

# Hawk Talk

École Seven Oaks Middle School

## Student Vote

This past October, classrooms at ÉSOMS had the opportunity to participate in a mock election that mirrored the 2015 Federal Election, called Student Vote. Students in Mme Desloges's class, Ms Bromilow's class and Ms Chrnyk's class set up their classrooms as polls and role-played the jobs such as returning officers, poll clerks, candidate representatives and greeters. One class at a time, students came to these polls, cast their votes behind the voting booths and then deposited their vote inside a ballot box. It was a great experience to participate in the election and voting process and learn about the roles of the government.



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# Report Cards & Parent-Student-Teacher Conferences

## Do you have your Parent Connect account set-up?

Report cards will be available online through your Parent Connect account on Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. If you do not have access to a computer or require a print copy, please contact your child's teacher to make this request.

Student-Parent-Teacher conferences will be held on Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup> from 3:15 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. and on Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. We value conversations with students and parents about student learning and we are very much looking forward to this opportunity for sharing and dialogue. We are hoping for 100% participation from our families!

You will be able to book an appointment online through **Parent Connect beginning on November 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am**. This will be done on a first-come, first-served basis. If you do not have access to a computer, you can call our office to make your appointment. You may also call our school office at (204) 586-0327 to ask for assistance if needed.



## Vision Screening...

Vision screening will be carried out for all grade 7 students the week of December 7-11, 2015. This screening is designed to uncover signs of any possible vision difficulty which may interfere with school progress. It is not intended to be a substitute for the vision examination performed by an Ophthalmologist/Optomtrist. If you do not wish that your child participate in this no-cost vision screening, please contact the school.

Children who are currently wearing glasses will not be screened. Parents of children who wear glasses will be receiving a form to take or send to their Ophthalmologist or Optometrist to assist the school in the best programming for their child.

If you receive a notice from the school after the vision screening has been completed requesting that you refer your child for a professional eye examination, please follow-up by making an appointment with an eye doctor (Ophthalmologist/Optomtrist) of your choice. Ask the eye doctor to complete the form sent to you by the school and then return this completed form to the school.

If you require any further information, please contact Mrs. Kiva or Mrs. Khan at the school.

## Power Positif

Power Positif is a peer leadership group made up of students and staff from the school. We focus on modeling positive behaviour and acceptance. We have been very busy, meeting weekly to learn and discuss social issues. Each month we have a different theme which is incorporated in the entire school. October was, “Love Your Body” month and November will be “Gender Awareness” month. We also help organize school activities which included Halloween Spirit Week.

Last month we went on a two day retreat to camp Manitou. This gave us a chance to learn about some of the monthly themes and to get to know each other a little better. We also had fun activities planned like archery, fishing, nature walks and minute to win it competitions.

We are very excited about the upcoming year.





# Francofolies

On Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, our students in the French Immersion program participated in our second annual “Francofolies”. This day provides students in the French Immersion program the



opportunity to be immersed in the French language for the entire day and to celebrate their bilingualism together. Students spent the day in small groups with their peers from Grades 6, 7, and 8, participating in workshops about French arts and culture led by our very own teachers. We began the day with an assembly in which our Assistant Superintendent Lydia Hedrich brought greetings and words of encouragement. Taylor Smith, a future teacher, spoke passionately about her experience as a French Immersion student and how becoming bilingual has impacted and

enriched her life. After the workshops, students gathered in the gym for a sing-along concert of some familiar and some new French songs from different times a places, led by artist, Edouard LaMontagne.



# In The Gym....

## Physical Education Classes

Throughout the month of October students completed a ringette unit, a soccer unit and a number of fitness theme classes.

As we continue to prepare for the upcoming winter months, gym classes will continue to take place outdoors, so please help remind your child to bring gym clothes that are suitable for the cold weather.

## Special Olympics

Our Special Olympics team continues to prepare for the upcoming “In the School” Basketball skills competition and tournament.

## Extracurricular

**Volleyball:** Volleyball season continues. Our athletes continue to work hard to improve their skills and their knowledge of the game in practices and in games. The season will continue into the second last week of November.

**Basketball:** The basketball season will officially start during the last week in December, with Divisional team games (school teams start game play in January). Team practices will get under way during the last week in November, with our 3 evaluation clinics. These clinics are open to all grade levels. Those looking to play on the Divisional team are strongly encouraged to make all 3 clinic sessions. Those planning on playing on the less competitive school team must attend one of the sessions. Gr 6’s are not required to participate but are welcome. Following the 3 evaluation clinics, players will be placed on the team best suited to their skill and commitment levels. Teams offered will be Gr. 6 (boys & girls), Gr.7/8 school team (boys & girls) and Divisional (boys & girls). Be sure to check on the school website ([www.7oaks.org](http://www.7oaks.org)) for all team practice/game times. This is each player’s responsibility. The schedules can also be found on the Physical Education calendar in the hallway by the gym. Game participation is dependent on practice attendance.





