



*West St. Paul School*  
*Community Newsletter*  
**SEPTEMBER, 2010**

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Take Care of yourself, Take Care of each other, Take Care of this place.

# Back to School

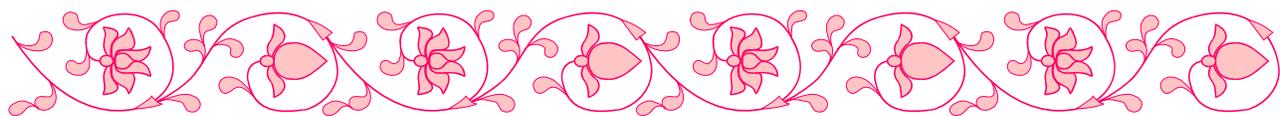


**Growing to Greatness** was the theme of our last year's yearbook. We believe this is a wonderful way to think about children's learning. Growing to Greatness is a fitting way to talk about what children do in school. . . they strive for greatness. Some are wonderful readers, some are amazing mathematicians. Some students think scientifically and look at the world through a scientist's eye. Others are artists, musicians, writers, photographers, or athletes. What we hope for is that each child will be able to experience all of those aspects of school that allow them to see how they can achieve greatness in one, or all of those areas of their development. We also want to help them recognize and appreciate the gifts that others around them bring to their lives at school and in the world. We are looking forward to each of us Growing to Greatness in this next school year.

You will notice some changes in our office this year. Ms Molyneux has been appointed Acting Principal at Forest Park School for the 2010– 2011 School Year. Ms Molyneux has been vice principal here at West St. Paul for six years and has brought her many gifts and passions to the students, staff and community. We are going to miss her ready smile, her passion for the Arts and of course, her amazing love of good literature and nature. We wish her well.

Mr. David Ingram has been appointed Acting Vice Principal of West St. Paul for the 2010–2011 school year. Mr. Ingram is a well respected teacher and community member and we are indeed fortunate to have him take on this position.

We also have a new Parent Council Advisory executive. We are really please that Elana Spence and Pearl Dubois have agreed to Co-Chair this committee. They, along with Dana Myrowich, Manuella Balmer, Jen Tower, Wendy Post, Candace Katz and Debbie Glatz will be working with the school staff to build a strong school community for children and their families. We so appreciate the fact that these people are willing to work alongside of us to enhance the school life of our children. The Parent Advisory Council Meetings are open to all parents and guardians of West St. Paul School. Our first meeting will be on September 22 at 7 p.m. Please feel free to come and join us.



## 2010-2011 IMPORTANT DATES AT A GLANCE

September 7 & 8	Orientation Days
September 9	First Day of School
September 22	Parent Advisory Council 7:00 p.m.
September 20-22	Grade 6 students @ Camp Stevens.
September 24	Divisional Inservice ~ <b>NO SCHOOL</b>
October 1	School Inservice ~ <b>NO SCHOOL</b>
October 11	Thanksgiving Day ~ <b>NO SCHOOL</b>
October 13	Lifetouch Photos ~ 8:00 am (Retakes ~ November 8)
October 22	SAG ~ <b>NO SCHOOL</b>
November 11	Remembrance Day ~ <b>NO SCHOOL</b>
November 14	PAC Christmas Craft Sale
November 26	Parent/Teacher Conference ~ <b>NO SCHOOL</b>
December 23/10 - Jan 5/11	Winter Break
January 6	Classes Resume
February 21	Louis Riel Day ~ <b>NO SCHOOL</b>
February 23-25	Middle Years Ski Trip to Asessippi
March 18	Parent/Teacher Conferences ~ <b>NO SCHOOL</b>
March 28 - April 1	Spring Break
May 23	Victoria Day ~ <b>NO SCHOOL</b>
June 24	School Inservice ~ <b>NO SCHOOL</b>
June 30	Last Day of School ~ Early Dismissal

Please keep this list of dates handy, however, during the year, other professional development days and special events will be planned. Monthly newsletters will provide updates and the information will be posted on our school website.



