

R.F. Morrison School

April 2015



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March has been another busy month at R.F. Morrison School. It was wonderful to see so many parents, grandparents and guardians come to school to participate in student-parent-teacher conferences. Your children are always so proud to share their work with you and to be able to demonstrate their growth in so many areas of their development. We know that children are more successful as learners when home and school work together! I know parents were also able to enjoy the beautiful art work created by our students on display in the hallways.

This month, every class has been involved in sessions with the Environmental Speakers Bureau, where children are learning about our environment and keeping our planet green. Grade 5 students met with the band instructors from H. C. Avery to try out a variety of instruments for next year's band class. All classes enjoyed a performance by MTYP in our school gym. Ask your children to tell you about "The New Canadian Kid." PAC once again provided a delicious hot lunch. On the 26th we celebrated "Wear Purple" day for Epilepsy awareness. Staff and students wore purple shirts, shoes or sweaters and learned about epilepsy and what it means to create awareness about an issue.

We would like to acknowledge the financial contributions made to academic, arts and extra-curricular programming at R. F. Morrison by the **St. Boniface Ukrainian Foundation** and **Carpathia Credit Union**. Some of those funds are used to purchase supplies for writing Pysanky/Ukrainian Easter eggs, which all of our students will be enjoying in March and April. As well, these generous donations help to send our grade six EUBP students to a three day camp at the University of Manitoba with other EUBP schools.

If you are receiving a paper copy of this newsletter you will notice there are no photographs. In an effort to be environmentally-conscious and save paper, the complete newsletter, including photographs, will only be available on our website from now on.

We hope you all enjoy your spring break. Hopefully the weather will finally start to warm up so children and families can get outside and be active! April will be another busy month, with lots of exciting activities and learning opportunities. See you then!





IMPORTANT DATES



March 30-April 3
 Monday, April 6
 Tuesday, April 7
 Friday, April 17
 Tuesday, April 21
 Friday, April 24
 Monday, April 27

Spring Break – No School
 First Day Back from Spring Break (Day 5)
 PAC Meeting 6:30 p.m.
 PAC Hot Lunch
 Ukrainian Easter Breakfast
P.D. Day – No School
 Spring Photos

Friday, May 1
 Monday, May 11
 Monday, May 18

Heart and Stroke – Jump Rope for Heart
P.D. Day – No School
Victoria Day – No School

Tuesday, June 30

Last Day of Classes

Please check future newsletters for additions/changes to this list.

<http://www.7oaks.org/school/rfmorrison>



CALL-BACK SYSTEM

Parents or guardians please call **204-338-7804** to report a child's absence.
 Please leave child's first and last name, room number or teacher's name and reason for absence.

Kindergarten Orientation

MAY 19, 2015

6:30-7:30

**If your child has not yet been registered - please contact our school office ASAP.
 You will need the child's birth certificate & Manitoba Health Card.**



Administration of Prescribed Medication

- If, under exceptional circumstances, a child is required to take oral medication during school hours and a parent cannot be at school to administer the medication, the following procedures must be followed:
- A written authorization is required before giving any prescribed medication.
- The medication bottle must carry the official label from the pharmacy along with all pertinent information.
- A form with the time of medication administration must be signed each time the medication is given by the staff member designated to administer the medication.
- **Medications must be delivered to the school office by a parent or responsible adult.**
- Medications are kept in a safe location at school, and are administered by a trained staff member.
- Inhalers used to control asthma and EpiPens are included under these guidelines.

Ukrainian News



ВЕСНА ІДЕ ВЕЛИКДЕНЬ ВЕДЕ!

Зі Світлим Празником
Воскресіння Христового
Бажаємо Всім щастя, здоров'я
і радісних Свят!



Taras Hryhorovych Shevchenko

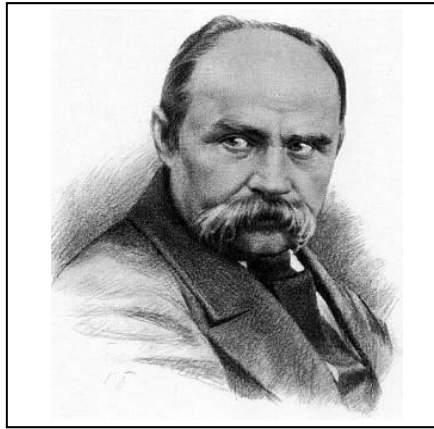
Тарас Григорович Шевченко
March 9, 1814 – March 10, 1861

He was a [Ukrainian](#) poet, writer, artist, public and political figures, as well as folklorist and ethnographer. His literary heritage is regarded to be the foundation of modern [Ukrainian literature](#) and, to a large extent, the modern [Ukrainian language](#). Shevchenko is also known for many masterpieces as a painter and an illustrator.

