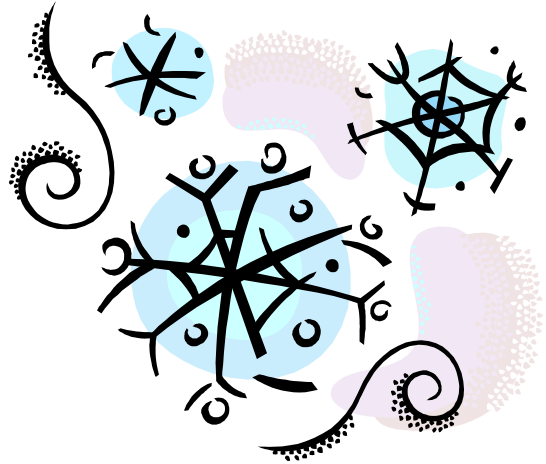
Oh how we want to make it right
How I hate when they're not warm
So we give to make it right,
All the night long they'll be warm

The song is slowly ending
And, my dear, we're always collecting
But as long as we love to help
Let us give, let us give, let us give

The students in **Room 12** will be collecting items that are urgently in need at ***Siloam Mission***. Siloam Mission is an organization that helps less fortunate people get back onto their feet. Every week in November we will be highlighting specific items listed. We will also take any of the items that are listed in the newsletter at any time. If you would like more information about the items needed, or Siloam Mission, please visit the website www.siloam.ca.
Remember, every little bit helps!

Urgently Needed Items

- Hotel sized shampoo and soap
- New socks
- Lip balm
- Toques
- Gloves
- Laundry soap
- Towels
- Deodorant
- Hoodies
- Jackets
- Long johns



Our newsletter is available online at:

<http://www.7oaks.org/school/rfmorrison/Pages/default.aspx>

Our divisional web site will have information daily regarding transportation cancellations and school closures during the winter months.



Room 11 is Smart...In So Many Ways!

The children of Room 11 have been learning a lot about the many ways to be smart, also known as the Multiple Intelligences. Together we have learned that everybody is good at something and that people are good at different things. The children understand that it's a good thing that people are smart in different ways. We can share ideas and help each other out because that's what makes our classroom community a stronger and more interesting place. The children have made it clear that they value "listening to your heart" because people should feel happy and be proud of who they are.

As a class we completed surveys in order to discover our strengths and interests. It was very exciting to look at our class chart showing the Multiple Intelligences and whose name was beside each intelligence! We also made a classroom "brain" which included everybody's name and ways they are smart. Now we know who to go to for help and also can remember what we're good at. Making the parts of the brain out of plasticine was a lot of fun! The children have also have discussed possible careers for what they are good at and shared their dreams of what they would like to be when they grow up with their peers. We imagined what the world would be like if everyone was good at the same thing and there was no diversity. I hope you enjoy some quotes from the children on this subject.

"There would be no pools to swim in if nobody was body smart" - Cassidy

"Our classroom wouldn't be fun at all. It would be boring if everyone was the same. There wouldn't be any games" - Mya

"There wouldn't be any stages if nobody knew how to dance" - Cassidy

"We'd all be doing the same things, everyone would be following everybody" - Amara

"If we were all people smart no one would grow plants or make beautiful paintings" - Jyanne

"We wouldn't be able to draw if no one was art smart" - Addison

"It would be boring because we would be doing the same thing, everyone would copy each other" - Bryden

"If there were no multiple intelligences everyone would be standing around doing nothing" - Cassidy



PARENT ADVISORY NEWS

A big thank you to Barb Thiessen, Karlie Debets and Sharon Salemi for their help with the hot food lunch. Our next hot lunch will be held on Friday, November 14th. Look for the envelope that will be coming home soon.

Reminder: Next PAC meeting is **Tuesday, November 4th at 6:30p.m.** Babysitting service for those parents in attendance will be provided. Please call the office to let them know if you are bringing your children. All parents/guardians are welcome, so please join us!

Lisa Radlinsky
Chair, R F. Morrison PAC

Seven Oaks Sadok Nursery

An Introduction to the English-Ukrainian Bilingual Program. Ages 2-6

Time: 9:00 – 11:20 and 11:30 – 3:20
Monday – Friday at R. F. Morrison School
Registration: 204-338-7804

Program Include: Structured learning time, songs & Games, play in a variety of centers, library, computer, arts and crafts, gym/outdoor play, parties, field trips and more!