## What's New at West St. Paul School

- ◆ We have registered eight new families into our school community since the middle of June.
- ◆ We have 460 students.
- ◆ Our computer lab is now outside the Library.
- ◆ Our Community Room is now in Room 18.
- ◆ We welcome Mr. John Holmes, Mrs. Jennifer Arjoon (returning from maternity leave) , Ms Dana Brown and Mr. Kevin VanDongen to our teaching staff.
- ◆ We are in the process of installing two more SMARTBOARDS in classrooms.
- ◆ Our water filtration system will be upgraded this fall.
- ◆ Our playground has had some repairs and new pea gravel added to it.
- ◆ Mrs. Joey Robertson finished her Masters of Education degree this summer. Congratulations!
- ◆ Miss Yeo and Miss Dilts finished their Post Baccalaureate Studies in Education this summer. Congratulations!
- ◆ Mrs. Lorie Rempel and her husband Michael welcomed their daughter Nicole on May 26th and Mrs. Melissa Rioux and her husband Rich welcomed their daughter MacKenzie, on July 15th.
- ◆ Five teacher candidates will be joining us this year. We welcome Miriam Barden, Raj Brar, Nicole Reay, Kelly Sudol and Kristjan Hunter as they learn alongside our teachers and students.
- ◆ We will be working with the Early Years Faculty and students from the University of Manitoba on a project that will include our early years students. This project will be happening in January.
- ◆ We had a break-in at the school on August 31. As a result of the vandalism that happened during the break-in, the Library lost approximately 1500 books, the carpet will be replaced and the Library and one other classroom had to be re-painted. It will likely be the end of September or so before the Library is up and running. Please be patient.

### SNACKS and NUTRITION.

We are a Nut and Fish aware school. We have many children who have life threatening allergies, in particular, to nuts. Please **DO NOT** send snacks or lunches that contain peanut butter or nuts.

Milk will be available for sale to all grade levels at lunch. Students in grades 1-5 can purchase sheets of 10 milk tickets for \$8.00 through the office. The order form is available on-line, at the office or from the teacher. Students in Middle Years can purchase milk in the Canteen and do not require tickets.

The Middle Years canteen will be open beginning on September 10th. Healthy snacks such as cheese strings, yogurt, granola bars and water can be purchased daily. Prices range from .50—\$2.00.

Parent Advisory Council will be offering Hot Lunch choices occasionally during the year. Middle Years classes will also be offering Pizza days beginning in October.

## MediAlert's No Child Without Program is at Our School

The **No Child Without** program offers a free MediAlert membership to students who attend our school and are between the ages of 4 up to their 14<sup>th</sup> birthday. If your child has a medical condition, allergy or is required to take medication on a regular basis then you should consider a MediAlert membership through this program. MediAlert is your child's voice in an emergency,

MediAlert membership;

- Gives emergency first responders immediate access to a your child's medical information on their MediAlert bracelet or necklace.
- Enables first responders to quickly obtain up to date medical information by means of the child's Electronic Health Record through the **24 Hour Emergency Hotline**.
- Communicates with the parent or emergency contact upon activation of the **Hotline**
- Allows free updates of the child's medical record, as needed

MediAlert identification can alert school staff, friends, coaches and others about your child's medical condition should an emergency occur.

For further information come to the office for a brochure or go to [www.nochildout.ca](http://www.nochildout.ca).

To register your child you will need a **No Child Without** brochure from the office.

If your child is already part of the **No Child Without** program and there have been changes to their medical condition, medications or emergency contact information, call MediAlert at 1-866-679-3220 Ext 1 to update your child's file.

MANITOBA ANAPHYLAXIS INFORMATION NETWORK (MAIN)  
a sub-group of Allergy/Asthma Information Association (AAIA)  
Ph: 204-654-2676 Email: [mainmanitoba@shaw.ca](mailto:mainmanitoba@shaw.ca)

August 2010

Manitoba Anaphylaxis Information Network will be holding a meeting on  
**Tuesday September 21, 2010 from 7:00 – 8:30 pm.**  
**Topic: Open Discussion on Life Threatening Allergies**

This will be an **open discussion support group meeting**. Parents will have an opportunity to exchange ideas and tips for coping with life threatening allergies. Through the sharing of experiences we can feel a sense of support and less like we are alone in facing the many challenges we are presented with.

Although the majority of our attendees are parents, staff and volunteers working in the schools with students who have life threatening allergies are welcome to attend.

This meeting will take place at The Gray Academy at 123 Doncaster Street (Room number will be posted)  
Enter the building through the main doors of the Asper Jewish Community Campus located at 123 Doncaster Street. Free visitor parking is located across the street from the doors. Upon entering you must check in with the security desk and provide identification. The Gray Academy is located off Kenaston Blvd near Academy Road

For directions visit

[http://www.grayacademy.ca/about\\_visiting\\_directions.html](http://www.grayacademy.ca/about_visiting_directions.html)

Call me or send an email with any questions.