He was a member of the [Sts. Cyril and Methodius Brotherhood](#) and an academician of the [Imperial Academy of Arts](#). In 1847 Shevchenko was convicted for writing in [Ukrainian language](#), promoting the independence of Ukraine.

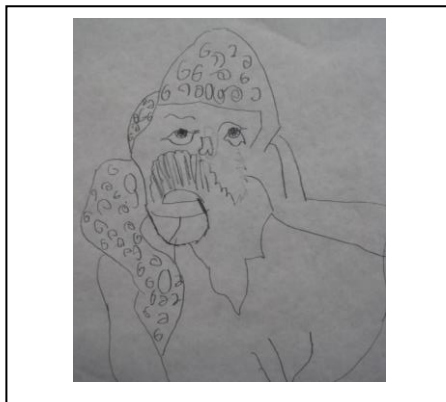
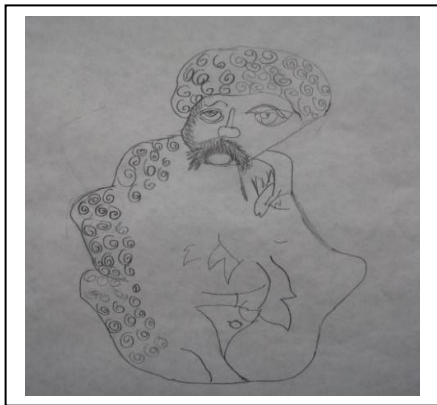
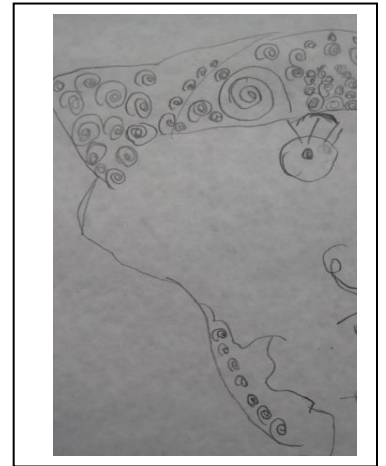
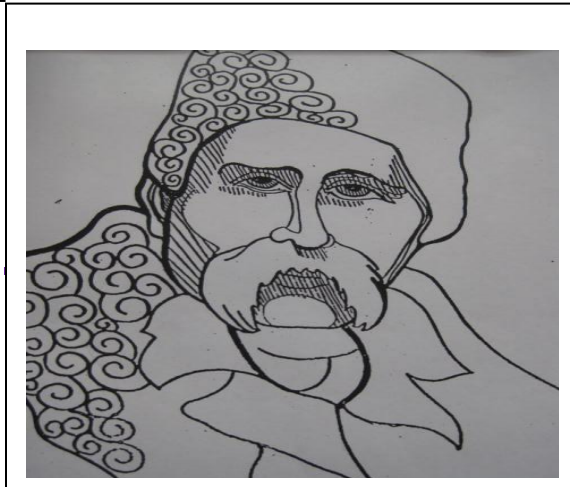
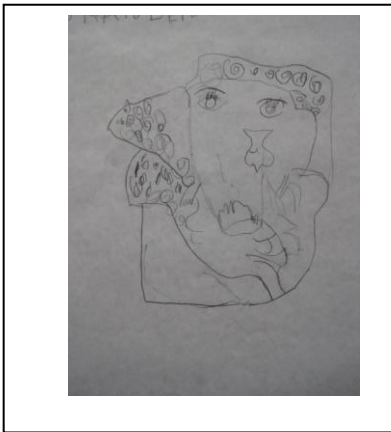
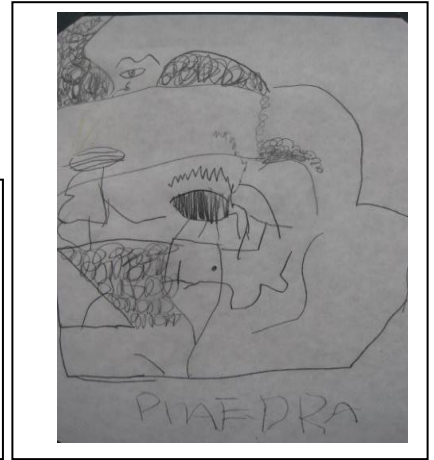
Тарас Шевченко найбільший український поет. Увесь український нарід шанує його, як батька. Шевченко був найкращим сином України. Він її дуже любив і багато терпів за неї. Шевченко писав дуже гарні вірші. У віршах він оспівував славу України.

