

Hawk Walk

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CONVERSATIONS ABOUT LEARNING

At our school we create numerous opportunities for purposeful conversation, among them:

- orientation meetings with parents and students at the beginning of the school year
- grade-level teacher team meetings for curriculum planning
- three-way conferences to discuss student progress, learning and teaching
- parent-advisory council meetings

We value ongoing conversations with students and parents about student progress and we strive to communicate information about student learning in many ways. Student growth and accomplishment is often best demonstrated through sharing, discussing and celebrating the work itself. This year, ÉSOMS will be implementing the new provincial report card. The new report card was developed with parents and educators province-wide and was pilot tested in the 2011-2012 school year with feedback from parents and teachers used to make revisions. Teachers at ÉSOMS are currently engaged in professional discussions about how to use this communication tool purposefully and effectively, while keeping in consideration that a report card is only one of the ways in which we communicate about student learning. The first report card is scheduled to be sent to families on Friday, November 16. We invite you to visit the Manitoba Education web site to view a template for the new report card at:
http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/assess/report_card.html

In the meantime, we invite conversation about your child's progress. Please email or call us.

October 2	Parent Advisory Council 6:30 pm – All welcome!
October 2	Picture Day
October 8	Thanksgiving – No Classes
October 19	SAGE – Provincial PD day – No Classes
October 25	School PD – No Classes
October 26	School PD – No Classes
October 29	Picture retakes
November 1	Parent Advisory Council 6:30 pm
November 9	Remembrance Day Assembly – Periods 3 and 4
November	Choral Fest (date TBA)
November 16	Student reports go home
November 20	Parent/Teacher/Student Conferencing – Evening
November 22	Parent/Teacher/Student Conferencing – Evening
November 23	Parent/Teacher/Student Conferencing – No Classes
November 26	Divisional Prof. Development Day – No Classes
December 4	Parent Advisory Council 6:30 pm – staffroom
December 5	ÉSOMS Winter Holiday Concert 7:00 pm – Gym
December 21	Last day of classes
January 7	Classes resume – Day 1
January 8	Parent Advisory Council 6:30 pm – staffroom
February 4	School PD – No Classes
February 5	Parent Advisory Council 6:30 pm
February 18	Louis Riel Day – No Classes
March 4	Winter Activity Day
March 5	Parent Advisory Council 6:30 pm
March 6	Spring Band Concert 7:00 pm – Gym
March 8	Student reports go home
March 12	Parent/Teacher/Student Conferencing – Evening
March 14	Parent/Teacher/Student Conferencing – Evening
March 15	Parent/Teacher/Student Conferencing – No Classes
March 14-15	Brandon Jazz Festival
March 22	Last day of classes before Spring Break
April 1	Classes resume after Spring Break – Day 1
April 2	Parent Advisory Council 6:30 pm
April 4	ÉSOMS Open House – 7:00 pm
April 16, 17, 18	ÉSOMS Musical Production – 7:00 p.m.
April 19	School PD – No Classes
May 6	School PD – No Classes
May 7	Parent Advisory Council 6:30 pm
May	Band Trip (Date TBA)
May 20	Victoria Day – No Classes
June 4	Parent Advisory Council 6:30 pm
June	Choral Concert (Date TBA)
June 26	Grade 8 Farewell Evening 6:00-11:00 Location TBA
June 27	Administration Day – No Classes
June 28	Last Day of Classes

CALL BACK SYSTEM

If your child will not be at school or will be late, please contact our office at 586-0327 or email marie.jowitt@7oaks.org or bonnie.pollreis@7oaks.org. The office is open for phone calls between 7:45 am and 3:30 pm. If your child is absent and we have not been notified, you will be contacted to ensure your child is safe.

SEPTEMBER ASSEMBLY AND OUR TERRY FOX WALK

Every month at ÉSOMS, a classroom organizes and hosts a school-wide assembly. Congratulations to Ms. Waskul's class for preparing and presenting our September assembly. Students in room 35 interviewed new teachers as well as all of our educational assistants and presented interesting and fun facts about each person. Ms. Waskul's class also educated our school about Terry Fox and shared a video describing Terry Fox's Marathon of Hope and the legacy that he has left behind. We were very fortunate to have such a beautiful autumn day as we, as a community, walked around the neighbourhood in support of cancer research. We are in the process of collecting the money from our fundraising effort and we will soon be calculating our total. In the meantime, we would like to thank everyone who helped make this year's walk such a tremendous success!