Nancy Boni  
Manitoba Anaphylaxis Information Network (MAIN)  
204-654-2676  
[mainmanitoba@shaw.ca](mailto:mainmanitoba@shaw.ca)

## CANADA LEARNING BOND

*Get \$500 for your Child's Education  
After High School*

Brochures are available in the office for parents who may be inter-

**EDGE**

### EXTENDED DAY GROWTH EDUCATION

**PARENTS** – Another school year has arrived and so has **EDGE!**

**EDGE** offers a variety of after school activities for your children. Participation begins after regular classes **and in most cases** – right in their own school! 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**.

Registration booklets and forms will be *available mid-September. Programs will begin the week of October 12th.* The courses are fun and educational, but spaces are limited. So... don't delay, register as soon as possible to ensure participation in **EDGE** programming at your school.

**KEYSTONE KIPS (1998) GYMNASTICS**

**RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS**  
**GIRLS & BOYS - AGES: 3 YEARS & UP**

**GIRLS COMPETITIVE PROGRAMS**  
**REGIONAL & PROVINCIAL STREAM**

**2010 FALL REGISTRATION**  
**SEPTEMBER 10 & 17/10**  
**6:00 PM TO 7:30 PM**

*LOCATION: WEST ST PAUL SCHOOL*  
**(3740 MAIN ST, NORTH OF THE PERIMETER)**

**FOR INFORMATION CALL: 694-8096**  
**Or email us at: [keystonekips@mts.net](mailto:keystonekips@mts.net)**



Advancing Community Schools presents:

**An Evening with Pamela Whyte;**  
**Cultivating Caring Children**

Monday September 20, 2010  
6:30-8:30 Riverbend School mini-gym  
123 Red River Blvd.

Parents desire caring and considerate children but there is much confusion about how to get there. This presentation addresses the developmental roots of these highly held virtues, the negative effects of some of our prevailing practices, and suggestions for cultivating these characteristics and social responsibility as a whole.

Cultivating Caring Children is a two hour presentation designed for parents and the other important adults in children's lives. The information presented is applicable to children of all ages, whatever their challenges.

Pamela, a Neufeld Institute Faculty member, is a Winnipeg-based parent educator and consultant who works with parents, professionals, and organisations to provide the insight that will allow them to understand the children in their care from the inside out. Pamela presents this material with compassion, enthusiasm and insight, and has an intuitive ability to connect with her clients. As a mother of three wonderful children she has a personal and practical understanding of the joys and challenges of parenting.

DVD's and books will be available for sale.

For more information call Marianne 226-3228 or Cheryl 339-1964

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Names of adults attending \_\_\_\_\_

Names and ages of children needing care \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

# What's happening at the... **sunova** centre

## West St. Paul Community News & Events:

### 2010 Municipal Election

Election Day for the RM of WSP is Wednesday Oct. 27th.

All residents (except St. Benedict's, St. Benedict's Place, Middlechurch Home & Middlechurch on the Red) are asked to vote at the Sunova Centre between 8am & 8pm.

An Advance Poll will be held on Oct. 16th at the Centre for anyone not able to attend on Oct. 27th.

Please contact the RM Office w/ inquiries about the election.



### Girl Guides is coming to the Sunova Centre

The Pathfinders Unit will be meeting on Tuesdays starting September 28th from 6:30 to 8:30pm!

*Guiding is the Place for Today's Girls!*

**Registrations** will take place **Wednesday, Sept. 15th** from **6:30 to 8:30pm** at Kildonan Community Church

Units meet on both Monday & Tuesday evenings:

- SPARKS** - 5 to 6 year olds
- BROWNIES** - 7 to 8 year olds
- GUIDES** - 9 to 11 year olds

**PATHFINDERS** - 12 to 14 year olds (only Tues.)

Contact Kathy at [kwallmuth@shaw.ca](mailto:kwallmuth@shaw.ca) for more info!



### WSP KARATE!

**Session 1: Sept. 7th to Jan. 27th**  
**Session 2: Jan. 28th to June 30th**

*Individual & Family Rates Available!*

Contact Terry @ 669-4870 for more info!

### WSP Sports Board & Minor Sports News:

#### Congratulations

North WPG Pirates AAA Bantam Team for winning Silver at Provincials & qualified for the Western Canadian Championships!  
*Good Job Team!*



#### ATTENTION:

The Midget C Stars won Silver in Softball Provincials!

### Seven Oaks Lions Club

#### WSP Lions Club Fall Supper

@ the Sunova Centre

Sunday Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> from 4 to 6pm

\$12/Adult, \$6/Child

Children under 5 years of age FREE!

