

# R.F. Morrison School

## December, 2013

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Ricki Valcourt

Principal

November was another busy month at R.F. Morrison School. Thanks to the many parent volunteers who helped with hot lunch as well as hearing and vision screening.

Thanks to Ms Colwell and Mr. Kammerlock for coaching grade 4 and 5 teams in the divisional handball tournament. Our students played well and exhibited great sportsmanship.

It was wonderful to see so many families in the school for student-parent-teacher conferences at the end of November. Students were excited to showcase their work and parents got a first look at the provincial report card.

Winter has finally arrived, and with it comes the snow and colder temperatures. We ask that children come to school in warm winter clothing, so they can enjoy outdoor recess breaks and activities. This includes ski pants, boots, warm jackets, hats and mittens.

December promises to be an exciting month with many Christmas and winter activities. We look forward to seeing you at our concerts on December 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, and on Winter Fun Day on December 19<sup>th</sup>.



Ang buong pamunuan at paaralan ng R. F. Morrison ay taos pusong bumabati sa inyo at inyong mga pamilya ng Maligaya at Masaganang Bagoong Taon.

Translation provided by: Willie Machalek

Педагогічний Колектив Школи  
Р.Ф.Моррісон

хоче побажати усім учням то їхнім  
родинам

Радісних Свят та Здоров'я і Щастя у  
Новому Році !



### Important Dates

DEC. 2	PAC Meeting 6:30p.m.
DEC. 11	Winter Concert English Program 7p.m.
DEC. 12	Winter Concert Ukrainian Program 7p.m.
DEC. 13	HOT LUNCH
DEC. 19	Winter Fun Day Maples Arena
DEC. 20	LAST DAY
JAN. 6	FIRST DAY
JAN 7	UKRAINIAN CHRISTMAS
JAN 14	Gr. 4 students & Gr.6 girls Immunizations
JAN 24	Whole school perogy lunch
FEB. 3	P.D. DAY NO SCHOOL
FEB. 17	LOUIS RIEL DAY NO SCHOOL

# Important News from R. F. Morrison School...



## In preparation for Colder Weather, Please Note:

When the combined temperature and wind chill equal **-35°C or lower**, patrols will only be on stop for 5 minutes.

Students will stay in the school for recess when the combined temperature and wind chill equal **-25°C**.

Students will be outside for recess, including lunch recess when the weather permits. **Please dress your child appropriately for the weather - mitts, scarves, hats and boots are necessary at this time of year.**

During the winter months, transportation services may be cancelled due to adverse weather conditions.

When Environment Canada **wind chill is -45°C or colder as of 6:00a.m.**, school busses will be cancelled

Listen to the following Radio Stations for school cancellation and bus cancellations:

**CJOB-680 or CBC-990**

Our Division web site will have all information regarding transportation cancellations and school closures. Log on to the divisional website: [www.7oaks.org](http://www.7oaks.org)

**BAREFOOT GYM— 9 TO 9:45 DAY 1,3,5**

**K—GRADE 2 STUDENTS**

**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP RUN THIS PROGRAM**

**IF YOU CAN HELP OUT DURING THIS TIME**

**STARTING IN JANUARY, 2014**

**PLEASE LET US KNOW, (204)338-7804**

**THANKS!**

# P. E. NEWS!

# 2013

*On Saturday, November 19th some of our grade 4,5, and 6 students participated in the Seven Oaks Divisional Handball Tournament where our school entered two mixed grade teams. Both teams represented Morrison in exquisite fashion and showed impeccable sportsmanship towards their teammates and other teams.*

***Congratulations** to all the students who participated in the handball tournament, we are very proud of you!*

*Special thanks goes out to Mr. Kammerlock who assisted in coaching and supervising the tournament.*

## INTRAMURALS:

With the soccer and handball seasons coming to a close, floor hockey is next on the list. Students are reminded of the Fair Play Code, as well as displaying good sportsmanship throughout all sport activities. Let's have fun!

**Please check the school website for important physical education announcements.**

**K. Colwell & A. Tarasiuk**

## REMINDER:

The December weather is lovely and the PE classes will be heading outside to play broomball and other outdoor activities during classes. It is very important that students are dressed appropriately for the weather.

- **Hat**
- **Scarf**
- **Mittens**
- **Snow Pants**
- **Warm Jacket**

All items in the list above are required to participate in outdoor activities because we will be outside for 30 minutes.



# Ukrainian Kindergarten News

MS. TARASIUK

ROOM 1

## Learning is fun!

Over the last few months, we have enjoyed many fun activities and learning opportunities! We have learned to count in Ukrainian and English, we have begun learning colours in both languages and have continued participating in Centres which are always enjoyed by all! Most recently, we have participated in activities that increase our "phonological awareness" (letter/sound knowledge). Enjoy some pictures of our Purple Pasta People... these funny looking people have Noodle Noggins! Can you tell we've been learning about **P** and **N**? We also enjoyed "Popcorn and a Pic" day with Mrs. Kennedy's class where we watched a movie about **P**enguins! Kindergarten has been a ton of fun!

