

HAWK TALK¹

École Seven Oaks Middle School

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On February 8, 2012, we welcomed the community to visit our Human Rights Museum. We have been talking with our students about what this experience means to us.

Speaking with a group of students in the library, one of the teachers asked, "What does the Human Rights Museum mean to you?" In the subsequent conversation, the students revisited the exhibits, discussed projects and displays for a while until one student quietly said, **"We live for ourselves and we live for others. That is how we make the world."**

Images from the Human Rights Museum

We took many photos to document the work of our students. Here are a few examples.

IMPORTANT DATES

March 5 ESOMS Winter Activity Day

March 6	Parent Advisory Council 6:30 pm
March 7	ESOMS Band Concert 7:00 at NKMB
March 9	Student Reports go home
March 13	Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences - Evening
March 15	Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences - Evening
March 16	Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences – No Classes
March 15-16	Brandon Jazz Festival
March 23	Last day of classes before Spring Break

April 2	Classes resume after Spring Break
April 3	Parent Advisory Council 6:30 pm
April 6	Good Friday – No Classes
April 9 – 12	ESOMS Musical Production
April 18	ESOMS Open House – 7:00 pm
April 20	School PD – No Classes

May 1	Parent Advisory Council 6:30 pm
May 7	School PD – No Classes
May 15-18	Band Trip
May 21	Victoria Day – No Classes

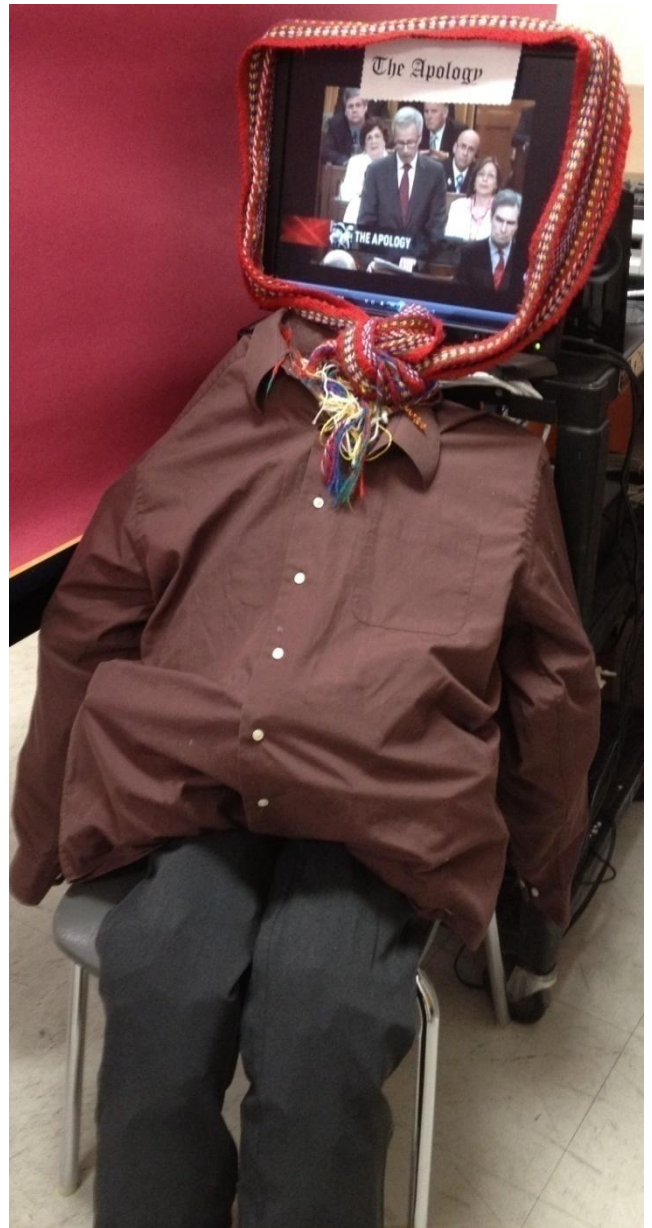
June 5	Parent Advisory Council 6:30 pm
June 13	Choral Concert
June 27	Grade 8 Farewell Evening
June 28	Administration Day – No Classes
June 29	Last Day of Classes



One group of students wrote biographies of righteous gentiles who stood up for human rights and saved lives during the Holocaust. The art work on the book covers is beautiful and moving.

The experiences of first-nations children in residential schools was an important theme of our human rights museum.





Field Trip to Siloam Mission

On February 1st, the students of room 25 went to Siloam Mission for a field trip. We learned about Hannah Taylor who helped to raise funds to buy the beds at Siloam Mission. Siloam mission is a place for people who can't afford things for their daily life. Siloam Mission offers people in need three meals: breakfast, lunch, and dinner. There are many volunteers who love helping. Siloam Mission also teaches people how to find work and achieve life goals.

