

September 2026

ШКОЛА R.F. MORRISON SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

FROM MRS. ANDERSON & PANI TARASIUK:

Welcome Back, Families! Ласкаво просимо!
We trust that you enjoyed the summer and that you are refreshed and ready for another school year at RFM! We were excited to catch up with families during orientations and look forward to this month's Back to School BBQ to connect further!

As the weather becomes increasingly cool, please remember that students are continuing to enjoy outdoor learning experiences throughout the day. Please continue to send your children with appropriate outdoor clothing, including rain gear if needed, for community walks and recess.

We are very excited to continue with the **Book of the Month!** Each classroom will receive the book of the month to be read, discussed and enjoyed. This month we have 2 books to welcome back the school year! They are: "**Your Name is a Song**" by Jamilah Thompkins-Bigelow and "**The Only Way to Dance**" by Cristina Quintero.



FROM THE OFFICE:



If your child is sick, please keep them at home!



Contact the office if your child is away for any reason: 204-338-7804 or email: rfmorrison@7oaks.org



Please remember to pack utensils if needed in your child's lunch



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We will continue welcoming Panna Fosty's class from H.C. Avery on day 5 for Ukrainian Choir, Dance and Culture!

Ми раді вас бачити!

SCHOOL DROP OFF/PICK UP

A reminder that parents are prohibited from waiting or parking in the parking lot AT ANY TIME. These spots are reserved for, and paid for by school staff. Please use the stop/drop/go area directly in front of the school.

We also ask that caregivers wait outside for dismissal, even if temperatures become colder. This minimizes chaos at the end of the day. Thank you!



PLEASE BE SURE TO UPDATE INFORMATION WHEN CHANGES HAPPEN!

CONTACT THE OFFICE TO UPDATE EMAIL, ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBERS, ETC.



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IMPORTANT DATES:

- September 8 & 9 : Orientation Meetings
- September 10 : First day of School grades 1 - 5
- September 10 & 11 : Staggered starts for Kindergarten
- September 14 : all kindergarteners
- September 18 : RFM PD day - no classes
- September 21 : Picture Day
- September 23 : PAC school community BBQ 4:30 - 6:00
- September 29 : Wear Orange
- September 30 : National Day for Truth and Reconciliation - no classes.



FROM PAC:

**ANNUAL BACK TO
SCHOOL PAC COMMUNITY
BBQ
SEPTEMBER 23
4:30 - 6:00**

**WATCH FOR A LIST OF FUNDRAISERS
COMING HOME SOON.**



It has been wonderful to connect with families again this year!
We are looking forward to a great year together at R.F.M.!





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SCHOOL ATTENDANCE



Regular school attendance plays an important role in a child's learning, confidence, and sense of belonging. When students attend school every day, they build strong routines, develop friendships, participate in classroom activities, and gain the skills they need for future success.

Even missing just a few days each month can make it harder to keep up with learning and classroom connections.

School divisions monitor attendance patterns to help support families when challenges arise.

Chronic absenteeism is generally defined as missing 20% or more of school days, whether absences are excused or unexcused. Our aim is to work together to encourage consistent attendance to help students stay engaged, connected, and ready to learn each day.



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CONFLICT AND PROBLEM SOLVING



Conflict at school among peers is a normal, developmental part of growing up. It is our job, as adults in their lives, to support positive, healthy problem solving skills.

Different children need different amounts of support in this. Sometimes, when children feel overwhelmed with the conflict, adults step in to assist.

Most of the time children can resolve conflict in positive, healthy ways when given the time and support that they need.

At school, healthy relationships with people in our lives is taught regularly throughout the curriculum.

If your child is experiencing conflict here at school and you feel like they need additional support in resolving things with peers, please reach out to your child's classroom teacher.



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RECESS EXPECTATIONS



RECESS IS A MANDATORY PART OF OUR SCHOOL DAY. WE'VE ADOPTED THE BALANCED SCHOOL DAY FORMAT THAT HAS SHOWN TO PROVIDE A BEAUTIFULLY BALANCED DAY FOR STUDENTS, INCLUDING TWO APPROPRIATE BREAKS OUTDOORS.

PLEASE KNOW THAT OUR SUPERVISION IS OUTDOORS DURING RECESS BREAKS (UNLESS THE TEMPERATURES DIP BELOW -27°C AT THE FORKS ACCORDING TO ENVIRONMENT CANADA).

ALL STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO BE OUTSIDE FOR THESE OUTDOOR BREAKS.