

# Ecole Seven Oaks Middle School

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## October 5, 2011

Throughout the month of September, teachers and students at our school have talked about our fundamental values and described them in the following words: *human rights, the rights of children, a year of kindness and paying it forward*. Last week, at our first Striving for Excellence assembly, Mr. Dan Hall's class introduced these values as our school theme to all the students.

We believe in purposefully setting out to create the conditions for the possibility of good learning. This involves paying close attention to our school culture, to our teaching practices and to student safety. In addition to maintaining careful lunch hour supervision practices, we **continue** to make pedestrian road safety a topic of conversation with all our students. This topic was also raised as a concern at our first parent-council meeting.

As a professional staff, we will continue to focus on how visual arts can be integrated into classroom curriculum and enrich our ongoing learning about human rights. To this end, we have invited Rhian Brynjolson, an author, illustrator, visual artist and art education specialist, to facilitate a **Professional Development Day on November 14**. Please, note this new date on your calendar. There will be no classes for students on this day.

Updates will be regularly posted on our school website.

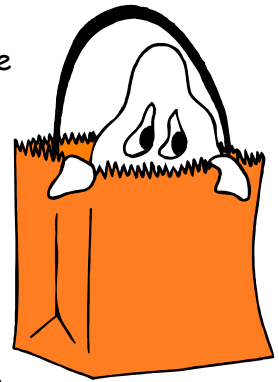
Newsletter Delivery! Beginning in November, all school Newsletters will be emailed to parents/guardians – please update your home email address with us. If you still would like to receive a hard copy please contact our office to make this request.

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|--------------------|---|
| October 3          | Parent Advisory Council 6:30 pm - staffroom                             |
| October 4          | Picture Day   |
| October 7          | Divisional P.D. – No Classes  |
| October 10         | Thanksgiving – No Classes   |
| October 21         | SAG - Provincial PD day – No Classes                                    |
| October 27         | Picture retakes   |
| October 28         | Halloween Soc Hop   |
| November 1         | Parent Advisory Council 6:30 pm   |
| <b>November 14</b> | <b>Professional Development Day: Arts in the classroom – No Classes</b> |
| November 10        | Remembrance Day Assembly - Period 7/8                                   |
| November 11        | Remembrance Day – 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 Song and Fiddle Cafe – Evening: Gym                             |
| 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   |

# Classroom Notes

## MR. SERZU: ROOM 26

The first month in school was great. This month we have been working on our basic math skills. In computer lab we were assigned a PowerPoint titled "All About Me". This is a fun project that allows us to present information about ourselves to the class. In Language Arts we have also been going outside to do *improv*, (improvisational theatre). We would partner up or get in a group and act out a situation. The first time we did groups my group acted out a game of mini-golf. The game began with playing a regular game of mini golf, then one of the clubs shrank to 1 foot long, then another weighed 50 lbs! It was fun. The second time another group was acting as if it was a teacher and his students in class. The teacher became a dog and the students went crazy! We also had to act out colours. Good times, good times! In Exploratory the class has been making milk carton cars. The class is going to stick an egg in their driver's seat, send it off a ramp and see if their egg makes it. In Social studies we looked at confederation, Terry Fox and have discussed the parties and candidates in the provincial election. We have also begun designing charity posters. We all have some wonderful ideas. Some have to do with animal shelters, children with brain tumours, homelessness and many other types of charities. In Science we have worked on classification. By: Olivia



## MS KHAN - ROOM 17

So far this year, we have gotten to start two awesome projects. In Social Studies, we got to learn about the Earth and its 7 continents and 4 oceans. We got to start a project to make our own map with a partner. Our other project was on our family. For this, we made a collage for our title page and talked about our family, what they mean to us, and where we come from. We also made an art collage of our face and we have done some line art. We can't wait to do more cool stuff. By: Alexis S., Veronica P., Christian D., Kyle P.