Wishing you and your family a wonderful holiday season.

Веселих Свят!

Панна Тарасюк



## Winter Celebration



## Зимове Святкування

Our **Winter Celebration** will take place in the gym on [Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013](#) at [7:00 p.m.](#) featuring the following classes:

Kindergarten	Mrs. Kennedy
Grade 1	Ms Kunets
Grade 1	Ms Luna
Grade 2	Ms Gray
Grade 3	Mr. Behrendt
Grade 4/5	Ms Dutka
Grade 4/5	Mr. Kammerlock

Our “Zymove Svyatkuvannya” will take place in the gym on [Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013](#) at [7:00 p.m.](#) featuring the following classes:

Kindergarten	Ms Tarasiuk
Grade 1/2	Ms Borys
Grade 2/3	Mrs. Klimenko
Grade 4/5	Mr. Tarasiuk
Grade 5/6	Mr. Ilyniak
Grade 6 Band	Mr. Larson

Please, mark these dates on your calendar and invite family and friends to join us. There are no “costumes” required, but students are asked to dress nicely for our concerts, and students in the English-Ukrainian Bilingual Program can wear their Ukrainian blouses or shirts.

**Students are asked to come to their classroom by 6:45 pm. Doors to the front entrance of the school will open at 6:40 pm.** Admission to the Winter Concerts is free; however, you may bring a non-perishable food item for our Christmas Hamper.

As for parking, all staff members will be involved in providing assistance during the concert. Staff will need to use their parking spots during these times; therefore, please assist us by refraining from parking along the building in the lot. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Still need a gift for family and friends during the holiday season?** Some CDs: *50 Years of Caroling at R. F. Morrison School* featuring your children who recorded last year are available for \$10.00 at the Concert or from the office.



I look forward to your child’s performance in our Winter Concerts!

Thank you for encouraging your child. Your support is greatly appreciated!

**Веселих Свят та Щасливого Нового Року!**

Sincerely,

Rosemarie Todaschuk

Music Educator

### **Carolling Abroad**



Ms Todaschuk will be taking the students in the English-Ukrainian Bilingual Program in Mr. Ilyniak’s and Mr. Tarasiuk’s classes to carol at **Christkindlmarkt**, a traditional German Christmas Market at **Fort Garry Place Mall** (directly behind the Fort Garry Hotel) on **Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at 1:30-2:00 p.m.** and then to Holy Family Home on **December 16<sup>th</sup>** where they will sing Ukrainian Christmas Carols for the residents. As well, Ms Dutka’s and Mr. Kammerlock’s classes will bring the spirit of the season into the hearts of the residents at St. Joseph’s Residence on **December 18<sup>th</sup>** followed by caroling in the **Centre Court at Garden City Shopping Centre** on **Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:30-2:00 p.m.**

THE PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE WHO ORDERED HOT FOOD LUNCH IN NOVEMBER, WE HOPE YOU ENJOYED IT. A SPECIAL THANK YOU GOES TO SHARON SALEMI, MARIETTE ATAMANCHYK AND THE GRADE 6 STUDENTS FOR GETTING THE FOOD TO THE CLASSROOMS AND TO THE STUDENTS IN TIME FOR THEM TO ENJOY THEIR MEALS.

DECEMBER HOT FOOD LUNCH WILL BE BOSTON PIZZA ON **DECEMBER 13, 2013**. KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR THE ENVELOPES YOUR CHILDREN WILL BE BRINGING HOME.

ONCE AGAIN THE PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE WILL BE SERVING HOT CHOCOLATE AND A PEANUT FREE TREAT FOR ALL THE CHILDREN AT OUR ANNUAL WINTER FUN DAY AT MAPLES SPORTSPLEX ON **DECEMBER 19, 2013**. IF YOU ARE ABLE TO GIVE US A HAND, WE WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE IT.

AS A THANK YOU TO ALL OUR STUDENTS, PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS, WE WILL BE RAFFLING OFF A THANK YOU HOLIDAY BASKET AT EACH OF THE CONCERT NIGHTS IN DECEMBER AS A GIFT FROM US TO YOU. WE WILL BE SENDING A RAFFLE TICKET HOME WITH THE CHILDREN, PLEASE BRING THE TICKET WITH YOU TO YOUR CHILD'S CONCERT AND WE WILL BE MAKING THE DRAW THAT NIGHT. EXTRA TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE ON THE CONCERT NIGHTS AND ALL PROCEEDS WILL BE GOING TO **CHRISTMAS CHEER BOARD**. GOOD LUCK!

OUR NEXT SCHEDULED PAC MEETING FOR MONDAY DECEMBER 2, 2013 **HAS BEEN CANCELLED**.



# Parent Advisory News...

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED...** Please call the school (204)338-7804

Thursday, December 19

Winter Fun Day, volunteers are needed from 9:30—11:30 at the  
Maples Sports complex.