Supervision/activities for young children provided!

For more info contact Glenn Rossong @ 338-7291

#### New Years Eve Dance!

@ the Sunova Centre!

Friday Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010 from 8pm to 1am

Tickets are \$45/person or \$80/couple

Full Dinner Meal & Party Favours Supplied!

Dance music provided by Aime's music



### Fall Antiques & Collectibles Sale

@ the Sunova Centre

Sunday Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>

9am to 3pm

Over 60 tables of collectibles & nostalgia!

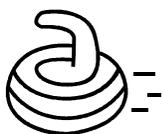
Admission is \$3

A donation will be given to the WSP Nursery!

For more info contact

Glenn Rossong

@ 338-7291



### West St. Paul Curling Club

Registration Date: September 9th at 7pm

### Scrapbooking Weekend

Fri. Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> - 4 p.m. to Midnight

Sat. Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> - 9 a.m. to Midnight

**Weekend Pass - \$20/participant**

Payment due by Aug 13th to reserve a spot!

Payment is non-refundable & a portion will be donated to the Sunova Centre

To Register Contact Sandy

[skuchinski@shaw.ca](mailto:skuchinski@shaw.ca)



### WOMEN'S LINE DANCING

Wednesdays

7 to 9pm

Starting Sept. 15

@ WSP School

Everyone Welcome!

No Experience Necessary!

Please wear leather bottom shoes & bring a water bottle!



### HOME COMING SENIORS' LUNCHEON

Please join us for a Home Coming Age Friendly Luncheon!

Thursday October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 12:30 p.m.

At the Sunova Centre - West St. Paul's Recreation Site

48 Holland Road, West St. Paul

\$5.00 per person

RSVP to the Sunova Centre by October 4th

Phone: 336-0294

Email: [recreation@weststpaul.com](mailto:recreation@weststpaul.com)



### BASEBALL SKILLS CLINIC

@ the Sunova Center brought to you by the

North WPG Pirate AAA Coaches

Sunday, September 12th from 10am to 2pm

Ages 7 - 12

\$10/participant

Clinic will cover fielding, pitching & hitting

**Pre-registration required! Contact the Sunova Center**



## FALL SPORTS REGISTRATION!

Come out & register for Indoor Soccer (8yrs&up) & Hockey!

Registration Dates are Aug. 26th & Aug. 31st from 7-9pm at Red River CC



## YOUTH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Are you over 14yrs & need Volunteer Hours for school?

Are you over 14yrs & want to gain valuable work experience?

Well, the Sunova Centre can help!

The Sunova Centre needs WSP Youth to Volunteer to help-out with:

- The Kids in the Kitchen Program
- The Kidz Drop-In Program (to be developed in Winter/Spring 2010)
- Working in the Concession & More!

Email [recreation@weststpaul.com](mailto:recreation@weststpaul.com) for more information on these Volunteer Opportunities!



### Program Suggestions?

We want to know what programs YOU want to see offered at the Sunova Centre!

Email [recreation@weststpaul.com](mailto:recreation@weststpaul.com)

### Join the Sunova Centre's Email Distribution List!



Email: [recreation@weststpaul.com](mailto:recreation@weststpaul.com)

# What's Happening at the... **sunova** centre

## Basic Hatha Yoga

Learn about the basic yoga poses & relaxation techniques

Mondays

Oct. 4th - Dec. 6th

10 Week Session

8 to 9pm

\$60/participant

**Pre-registration Required!**



## Scrapbooking Workshops



### Card Craze!

Wednesday, Sept. 29th

6:30 to 8pm

Come out and create 4 different cards using unique techniques!

\$12/participant

Ages 11 & up

### Christmas Greetings!

Wednesday, Oct. 13th

6:30 to 8:30pm

Get ready for Christmas by creating a complete set of 4 different Christmas Cards to share with family and friends!

(Will make 16 cards in total!)

\$30/participant

Ages 11 & up



### Festive Brag Book!

Wednesday, Nov. 17th

6:30 to 8pm

Create your own "Brag Book" complete with a Christmas theme!

\$15/participant

Ages 8 & up

**All supplies included!  
Pre-Registration Required!**

## Cooking, Games & More!

Sundays

October 17th

November 14th

December 12th

January 9th

February 13th

10am to 12:30pm

Ages 5 to 11

\$8/Child per Session

**Pre-registration  
Required!**

Bring indoor shoes & your appetite!



## Join the Party!

Come check out a workout class that fuses martial arts, group exercise & funky dance moves!