The Kindergarten and Grade 6 students partnered to pencil sketch a line drawing image that was totally hidden by a series of post it notes. They were revealed randomly one at a time. Their instructions were to draw exactly what they observed. That is why these sketches of Shevchenko appear to have elements of abstract art.



**Taras Hryhorovych
Shevchenko**

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March 9, 1814 – March 10, 1861



T.A.S

at R.F.Morrison School

Technology, Arts and Sports (T.A.S.) is a course for the students in Grade 6 (Room 3) at R. F. Morrison School. The course includes many options such as hiking at Bird's Hill, various art projects which include making Christmas tree ornaments using polymer clay, playing guitar using TAB, golfing, orienteering, tie-dye projects, presentations using power point, as well as:

- **Drama** – Drama was really fun. We did lots of fun activities like role playing, an awareness game with winking and a bunch of other fun things. – Katrin
- **Corn Maze**, Petting Zoo and Hay Ride at A Maze In Corn – I really liked the petting zoo. I loved seeing all the animals, mostly the cats. The corn maze was fun, but we got lost a lot! I recommend bringing rain boots. – Khrystyna
- **Geocaching at Oak Hammock Marsh** – Geocaching was fun. It was like a treasure hunt. – Dennis
- **Aviation Museum** – Going to the Aviation Museum was awesome! We learned about planes and how gravity works. – Caitlyn
- **Karaoke Singing / Jazz & Hip Hop Dancing** – It was really fun because we had opportunities to show off our singing and dancing. – Alina
- **Pyrohy Making** – Making Pyrohy with the grade 6's was a lot of fun. We sang songs for a while; we also made a big mess in the staffroom. I wish I could make pyrohy more often. – Emma
- **Ice Skating** – I enjoyed ice-skating in T.A.S. It was fun. We played tag and shot pucks with sticks. – Misha
- **Roller Skating** – At Wheelies, we played roller skating games, skated for fun and had a lot of exercise. I didn't win any games, but I still had fun there. – Mikita
- **Swimming** – I love swimming because you can do so much and just have fun. You can learn so much in swimming. It was so much fun when we had free time too. – Bryonna
- **Humane Society** Presentation about Pets – Ms Todaschuk brought in her dogs and the dogs kind of played around while someone from the Humane Society was talking to us about pets, how to take care of them and responsibilities. Then later we played with the dogs. It was just a lot of fun. – Kate
- **Humane Society** Presentation about Pets – During the presentation, we learned how to take care of pets. I had fun and I wish we could do it again. – Mikita

During our session with the Winnipeg Humane Society, we focused on pet ownership: responsibilities, role modeling, and reporting. So many of us love to have a pet. When deciding to have a pet, you have to be committed to provide a loving, nurturing home. Aside from taking in a pet from a pet store, other options for adopting a pet include animal rescues. It is important that an animal is treated with the respect and dignity that it deserves for the rest of its life. We learned that a pet's wants and needs are similar to those of people: love, a home, food and water for nourishment, health care, exercise, toys, training and grooming.

If you are thinking of adding a pet to your family, consider adopting from any of the animal rescues around the city such as: The Winnipeg Humane Society, D'Arcy's A.R.C., Winnipeg Pet Rescue Shelter and many others (you can search for animal rescues on-line).

I am pleased to teach or offer these classes over the course of the year for our Grade 6 students.

Ms Todaschuk

NEWS FROM THE GYM:



Dear Parent or Guardian,

Our school is taking part in the Heart & Stroke Jump Rope for Heart event this year. Jump Rope for Heart is a unique and fun event from the Heart and Stroke Foundation that gets our kids physically active and raises vital funds to reduce the devastating effects of heart disease and stroke.

Why participate in Jump Rope for Heart?

- It **gets your kids physically active**, plus they learn important heart healthy tips and the value of goal setting
- **Our school can earn valuable resources**, such as sports equipment and electronics, through the **Heart Smart™ Points Program**
- Your family will receive **JUMP-Start Your Family's Heart Health** – a valuable and practical guide you and your kids can use to keep your family active and heart-healthy!
- Your support will **help invest in the future health of Canadian children.**

In Heart & Stroke Jump Rope for Heart, students participate in fun skipping and jumping challenges. Leading up to event day, kids are encouraged to raise funds (pledges) and in return earn thank you prizes for their individual fundraising efforts. Each student is given a collection envelope they can use to raise pledges from family, friends, and neighbours.

For safety reasons, we suggest students do NOT go door-to-door.