Volunteers and counsellors talk to people privately so they feel better and then make them responsible enough to find work and afford things for themselves. The mission has an art program so people can draw, paint, etc.

The Mission has a clinic so that sick people can get medical help. The fieldtrip was very interesting and our guide taught us a lot.

Room 25

Our Reflections on Personal Safety

It's hard to believe that it is almost report card time again. Often at this time of year, the teacher asks us to look back on the things we've learned, accomplished or continue to work in respect to Math, Science, Social Studies and Language Arts. But in our classroom, we also have mini-lessons on topics that come from the "real world." Recently, the topic of our personal safety has been in the forefront. We have been a part of discussions and/or presentations on Internet Safety (from the Winnipeg Police), and equal rights and respect for all people (a presentation from the Rainbow resources Centre) and visited several classrooms during the Human Rights Museum. All of these, are part of our personal safety but in a big picture

way. Today, we took a look at our safety in getting to and from school. We would like to share some of the guidelines we came up with to keep ourselves safe:

- Make a plan with your parents/family/guardian about where you are going to be after school and/or who you are with.
- Let the people who care about you know your favourite spots to hang out.
- Let people know your walking route.
- Walk to and from school with a buddy.
- Use school bussing if you live farther away.
- If you travel on a city bus, sit close to the bus driver.
- If you arrive home alone, call your mother, father, or other trusted adult to let them know you are home and all right. Keep the door locked, don't open the door for strangers, and don't tell strangers that you are home alone.
- When approaching busy streets like Salter, Jefferson, and Main Street it is important to look in both directions before attempting to cross the street. If you see cars coming wait till they stop.
- Make eye contact with the driver before crossing the street especially with buses.
- Also, it is very important in any situation or environment to "trust your gut" –if you get a bad feeling...remove yourself from the situation.

What are your guidelines?

Room 15

Bake Sale!

Hello E.S.O.M.S! A few months ago, we learned that we are going to Québec, Montréal and Ottawa for a school field trip next year. Our classes are very busy for the preparation of this big trip! We have successfully sold so many Sobey's gift cards! And for our next fundraiser, we will be running a bake sale, which will be taking place during the three way conferences. There will be many sweet treats, such as cookies, cupcakes, and lots more. So make sure you come! The bake sale will be run by parent volunteers and some of the students in room 5 and 8.

Garden City Y Child Care Program

Did you know that the YMCA-YWCA of Winnipeg has a child care centre that services your school? The Garden City Y Clubhouse, located at the Garden City Community Centre at 725 Kingsbury Avenue, offers licensed after school child care for children aged 5 – 12 years. The Garden City Y program offers a variety of activities in an engaging, dynamic setting. Busing is available from your school to the Garden City Y Clubhouse and can be arranged by calling the Seven Oaks School Division Transportation Department at 338-7051.

Ongoing registration is accepted for the current school year and registration for the 2012-2013 school year will begin in March. If you would like further information on the Garden City Y Child Care program please contact the Director, Amber Miller at 668-8140 or amiller@ymcaywca.mb.ca.

Here are all the important details:

What?

A BAKE SALE!

When?

Tuesday March 13th & Thursday
March 15th in the evening

Where?

By the school office

March 2012

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
GS – Governor Semple RB – Riverbend ESOMS – Ecole Seven Oaks Middle School EP – Edmund Partridge FP – Forest Park				1 KYAC @ FP 330-5pm KYAC @ ESOMS 6-9pm	2 KYAC @ EP 6-9pm KYAC @ RB 6-9pm Yoga Program with Mamert 6-730pm	3 BBALL tournament @ ESOMS NO KYAC
4 KYAC is CLOSED	5 KYAC @ EP 6-9pm KYAC winner going to JETS GAME!!!	6 KYAC @ ESOMS 6-9pm Yoga Program with Abeth E 6-7:30pm	7 KYAC @ GS 330-530pm KYAC @ EP 6-9pm	8 KYAC @ FP 330-5pm KYAC @ ESOMS 6-9pm	9 KYAC @ EP 6-9pm KYAC @ RB 6-9pm Yoga Program with Mamert 6-730pm	10 BBALL tournament @ ESOMS NO KYAC
11 KYAC is CLOSED *Daylight Savings Time*	12 KYAC @ EP 6-9pm	13 KYAC @ ESOMS 6-9pm Yoga Program with Abeth E 6-7:30pm	14 KYAC @ GS 330-530pm KYAC @ EP 6-9pm	15 KYAC @ FP 330-5pm KYAC @ ESOMS 6-9pm	16 KYAC @ EP 6-9pm KYAC @ RB 6-9pm Yoga Program with Mamert 6-730pm	17 KYAC @ ESOMS 1-5pm St. Patricks Day
Parent/Teacher Conferences, KYAC is OPEN!!!!						
18 KYAC is CLOSED	19 KYAC @ EP 6-9pm	20 KYAC @ ESOMS 6-9pm Yoga Program with Abeth	21 KYAC @ GS 330-530pm KYAC @ EP 6-9pm	22 KYAC @ FP 330-5pm KYAC @ ESOMS 6-9pm	23 KYAC @ EP 6-9pm KYAC @ RB 6-9pm Yoga Program with Mamert 6-730pm	24 KYAC @ ESOMS 1-5pm
25 KYAC is CLOSED	SPRING BREAK! KYAC @ ESOMS 12-5pm!					31 KYAC is CLOSED

