

ECOLE SEVEN OAKS MIDDLE SCHOOL

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SPEEDWATCH

Over the past few months, our grade seven class has been working on a project about speeding in school zones. It all started off when we were doing math in our textbooks. One question was about speed boards. Our class started talking and our teacher, Mr. Ruppenthal, asked us if we thought doing a project about speeding would be fun. Our class got really excited and liked the idea. Mr. Ruppenthal called Manitoba Public Insurance (MPI) and asked them if we could borrow a speed board for two weeks.

MPI responded and said yes. Then they sent Jeanie Dalman, a road safety specialist, to our class to bring the speed board and explain how to use it. We separated our class into groups of three and went to use the speed board outside on the sidewalk of Salter Street. We tallied how many cars were passing by. We recorded how fast they were going and whether they were speeding. In the classroom we looked at our data. We were surprised to see that almost 50% of drivers went over the speed limit which is 50 km/h. Our class was really shocked to see that the top speed was 71 km/h and the person speeding was a mother with two kids in the backseat.

Then after about a week with the speed board, MPI emailed our teacher and told him that she told CJOB about our research project and they were wondering if they could send a reporter to come and interview us. Our class really liked the idea of being on the radio; so Mr. Ruppenthal phoned the people at CJOB and told them we would love to have someone come and interview us. We would recommend this to other classes because it is a good learning experience and it is fun.

By: Kristin, Sidney & Maia

IMPORTANT DATES

November 1	Parent Advisory Council 6:30 pm
November 10	Remembrance Day Assembly - Period 1:45 pm
November 11	Remembrance Day – No Classes
November 14	School PD (Visual Arts) No Classes
November 14-18	Choral Fest
November 18	Student Reports go home
November 22	Parent/Teacher/Student Conferencing - Evening
November 24	Parent/Teacher/Student Conferencing - Evening
November 25	Parent/Teacher/Student Conferencing - No Classes
November 30	Grade 6 Fiddle Cafe – Cancelled : to be rescheduled
December 5	School PD – No Classes
December 6	Parent Advisory Council 6:30 pm - staffroom
December 22	Winter break Soc Hop
December 22	Last day of classes
January 9	Classes resume – Day 5
January 10	Parent Advisory Council 6:30 pm - staffroom
February 3	School PD – No Classes
February 7	Parent Advisory Council 6:30 pm
February 8	Human Rights Museum Evening 6:00 pm
February 20	Louis Riel Day – No Classes
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 Conferencing - Evening
March 15	Parent/Teacher/Student Conferencing - Evening
March 16	Parent/Teacher/Student Conferencing – 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

* 1 more PD Day – No Classes TBA

Thank you for your school's commitment to the SpeedWatch program. Cory Ruppenthal has done a great job with SpeedWatch and I am just thrilled with how the school, the students, and Cory have embraced this initiative. We are always thrilled when a school takes on this program, but we're highly impressed with how Cory delivered the program and integrated it into his curriculum. Thank you so much!

Jeanie



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classroom news

MS. KOSHELANYK ROOM 29

Wow, the first two months of school have gone by so quickly! It is already Halloween!

In Science we have been exploring animal and plant cells. We started with microscopes and then learned the parts of the different cells. We are finishing by building 3D cells. We can't wait to see what people construct them out of!

We have been really lucky to pilot a project in our classroom. The project is to help us understand what disability means and to show us that disabled doesn't mean you are not capable of doing things. We say words a lot that we don't think are bad or negative and they are. How many times have you said "crazy" or "lame" recently?

In ELA we have been studying the novel *The Outsiders*, by S.E. Hinton. We are learning about the gangs of the past and their different relationships. It has taught that different groups of people have different ways, but that they are still people and they all feel.

We have been talking a lot about what our purpose is when it comes to school and we have decided that we are here to experience as many things as possible and to make choices and make mistakes. This way we can go into the world as learners and continue to learn so that we can have successful lives doing whatever it is that makes us happy! See you next month!



MME PANGOTTO SALLE 33

Bonjour de la salle 33! Nous sommes tous très excités pour l'halloween et pour la première danse de l'année.