## MME PERSAUD : SALLE 30

Bonjour tout le monde! Les élèves sont très excités d'être à ESOMS! L'année s'est bien débutée et tout le monde commence à connaître les routines de l'école et la classe. Tous les élèves sont ravis d'avoir leur propre casier! Nous avons fini une étude de la formation de notre pays avec la Confédération et de notre premier ministre, John A. Macdonald. Nous visionnerons un film qui montre bien les défis de former une nation. En Sciences de la Nature, les élèves examinerons les êtres vivants dans leurs environs et présenterons un rapport sur eux. Nous irons bientôt à Oak Hammock Marsh pour étudier davantage la variété de formes de vie qui existent chez nous. En plus, nous ferons un grand tableau de fleurs variées que les élèves peindront ce mois comme partie de notre étude de la diversité de la vie sur cette magnifique Terre. Hasta Luego!

## MS. LINDSAY : ROOM 25

We are reading a book called *Parvana's Journey* by Deborah Ellis. It's about a girl who dresses like a boy in Afghanistan to get by. She is trying to find her mother since her father died on their journey. She goes through a village and finds out that all of the houses in the village have been destroyed by bombs. We also learned about the upcoming 2011 Manitoba Election and Terry Fox. In math we just finished integers and are beginning co-ordinate grids. In Social Studies, we are working on maps, latitude, longitude, continents and oceans. Everything we are working on has been fun. Meeting new teachers and friends has been exciting. By: Braxton

## MS. WASKUL: ROOM 35

This first month has gone by so quickly! We have been working very hard on classroom assignments. My class always enjoys the topics that we are learning about and love coming to school every day. In Math, some areas that we have covered include exponents, Scientific Notation, multiplying with decimals, and dividing with decimals. We do P.O.D (Problem of the Day) every morning based on topics that we are learning about. Science has been a lot of fun! Our unit we are learning about right now is Cells and Systems. We have been using microscopes and learning a lot about them. We now know all the parts of the microscope and what their functions are. We've been busy in Language Arts. Just some of the many assignments we are currently working on are: our Magazine Project, our Bucket Lists, and our Decades Project (which we have been working on since grade 6!).

My class watches *The Amazing Race* every week and we do activities based on each episode. My class thoroughly enjoys this. In History, we are learning about "Early Man". We read a poem called "The Blind Men and the Elephant" and did a Reader's Theatre about it. It was quite funny!

Some big projects we've been involved in together include the Terry Fox fundraiser (we raised \$261.00 just my class alone!). We've also been planning our United Way week which includes some fun activities. Sometimes, my class has a little problem in Phys. Ed. Not all of us change into our gym clothes. Until a miracle happened last week!!! Every single one of us changed and participated. My class has been together for grades 6, 7, and now 8 so we know each other very well. We get along with each other great and we LOVE having Ms. Waskul as our wonderful teacher ☺ Some things that matter to my fellow class mates and I include school (obviously!), or families, trying our best to get good grades, striving to achieve our goals, and making a difference in our school and communities (i.e.: being kind to everyone, taking responsibility, our organization skills, and volunteer work). This last month has been fantastic and we can't wait for all the other great activities we will be doing later on in the year! By : Brooke ☺