MARCH INFO

KYAC is FREE all school year long!

Yoga Programs with Abeth and Mamert runs through March – Tuesday and Friday nights

@ ESOMS (Tues) and Riverbend (Fri) from 6-7:30pm

Come to KYAC during P/T conferences!

**KYAC is OPEN during Spring Break! March 26th - 30th @ ESOMS,
12:00pm-5:00pm**

Have a suggestion for KYAC programming?? Email us!

Register w/ KYAC - Email us kyac@7oaks.org for more details!**

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Subject to cancel if there are not enough participants

Check out our website:

<http://www.7oaks.org/Programs/KYAC/Pages/default.aspx>

‘Like’ our page on **facebook**, search: **KYAC**

Follow us on **twitter** → **@kyac7oaks** for daily updates

For more information, contact Pierre Feng, KYAC Program Coordinator, at 586-0327 or

by email at pierre.feng@7oaks.org.



**S E V E N O A K S I N C .
E D U C A T I O N F O U N D A T I O N**

Seven Oaks Education Foundation Inc.

invites you to attend the

Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, March 13, 2012

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Canad Inn Garden City

2100 McPhillips Street

(Refreshments Provided)

Vision

A supportive community where all students believe they can continue their education and training beyond high school.

Mission Statement

To make post secondary education accessible for as many students as possible by engaging the financial support of the Seven Oaks Community.

We value education beyond high school, community, sustainability and inclusion.

MANITOBA ANAPHYLAXIS INFORMATION NETWORK (MAIN)

A local affiliate of Allergy/Asthma Information Association (AAIA)

Phone: 204-654-2676 Email: mainmanitoba@shaw.ca

Feb 2012

Our next educational evening will be on Monday April 2, 2012 7:00 – 8:30 pm.

Please register by contacting Nancy at 654-2676 or email mainmanitoba@shaw.ca

How To Teach Others to Care For Your Children with Food Allergies

Our evening will include an educational session and discussion for parents on how to teach child care workers, teachers, babysitters and family members to manage your child's life threatening allergies when they are in their care. Caregivers are also welcome.

Although the majority of our attendees are parents, staff and volunteers working in the schools with students who have life threatening allergies are welcome to attend.

This meeting will take place at The Gray Academy at 123 Doncaster Street
(room number will be posted)

Enter the building through the main doors of the Asper Jewish Community Campus located at 123 Doncaster Street. Free visitor parking is located across the street from the doors. Upon entering you must check in with the security desk. Identification may be requested.

The Gray Academy is located off Kenaston Blvd near Academy Road. For directions go to:

http://www.grayacademy.ca/about_visiting_directions.html

Call or send an email with any questions.

Nancy Boni Manitoba Anaphylaxis Information Network (MAIN)

mainmanitoba@shaw.ca

1-204-654-267

LIFE THREATENING ALLERGIES

Understanding the Risks

Reducing the Risks

Parents: How Do You Teach Others About Your Child's Food Allergies?

an education session for parents with ideas and tips for ensuring
child care workers, teachers, babysitters and family members
know how to manage your child's life threatening allergies

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Helping Families Cope with Life Threatening Allergies

March 2012

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
				1 Day 6	2 Day 1	3
4	5 Day 2 Winter Activity Day	6 Day 3	7 Day 4 Band Concert 7:00 pm NKMBC	8 Day 5	9 Day 6 Student Reports go home	10
11	12 Day 1	13 Day 2 Parent / Teacher Conferences	14 Day 3	15 Day 4 Parent / Teacher Conferences	16 Day 5 Parent / Teacher Conferences No Classes	17
18	19 Day 6	20 Day 1	21 Day 2	22 Day 3	23 Day 4	24
25	26 Spring Break	27 Spring Break	28 Spring Break	29 Spring Break	30 Spring Break	31