En Sciences humaines nous étudions la confédération. Nous avons présenté nos projets au sujet des provinces et de la confédération canadienne. En Sciences naturelles, nous nous sommes bien amusés chez, à 'Oak Hammock Marsh' et présentement nous préparons un projet sur les Arthropodes. En Maths, nous explorons les grands nombres et en Français nous faisons une étude de la vie de Sir John A. Macdonald. Nous étudions son rôle dans la formation de notre pays. En Anglais, nous faisons une étude littéraire au sujet d'un livre que nous avons lu. En fin, nous sommes aussi en train de finir nos symboles personnels, pour les montrer à nos parents le jour de nos conférences. A bientôt!
Bonne fête à : Amelia, Jim et Sydney

**MS KHAN
ROOM 17**

This month we finished a Social Studies project that included drawing up a map of an imaginary place. Now we're doing another group project that includes making a 3D map of a continent that we will join up with other groups to represent the world. In L.A. this month we're investigating different decades from 1900 till present day and soon, we're going to start a writing workshop. In Math, we're learning how to divide with decimals and work on the order of operations. In Art, we did a charcoal drawing and we have been decorating our classroom for Halloween. In Band, we are learning how to play the Star Wars theme song. In French we're learning how to tell time.

BY: Darian & Veronica

**MRS. GOURGHENE/
MRS. CHRUNYK
ROOM 31**

In English Language Arts we have been doing the Writer's Workshop and Short Stories. We've completed a test on Short Stories, are participating in the Writing Process and will begin reading the novel "Juliana and the Medicine Fish".

In Math we have reviewed the order of operations (BEDMAS), long division, multiplication, exponents, scientific method, irrational numbers, ratios, and will be starting percentages shortly.

In Social Studies we are studying Early People and Creation Stories.

In Science we have been working on microscopes and cells. We've had our unit test and enjoyed drawing animal and plant cells.

This past month the students completed projects and presentations in Social Studies called, "My Family." The grade 8's became very aware of how much they really don't know about each other considering we spend the majority of time in our classroom community together. Students in the classroom didn't realize:

- How many ethnic backgrounds are in each family
- How many generations their own family has been in Canada
- Why their family originally came to Canada
- How many families are of Aboriginal origin
- How our families celebrate holidays, birthdays, vacations, and love to eat and enjoy food at every single one of them

This is why we are proposing a classroom Feast for November 4th at lunchtime. Your child brought a parental support slip home.

We are all very excited for all of the fun events that make ESOMS such a great place!!!!

As you are "putting the gardens to sleep" you might notice that you have some unused garden flower pots. Our ESOMS Garden Team could use large garden pots to plant tomatoes and cucumbers in our garden (next year). Please donate the pots to the school and we will store them for next year's planting season.

MS WASKUL ROOM 35

The month of October has been very productive. We've been working very hard on our assignments and units.

Some of the things we've done in Math this month include wrapping up our units on exponents, Scientific Notation, ratios, percents, and fractions. We have started working on square roots.

In Science, we are working on Cells and Systems. One of our assignments for this unit includes making a "3D Cell". We will have to make a plant or animal cell out of household materials.

My class loves Language Arts. We are currently reading the novel **Word Nerd**" by Susin Nielsen. It won the 2010 MYRCA award. We are still continuing to do our spelling units every week. One of our assignments includes writing our own short story with all the elements a story should have.

Our History unit is "Early Man". Our class has watched the TV program called "Becoming Human". It's about human evolution. We are also building our own "Cave Tools".

In French, we're working on the unit " A La Gare" which means "At the Train Station". We are also trying to beat our time record in "Circle de Magic".

"The Amazing Race" is our cross-curricular unit. In this unit we've done some writing, some art, and other fun things. My class really enjoys this ☺

In closing, October was fantastic. Let's continue the great work into November!

By Brooke



TERRY FOX WALK

On September 30TH, our school hosted their annual Terry Fox Walk. Students were asked to donate any loose change or have people pledge them for the walk. In addition, Mr. Hall's grade 7 class did a wonderful job putting on our assembly for that month and included a piece on the importance of the walk and supporting cancer research. Their message must have worked! We raised **three times** more money this year than last year. In total for our school, we raised **\$958.62!** I would like to thank everyone who helped make this year's walk such a success.