## MME HENRY : SALLE 9

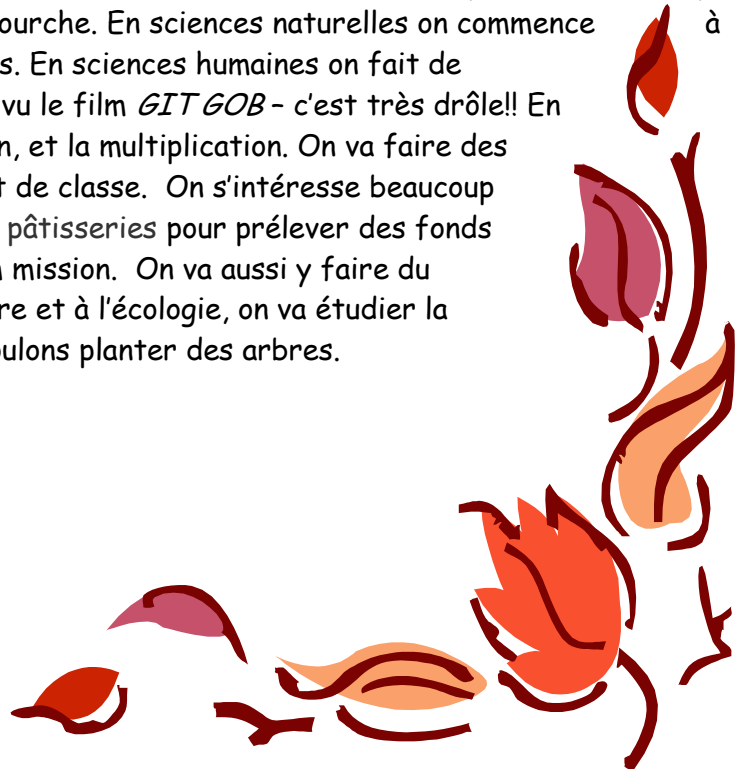
On est finalement en huitième année!! Cette année, on veut s'amuser et s'assurer que ça va être une année qu'on n'oubliera jamais. Au moment, notre salle lit « Word Nerd » par Susan Neilsen. On aime beaucoup le personnage principal, Ambrose. C'est un enfant différent qui est aussi agonisé par des autres enfants. Avec un père qui est décédé, Ambrose et sa mère déménagent souvent car elle ne peut jamais trouver un emploi. Ambrose n'a pas d'amis, mais il a une passion pour le jeu de Scrabble. On veut vraiment terminer le livre! Pour pratiquer notre français, on va aller voir un film français avec les autres élèves d'immersion. Le film s'appelle « Le Petit Nicholas ». Ce film est à-propos d'un garçon appelé Nicholas. Dans le film les parents de Nicholas vont avoir un autre enfant et il n'est pas content. Lui et ses copains essayent de trouver un gangster pour attraper son nouveau frère. On allons regarder le film au Cinémental, le 26 octobre. Les élèves de Mme Henry ont aussi discuté des façons d'aider les membres de notre communauté. Pour nous inspirer, nous avons regardé le film « Pay it Forward ». Ceci nous a inspiré de faire une différence cette année. La première chose qu'on va faire c'est d'aller à Siloam Mission le 18 octobre pour faire un tour et pour nous éduquer au sujet des personnes sans abri. On va aussi faire du bénévolat à Winnipeg Harvest au moins deux fois cette année. Comme vous pouvez voir, on a beaucoup de choses amusantes qui se passent dans notre classe. Nous espérons que l'année va bien continuer et nous attendrons avec impatience pour le reste de l'année.



## M. A. HALL - SALLE 13

Ce mois en anglais, on a lu le roman *Word Nerd*, c'est une très jolie histoire! En français on a commencé de faire l'impro. Tout le monde aime le faire. On a aussi fait des entrevues avec les partenaires, et après on est allé à *Thin Air*, un festival d'écrivains à la fourche. En sciences naturelles on commence à étudier les cellules, la matière, et les êtres vivants. En sciences humaines on fait de l'archéologie, on crée des lignes de temps, et on a vu le film *GIT GOB* - c'est très drôle!! En mathématiques, on étudie les exposants, la division, et la multiplication. On va faire des choses comme une capsule de temps comme projet de classe. On s'intéresse beaucoup aussi au bénévolat, et on pense faire une vente de pâtisseries pour prélever des fonds pour Winnipeg Harvest, Salvation Army, et Siloam mission. On va aussi y faire du bénévolat. En plus, puisqu'on s'intéresse à l'histoire et à l'écologie, on va étudier la deuxième guerre mondiale et l'holocauste. Nous voulons planter des arbres.

Par : Jade





# ESOMS LUNCH PROGRAM

École Seven Oaks Middle School provides lunchtime supervision and activities for students who wish to stay at school for lunch. Our lunch schedule allows children time to eat together in their classrooms with their classmates and then participate in a variety of activities.

There are several children and staff at ESOMS who have life threatening allergies to nuts and fish. Our goal is to provide a safe classroom and school for all students. This also applies to the food which is brought into the school. Please assist us in ensuring that your child’s lunches and snacks are nut free and fish free.