MYRCA BOOKS AVAILABLE AT ÉSOMS LIBRARY

Manitoba Young Readers' Choice Awards (MYRCA) books for 2013 are now available from the library. MYRCA aims to promote reading and Canadian literature by giving young people the opportunity to vote for their favourite Canadian book from an annual preselected list. All students in grades five to eight who have read or heard read at least 3 titles from the list can vote for their favourite book.

This year's titles are as follows:

- Against All Odds / Natalie Ghent
- The Bedmas Conspiracy / Deborah Sherman
- Blood Red Road / Moira Young
- Box of Shocks / Chris McMahan
- Case of the Missing Deed / Ellen Schwartz
- Dragon Seer's Gift/ Janet McNaughton
- The Dragon Turn / Shane Peacock
- Encore Edie / Annabel Lyon
- End of Days / Eric Walters
- Fly Boy / Eric Walters
- Ice Storm / Penny Draper
- This Dark Endeavour / Kenneth Oppel
- The Tiffin / Mahtab Narsimhan
- Timber Wolf / Caroline Pignat
- True Blue / Deborah Ellis
- Undergrounders / David Skuy
- Witchlanders / Lena Coakley
- Peter Nimble & His Fantastic Eyes / Jonathan Auxier

For more information on these titles or the MYRCA Awards, see Ms. VandenBerg, in the library.

BAND NEWS!

With almost 320 students enrolled in band, 2012–2013 is promising to be an exciting year! Welcome to Mr. Toews who is helping out in band, running choir and doing vocal jazz. Welcome to Mrs. Warner who is teaching our fiddle program.

Our first fundraiser is underway. Entertainment book orders are due by October 16 at the latest. Students requiring additional envelopes or materials, please see Mr. Racciatti or Mr. Toews.

Here are some important BAND dates:

Wed. December 5 th	7:00 PM:	Holiday Concert For Grade 6 Band Students – ÉSOMS Gym
Wed. March 6 th	7:00 PM:	Full Band Concert – NKMB 1315 Gateway Drive
Thurs. Mar 15 th & Fri. Mar 16 th		Brandon Jazz Festival for Senior Jazz & Vocal Jazz
Tues. May 14 th – Fri. May 17 th		Minneapolis Band Trip for Grade 8 Band & Jazz Students
Wed. May 29 th – Fri. May 31 st		Arts In The Park

OTHER DATES TBA

CHOIR NEWS

We have an amazing 100 students signed up for choir this year! This gives us enough voices for both a grade 6 choir and a grade 7 and 8 choir. Performances will include Choralfest in November, and the March school concert. The two vocal jazz groups, S.O. Vocal and S.O. Bop will also perform at the Brandon Jazz Festival in March. Looking forward to a great year!



IN THE GYM....

Physical Education Classes: Throughout the month of September students completed a volleyball unit and an Ultimate Frisbee unit, as well as the first fitness run of the school year!

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: Big ball volleyball and regular volleyball was played at lunch. The gym was open to any students who wanted to participate.

EXTRACURRICULAR

Cross-Country: Practices are well underway. The first cross-country meet took place on Thursday, September 27th at Birds Hill Park.

Volleyball: There are 6 teams playing out of ÉSOMS this year. Teams are preparing for the season to begin mid-October.

