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Three way conferences are now complete with many wonderful discussions taking place about student progress. Together, we all worked hard to make École Seven Oaks School a great learning place. Students set personal goals that should make our school an even better place.

Students and staff are also involved beyond our walls. People at ÉSOMS are in the sharing mood of the season, exemplifying great citizenship by committing themselves to working with groups such as Siloam Mission and Winnipeg Harvest.

We want to welcome Ms Christine Rigey to our staff. Ms Rigey teaches grade 8 in room 33. She replaces Mrs. McDonald who is on leave with the newest member of her family. All the best to the new teacher and the new mother!

We also want to welcome Teacher/Coordinator Ms Sherri Courchene and Cultural Workers Ms Donna Moose and Mr. Michael Pierre and all the members of the **Keeping Balance** Program who just started at ÉSOMS. You will make a difference in the students' lives.

Before we go on a well deserved winter break, students will be involved in many great activities. Well over one hundred students are involved in rehearsal for the school production which will take place at **Le Centre Culturel Franco-Manitobain** in April. Our volleyball teams have completed their season and basketball practices are already underway. We anticipate a strong participation at each grade level, and more importantly, a lot of fun.

We will celebrate our success and accomplishments with a concert on the afternoon of December 20th. Yaketchose, a rock band that plays music in both French and English, will perform for students and staff.

December is a month to reflect on what happened over the past year and to set goals for the upcoming year. In order to attain these goals, we have to ensure they are as realistic and as honest as possible. This is why we chose honesty as our theme for the month of December. As the author Paulo Coelho wrote: "No one can lie; no one can hide anything, when he looks directly into someone's eyes."

Happy Hannukah! Milaad majiid! Srecan bozic! Buon Natale! Wesolich Swiat! Z Rizdvom Hrystovym! Feliz Natal! Srojdestvom! Feliz Navidad! Vesele vianoce! Maligayang pasco! Joyeux Noël! Hauskaa Joulua! Merry Christmas!

IMPORTANT DATES

DECEMBER	7	Parent Advisory Council 6:30 pm
	10	School PD – No classes
	20	Striving for Excellence – Period 6
	22	Winter Break Soc Hop
	22	Last Day of classes
WINTER BREAK		DECEMBER 23RD – JANUARY 5TH
JANUARY	6	Classes Resume – Day 4
	11	Parent Advisory Council 6:30 pm
	27	Striving for Excellence – Period 6
	31	School PD – No Classes* New Date*
FEBRUARY	1	Parent Advisory Council 6:30 pm
	10	Human Rights Museum
	11	Valentine Soc Hop
	21	Louis Riel Day – No classes
	23	Striving for Excellence – Period 6
MARCH	1	Parent Advisory Council 6:30 pm
	7	Winter Activity Day
	11	Progress Reports go home
	15	Three Way conferences
	17	Three Way conferences
	18	Three Way Conferences – No classes
	21	Striving for Excellence – Period 6
	25	Spring Break Soc Hop
	25	Last day of Classes
SPRING BREAK		MARCH 28TH – APRIL 1ST
APRIL	4	School Resumes – Day 6
	5	Parent Advisory Council 6:30 pm
	13	Open House
	22	Good Friday – No classes
	25 – 28	School Production
MAY	1	Striving for Excellence – Period 6
	3	Parent Advisory Council 6:30 pm
	5 – 6	School PD – No Classes
	23	Victoria Day – No classes
JUNE	1 – 3	Arts in the Park
	7	Parent Advisory Council 6:30 pm
	28	Grade 8 Farewell
	29	Admin Day – No Classes
	30	Progress Reports go home
		Last day of Classes - dismissal 11:15 am



Striving for Excellence - wisdom

Rm 8 - Emily, Jhon Rm 24 - Megan, Braden Rm 25 - Shaira, Riley Rm 26 - Brandon, Braxton Rm 5 - Lily, Lara
Rm 31 - Jenessa, William Rm35 - Mattina, JM Rm 19 - Megan, Joseph Rm 17 - Julia Rm 30 - Melissa, Patrick
Rm 13 - Deana, Colin Rm 15 - Chantal, Eric, Rm 9 - Jasmin, Camille, Rm 33 - Bettina, Charius Rm 11 - Chloe, Justin

Join us on December 20th for our next Striving for Excellence assembly - Honesty.

Flashback!