Grade 3/4 Room 9

This month in our classroom we read two books and talked about the fall. We reviewed and learned new words in Ukrainian to describe seasonal changes.

My favourite story is “РІПКА” – “The Great Big, Enormous Turnip” by Ivan Franko.

I like this story because it is easy to read and it has nice pictures. We read the story many times and the best part was, when we got to dress up and act the story to the rest of the class. The characters in the story are: дід, баба, доня, братчик, песик, котик, і мишка. Once I played a role of a dog and the next time a big brother. I had a lot of fun. Everyone was laughing.

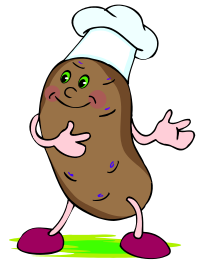


by William



My favourite story was “ХОДИТЬ ГАРБУЗ ПО ГОРОДУ”. It is a story about a bossy pumpkin. He walks around the garden asking different vegetables: How are you? Reading the story we learn names of vegetables and Pani Klimenko had big pictures of all the characters from the book. I had fun acting out the story many times. I was a nice green cucumber. Next time I would like to play a role of the бараболя!

by Rachel



P.E. News!

Little Mountain Park – Divisional Cross Country Run

Grades 3-6 students from our school participated in this season's cross country run.

We are very proud of all the runners who practiced every day for the run. There were even some runners who couldn't get enough.

ONCE AGAIN, GREAT JOB MORRISON.



Team Handball

Students in grades 4, 5, and 6 have begun playing Team Handball during the lunch hour. Interested students have been invited to play in the Grades 4 & 5 Seven Oaks School Division Team Handball Tournament.

This year's tournament takes place on **Saturday, November 15th, location TBD.**

In order to play in the tournament, students must attend practices. They must also hand in a permission slip signed by a parent or guardian.

SPARE CHANGE FOR BRAINS

Supporting Global Education

Please remember to return your Spare Change for Brains envelope with your donation by Friday, November 7th to the school.

Money raised will be divided between Seven Oaks Wayfinders program and the construction of new classroom space at the Mondetta-supported Kamwokya School in Uganda.

Our kids are bright and talented – let's help them learn through giving and spread the wealth of spirit our community has to offer!

From the MUSIC DEPARTMENT



***The Nutcracker* - Musical Production – December 10th & 11th @ 7:00 pm**

The students of R. F. Morrison School will be performing in the Musical Production “**Nutcracker**” - adapted from “The Nutcracker Suite” by Peter I. Tchaikovsky and “The Nutcracker and the Mouse King” by E. T. A. Hoffman - which they will present on **Wednesday and Thursday, December 10 and 11, 2014 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 “**Nutcracker**”:

Wednesday, December 10 @ 7:00 pm

Kindergarten	Mrs. Kennedy
Grade 1	Ms. Tarasiuk
Grade 1/2	Ms. Gray
Grade 2/3	Mr. Behrendt
Grade 4/5	Mr. Kammerlock
Grade 5/6	Mr. Ilyniak

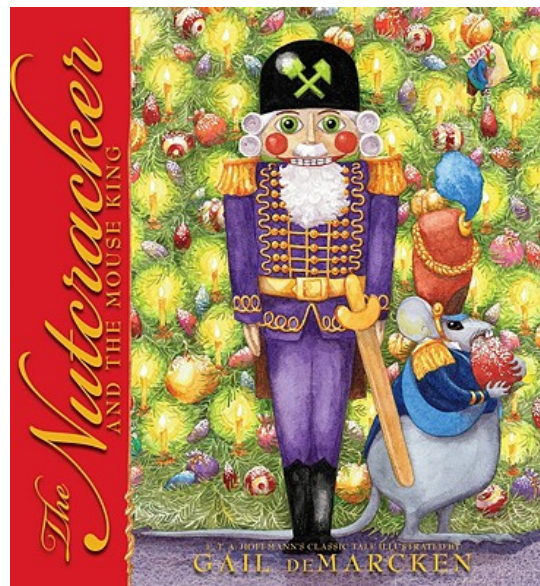
Thursday, December 11 @ 7:00 pm

Kindergarten	Ms. Matwichyna
Grade 1/2	Ms. Kunets
Grade 1/2	Ms. Borys
Grade 2/3	Ms. Dahl
Grade 4/5	Mrs. Klimenko
Grade 4/5	Ms. Dutka

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.