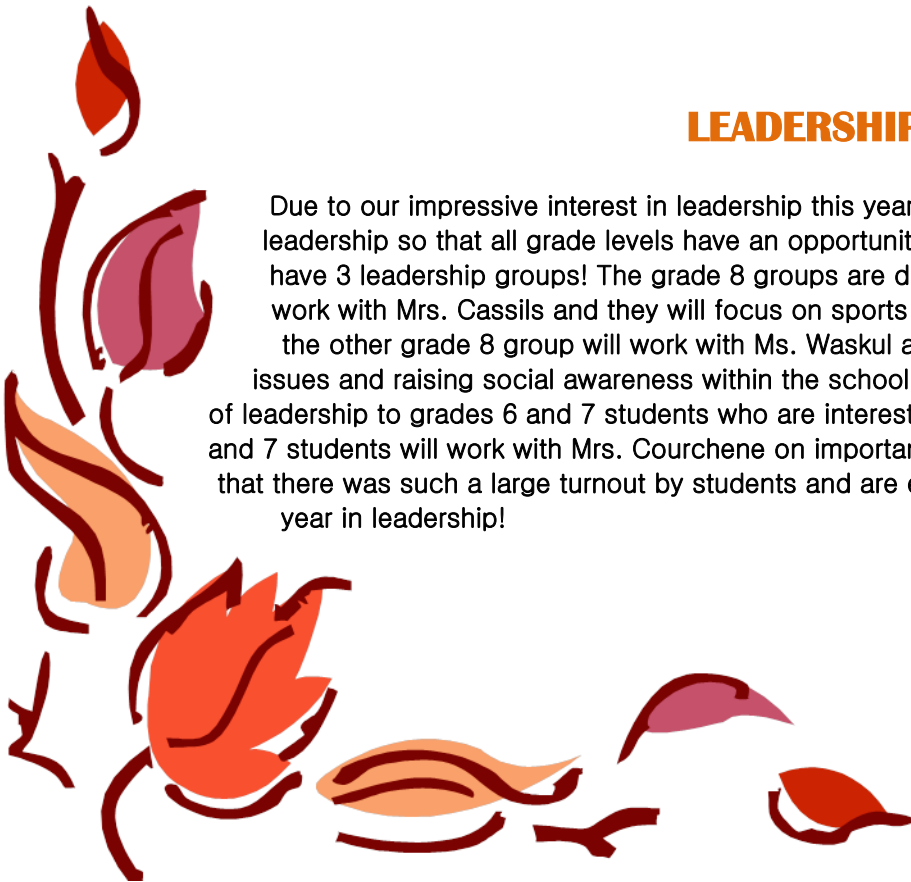
Sports Leadership: The sports leadership program is underway. This is a volunteer program open to students in grades 6-8. We meet at lunch hour either preparing for various upcoming events in the gym and/or assisting in the gym activities taking place at lunch.

Special Olympics: The In the School Special Olympic Program is underway. We have 6 excited athletes who will be participating this year.

*Check Physical Education link on the school website for more information.

LEADERSHIP

Due to our impressive interest in leadership this year, we have had to re-structure leadership so that all grade levels have an opportunity to participate. This year we have 3 leadership groups! The grade 8 groups are divided into two groups; one will work with Mrs. Cassils and they will focus on sports leadership within the school and the other grade 8 group will work with Ms. Waskul and they will focus on social justice issues and raising social awareness within the school. We are excited to offer a form of leadership to grades 6 and 7 students who are interested in making a change. The grade 6 and 7 students will work with Mrs. Courchene on important community projects. We are thrilled that there was such a large turnout by students and are excited for a productive and eventful year in leadership!



EXTENDED DAY GROWTH EDUCATION

EDGE offers a variety of after school activities for middle year students. 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.

Our grade 6 – 8 FALL program will start the week of OCTOBER 15th.

***NEW* PROGRAMS INCLUDE:** Advertising Poster Art, Graffiti Art, Crafts from Around the World, Volleyball Skills Club, and if you are interested in being in the school musical production you might be interested in Group Drama, Jazz Dance and the Improv/Film class!

RETURNING is our Babysitters Certificate Course plus our EDGE Teen Club where you can help your community and earn the reward of a FREE Pizza Party!

If you are interested in joining any of the courses registration materials have been distributed to your classroom teacher to be handed out.

EDGE information is available
on the Seven Oaks Website!

On the site, go to “Students”, click on EDGE. You will be able to view all of the EDGE FALL programs, participating schools, calendars, plus all registration materials.

Courses are fun and educational, but spaces are limited…so don’t delay, register soon to ensure participation in EDGE. Registration is due October 9th.

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

Our FALL session will start on Mon. October 15th and will run for 8 weeks ending by Dec. 14th.

Please make note that there will be no EDGE classes on the following days.

Friday, October 19th due to SAGE (EDGE Friday classes will start Oct 26th and run until December 14th to accommodate school closing this day)

Monday, November 26th due to Divisional In-Service (EDGE classes will run until December 10th to accommodate school closing this day)

Tuesday to Thursday classes will end on December 4th, 5th & 6th respectively.

EDGE will continue to run classes on all other in-service days.

K.Y.A.C.

Important dates:

October 5th EP and ESOMS will be holding a Volleyball tournament – KYAC IS CLOSED
(Riverbend will be open!)

October 8th Thanksgiving Holiday – KYAC IS CLOSED

October 19th – SAG Day KYAC IS OPEN!!!



Check out our website: <http://www.7oaks.org/Programs/KYAC/Pages/default.aspx>

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

Talk from Classrooms

OBSERVATIONS DES RELATIONS BIOTIQUES-ABIOTIQUES

La classe de Mme Persaud

Les interactions que j'ai vues entre la mousse verte et l'eau étaient vues le lundi, 24 septembre 2012. J'ai vu que quand il y a l'eau sur la mousse verte, la mousse verte absorbe l'eau rapidement.

