

# HAWK TALK

## Greetings from Mr. Baldwin

I would like to thank everyone for the warm welcome I have received as I join the ÉSOMS community. Beginning the school year with welcome meetings provided me with a good chance to meet many parents and students as well as to get to know staff. You all seem so enthusiastic about the year ahead and I will do my part to make this a great year for all.

All of us learn best when we care about what we are doing and when we have choice. We learn best when the work we are doing is relevant and challenging, and we learn best when we are using our hands as well as our minds. Our work as educators is to plan for learning with this in mind and I have great confidence that we will have our students learning at their best. I look forward to an exciting school year; together.

## Newsletter – Please update your email address

For this first month of September, all of our students and their families will receive a paper version of the newsletter. For the remainder of the school year, we hope to be environmentally-friendly and use as little paper as possible and will begin emailing our families the newsletter. Please update your home email address with us if you have not done so already by contacting the office at 586-0327. However, if you would rather continue with the paper copy of the monthly Newsletter, please inform your child's homeroom teacher.

Teachers will also be communicating with families about field trips by email. Please check your email for these messages.

### Bienvenue!

We would like to extend a warm ÉSOMS welcome to our new staff members.

Kirk Baldwin, Principal  
Jalin Desloges, Grade 6 French Immersion  
Becky Walter, Grade 7  
Jaspal Hanjra, Grade 8  
Sara Bittner, Band and Guitar  
Natasha Haines, Educational Assistant  
Lori Evans, Custodian

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## Call Back System

If your child will not be at school or will be late, please contact our office at 204-586-0327 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.

## Breakfast Program

We are pleased to share that ÉSOMS is offering breakfast every morning from 8:00 to 8:20 a.m. Breakfast is available to every ÉSOMS student who needs to have breakfast at school. We offer a simple, nutritious menu of cereal and toast, available free of charge from the canteen.

Healthy eating is essential to learning. We are grateful that we can assist our students in starting their day with the nutrition and energy that they need to be engaged and successful.

## Picture Day

Lifetouch Canada will be taking student's portraits at our school. Your child/children will be photographed using a proof program. Below are some key points to the proof program:

- Picture day is **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7<sup>th</sup>**
- Picture re-takes will be **Monday, October 27<sup>th</sup>**.
- Watch for a Lifetouch flyer with pose and background colour choices that will be sent to you shortly.
- All Students will be photographed. **No payment is required on picture day.**
- A proof order form will arrive approximately 10 days after picture day.
- Please return orders to the school by the due date indicated on the order form.
- Once orders are received, packages will be delivered to your school in approximately 10 days.
- Upon receipt of your proof, if a retake is required, you must check the retake request box on the proof order form and return it to the photographer on photo retake day.
- Please direct any questions to Lifetouch Canada.

### Lifetouch Manitoba:

Unit # 3 - 1410 Mountain Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba R2X 3C4  
Telephone 1 866 443- 9640

## 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.

11:15: Lunch begins. Students who are leaving the school grounds to eat lunch (for e.g. at home) leave at this time.

11:15 – 11:35: 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 office to go to the West Kildonan Library

d) Students may participate in 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: Students return to the school for afternoon classes which begin at 12:15.

### **We are a peanut, nut & fish-free school**

*There are several children and staff at ÉSOMS 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.*

# TAS

École Seven Oaks Middle School is pleased to offer many opportunities to our students in T.A.S. options. (Technology, Arts and Sports) T.A.S. occurs all morning the following days of the school cycle:

*Grade 6 - Day 4*

*Grade 7 - Day 1*

*Grade 8 - Day 5*

Students take 3 options during the year for approximately 10 weeks each. The dates for each of the terms are:

*Term 1*

*September 5 - December 9*

*Term 2*

*December 10 - March 18*

*Term 3*

*March 19 - June 24*

## ÉSOMS T.A.S. Options

Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8
<input type="checkbox"/> Art <input type="checkbox"/> Writing & Illustrating <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering & Design <input type="checkbox"/> Introduction to Guitar <input type="checkbox"/> Drama <input type="checkbox"/> Indoor Soccer <input type="checkbox"/> Seven Oaks Hockey Skills Academy (term 1 & 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Sport Conditioning & Ball Hockey (term 3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Clothing & Textiles <input type="checkbox"/> Graphics <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering & Design <input type="checkbox"/> Drama <input type="checkbox"/> Electronics <input type="checkbox"/> Foods & Nutrition <input type="checkbox"/> Metals <input type="checkbox"/> Guitar <input type="checkbox"/> Indoor Soccer <input type="checkbox"/> Seven Oaks Hockey Skills Academy (term 1 & 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Sport Conditioning & Ball Hockey (term 3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Clothing & Textiles <input type="checkbox"/> Graphics <input type="checkbox"/> Electronics <input type="checkbox"/> Foods & Nutrition <input type="checkbox"/> Metals <input type="checkbox"/> Indoor Soccer <input type="checkbox"/> Seven Oaks Hockey Skills Academy (term 1 & 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Sport Conditioning & Ball Hockey (term 3)