Featured Round:

### TURBO SPORT

Turbo Sport subtracts the flash & gets down to business by burning some serious calories!

Tuesdays

Oct. 5th - Dec. 7th

5:45 to 6:45pm

\$60/participant

**Pre-Registration Required!**

**Contact the Sunova Centre**

For more information about

Turbo Kick® feel free to

contact Nicole Buchberger

*Turbo Kick® Instructor*

Phone: 299-3372

Email: [njbuchberger@gmail.com](mailto:njbuchberger@gmail.com)



## Adult Painting Class



Painting to be completed

You've all seen his work on T.V. Now you can experience the "Joy of Painting" Bob Ross style! Join certified Bob Ross instructor Lisa Funk for this exciting class where you can create an oil painting from start to finish!

Truly something to be proud of!

Bring a lunch!

ALL SUPPLIES INCLUDED!

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!

Saturday, November 27th

9:30am to 4pm

\$70/participant

**Pre-registration Required!**

## Mom's Morning Out

A program for Mom's focusing on health, wellness & building connections with other Mom's in the community in a child friendly environment.

Each week will focus on a different topic. Feel free to bring the kids!

Tuesdays

Oct 5th - Nov 23rd

10am to 12Noon

8 Week Session

Registration Fee:

\$40.00/family

**Pre-registration Required!**



## Come 'N' Play

Come 'N' Play with your child in a stimulating environment focusing on development of sensory motor skills.

Each week will provide age appropriate development activities for children ranging from **birth to 5 years.**

Thursdays

Oct 7th - Nov 25th

10am to 11am

8 Week Session

Registration Fee:

\$40.00/family

**Pre-registration Required!**



## Kidz Dance!

Wednesdays

Oct. 6th - Dec. 15th

(NO CLASSES Oct. 27th)

### Creative Dance!

An introduction to rhythm, creative movement and fundamental steps of dance. The fun movements, music & games will provide children with an exciting introduction to dance!

**3-4yrs - 5:45 to 6:30pm**

### Stylized Dance!

Come enjoy a combo of Jazz, Hip Hop & Creative Movement.

Classes will be instructed to the level of the participants & will teach & build on the FUNDAMENTALS of dance using upbeat music & exercises!

**5-7yrs - 6:30 to 7:30pm**

**8-12yrs - 7:30 to 8:30pm**

**\$60/participant for each class**

**Pre-Registration Required!**



## Drop-in Scrapbooking

@ the Sunova Centre!

Come out and enjoy a full day of Scrapbooking fun!

Fri. Sept 17th

Sat. Sept 18th

Fri. Oct 15th

Fri. Nov 12th

Sat. Nov 13th

Sat. Feb 19th

& more TBA!



For more info contact Trina @ [norbertandrina@hotmail.com](mailto:norbertandrina@hotmail.com)

The Sunova Centre wants to get the residents of West St. Paul more involved! Complete the **Sunova Centre Questionnaire** Please visit the link below to take the survey!  
[www.surveymonkey.com/s/t9nqm9k](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/t9nqm9k)

West St. Paul  
Recreation Site

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For more Info or to Register for these programs please contact the Sunova Centre!

**sunova**  
centre

Phone: 336-0294

Email: [recreation@weststpaul.com](mailto:recreation@weststpaul.com)

Sunova Centre - West St. Paul's Recreation Site  
48 Holland Rd. West St. Paul, MB

## INSTURCTORS WANTED!

The Sunova Centre is always interested in offering new recreation programs or classes for West St. Paul residents of all ages to enjoy. If you have a skill, talent or passion for a specific topic - sports, fitness, dance, music, art, crafts, theatre, photography, cooking, or any other leisure activity - and would be interested in instructing a class or workshop please contact the Sunova Centre!

Email: [recreation@weststpaul.com](mailto:recreation@weststpaul.com)



**WEST KILDONAN MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CENTRE**

346 Perth Ave. • 334-1679 • wkmcc.webs.com

# **KIDS BACK TO SCHOOL BINGO EVENING**

Wednesday, September 15th • 6:30-8:00 p.m. • Doors open at 6 p.m.