Excitement is rising as rehearsals are getting underway for our production 'Back to the 80s'. Again, we ask for your help in assisting our student/actors to not only check the rehearsal schedule but to be there on time as well. Rehearsal schedules are posted on the production website as well as on the production bulletin board by Mr. Hall's room. I would like to remind students to hand in their notes to Mrs. Morton so we can get everything organized. If you require a new media note or welcome letter, please check on the production website or see Mrs. Morton as soon as possible since there is some very important information on these notes.

Thank you to all students, staff, and parents for their support of our production.

UNITED WAY WEEK

Several weeks ago, we had "United Way Week". It was a lot of fun! We had "Theme Days" everyday and things going on at lunch as well. Monday was "Pyjama Day", Tuesday was "Hat Day", Wednesday was "Jersey Day", Thursday was "80's Day" and Friday was "Costume Day". In order to participate, you had to donate \$1.00 for each activity. We raised \$375.00 just for those Theme Days! For our lunch activities, the activities were a Relay Race, Men vs. Women teacher volleyball game, divisional boys and girls volleyball game, and the last day was a Costume Contest. We asked for a .25 cent donation to participate. We raised \$130.00 for those activities!! We were also selling "Spook-a-Grams" and "Principal for a Day" ballots. We raised \$90.00 from that. Brayden from room 35 won the "Principal for a Day" draw and worked with Mr. Bèrubè on Nov. 12th. As a school, we raised a grand total of \$2571.75! Wow! All the money went to United Way. I think everybody had a great time! I can't wait until next year's United Way Week!!

By: Brooke - Room 35



EDGE information will now be available through the Seven Oaks Website! www.7oaks.org

At the site, click on **Programs**, scroll and click on **EDGE**. You will be able to view information on programs, participating schools, calendars plus much more. Course booklets may be viewed/printed as well as all registration materials.

EDGE offers a variety of after school activities for your middle year student. Parents and students who are looking to fill the gap between school and the supper hour can check out the affordable programs offered by **EDGE**.

Registration booklets/forms will be delivered to your school *right after the winter break* Remember courses are fun and educational, but spaces are limited... So...don't delay, register as soon as possible to ensure participation in **EDGE**.

Questions? Contact Penny Raymond,
Extended Day Coordinator at:
885-4333 or 227-7136
e-mail: penny.raymond@7oaks.org

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The Parent Council last met on Tuesday, November 2nd, Mr. Kowalchuk and Mr. Bérubé updated us on all the latest happenings at ESOMS since the last council meeting, including Spirit Week, Speed Watch, Progress Reports, the Musical, Parent Connect, and the ESOMS Newsletter.

Our next and last meeting of the year (2010!!), will be held on Tuesday, December 7th at 6:30. Meetings are usually held in the Staff Room. Please join us for a most informative evening!
Kathleen Lukas



MUSIC NOTES....

PERFORMANCES



- December 4 - Incredibows play at the National Art's Symposium - U of M
- December 8 - Singing Fiddle Cafe
- December 14 - Incredibows play at the Forks in the afternoon
- December 16 - Fiddlers play for the Polish/ Canadian Senior's Center
- December 20 - Fiddlers play at Carriage House

The Singing Fiddle Cafe
December 8, 2010
7:00 p.m.
ESOMS gymnasium

This enjoyable evening of fiddling and singing will feature our grade 6 students. Each grade 6 class will be making some of their beginning sounds (music) on their fiddles; playing two selections per class. As well, this will be the premier performance of the Grade 6 choir and the Grade 6 "Boy's Only" Choir. The Incredibows will be performing on this evening as well.

Bring a couple of dollars in your pocket to purchase coffee, treats, and a poinsettia. All money raised will help to support our fiddling program.

THE INCREDIBOWS

The Incredibows have a very busy month coming up filled with loads of performances. As a member of the Incredibows, you know what that means - practice, practice, practice. For our first performance, we have the honour of performing at The National Arts' Symposium on December 4th. I'm sure we all know how big this is going to be, but once again the Incredibows are up the for challenge. Some of the new tunes we will be playing are En Avante Blonde and Mari's Wedding. Our next performance will be Singing Fiddle Cafe on December 8th, with our grade 6 fiddlers performing. We're going to show the parents how truly awesome their kids can be. Next, on

December 14th, we are heading down to The Forks to play for the public. Then both Mme Henry and Mr. Ruppenthal's grade 8 classes will be playing traditional Christmas tunes at various nursing homes for everyone to enjoy! Good luck to all performers. *By: Annaka - Room 15*

In the gym....

PHYSICAL EDUCATION CLASSES

Throughout the month of November students completed a handball unit. Please help remind your child to bring a change of clothes to gym class. There will be scheduled gym classes outside, so it is really important they are dressed for the cold weather.