- 11:15 – 11:35      a)      Students eat lunch and converse with their classmates in their homerooms.
- 11:35 – 12:05      a)      Students wishing to watch or participate in Intramurals can go to the gym.
- b)      Students may sign up in the morning to go to the school library.
- c)      Students may pick up a pass from the school office to go to the West Kildonan Library
- d)      Students may participate in special events/clubs (musical rehearsal, leadership etc.)
- e)      Students who go outside have the choice to:
  - remain on school property (the school backyard)
  - walk to Victory School field (The play structure and hardtop are off limits) In our conversations with students we have reminded them to use extra caution and watch for traffic when crossing at Powers and Perth.
- 12:05 – 12:15      Students return to the school for afternoon classes which begin at 12:15.

Please complete and return this form to your child’s homeroom teacher.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Room #: \_\_\_\_\_

- My child will eat lunch at home.
- My child will eat lunch at school.
- I give my child permission to leave the school grounds during the lunch hour to go to local stores, restaurants, or other children’s homes etc. Parental/Guardian permission and signature are required for students under the age of 12.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

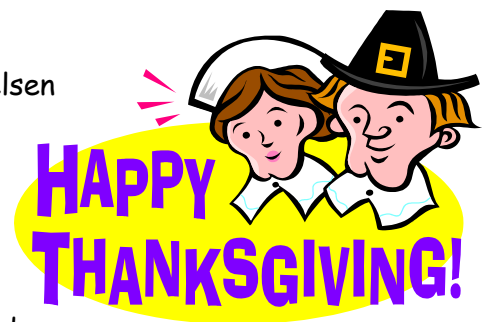


# MYRCA BOOKS AVAILABLE AT ESOMS LIBRARY

The Manitoba Young Readers' Choice Awards 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. These books, based on quality and reader appeal, will be available at ESOMS library within the next couple of weeks. 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.

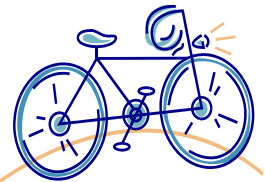
This year's titles are as follows:

- The Adventures of Jack Lime / James Leck
- The Archaeolojesters / Andreas Oertel
- Arctic Thunder / Robert Feagan
- Come Fall / C.C.E. Bauer
- Dear George Clooney: Please Marry My Mom / Susin Nielsen
- Dust City / Robert Paul Weston
- The Emperor's Code / Gordon Korman
- Grease Town / Ann Towell
- Half Brother / Kenneth Oppel
- Lure / Deborah Kerbel
- The McGillicuddy Book of Personal Records / Colleen Sydor
- The Present Tense of Prinny Murphy / Jill MacLean
- Queen of Hearts / Martha Brooks
- Stolen Child / Marsha Forchuk Skrypuch
- A Terrible Roar of Water / Penny Draper
- Tumbleweed Skies / Valerie Sherrard
- Wayfarer / R. J. Anderson
- Written in Blood / John Wilson



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

**H.C. Avery school is running a program called Active Living and are hoping to take the kids cycling and teach them about bike safety in next spring.**



**To insure every student can participate, we are seeking bicycle donations for students ages 11-14. If you have or know anyone who has a gently used bike laying around or kids that have grown out of their bikes and are looking to get rid of them, HC Avery is your school!**

**Drop off at H.C. Avery Middle School, or pick up is available! Please call 334-4391.**

KYAC @ ESOMS

OCTOBER INFO

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 October 12<sup>th</sup>, 3:15pm @ ESOMS

All students are welcome

Sign up in the KYAC office!

Art Program w/ Wayne Elliott Thursdays nights in October from 6:30-8pm @ ESOMS!

Super Art Program w/ Samantha Villanueva Tuesday nights in October from 6:30-8pm @ ESOMS!

Halloween Themes! ALL ARE WELCOME!

**\*\*KYAC will be closed Tuesday Oct 4<sup>th</sup> due to the election**

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**Email us @ [kyac@7oaks.org](mailto: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](mailto:pierre.feng@7oaks.org).