## Cell Phones, Digital Cameras, Electronic Music Devices & Games

We realize that many parents provide their children with cell phones for safety reasons. We expect that students will use them appropriately. At no time should these digital devices disrupt the learning environment. Students may not use digital cameras or camera phones in school except under the direct supervision of a teacher. To protect the privacy and safety of others, students who take unauthorized pictures of friends and classmates in or around the school may be asked to delete them from cameras and storage devices. The use of iPods or MP3 players is entirely at the discretion of individual classroom teachers.

The school cannot be responsible for loss of these items and we recommend that these valuable items be left at home.

**At ÉSOMS, it is our utmost priority to create a safe and caring school community. We strive to act in concert with the Seven Oaks School Division Safe Schools Policy, as follows:**

## **SAFE SCHOOLS POLICY**

In order for us to achieve our mission, our schools work daily to teach the children in our care how to get along with others. Some schools teach using the golden rule. . . “treat others as you would wish to be treated yourself.” Some schools teach behaviour using a simple code of conduct like: Take care of yourself. Take care of each other. Take care of this place.

Our staff is expected to work on a daily basis to build safe, respectful, considerate and caring communities in our classrooms and schools. They are expected to teach children to do the right thing for the right reason, to take responsibility for their actions, to solve problems, understand one another and to correct and learn from their mistakes.

Our schools are expected to teach students that there are firm and clear expectations of them.

Those expectations include:

- that harassing, abusive or bullying behaviour, whether physical, sexual, psychological or electronic will not be tolerated;
- that behaviour that discriminates against anyone on the basis of any characteristic set out in subsection (292) of the Human Rights Code is unacceptable;
- that using, possessing or being under the influence of alcohol or illicit drugs at school is unacceptable;
- that gang involvement is unacceptable;
- that possession of a weapon as defined in Section 2 of the Criminal Code of Canada is unacceptable;
- that information technology, electronic mail and the internet must be used appropriately and with appropriate safeguards.

Our schools are expected to use a range of instruction, community building and disciplinary approaches to teach our students to behave in ways that are respectful, considerate and safe. Consequences for behaviour must consider the age of students, the context for their behaviour and the pattern of their behaviour. Consequences can range from verbal correction to mediation and restitution to suspension from school and even expulsion and criminal prosecution.

**While we aspire to live and learn in a school community where everyone feels safe and included, we understand that children are learning and that issues may arise. When conflicts occur or when students feel unsafe, mistreated or bullied, we encourage them to speak immediately with their homeroom teacher, or with any adult with whom they feel comfortable. We encourage students to advocate for themselves and for one another. When adults become involved quickly, issues often resolve under our guidance. If parents have any concerns, please do not hesitate to call your child’s homeroom teacher. The homeroom teacher is the person who knows your child and their learning environment the best. They are best positioned to intervene, support and to monitor closely on a daily basis. Students and parents are also invited to contact either administrator, Mr. Baldwin or Mme Loewen.**



SEVEN OAKS  
SCHOOL DIVISION  
*community begins here*



**Circle of Security**  
INTERNATIONAL  
*Early Intervention Program for Parents & Children*

**Seven Oaks School Division, Educational and Clinical Support Services** are pleased to offer the **Circle of Security Parenting Program**. The Circle of Security is a relationship based intervention program designed to enhance attachment security between parents and children. This program is intended to help caregivers increase their awareness of their children's needs and ensure their own responses meet those needs. With increased awareness parents can expand their moment-to-moment parenting choices where needed. The benefits for children include increased empathy, greater self-esteem, better relationships with parents and peers, enhanced school readiness, and an increased capacity to handle emotions more effectively.

**Location:** Ben Zaidman Educational Resource Centre  
375 Jefferson Avenue

**Time:** 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

**Dates:** September 22, 29, October 6, 14, 21, 28, November 3, 10, 2014.  
\*\*three sessions on Tuesday, the remainder on Mondays.

