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SEVEN OAKS SCHOOL DIVISION

NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2026

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The *Victory Connection Committee* is a group of teachers who are always finding ways to lift school spirit and remind us that FUN is an important part of our day at school! They put together a display of staff portraits that capture the fun and unique personalities that make up Victory School. Check it out in the hallway in front of the main office – It's sure to put a smile on your face too!



Speaking of fun pictures... Check out some of last week's great Halloween costumes on our Instagram account *@victoryschoolmb*.

REMINDERS & UPDATES

Please remember to call the office at (204)586-9716 if your child is going to be absent, or if they are getting picked up before the end of the school day. Students must be signed out at the main office.

We wish to share a friendly reminder that the staff parking lot and the bus loop are not to be used for drop-offs and pick-ups. Thank you.

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VICTORY SPOTLIGHT

Room 7 - Spirit Bear Teaching

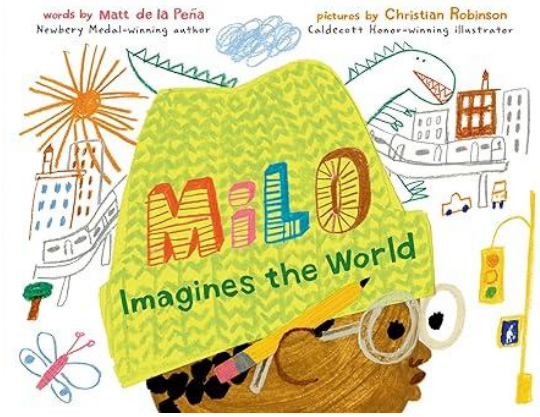


Room 7 has been exploring the Seven Sacred Teachings, with a special focus on the Bear (Makwa in Anishinaabemowinin) which represents courage. From an Indigenous world view, students are learning that courage means more than being brave, it also means standing up for what is right, facing challenges by building resiliency in ourselves, and having the strength to do the right thing, even when it is difficult.

Through discussions, land based learning, drumming, and storytelling, students are exploring what it means to embody the spirit of the Bear in their everyday lives. We have performed the Spirit Bear Song to our school community. Spirit Bear Song link can be found on YouTube https://youtu.be/AtGnf63-yng

VICTORY READS

Milo Imagines the World **– Matt de la Pena**



Milo is on a long subway ride with his older sister. To pass the time, he studies the faces around him and makes pictures of their lives. There's the whiskered man with the crossword puzzle; Milo imagines him playing solitaire in a cluttered apartment full of pets. There's the wedding-dressed woman with a little dog peeking out of her handbag; Milo imagines her in a grand cathedral ceremony. And then there's the boy in the suit with the bright white sneakers; Milo imagines him arriving home to a castle with a drawbridge and a butler. But when the boy in the suit gets off on the same stop as Milo--walking the same path, going to the exact same place--Milo realizes that you can't really know anyone just by looking at them.

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MUSIC NOTES



The **Victory School Indigenous Flute Ensemble** has been hard at work during activity breaks preparing for the CBC Music Class Challenge. They will be performing "mitêh" by Sherryl Sewepagaham. Our ensemble includes students in Grades 4 and 5 who perform on Northern Spirit Flutes. These instruments were designed by Saskatoon music teacher Rich Dubé, with guidance from Kevin Locke, a SongKeeper for the Lakota people. In addition to the flutes, two students provide rhythmic accompaniment on the Buffalo drum and shaker.
They will be recording their video for the CBC Music Class Challenge on **Thursday November 5th** between 10:30 am and noon in the Victory Music Room.

Once the CBC Music Club wraps up, I'll be starting the **Victory School Tap Club and the Victory School Hip Hop Clubs.** These clubs are open to all students in Grades 4 and 5. There will also be an **Orff/Recorder Club** for grade 5 students.
These clubs will practice once per cycle during the activity break. If your child is interested in joining any of these clubs, please note that this is a commitment that runs until early June. Mr. Brander and I will be coordinating our practices to ensure that Phys. Ed. and Music clubs during activity breaks do not conflict.

The Tap and Hip Hop Clubs will perform at:
- *Spotlight* - the Seven Oaks School Division Dance Recital
- *Victory School Talent Show*

Watch the newsletter for more updates!
Musically,
Mrs. Rumak

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2026-2027 IMPORTANT DATES:

✓ September 8 & 9	Orientation Days – Appointment Only – NO SCHOOL
✓ September 10	First Day of Classes Gr 1-5
✓ September 10 & 11	Kindergarten Staggered Start
✓ September 14	First Day of Full Kindergarten
✓ September 21	School PD Day- NO SCHOOL
✓ September 24	Welcome Back Family Event
✓ September 30	National Day for Truth & Reconciliation – NO SCHOOL
✓ October 12	Thanksgiving Day – NO SCHOOL
✓ October 15	**Picture Day**
✓ October 23	MTS PD Day - NO SCHOOL
November 2	School PD Day - NO SCHOOL
November 3	Divisional PD Day- NO SCHOOL
November 11	Remembrance Day - NO SCHOOL
November 13	Picture Retake
November 27	Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences – NO SCHOOL
December 21 – January 1	Winter Break- NO SCHOOL
January 22	School PD Day- NO SCHOOL
January 28	Victory @ Play Winter
February 4	Boks for breakfast
February 5	PD Day- NO SCHOOL
February 15	Louis Riel Day - NO SCHOOL
March 19	Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences - NO SCHOOL
March 26	Good Friday – NO SCHOOL
March 29 – April 2	Spring Break- NO SCHOOL
April 16	PD Day- NO SCHOOL
April 29	Kindergarten Concert Evening
May 24	Victoria Day- NO SCHOOL
June 2	Talent Show
June 4	PD Day- NO SCHOOL
June 9	Treaty Day
June 17	Victory @ Play summer
June 23	Grade 5 Farewell (Time TBA)
June 30	Last Day of School- Early Dismissal (Time TBA)

Dates may change! — please refer to our monthly newsletters, website calendar and school emails for up-to-date information.



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 Day 2 School PD day No School	3 Day 3 Divisional day No school	4 Day 4	5 Day 5	6 Day 6	7
8	9 Day 1	10 Day 2 Remembrance day assembly	11 Day 2 Remembrance Day No school	12 Day 3 Handball	13 Day 4 Picture re-takes	14
15	16 Day 5	17 Day 6	18 Day 1 Special O Soccer Event	19 Day 2	20 Day 3	21
22	23 Day 4	24 Day 5	25 Day 6	26 Day 1	27 Day 2 Parent Teacher Conference No school	28
29	30 Day 3					