For more information on Heart & Stroke Jump Rope for Heart, please visit **JumpRopeForHeart.ca**.

Our Heart & Stroke Jump Rope for Heart Event Day will be held on Friday, May 1st, 2015

Consent letters must be returned by April 9, 2015

If you would like your son or daughter to be a part of Heart & Stroke Jump Rope for Heart, please complete the lower portion and return it to your child's teacher as soon as possible. Thank you for helping to make this a great event and for supporting vital heart disease and stroke research and health education!

Yours Very Truly,

Mrs. Matwichyna & Ms. Lasko
Physical Education Teachers



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I give _____ permission to participate in Heart & Stroke Jump Rope For Heart
(name of participating student)
fundraising campaign.

Signature of Parent or Guardian _____

Adult Volunteers Are Greatly Appreciated! If you're interested in volunteering for Heart & Stroke Jump Rope for Heart Event Day, let us know! Simply complete the information below:

First Name _____ Last Name _____ Phone (_____) _____

I'm interested in helping to supervise the students on Heart & Stroke Jump Rope for Heart event



R.F.MORRISON SCHOOL



BULLETIN BOARD

Spring

Hot Lunch:

April 17th, 2015

No School:

April 24th, 2015

Next
PAC MEETING

April 7th, 2015
6:30 PM

Library News

In March, during Parent/Teacher Conferences, we held a Scholastic Book Fair in the library.

The winner of the Family Event Door Prize was

Max in Room 9.

Max won \$25 in books from the Fair for himself and \$25 in books from the Fair for his classroom

(Ms. Klimenko is very pleased).

Congratulations Max!

The library earned \$517 from the Fair. This money will be used to buy new library books.

Thank you to all the families who participated in our Book Fair.

S. Rose, Library Technician



**TRANSPORTATION
APPLICATION
FORMS
FOR
2015 - 2016
SCHOOL YEAR
HAVE ALREADY
BEEN SENT HOME
FOR ALL
STUDENTS WHO
NEED TO
COMPLETE THEM.
*THESE FORMS
MUST BE
RETURNED BY
APRIL 19TH***





SETTLEMENT PROGRAM

FOR IMMIGRANTS TO SEVEN OAKS

All events and programs are for newcomers to Canada. They are CIC funded and hosted by the Seven Oaks Settlement Program.

APRIL 2015

Programs & Presentations

We are hosting Trade &

Professional Panel happening in the month of April. For newcomers with international qualifications and overseas experiences to learn about qualification recognition in Winnipeg.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Seven Oaks Adult Learning and Settlement Services

Website: www.7oaks.org/programs/settlement

Call us: 204-632-1716 OR 204-697-5961

Email us: settlement@7oaks.org

Visit us:
950 Jefferson Ave

OFFICE HOURS
Monday to Thursday
9:30 am - 8:00 pm

Drop-in Computer Use, Help or Information

930 Jefferson Avenue
Monday to Thursday
1:00 - 4:00 pm

Settlement Team: Shane, Rowena, Jose, and Salinder

Seven Oaks Adult Learning and Settlement Services Centre

◇ **Trades Panel Presentation:** We are having a Trade Panel and presentation on **Thursday April 9th, 2015 from 6:30-9:00pm.** Panel presents, Manitoba Institute of trades & technology, Manitoba Construction Association, Manitoba Trucking Association, Apprenticeship Manitoba & More!

◇ **Professional Association's Panel Presentation: Thursday April 23rd, 2015 from 6:30-9:00pm. Panel presenters;** Nurses Union of Manitoba, College of Lab Technologists, Teacher's union of Manitoba & More!!

Conversation Classes– Will Resume Wednesday, May 6th, 2015 6:00-7:30pm @ 930 Jefferson Avenue. Please contact Shane for more information. Phone: 204-632-1716 Or Email: nisw4@7oaks.org.

English Conversation Café : Wednesday, April 22nd 6:00pm-8:00pm. Guest Speaker newcomer teacher. Listen and share stories about settlement and qualification recognition from a teacher.

Computer Tutoring Drop-by tutoring in basic skills at 660 Shepard St. on Monday and Wednesday afternoons 1-3pm. Call Jose if you have any questions. No pre-registration required.

Mentoring for Women interested in daycare work: Would you like to become a childcare assistant? Do you have questions and need help in preparing for this? Theresa, our Early Childhood Educator, is here to help you. Contact Rowena if you are interested.

Qualification Recognition Assistance– Do you have education or a degree from your home country? Contact a settlement worker for help getting your international qualifications recognized in Canada.