KOATS FOR KIDS

As part of our annual United Way week from October 24TH-October 28TH, Ms. Waskul's class will be organizing a "Koats for Kids" drive. "Koats for Kids" is a program run through the United Way that collects gently used winter jackets and re-distributes them to Winnipeg families in need. We are asking families to look around their homes and see if they have any coats they are willing to donate for this special cause. If you have a donation, could you please drop it off to room 35, Ms. Waskul's class. We will be collecting winter coats until November 15TH. Thank you in advance for your on-going support.

WHO ARE WE?



We are a respectful, eccentric, curious, generous family.
We hear our teacher speaking and vehicles going by.
We wonder what the future holds for us.
We see digits, hamburgers, meta-cognitive writing, and planets.
We want new desks, chairs and a SMARTboard (and nap time).

We are a respectful, eccentric, curious, generous family.
We touch pencils, our Writer's Notebooks, paper, our lockers and musical instruments.
We worry that Canada might get invaded, that the world will run out of resources, that we will not adapt to new work at school, and that we might not pass our tests or get good grades.
We cry when someone dies, when we get bullied, when we read a sad story, and we miss our morning break.

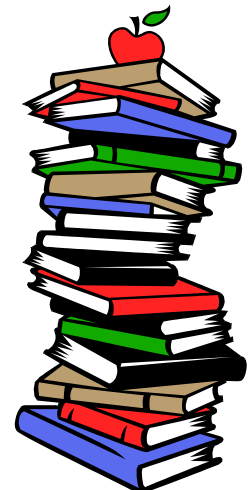
We are a respectful, eccentric, curious, generous family.
We understand English, place value, decimals and multiplication.
We say, "c'est mardi, le 25 octobre 2011."
We try learning new things everyday and practicing things we already know.
We hope that we continue to be good friends, and that the Winnipeg Jets will win their next game.
We are a respectful, eccentric, curious, generous family

BOOK FAIR NEWS

Our school will be holding a Scholastic Book Fair from Tuesday, November 22th to Thursday, November 24th. A wide variety of young adult novels, reference books and novelty items will be on sale. Your support of this event is appreciated since at least fifty percent of every dollar spent at the Fair goes back into the library in the form of free books.

Book Fair hours are as follows:

Tuesday, November 22 th	1:00 pm – 3:30 pm (School hours) 3:30 pm – 7:00 pm (Evening hours)
Wednesday, November 23 th	8:30 am – 3:30 pm (School hours)
Thursday, November 24 th	8:30 am – 3:30 pm (School hours) 3:30 pm – 7:00 pm (Evening hours)



band notes

The year is off to a great start! We currently have over 320 students enrolled in band at ESOMS. Activities for the year include concerts, band trips and much more!

BAND CONCERT

March 7, 2011

7:00 pm

NKMB Church

GRADE 8 MINNEAPOLIS TRIP

May 15-18

BRANDON JAZZ FESTIVAL

SENIOR JAZZ

March 15-16

Other dates TBA

Our Entertainment book fundraiser went well this year with over \$14,000 worth of books sold. All band money will remain in the students own band account until end of year grade 8.

Parents are reminded that students are required to practice their instruments at least 3 times per week at home (20 min per session) or more.

CHORS

Both Vocal Jazz groups have been meeting for almost two months now on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings and things are beginning to sound really great! Thanks are in order to members of "Absolute Zero" who hosted our Jazz Experience Night at Daniel McIntyre Collegiate a few weeks ago. Huge thanks to teachers Ms. Koshelanyk and both Mr. Halls for coming along to support our groups!! The other choirs, Everybody Choir, Boy's Choir, and Senior Girl's Choir continue to meet at lunch times. Please encourage your student to attend!

This next month, you will be able to hear a number of the choirs at our Remembrance Day Service (Nov. 10 in the afternoon). In addition, both Vocal Jazz Groups will be performing at Choral Fest on November 18 at the Canadian Mennonite University. Performance times will be sent home with the students.



FIDDLING

Things are moving along nicely with the fiddle program. All classes have been able to come a number of times by now and the improvement is beginning!