L'écureuil aide les arbres en plantant les graines et noix pour l'hiver. Les écureuils oublient où ils ont planté leur noix et les nouveaux arbres y poussent.

Matthew

Les araignées font leur toile dans les feuilles et les feuilles font la protection pour les araignées. Les oiseaux ne peuvent pas entrer dans les feuilles à cause des toiles.

Olivia

Le cerf mange l'herbe. Les cerfs ont besoin de l'air pour respirer. Ils ont besoin du soleil pour avoir de l'énergie. Les cerfs ont besoin d'eau pour s'hydrater et se refroidir lors des journées chaudes.

Alex

Les arbres aident le castor à survivre. Ils sont utilisés pour leur maison appelée digue. Leurs dents sont faites pour manger les arbres.

Caden



Les plantes ont besoin du soleil pour grandir et pour être en bonne santé. La photosynthèse joue un rôle important dans le processus de donner la vie à la plante. La photosynthèse lui permet d'obtenir de glucose et de fabriquer de l'eau et de l'oxygène.

Lois



SALLE 33 MME PANCOTTO

Salut de la salle 33! On espère que vous avez passé un bon début de l'année scolaire. Hier, on est allé avec la classe de Mme Persaud au parc Kildonan pour faire des exercices d'orientation. En Sciences humaines on étudie la géographie, donc on a pratiqué comment s'orienter et comment utiliser une boussole pour le faire, puis on a passé le reste de la journée à l'extérieur en jouant au football et au volleyball. On s'est bien amusé et on a beaucoup appris. On veut remercier Mme McDonald pour avoir organisé cette activité. Pour notre unité de Sciences de la nature, on ira chez Fort Whyte pour jouer « prédateur et proie ». On espère qu'on va s'amuser là aussi et qu'on va apprendre plus à propos des interactions qui existent au sein des écosystèmes. On veut souhaiter un joyeux anniversaire aux élèves suivants : Josh, Maddy, Brooke, Jim et Amelia.



MS CONNER : ROOM 31

The first month of Grade 8 has been amazing! In the mornings, we do yoga, which I find is a good way to start the day. So far, the classroom seems like a fun place to learn. Ms. Conner always has a way to make projects fun, and it seems like everyone enjoys them. For our Novel Study, we're reading "Juliana and the Medicine Fish", and I am enjoying the book so far. I love Grade 8 so much, and it's only the first month! I hope that we get to do a lot more fun things this year. Heather

SOCIAL ARTS!!!

This year we are doing a class that I like to call "Social Arts". Our S.A. teacher is Mr. Barkman, and he is super nice. In S.A. we are learning about the **environment** and how we can help. We were asked to get a partner and do research. Some of us came up with ideas like composting, or changing light bulbs to CFL bulbs (compact fluorescent lamp bulbs). We have also been learning about eco-globe schools. Eco-globe schools are schools that are on a level of the ESD (Education for Sustainable Development) program. There are awareness, action and transformation levels which schools can reach. We as a class, and then hopefully the whole school, are trying to become an eco-aware school! We are recycling, reusing, and learning. We are really excited and we hope that you, as parents/guardians, will help participate by helping give litter-less lunches to your child!

By: Olivia

BACK TO SCHOOL

The first month of school was really good. The first day of school was different because instead of fifteen minutes recess we get breaks that are only five minutes. At lunch we can either go to the Public Library (but we have to sign up first), we can go outside or we can go to the gym. On the first day of school we got to know and meet new people from different schools, and we got to meet new teachers. In elementary we started school at 9 A.M and now at ÉSOMS we start school at 8:30 which means waking up earlier. The first Fiddling class we had this month was very cool because we got to play with different coloured fiddles. Band was really great too. We just got our instruments the other day and everyone will now start learning to play. In T.A.S (Technology, Arts and Sports) we do many different things like drama, writing and illustrating, soccer, hockey, arts, etc. It's been an awesome first month of school at ÉSOMS and we look forward to many more exciting days.



Room 19 – Lara and Kayleigh

“A Challenge is NOT a Weakness”

Grade 7N Rm.27
(Sherri & Mrs. Morton)

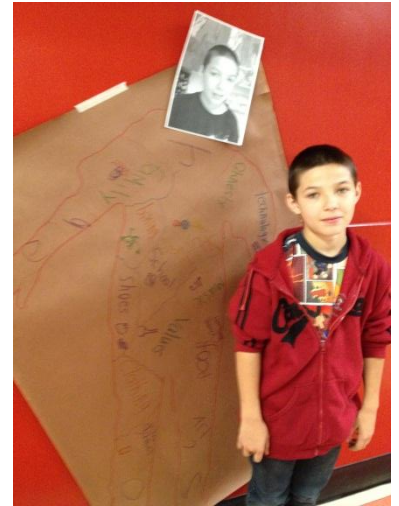


On the first day of school this year we were all engaged in a discussion about how we were going to create a community in our classroom. The theme, “A challenge is NOT a weakness,” resulted and we all agreed that we are safe to make mistakes.