Next SONA (Seven Oaks Newcomer Advisory) Meeting is on Thursday, April 16th 2015 6:30pm. Are you looking for committee experience? Come join our Newcomer Advisory and help make our community better place for newcomers. **Everyone is welcome!!** Contact Jana 204-632-1716.

Roots of Empathy

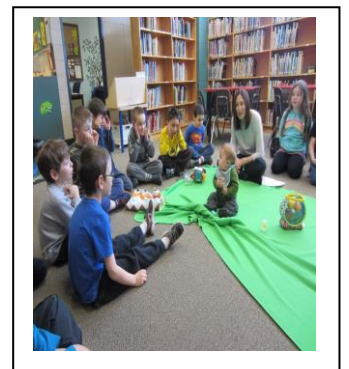
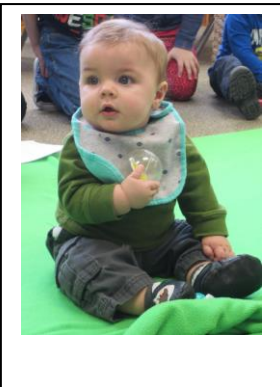
Roots of Empathy is a program that involves children learning about being sensitive to the feelings and needs of others as well as themselves. They meet with a parent/parents and their very young baby to explore and discuss various topics. The topics are centered around care of a baby and the baby is considered to be the teacher. The baby meetings happen once a month and include a pre-visit or post-visit by an instructor who is specifically trained to facilitate the sessions. 'Roots of Empathy' provides the children with a unique opportunity to learn about their feelings and the feelings of others, and to watch a baby grow and develop through his first year of life.

Roots of Empathy in Room 8

First we meet with Mrs. Rosenberg. She reads a different book every month to help us think and learn about being empathetic. We have a discussion about the book and about baby Easton. Soon after our discussion, baby Easton comes to school with his mother, Amanda. Baby Easton is our teacher. He helps us to learn many things. Easton's brother Jackson comes too. We sing the welcome song, watch Easton and listen to Amanda tell us about baby Easton and how she takes care of him. We ask Amanda questions and talk with her. When they are ready to go we sing the good-bye song. After the visit, Mrs. Rosenberg comes again and we have another discussion to talk about what we learned. We love visiting with Amanda, Jackson and baby Easton. We can see how he is growing and learning.

Baby Easton is teaching us:

- ♥ To understand ourselves and our feelings better
 - ♥ To have empathy for others
- ♥ To eat healthy food and take care of ourselves
- ♥ To think about safety for ourselves and others
 - ♥ Recognizing safety and hazard symbols
 - ♥ To pay attention to how people feel
- ♥ What we need to do to take care of a baby
- ♥ That taking care of a baby is a lot of work and fun
 - ♥ A baby's development in the first year of life
 - ♥ Changes in care of a baby related to milestones



This Month at R.F. MORRISON



**Writing
pysanky**

A detailed black and white line drawing of a traditional Ukrainian pysanky egg. The egg is covered in complex, repeating geometric and floral patterns.

Grade 5 students try out band instruments for next year



**Grade 3
fiddlers
Rm 9
perform at
Seven Oaks
School Board
Office**



**Epilepsy Awareness
Day**



**Constable Cain
talks to grade threes about
personal safety**



**Preschool
Bunnies**

RF MORRISON'S PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

APRIL 2015



SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

			1	2	3	4
	*****S P R I N G B R E A K*****					
5	6	7	8 Positive Discipline	9	10	11
12	13 First day back! Preschool Program 9:30-11:00	14	15 Positive Discipline	16 Preschool Program 9:30-11:00	17	18
19	20 Preschool Program 9:30-11:00	21	22 Positive Discipline	23 Preschool Program 9:30-11:00	24	25
26	27 Preschool Program 9:30-11:00	28	29 Positive Discipline Last session	30 Preschool Program 9:30-11:00		



April 2015



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
	<i>Spring¹ Break²</i>					³ GOOD FRIDAY	4
5 	6 Day 5 First Day Back	7 Day 6 PAC Meeting 6:30 Rm 7 swimming	8 Day 1 Jump Rope Assembly 9:00 AM	9 Day 2	10 Day 3	11	
12	13 Day 4	14 Day 5 Rm 7 swimming	15 Day 6	16 Day 1	17 Day 2 PAC Hot Lunch	18	
19	20 Day 3	21 Day 4 Ukrainian Easter Breakfast Rm 7 swimming	22 Day 5	23 Day 6	24 Day 1 PD Day NO SCHOOL	25	
26	27 Day 2 SPRING PHOTOS	28 Day 3 Rm7 swimming	29 Day 4	30 Day 5 			