Prizes • \$2.00 per family • Snacks & Drinks for Sale

Children must be supervised by adult



SEVEN OAKS  
SCHOOL DIVISION  
*community begins here*

# Community

B E G I N S H E R E

ISSUE NO. 52

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## A SPECIAL EDITION ISSUE

# Reflections from a Board Perspective

## SOSD Trustees Reflect on the Terms in Office

*It's the end of another school year. And, as graduates reflect on the years both behind and before them, so too do the Trustees of the Seven Oaks School Division.*

*Here are a few of their thoughts on past achievements, future plans and what the Division looks like through their eyes.*



*Claudia Sarbit*

**Claudia Sarbit,  
Chairperson and  
Ward III Trustee**

One of the strengths of Seven Oaks School Division is that we open our minds to all possibilities and dream big dreams for

our children. As a result, dreams which may not have otherwise been realized are now realities.

I would like to highlight some of these realized dreams of which I am especially proud:

- The new West Kildonan Collegiate and the link for Garden City Collegiate, both state of the art facilities
- The First MET School in Canada, our comprehensive aboriginal initiatives and our Bright Futures program, all designed to improve high school graduation rates and encourage post secondary attendance
- Our nursery and pre-school programming
- The extensive arts, sports and physical education programs

- Our breakfast, after school and summer programs

We are recognized by educators outside of Seven Oaks for our many initiatives and are seen as an exciting, supportive place to work where children come first.

I would like to commend our staff for their commitment to our vision and for their hard work and dedication to students. Without them, none of these accomplishments would have been possible.

We were successful in our lobbying efforts with the minister of education and provincial representatives this year procuring additional funds through the Tax Incentive Grant. Because of this, we were able to freeze property taxes and provide more educational opportunities for our students. I believe it is imperative for the board to continue its lobbying efforts with the province for more equitable funding to benefit both students and taxpayers.

We have many more dreams for our youth which we will strive to achieve.



*Evelyn Myskiw*

**Evelyn Myskiw,  
Vice-Chair, Ward I  
Trustee**

It never ceases to amaze me how quickly the years go by and how much has been accomplished.

Our Board of Trustees is truly a proactive Board, always keeping the children and taxpayers in mind when making decisions and constantly moving forward. The newly-built West Kildonan High School, the linking of the Garden City schools, the ever-so-talented students in the performing arts – these are examples that inspire us to continue to create change.

Through our perseverance and persistent lobbying, the Province recognized that the funding formula is inequitable. The Tax Incentive Grant we accepted this year will provide a good base for future funding and allow us to keep many programs.

“No child left behind” will always be first and foremost on my agenda. Making poverty history one kid at

a time works, as does inclusive programming.

The needs of preschool, early, middle and senior years, adult and special needs students are all addressed in our Division. We also offer the extended day/extended year with MYAC and KYAC, summer school, Heritage Languages, Bright Futures and the Met School to meet needs before and after school.

As a result, we are experiencing a 79 per cent high school graduation rate, steady improvement on Provincial exam results and a 95 per cent attendance rate at our high schools.

I am very proud of our accomplishments as a Board and the achievements of our students, parents, teaching staff, administration and support staff.

Have an excellent summer and please do take care. See you in the fall.



**Socorro (Cory) Juan,  
Ward II Trustee**

When I reflect on my two-year term as a Trustee, I feel incredibly fortunate to be part of a group that operates with such commitment,

enthusiasm and respect for the community.

During my time as a Trustee, I have seen tremendous growth and change in our Division. Trustees joined parents and families in petitioning the provincial government to increase our funding. I served on the Seven Oaks Division Policy Committee, the Transportation, Safety and Maintenance Committee, and the Seven Oaks Teachers'

Association Advisory Committee, where we worked to meet the changing needs of today's schools. I also served as a Manitoba School Board Association Representative to the Provincial Multicultural Policy Review Initiative which challenged us to broaden our perspective of multiculturalism in our province and our schools.

Our Unite to Change conference is a very appropriate one for Seven Oaks. Exploring issues such as social justice and our urban core helps raise awareness, inspire empathy and show students how they can promote peace or reduce prejudice and discrimination.

Perhaps one of the things I have enjoyed most has been visiting schools and seeing programs come alive – especially the Performing Arts programs. From live theatre shows to inspiring instrumental band performances, it's a joy to see students engaged in their learning and letting their talents shine.

Continued collaboration and cooperation among everyone who is passionate about education raises the Seven Oaks School Division to a higher level, redefining the idea of where community begins.

Ultimately, all of us working in harmony to implement programs and policies that truly make a difference results in a healthy and wholesome school division.



**William McGowan,  
Ward II Trustee**

In my over twenty years as a Trustee, I have seen fabulous education, arts, music and sports programs created. Whenever I speak with colleagues

from other divisions, I always hear how we are revered for our educational leadership, innovative programs and caring educators.