AT LUNCH

Team Handball is the new intramural game offered in November and December.

LEADERSHIP

The new Leadership program is really going well after the changes we made to it at the start of this year.

1. Unite to Change: These students have been instrumental in setting up the Christmas Cheer Board food drive.
2. Special Events Coordinators: These students did a great job decorating for the Halloween dance back in October. Our next event is Spirit Week at the end of December!

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

The bowling unit has come to end. The students had a great time at Roxy Lanes to finish up the unit. Thanks to Kellie, Mikayla (Milcayla) and Reethu for their assistance. The next unit is snowshoeing!

EXTRACURRICULAR

Volleyball season has sadly come to an end. Well done to all participants. A special thanks to the following coaches: Ms. Lindsay, Mr. Dewit, Mr. Serzu, Mrs. Chrnyk, Mr. Malaschuk, Mr. Page, and Mme Henry. See you next season!

BASKETBALL

A new basketball season starts in late November. Gr. 7/8 clinics start the week of the 22nd and the Gr 6's start Dec. 6th. Also, look for "Basketball in the AM" (a basketball drop in for all ages) to start Friday morning Nov 12th @ 7:15am.



Mr. dewit

We have had a very fun month here in room 24. I am going to tell you about some of the activities we did this month. In Math, we have been doing a lot about place value, multiplication, and division. We have learned a lot. In Science, we have been learning a lot about the three point approach. The three point approach is when you have to find an interesting word and then you have to write the definition about the word, an example of the word, and then you have to draw a picture. We have also been looking into a lot of national *Geographic* magazines, and learning about the plant and animal kingdom.

In Language Arts, we have been learning a lot about grammar. Every week our teacher gives us new spelling words and we have to write sentences with them, find antonyms and synonyms. We also have to find the syllables for them. In Social Studies, we have been doing a lot of worksheets about early immigration and Canada's history. We also did a worksheet about Remembrance Day and watched a video about it. In French, we have learned how to say about 15 animals in French, and how to say a number of items around the school. We also had a French QUIZ! In Phys Ed, we played handball, volleyball and many other games. It has been a lot of fun. We have also been learning how to play the fiddle and many other instruments. We have had a lot of fun this month in room 24. **By: Kezia**

Mr. Serzu

This month in class has been really fun. We did research on an animal we chose in Science. We also did a timeline for when all the provinces joined Confederation. We have also been studying Louis Riel in Social Studies. In Math, we have been working on estimating and rounding off numbers. In Language Arts, we finished our ABC Autobiographies and have been doing some work on grammar. In Fiddling we've been learning *Memories of Paris* (A French folk song) and *Down by the Bay*. In Band, we've played band survival, and in Exploratory they've been making milk carton cars. We've had tons of fun this November. **By: Sara Herntier**

Mr. Hall &
MR. PAGE

We will be beginning a novel study on *Bridge to Terabithia*. Mrs. Kiva has begun working with both classes, using a webquest for the study. We are very excited to be using a new way of learning about the story. We have also finished up our 'I am...' poems. In Math, we continue to develop our skills in multiples and factoring. This week, we have begun cartooning with *Gérald Laroche*, a local artist and musician. We are looking forward to learning some cartooning skills, after which we will be making our own comic strips about famous Canadians.

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This month in ELA we have been starting our essay writing skills. We have been learning to focus our ideas and to brainstorm. In Social Studies we have done some work on our island projects, where we design and plan our own themed island somewhere in the world. We also have been watching *The Amazing Race*. It is wrapping up soon and getting very exciting. We answer questions about where they have gone in each leg of the race. In Math we have finished our Tessellations with pencil crayon and corn syrup. Using corn syrup was a little messy but fun. Also in Math we started data analysis, figuring out the mean, median, and mode of math questions. We have been working on our portfolios for the three way parent teacher conference. It's interesting to see what we need to work on for the next term. I am looking forward to the coming months, and what I will learn! **By: Holly Dyck**

Mrs.