Incredibows have been limited to mostly grade 8 students this year because the number of interested participants was simply too high to manage.

Incredibows will be performing Dec 1 (noon) at the Festival of Tree of Lights and also at the Health Sciences Center (date TBA).

Performances with fiddlers will begin in December with all *grade 8 fiddle students* performing at either a Senior's Home or at The Forks during the mornings in the final week of classes.

Kosh/Chrnyk/Waskul - Dec 19 (Forks)

Mr. Tall Hall - Dec 20 (Forks)

Mme. Henry - Dec 21 (Carriage House)



PLEASE NOTE - The date of the *Grade 6 Song and Fiddle Café* has had to be postponed until the New Year for various reasons. Please look for the new date in January, we will let you know as soon as we can.

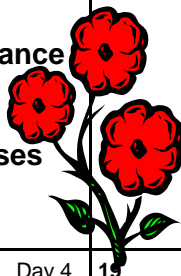
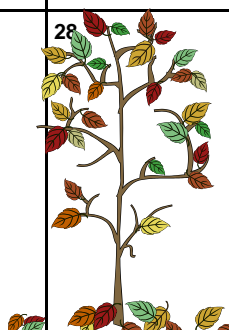
REGARDING ORDERING A VIOLIN- order forms are available from Mrs. Hamilton if you wish to purchase a violin. Prices range between \$130.00 - \$160.00. We'd really like to close this process in the next few weeks so please make your final selections and payments by November 4.

SEVEN OAKS SCHOOL DIVISIONAL NEWSLETTER

“One Kid at a Time”

<http://www.7oaks.org/Documents/October%202011%20Divisional%20Newsletter.pdf>

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
		1 Day 4 Parent Advisory Council Meeting 6:30 pm	2 Day 5	3 Day 6	4 Day 1	5
6	7 Day 2	8 Day 3	9 Day 4	10 Day 5 Remembrance Day Assembly 1:40 pm	11 Remembrance Day No Classes 	12
13	14 Day 6 ESOMS PD No Classes	15 Day 1	16 Day 2	17 Day 3	18 Day 4 Student Reports go home	19
20	21 Day 5	22 Day 6 3-Way Conferences Scholastic Book Fair	23 Day 1 Scholastic Book Fair	24 Day 2 3-Way Conferences Scholastic Book Fair	25 Day 3 3-Way Conferences No Classes	26
27	28 Day 4 	29 Day 5	30 Day 6	Upcoming December 5 School PD – No Classes December 6 Parent Advisory Council 6:30 pm December 22 Winter break Soc Hop December 22 Last day of classes		

KYAC

KYAC is at ESOMS Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-9 and Saturdays from 1-5pm all school year long!

Look on the 7oaks website under programs (kyac) for more information!
Next Youth Council meeting is November 9th, 3:15pm @ ESOMS
All students are welcome, sign up in the KYAC office!

**Parent/Child Yoga classes @ Riverbend Friday nights! All are welcome!

Guitar Program w/ Ashley McCurdy Thursdays nights (Nov. 3rd, 10th, 17th) from 6:00-7:30 @ ESOMS!

'Spa Night' w/ Madison Tuesday night November 22nd from 6-9pm @ ESOMS!

Super Art Program continues through November (Tuesdays 1st, 8th and 29th)

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

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Subject to cancel if there are not enough participants

**KYAC GYM will be closed Friday November 10th (Vball tournament) and 11th (Remembrance Day)

Guitar program will still go on Nov. 10th in the band room

KYAC will be OPEN during P/T interviews!!**

'Like' our page on facebook, search **KYAC**

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Email us @ kyac@7oaks.org for any questions!

For more information, contact Pierre Feng, KYAC Program Coordinator, at 586-0327 or by email at pierre.feng@7oaks.org.



MANITOBA ANAPHYLAXIS INFORMATION NETWORK

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

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

Our next educational evening will be
Tuesday Nov 29, 2011 7:00 – 8:30 pm.

Please register: 654-2676 or email mainmanitoba@shaw.ca

Teaching Children to Manage Their Food Allergies

Call or send an email with any questions.

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