We are home to programs like Bright Futures and the Met School (the first in Canada), which ensures all kids have access to a great education. We have seen the High School Hockey League expand from one school to three, as did our High School Football program. Two of every three Middle Years students participate in our music programs.

Look at the Arts in the Park event which brings together thousands of kids from throughout the Division, or the annual Unity Walk from Maples Collegiate to the Legislative Building where students meet with the Education Minister. Our Division can truly claim that we develop great minds and great citizens who go on to contribute to our community and the world.

The Seven Oaks School Division continues to grow and as a Board, we have a vision for the future. In West Kildonan Collegiate, we have the newest high school built in this province, and the renovation to Garden City Collegiate is the culmination of a vision held by board members for many years. Plans are also underway for new schools in Amber Trails and Riverbend due to ever rising enrollments.

These are just a few reasons I'm proud to be a Trustee. But it's looking into happy faces of our students that provides the most satisfying return for the time I invest.



*Dennis Ruggles*

**Dennis Ruggles,  
Ward II Trustee**  
Reflecting back on the past 3½ years as a Trustee in the Seven Oaks School Division, the first thing that comes to mind is: where did the time go?

As Trustees, we're constantly looking for ways to help improve and enhance education in our Division. The last few years in particular have seen several major projects come to fruition.

The new West Kildonan Collegiate opened its doors to new generations of learners. The commons area linking the East and West wings reinvigorated Garden City Collegiate. New programs designed to provide additional learning opportunities and educational encouragement were implemented, from real-world learning with internships to the new Met School to the Bright Futures storefront school that helps students with homework.

We're just as busy working on things that are less visible, but no less important to our schools and our community. We've continued to maintain the Division's low cost per pupil and made sure as much money as possible goes directly to the classrooms. We've continued lobbying the government for changes to the funding formula. We've even managed to provide school supplies at no cost to parents in the Division.

And the work goes on. Even now, we are in the planning phase for two entirely new schools, one to be located in Amber Trails and the other in Riverbend.

I am happy to be part of a Board that works hard towards a common goal:

ensuring kids get a good education, one that will ultimately help make them better citizens.



*Teresa Jaworski*

**Teresa Jaworski,  
Ward III Trustee**  
For me, being a Trustee has been an incredible and exciting journey, a great learning experience.

Myself and my fellow Trustees deeply care for our schools and we know that each decision is a decision for the future. This is why we have such fantastic and unique programs in Seven Oaks School Division.

Our schools have a dual responsibility to provide education and build character. When I was elected, I was given the privilege to look deeply at every school and I was truly humbled by what I saw.

I saw our kids addressing issues like poverty, human rights and social justice. I saw our kids working with Winnipeg Harvest and Siloam Mission. I saw our kids helping with sandbagging during the Red River Flood and donating to victims of the Haiti earthquake as well as other international disasters. I saw our kids mentoring and teaching younger students. Our schools are the beating hearts of our community, and our kids are amazing.

I see this as a result of our great teaching community. Kudos to our teachers for doing such a fantastic job, and thank you for fostering a sense of caring and community among our students.

I feel the ultimate reward is seeing our students walk across the stage to

receive their diploma and knowing we have done our best to prepare them for their next stage of life whether it be college, university or workforce. I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to all the classes of 2010. I wish every one of you success in all your future endeavours.



*Edward Ploszay*

**Edward Ploszay,  
Ward III Trustee**  
I wanted to become a Trustee because, as someone who lives, works and grew up in the community, I feel it's important to give back.

As a new Trustee, I felt very welcomed by everyone, especially the long-time Trustees who took the time to show everybody the ropes and the Superintendents' Team who provide real leadership. Together, we've helped accomplish a lot, including the linking of Garden City Collegiate, the re-vamping of Edmund Partridge Community School and of course the positive progress on taxation – though we need to continue the fight for fair and equitable taxation.

We received extra funding, but it's still temporary. Real change is needed, and I'm proud of our Board for standing up and saying, "The funding formula doesn't work and this is what we need for our kids."

I'm also personally pleased to have kept my promise to put my earnings as a Trustee toward reading programs and books for our schools. It's important to me because I had difficulty reading when I was younger... and I had teachers who went the extra mile to help me.

You still find that attitude in the Division today: if you're willing to learn, there are people willing to help you. From our teachers, administrators and support staff to our Trustees and Superintendents Team, the focus is always on the kids.

And when I see students graduate – see their energy, optimism and readiness to take on the world – I feel that means as a Division, we've done something positive.