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Hello ESOMS, here is some news from our class. There is a new student teacher in our class. His name is Mr. Panetta and he teaches us Math and Science. In L.A., we have started a new project on Christmas. There are a lot of different activities in the project and it is due on December 17th. In Math we have just been given back our quizzes on equivalent fractions and we have just started with improper fractions and mixed numbers. In Science, we are beginning a unit on earthquakes and volcanoes and in Geography we have started learning about landforms. We have been assigned two landforms each and have to find the definition of them and make an illustration. We have been working hard to bring in items for the Christmas Cheer Board hamper drive for underprivileged families in our community. That's what's new from Room 31! **By: William and Anna**

Ms Waskul

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This year been great so far! We have done a lot of really neat things! So far, we have gone on some really neat field trips like going to Winnipeg Harvest and Fort Whyte. The Remembrance Day assembly was really good. A lot of people in our class performed. In Math, we have been doing exponents, scientific notation, factors, and place value. It has been really interesting. Some of it has been tricky though!! We also present POLI every couple of weeks. Science

is going really well. We did an animal project, and studied biomes and ecosystems. We had a quiz on it and we are having a lot of fun with this topic. Social Studies is really fun! We have been watching "The Amazing Race" every week. We really enjoy it! After each episode, we get a worksheet about the country that they went to. We have also been studying continents. ELA is awesome. We have been presenting TUSC. We have also been doing spelling units and have done a big assignment called our "Theme Project". We picked a topic and did activities around it. In French, we have been studying francophone countries around the world. We also learned Halloween vocabulary in the spirit of the holiday. I think this year is going to be a blast! We are having so much fun already! *By: Brooke*

MR. NAULT ROOM 15

Over the last month in room 15 we have been learning about a variety of different things. In math we have been learning about the Pythagorean Theorem. In ELA we have started our research project, which will be integrated into Social Studies as we learn about the beginnings of other cultures from around the world. Our classroom ecosystem has finally been started! We filled the tank and it is now set up with live plants and fish. We will be observing and expanding our ecosystem in the months to come. It should be fun and educational to watch it grow over the next few months.

Homework Club

Not sure about some work! Would you like to have some help with projects? Do you want to be more organized in your school work? Be sure to come to room 21 between 3:15 and 5:00 on Thursday nights beginning December 2nd.
Mr Bérubé

Tabs for Michael

Michael is a student at West Kildonan Collegiate. His favorite activities are participating in gym and socializing with others. To increase his physical activity, Michael would love to bike ride with his family and friends on a specialty bike. Please donate your tabs so we can purchase Michael a bike.

The Canadian MedicAlert® Foundation

The Canadian MedicAlert® Foundation is a charitable organization which is the leading provider of emergency medical information services linked to customized medical bracelets and necklets. We are pleased to be able to offer MedicAlert memberships to students (from age 4 to their 14th birthday) through the *No Child Without*® program in select schools. The financial support of the Government of Canada and Lions Clubs allows students to receive the MedicAlert membership for FREE.

Families can access free medic alert bracelets for their children by contacting the school office to receive the brochure and related information. You may also visit www.nochildwithout.ca for further information.



City of Winnipeg Leisure Guide

The City of Winnipeg is proud to provide a wide variety of recreation and leisure opportunities to contribute to the overall well-being of our community. The Leisure Guide is published three times per year and is filled with fun and exciting programs for everyone, including paid registered programming as well as free drop-in programming for children and youth.

For more information on Leisure Guide programs, please pick up a copy of the Leisure Guide, call 311 or log on to Winnipeg.ca/leisureonline. Guides are available for pick up at civic pools, libraries, arenas, and leisure centres and

at a number of retail locations including Safeway, 7-Eleven and Mac's. Registration for winter programs begins on Monday, December 13, 2010. **Watch for the new Winter Leisure Guide out December 4th.**

Winnipeg wave swim club

Programs begin January 10, 2011! Come out for a free swim assessment. For more info, please contact Howard Ryant at 334-5927 or email winnipegwave@hotmail.com. Forms and fees are available on our website, www.winnipegwave.com.

December 2010

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			Day 6 1 Last day Term 1 Grade 8 TAS	Day 1 2 Keeping Balance Community Feast 5 – 8 pm	Day 2 3 Last day Term 1 Grade 6 TAS	4
5	Day 3 6	Day 4 7 Last day Term 1 Grade 7 TAS	Day 5 8 Singing Fiddle Cafe 7:00 pm ESOMS Gym	Day 6 9 First day Term 2 Grade 8 TAS	Day 1 10 ESOMS PD No Classes	11
12	Day 2 13 First day Term 2 Grade 6 TAS	Day 3 14	Day 4 15 First day Term 2 Grade 7 TAS	Day 5 16	Day 6 17	18
19	Day 1 20	Day 2 21	Day 3 22 Winter Soc Hop 12:45 pm Classes Dismissed 3:00 pm	23	24	25 <i>Christmas Day</i>
26	27	28	29	30	31	
						
						January 2011 Classes Resume Thursday, Jan. 6 Day 4