# TAS Hockey has a New Home



2015-2016 marks year 14 for the 7 Oaks Hockey Skills Academy (7ohsa). Over the years, the academy has seen many changes and transitions. What was once a Phys. Ed. Option for ESOMS students only, switched over to a T.A.S option in 2006 as part of the opening of Edmund Partridge. This allowed for students to not only get their Phys. Ed. back but also allowed the program grow to a second school. Over the years, other schools east of McPhillips were added, including West St. Paul and H.C Avery. In 2011 Leila North spear-headed the addition of west McPhillips students. Today we operate days 1-5 with programs available to every student from all 9 SOSD middle schools, of all skill levels and experience. However, this year will go down as yet another watershed year for the program as we move in to the newly built, beautiful, Seven Oaks Arena at Garden City Community Centre. For the previous 13 years, the program ran out of West Kildonan Arena. We had a great working relationship with the community centre and its staff and we are extremely thankful to them and their efforts during our first number of years. Our move to the Seven Oaks Arena makes our program more centrally located and offers the space necessary to accommodate the number of students the program has grown to include. Our growth in numbers also includes those students of the newly formed 7ohsa High School, which operates out of Garden City Collegiate, many of whom are alumni of our middle school program. This year will see upwards of 200 students participate in the 10 week middle school T.A.S hockey program, and another 80 or so in the high school program. The academy is officially licensed with Hockey Canada and is an official Hockey Canada Skills Academy. When the 7ohsa began in 2002, there were only 11 such academies Canada wide. There are now well over a hundred.



For more information on our program, be sure to follow us on Facebook or on Twitter and Instagram at @7ohsa. At the same time, feel free to stop by one morning and watch a session. If you do so, feel free to ask myself or Mr. Malaschuk any questions you may have.

Mr. Rick Farmer  
7ohsa Program Director/ On-Ice Instructor



## Music Notes....

Students in the music program at ÉSOMS are gearing up for their winter concerts.

**Grade 7-8  
Winter Concert  
Garden City Collegiate  
December 2<sup>nd</sup>  
7pm.**

**Grade 6  
Winter Concert  
ÉSOMS  
January 27<sup>th</sup>  
7pm.**

Please remember that all students in performing ensembles are expected to attend their respective events.

We have just begun a new fundraiser for grade 7 & 8 students who are planning to attend the Brandon Jazz Festival or the Grade 8 trip to Moose Jaw. These students will be collecting Double D's Cheesecake orders until November 20th. The pick-up date for orders will be December 3rd (the day after the Grade 7-8 Winter Concert) at 3pm. Please ensure you have made arrangements to pick up your order as we do not have the refrigerated facilities to store your orders.

## In The Library....

### Scholastic Book Fair

ÉSOMS library will be holding a Scholastic Book Fair:

**Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup> to Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup>.**

Students will have an opportunity to visit the fair during their regular scheduled library time.

Also, the library will be open a little later on the book fair days - till 3:30 (for students to visit/purchase books) and of course Thursday evening and Friday during the day to accommodate parent teacher visits.

I look forward to seeing you at the Scholastic Book Fair. Proceeds from this event will go directly towards putting more books on our library shelves.



# Life and Learning at ÉSOMS

## La vie et l'apprentissage

### Salle 33 – Mme Pancotto

Les élèves de Mme Pancotto étudient les insectes.





## Room 34 – Mr. Ruppenthal

Mr. Ruppenthal's class has been working on literature circles based on the mystery stories of Roald Dahl. We discussed, investigated, and wrote about themes that came up in the stories. We also got to illustrate events from the stories. Here are some of our illustrations:



## TAS – Engineering & Design – Miss Hunter

This semester in Engineering and Design we have been having a lot of fun. E&D is all about thinking critically, solving problems and learning to work as a team. All of our projects have been based on the theme of sustainability and how we as a society can live in an environmentally friendly way. Some of the topics we have been discussing include climate change, oil spills, irrigation systems, packaging, upcycling and much more. Students then take their knowledge and apply it to a practical problem. It is always impressive to see what they are able to come up with!