**Richard Sawka**

**Richard Sawka,  
Ward III Trustee**

Reflecting on my last term, our successes are reflected in our growth, development and securing of more funds for the classroom.

Seven Oaks is the only Winnipeg school division that is growing. Increased enrolment has created an immediate demand for portable classrooms and the construction of two more schools in the near future.

In the meantime, the new West Kildonan Collegiate and its student commons - the heart of the new school – represent a major accomplishment. And the link connecting Garden City Collegiate and the former Jefferson Junior High represents a dream at least 30 years in the making. I myself remember many cold winter days as a student running between buildings, wishing for a heated

walkway or tunnel. I never thought the result would be so impressive.

Bright Futures provides tutoring for high school students in the Elwick area. The Seven Oaks School Division Met School features strong personal student/advisor relationships and real world learning opportunities through Internships. Our language programs – including French immersion, Ukrainian bilingual, Hebrew bilingual and Heritage Language programs – demonstrate our respect for cultural diversity.

A large part of our Division's success is due to attracting and retaining the best teachers. We actively recruit to find the best and provide enhanced opportunities for professional development.

We continue to do all this and more despite receiving less funding than other divisions. Our "Two Tiered Education" campaign put pressure on the provincial government and we secured a tax incentive grant which reduced the tax burden on property owners. Still, we will continue to put pressure on the province until the funding formula is truly fair.

**Community Begins Here!**

*Congratulations*  
from the Board of Trustees to the graduates of Maples Collegiate, Garden City Collegiate, and West Kildonan Collegiate.

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**Congratulations! We're so proud of you!**

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Joey Robertson - Learning Support Teacher - Early Years

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 	3	4
5 	6 <b>LABOUR DAY</b>	7	8	9	10	11 
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<b>Welcome Back!</b>						
19	20 <b>Parenting Workshop</b> Cultivating Caring Children 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.	21 <b>Parent/Child Rhymes &amp; More</b> 9:15 – 11:00 a.m. 0 – 5 years	22	23	24 <b>DIVISIONAL INSERVICE</b>  <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	25
26	27 <b>Parent/Child Storytime</b> 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. 3 – 5 years	28 <b>Parent/Child Rhymes &amp; More</b> 9:15 – 11:00 am 0 – 5 years	29	30	<b>PARENT/CHILD PROGRAMS</b>	

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<b>Parent/Child Program</b>					1 SCHOOL INSERVICE  NO SCHOOL	2
					3	4 Parent/Child Storytime 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. 3 – 5 years
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5	6 <b>LABOUR DAY</b>	7 - Day 1 <b>ORIENTATION DAYS</b>	8 - Day 2	9 - Day 3 FIRST DAY OF CLASSES	10 - Day 4	11
12	13 - Day 5	14 - Day 6	15 - Day 1	16 - Day 2	17 - Day 3	18
19	20 - Day 4 <b>GRADE 6 STUDENTS @ CAMP STEPHENS</b>	21 - Day 5	22 - Day 6 PAC Meeting 7:00 p.m. Library	23 - Day 1	24 - Day 2 <b>DIVISIONAL INSERVICE</b>  <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	25
26	27 - Day 3	28 - Day 4	29 - Day 5	30 - Day 6		

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## IMPORTANT DATES AT A GLANCE

September 7 & 8	2010-2011 Orientation Days
September 9	First Day of School
September 20-22	Grade 6 Students @ Camp Stephens
September 22	Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) Meeting ~ 7:00 p.m. in the Library
September 24	Divisional Inservice ~ <b>NO SCHOOL</b>
October 1	Professional Development Day ~ <b>NO SCHOOL</b>
October 11	Thanksgiving Day ~ <b>NO SCHOOL</b>
October 13	Lifetouch Photos ~ 8:00 am
October 22	SAG ~ <b>NO SCHOOL</b>
November 8	Lifetouch Photo Retakes ~ 8:00 am
November 11	Remembrance Day ~ <b>NO SCHOOL</b>
November 14	PAC Christmas Craft Sale
November 26	Parent/Teacher Conferences ~ <b>NO SCHOOL</b>
Dec 23/10 – Jan 5/11	Winter Break
January 6	Classes Resume
February 21	Louis Riel Day ~ <b>NO SCHOOL</b>
February 23-25	Middle Years Ski Trip to Asessippi
March 18	Parent/Teacher Conferences ~ <b>NO SCHOOL</b>
March 28 – April 1	Spring Break
May 23	Victoria Day ~ <b>NO SCHOOL</b>
June 30	Last Day of School ~ Early Dismissal

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