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**-Circle of Security Registration:**

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Parent/s Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Children's ages: \_\_\_\_\_

Where did you learn about this program? \_\_\_\_\_

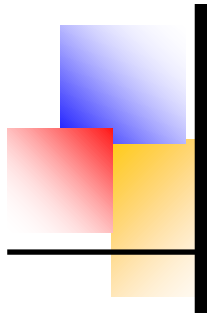
What school does your child or children attend? \_\_\_\_\_

You will be contacted prior to the start of the group to confirm your registration. If you would like further information you can contact Shira Cohen or Lyana Hoydalo at 204- 582-3383.

**Please return this form to the school by September 15, 2014**

## 2014 - 2015 Important Dates

September 2-3	Orientation Day – By appointment
September 4	First Day of regular classes
September 5	First day for term 1 of TAS morning options. (Grade 6 – Day 4, Grade 7 – Day 1, Grade 8 – Day 5)
September 29	School Professional Development – <b>No Classes</b>
September 30	Parent Advisory Council 6:30 pm - Staffroom – All welcome!
October 7	Picture Day
October 13	Thanksgiving – <b>No Classes</b>
October 20	Divisional Professional Development Day – <b>No Classes</b>
October 24	SAGE - Provincial PD day – <b>No Classes</b>
October 27	Picture Re-takes
November 3	School Administration Day – <b>No Classes</b>
November 10	Remembrance Day Assembly – Period 7
November 11	Remembrance Day
November 17	Student Reports go home
November 18	Parent/Teacher/Student Conferencing - Evening
November 20	Parent/Teacher/Student Conferencing - Evening
November 21	Parent/Teacher/Student Conferencing - <b>No Classes</b>
December 3	Gr. 7 & 8 Band, Vocal Jazz & Incredibows Concert
December 10	First day for term 2 of TAS morning options
December 19	Last day of classes before winter break
January 5	Classes resume – Day 6
January 28	Gr. 6 Band, Choir & Fiddling Concert
February 2	School PD – <b>No Classes</b>
February 16	Louis Riel Day – <b>No Classes</b>
February TBA	Choral Coffee House
March 2	ÉSOMS Winter Activity Day
March 9	Student Reports go home
March 10	Parent/Teacher/Student Conferencing – Evening
March 12	Parent/Teacher/Student Conferencing - Evening
March 13	Parent/Teacher/Student Conferencing – <b>No Classes</b>
March 19-21	Brandon Jazz festival
March 19	First day for term 3 of TAS morning options.
March 27	Last day of classes before Spring Break
April 6	Classes resume after Spring Break – Day 5
April 8	ÉSOMS Open House – 7:00 pm
April 21-23	ÉSOMS Musical Production – 7:00 p.m.
April 24	School PD – <b>No Classes</b>
May 11	School PD – <b>No Classes</b>
May 18	Victoria Day – No Classes
May TBA	Sustainability in Action and Community Feast 5:00 pm
May 27-29	Arts in the Park
June 4	Grade 6, 7 and 8 Band Concert
June 10	Grade 6, 7, and 8 Choir and Fiddle Concert
June 25	Grade 8 Farewell Evening 6:00 – 11:00 – Sunova Centre
June 26	Administration Day – <b>No Classes</b>
June 30	Last Day of Classes



Kildonan Youth Activity Centre (KYAC)



# SEPTEMBER 2014

KYAC Program Coordinator: [chelsea.volkart@7oaks.org](mailto:chelsea.volkart@7oaks.org) OR (204)470-9460

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

## KYAC Program Hours:

### **Drop-in Gym Hours:**

Edmund Partridge Community School:  
Monday, Wednesday, Fridays 6-9pm

École Seven Oaks Middle School (ESOMS):  
Tuesdays and Thursdays 6-9pm  
Saturdays 12-5pm

### **Structured Program Hours:**

Governor Semple School  
Wednesdays 3:30-5:30pm (snack/beverage)

Forest Park School (FP students only)  
Thursdays 3:30-5:30pm (snack/beverage)

École Riverbend Community School:  
Tuesdays 3:00-5:15pm (after school snack/beverage)  
Fridays 6-9pm

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 First Day of School	4 KYAC CLOSED	5 KYAC CLOSED	6 KYAC CLOSED
7	8 KYAC CLOSED	9 KYAC CLOSED	10 KYAC CLOSED	11 KYAC CLOSED	12 KYAC CLOSED	13 KYAC CLOSED
14	15 First Day of KYAC!	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				



### Keep your eyes peeled for exciting upcoming KYAC programs this year...!

- Guitar, art and dance classes
- Girls Nights
- Basketball Tournaments
- Field Trips
- Christmas & Spring Break Programs
- Summer Camp