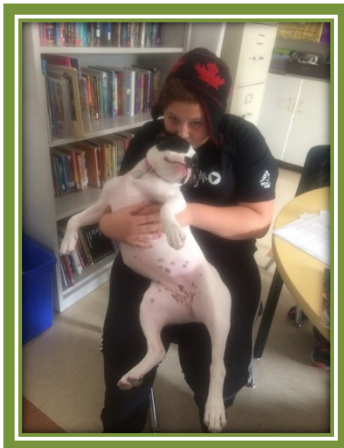


## Sherri's Grade 8 Class Room 27

We have had an excellent fun-filled start to our Grade 8 school year. Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>, the class along with the school enjoyed the Terry Fox Walk. Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>, we had a Fall Feast celebrating our new school year and the return of the Fall season. On Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>, we had a Smoothie class & we exercised our "Pay it Forward" generosity to Ms. Koshelanyk's Gr. 6 class. We were very happy to prepare and share our Smoothie's with her entire class as our way of welcoming the new Gr. 6 students to our ESOMS community! We also choreographed and performed a VERY short but wonderful dance for one of our E.A.'s Mrs. Haines on her birthday as a Random Act of Kindness. We also have consistent visits from our 4 legged friends who bring smiles, education, and unconditional love to our room.

Some academic highlights have been creating our Greek vases and masks, Math games, participating in Science Labs with Miss Hunter, and reading and creating scary stories.

We also make an effort to celebrate birthdays in our classroom to make everyone feel special!





## La classe de Mme Persaud

Pendant le mois d'Octobre, nous avons fait une variété d'activités. D'abord, le premier projet d'art s'est inspiré de la nature. Les étudiants ont utilisé les roches pour créer des motifs inspirés par les mandalas. Au verso de leur roche, ils ont écrit un mot ou message spécial, tels que : "Courage", "Lâchez", "Amour", "Riez" et plusieurs d'autres.



Deuxièmement, les classes de 8e sont allées à Deer Meadow Farms pour faire le labyrinthe de maïs. Ils ont également vu plusieurs animaux de ferme : chèvres, cochons, coqs, et moutons. Tout le monde a adoré les lapins!! Les étudiants ont tous apprécié le temps de jouer dehors, malgré le froid.

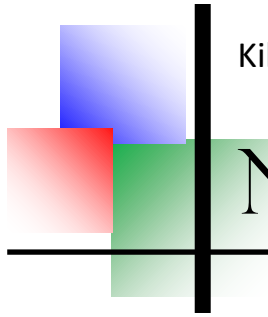
Merci à tous le personnel et ma classe d'avoir contribué et aidé avec la vente de pâtisseries. Nous avons prélevé 375,00\$ pour Centraide (United Way).





# November 2015

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
1	2 Day 3  ÉSOMS PD No Classes	3 Day 4  Parent Council 6:30 pm	4 Day 5	5 Day 6  Picture Re-takes	6 Day 1	7
8	9 Day 2	10 Day 3  Remembrance Day Assembly	11  No Classes	12 Day 4	13 Day 5  Student Reports available on-line	14
15	16 Day 6	17 Day 1	18 Day 2	19 Day 3  Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:00-8:00 pm	20 Day 4  Parent/Teacher Conferences  No Classes	21
22	23 Day 5	24 Day 6	25 Day 1	26 Day 2	27 Day 3	28
29	30 Day 4					



Kildonan Youth Activity Centre (KYAC)



# NOVEMBER 2015

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

## What is KYAC?

KYAC is a non-profit youth drop-in centre concerned with meeting the needs of youth, ages 8-17, in Seven Oaks School Division. Our drop-in programs offer a wide variety of activities ranging from low organized games, recreational sports, movie nights, guitar lessons, art classes and crafts.

**To register: visit our website, click "online registration" and fill our your child's information. Or contact the program coordinator.**

## Programming Hours :

### Drop-in Gym Hours:

Edmund Partridge Community School (EP):  
Monday, Wednesday and Friday 6-9pm

École Seven Oaks Middle School (ESOMS):  
Tuesday and Thursday 6-9pm  
Saturday 12-5pm

### Structured Program Hours:

Governor Semple School:  
Wednesdays 3:30-5:30pm

Forest Park School:  
Thursdays 3:30-5:30pm

École Riverbend Community School:  
Tuesdays 3:00-5:00pm  
Fridays 6-9pm **(students from all schools welcome!)**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	Guitar Program	10	NO KYAC/ Art: Remembrance Day	12	13	14
16	Guitar Program	No KYAC: @ Riverbend	18 Art Program	19 No KYAC: @ Forest Park and ESOMS	20 No KYAC: @ Riverbend	21
22	Guitar Program	24	25 Art Program	26	27	28
29	Guitar Program	30				

### KYAC Art Program (supplies provided):

Wednesdays 6:30-8:30pm

@

Edmund Partridge Community School  
in the Multi-Purpose Room.

*Please note: the class is now full, check back in December for winter session registration.*

### KYAC Guitar Program (guitar provided):

Mondays 6-7pm or Mondays 7-8pm

@

Seven Oaks Middle School  
in the Band Room!

*Please note: classes are now full, check back in December for winter session registration.*