Please, mark these dates on your calendar. All family and friends are invited to enjoy your child’s performance in the **Nutcracker!** Further information will be provided in the next newsletter.

Ms. Todaschuk



In preparation for Colder Weather, Please Note:



When the combined temperature and wind chill equal **-35°C or lower**, patrols will only be on stop for 5 minutes.

Students will stay in the school for recess when the combined temperature and wind chill equal **-27°C**.

Students will be outside for recess, including lunch recess when the weather permits. **Please dress your child appropriately for the weather - mitts, scarves, hats and boots are necessary at this time of year.**

During the winter months, transportation services may be cancelled due to adverse weather conditions.

When Environment Canada **wind chill is -45°C or colder as of 6:00a.m.**, school busses will be **cancelled for the entire day.**

Listen to the following Radio Stations for school cancellation and bus cancellations:

CJOB-680 or CBC-990

Our Division web site will have all information regarding transportation cancellations and school closures. Log on to the divisional website: www.7oaks.org



Hearing and Vision Screening News!

Hearing and Vision Screening will take place in our school during the months of November and December. These screenings are designed to uncover signs of any possible hearing or vision difficulties. Should your child require further testing, a note will be sent home with details. Children currently wearing glasses will not be tested. If you do not wish to have your child tested, please let his/her teacher know immediately. Here are the grades and dates that may pertain to your child:

November 24-November 28: **Hearing Screening** (Kindergarten, grade one and any new students to our school)

December 1-December 5: **Vision Screening** (Kindergarten, grade one, three and five and any new students to our school)



ST. BONIFACE UKRAINIAN FOUNDATION INC

Thank You...

The Ukrainian/English bilingual program at our school would like to thank the Charitable Donation Committee of the Board of Directors, **St. Boniface Ukrainian Foundation Inc.**, for their continued generous support of our programs. Thank you!



*The Ukrainian/English bilingual program at R. F. Morrison School would like to acknowledge the continued support of the **Carpathia Credit Union**. Your generous support enables our students and teachers to further develop exciting new opportunities in the classrooms and beyond. Thank you!!*

LIBRARY NEWS

Halloween is over and the weather is turning colder.

Inevitably the students will turn their attention to winter fun and CHRISTMAS!

Expect to see lots of Christmas themed books coming home (yes, even though it is only November).

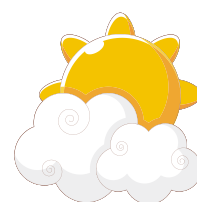
We will also be putting out lots of snow themed books since all children LOVE snow (even if their parents don't).

Have a great November.

S. Rose, Library Technician




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RF Morrison Preschool Program

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

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2	3 Preschool Program 9:30-11:30	4	5 Evening gym prog 6:00-7:30	6	7	8
9	10 PD Day NO SCHOOL	11  REMEMBRANCE DAY NO SCHOOL	12 Evening gym prog 6:00-7:30	13	14	15
16	17 Preschool Program 9:30-11:30	18	19 Evening gym prog 6:00-7:30	20	21	22
23	24 Preschool Program 9:30-11:30	25	26 Evening gym prog 6:00-7:30	27	28	29
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November

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
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2	3 Day 2	4 Day 3-PAC Mtg 6:30 PM Immunizations Gr.4s & Gr.6 girls	5 Day 4-Rm. 9 Swimming	6 Day 5	7 Day 6-Picture retakes; Assembly 10:50 a.m.	8
9	10 Day 1 - Admin Day NO SCHOOL	11 Remembrance Day NO SCHOOL	12 Day 2-Rm. 9 Swimming	13 Day 3	14 Day 4-PAC Hot Lunch;Helmet Orders due	15 Gr.4/5 Div.Handball Tournament
16	17 Day 5	18 Day 6 Parent/Teacher Conf.-Evening	19 Day 1-Rm. 9 Swimming	20 Day 2-Gr.5/6 EUBP Legislative Bldg. Parent/Teacher Conf. - Evening	21 Day 3 Parent/Teacher Conf.NO SCHOOL	22
23	24 Day 4	25 Day 5	26 Day 6-Rm. 9 Swimming	27 Day 1	28 Day 2	29 
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