VINCE LEAH RECREATION CENTRE

1295 Salter Street

HALLOWEEN PRE-TEEN DANCE

(12 and under only - ID may be required)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2011

7PM TIL 9PM



ADMISSION: \$2.00 per person

COSTUMES, PRIZES AND CANTEEN WILL BE OPEN

PARENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

# October 2011 - KYAC

| SUN                  | MONDAY                                      | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY                                       | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY   | SAT                         |
|----------------------|---|--|---|---|--|-----------------------------|
|                      |   |  |   |   |  | 1<br>KYAC @ ESOMS<br>1-5pm  |
| 2<br>KYAC IS CLOSED  | 3<br>KYAC @ EP 6-9pm                        | 4<br>ELECTION DAY<br>KYAC IS CLOSED  | 5<br>KYAC @ GS<br>330-530pm<br>KYAC @ EP 6-9pm  | 6<br>KYAC @ FP 330-5pm<br>KYAC @ ESOMS 6-9pm  | 7<br>KYAC @ EP 6-9pm<br>KYAC @ RB 6-9pm<br>Divisional Professional         | 8<br>KYAC @ ESOMS<br>1-5pm  |
| 9<br>KYAC IS CLOSED  | 10<br><u>Thanksgiving</u><br>KYAC IS CLOSED | 11<br>KYAC @ ESOMS 6-9pm Super Art program w/ Sam Villanueva 630-8pm   | 12<br>KYAC @ GS<br>330-530pm<br>KYAC @ EP 6-9pm | 13<br>KYAC @ FP 330-5pm<br>KYAC @ ESOMS 6-9pm<br>Art Program w/ Wayne Elliott 630-8pm | 14<br>KYAC @ EP 6-9pm<br>KYAC @ RB 6-9pm<br>Yoga program 630-8pm<br>RB Gym | 15<br>KYAC @ ESOMS<br>1-5pm |
| 16<br>KYAC IS CLOSED | 17<br>KYAC @ EP 6-9pm                       | 18<br>KYAC @ ESOMS 6-9pm Super Art program w/ Sam Villanueva 630-8pm<br>-Halloween theme!  | 19<br>KYAC @ GS<br>330-530pm<br>KYAC @ EP 6-9pm | 20<br>KYAC @ FP 330-5pm<br>KYAC @ ESOMS 6-9pm<br>Art Program w/ Wayne Elliott 630-8pm | 21<br>KYAC @ EP 6-9pm<br>KYAC @ RB 6-9pm<br>Yoga program 630-8pm<br>RB Gym | 22<br>KYAC @ ESOMS<br>1-5pm |
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| 30<br>KYAC IS CLOSED | 31<br>KYAC @ EP 6-9pm<br>HALLOWEEN!         | EP – Edmund Partridge      FP – Forest Park      Yoga Program Friday nights 6-730 @ Riverbend<br>ESOMS – Ecole Seven Oaks Middle School      RB – Riverbend<br>Art program Thursday nights 630-8 @ ESOMS |   |   |  |                             |



# October 2011

| Sun        | Mon   | Tue                              | Wed         | Thu                                    | Fri  | Sat |
|------------|---|----------------------------------|-------------|--|--|-----|
|            |   |                                  |             |  |  | 1   |
| 2          | Day 2<br>3<br><b>Parent Advisory Council</b><br>6:30 pm | Day 3<br>4<br><b>Picture Day</b> | Day 4<br>5  | Day 5<br>6                             | Day 6<br>7<br><b>Divisional In-Service</b><br><br><b>No School</b> | 8   |
| 9          | 10<br><b>Thanksgiving</b><br><br><b>No Classes</b>      | Day 1<br>11                      | Day 2<br>12 | Day 3<br>13                            | Day 4<br>14  | 15  |
| 16         | Day 5<br>17   | Day 6<br>18                      | Day 1<br>19 | Day 2<br>20                            | Day 3<br>21<br><b>SAG</b><br><br><b>No Classes</b>                 | 22  |
| 23 /<br>31 | Day 4<br>24   | Day 5<br>25                      | Day 6<br>26 | Day 1<br>27<br><b>Picture Re-Takes</b> | Day 2<br>28<br><b>Halloween Soc Hop</b><br>12:30 - 2:45            | 29  |