Our first project in Social Studies involved creating a Cultural Self/Body. This Cultural Body was all about us! We are all different shapes, sizes, colors and all of our personalities are very unique to us as individuals. This project represents who we are, what we look like, our heritage, languages, belief system, etc. We even made symbols illustrating our favorite foods, music, video games, and sports.

After the artwork was complete, we had to come up with a short presentation. We could use a cue card if we wanted or write things down in point form. Everyone participated and their voice was heard. We all listened to each other, even when people spoke quietly.

In the last part of the activity we all had to write down one positive comment about everyone else’s Cultural Body. Everyone did the project in a different way. We all loved hearing the positive comments from our peers and everyone felt good about who they were and their project. It’s only September and we have already learned so much about each other and ourselves. We have also begun to support and help each other. All of us have strengths and challenges.



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROOM 26

Mr. Serzu's class has been doing quite a lot in a short period of time. In Social Studies, we read about Terry Fox and learned how he raised money for cancer research. In Language Arts, we have been learning a lot. We have been working on writing strategies, story writing, and reading comprehension strategies. In Math, we are reviewing our basic math skills. In French, we are learning our calendar skills and how to properly pronounce months, days, and numbers. In Art, we started off by reading a short biography of Giuseppe Arcimboldo, a famous Italian painter known for his imaginative head portraits. The whole class then made their own head silhouette using the projector. We also had our very first field trip. We went to the Composite Innovation Center, a company which produces vehicle parts out of natural resources like flax instead of fiberglass. It has been a great first month at ÉSOMS!

Kristine and Frenchy

UN RETOUR À L'ÉCOLE

C'est notre dernière année à cette école. Ça va être une année fantastique! Il y a le leadership, les sports, le voyage à Minneapolis et beaucoup plus. Mais je suis très excitée pour le leadership. C'est finalement pour nous! J'aime aider notre communauté et planifier Spirit Week à notre école. Je suis très excitée pour le We Day. Le groupe de leadership vont aller à We Day. We Day est un concert pour les enfants. Il y a des personnes qui parle à-propos du changement du monde. C'est un événement très amusant! Il y a aussi le voyage à Minneapolis pour les huitièmes années. C'est pour l'harmonie. Ça c'est une des choses qu'on est très excité pour dans la huitième année. Mais la chose la plus excitante pour moi c'est d'aller au Québec avec les deux classes d'immersion. On va aller à Ottawa, Montréal et la Ville de Québec. C'est très amusant pour nous. Ça va être une expérience très amusante et une bonne place pour pratiquer notre français. La huitième année est une année très amusante. C'est notre dernière année à cette école. Cette année va être une bonne expérience.

Par Tayler



Thursday, October 11

Readings on Truth and Reconciliation

with the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada
Millennium Library, 251 Donald Street, Carol Shields Auditorium, 2nd floor
7 P.M. - No registration needed

Friday, October 12th

Cage Match

Writers' Face-Off (Anishinaabe v Cree)

Sponsored by the Centre for Creative Writing and Oral Culture
Urban Shaman Gallery, 203 - 290 McDermot Avenue, Winnipeg
Door Open at 7PM | Starts at 8PM

Saturday, October 13th

Music and Mayhem

with the Aboriginal Writers' Collective of Manitoba
featuring *Writers' Open Mic Night & musical guests Lorenzo & Crowdust*
Urban Shaman Gallery, 203 - 290 McDermot Avenue, Winnipeg
Door Open at 7PM | Starts at 8PM

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OCTOBER 2012



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	1 Day 2	2 Day 3 Picture Day PAC 6:30 pm	3 Day 4	4 Day 5	5 Day 6	6
7	8 No Classes 	9 Day 1	10 Day 2	11 Day 3	12 Day 4	13
14	15 Day 5	16 Day 6	17 Day 1	18 Day 2	19 Day 3 SAGE No classes	20
21	22 Day 4	23 Day 5	24 Day 6	25 Day 1 ÉSOMS PD No Classes	26 Day 2 ÉSOMS PD No Classes	27
28	29 Day 3 Picture Re-takes	30 Day 4	31 Day 5 Halloween Soc Hop 12:30 pm			