*Thank you,*  
**Dorothy Miller**  
**Lisa Radlinsky**  
PAC Co-Chairs

# Mrs. Klimenko, Room 9

Last year over 1 million (over 3.5 tonnes) of plastic bags were diverted from the landfill. This year our school participated in Manitoba schools "Bag Up Challenge"! Our room is our schools Green Team. With the help of students, parents, staff and the families we collected over 10064 plastic bags!! We would like to thank all of you for participating in this challenge! As a gift for taking part our school received two birdhouses made out of recycled plastic bags! We hope we are one of the top 14 schools to receive one of the newly designed benches, also made from recycled plastic bags.

## So Take Pride R. E. Morrison!

Together we made the 2013 challenge another huge success!

By Jaelynn and Jackson



# Storytime Program at RF Morrison

## DECEMBER 2013



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	2 Storytime 9:30-11:30	3	4	5 Storytime 9:30-11:30	6	7
8	9 Last Storytime 9:30-11:30	10	11	12 Last Storytime 9:30-11:30	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 <i>Winter</i>
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
----- <i>Winter Break</i> -----						
29	30	31				
<i>Happy Holidays and all the best in 2014!</i>						

Storytime will be back in session on Monday January 6, 2014.



reading



Creating...



Getting messy!



JUST HAVING FUN!



**PLAYING**

# December, 2013



**Principal: R. Valcourt**  
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	2 <b>day 3</b> Rm. 8 & 12 Skating  <b>CANCELLED</b> <b>PAC MEETING 6:30P.M.</b>	3 <b>day 4</b>	4 <b>day 5</b> Rm. 5 Swimming	5 <b>day 6</b>	6 <b>day 1</b> Gr. 6 TAS—WK Arena 10:15-noon	7
8	9 <b>day 2</b> Rm. 8 & 12 Skating	10 <b>day 3</b>	11 <b>day 4</b> <b>Winter Concert</b> <b>English Program</b> 7p.m. Rm. 5 Swimming	12 <b>day 5</b> <b>Winter Concert</b> <b>Ukrainian</b> <b>Program</b> 7p.m.	13 <b>day 6</b> <b>Hot Lunch</b>	14
15	16 <b>day 1</b> Rm. 8 & 12 Skating  Rm. 3 & 5 Holy Family 1:15—2p.m.	17 <b>day 2</b> Sadok Nursery School Concert	18 <b>day 3</b> Rm 4 & 7 St. Joseph's Residence 1:15—2p.m.	19 <b>day 4</b> <b>Winter Fun Day</b> <b>at Maples Arena</b> 9-11:30a.m.	20 <b>day 5</b> <b>LAST DAY</b> Rm. 4 & 7 Garden City Shopping Centre 1:15—2p.m.	21
22	23	24	25 <b>Winter Break</b>	26	27	28
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## *From the Divisional Physical and Health Education Office*

Here is an enjoyable game parents can play with their children that promotes physical literacy striking skills.

### *Ball Hockey for Children*

**Requirements:** Small hockey sticks (wooden or plastic)

**Suggested age:** 5-8 years

**Time frame:** 30 minutes



### **Instructions:**

Step 1: Create two small goals in your driveway, patio, or hard surface at a local park.

Step 2: Play a simple hockey game with two or three children per team.

Step 3: Adult can play as a passing player who models good team play.

### **Variations:**

Show children how to “stick handle” the ball with small touches that change the ball direction.

Create a big goal and act as goalkeeper for your children to take turns shooting at you.

### **Benefits**

This activity develops hand-eye coordination and timing while using a hockey stick (i.e., striking tool). These skills also transfer to striking with a bat or racquet.

## **FREE PUBLIC SKATE**



The following community rinks within the Seven Oaks School Division are offering free public skating times:

**West Kildonan Community Centre** located on 346 Perth Avenue.

Public skating every Sunday from 2:15 pm – 4:15 pm on the outdoor rink. Weather permitting.

Telephone: 204-338-2904

**Vince Leah Community Recreation Centre** located on 1295 Salter Street.

Public skating on the outdoor rink during the day and from 5:30 pm – 9:30 pm weather permitting.

Telephone: 204-338-0046

**Maples Community Centre** located on 434 Adsum Drive.

Public skating on the outdoor rink from 5:00 pm – 9:45 pm weather permitting.

Telephone: 204-953-1190

## **FREE PUBLIC SWIM**



The Seven Oaks Pool located on 444 Adsum Drive.

Free public swim time on Fridays from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm



Submitted by: Greg Wazney - Divisional Physical and Health Education Contact

# Upcoming COMMUNITY EVENTS



Slide into **Winter Camp** at **Oak Hammock Marsh Interpretive Centre** December 27, 30 and January 2, 3!

Come and join us for a frosty good time at one or all of our Winter Day Camps. Activities may include snowshoeing, bannock baking, cool crafts, winter games and more. Camp runs daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and costs 24\$ for members & 30\$ for non-members. Camp is for children ages 6 to 9. For more information or to register a camper please visit: <http://www.oakhammockmarsh.ca> or call (204) 467-3300.

**Aleph-Bet Child Life Enrichment Program Inc.**

**Looking for Child Care?**

**Get your name on the list today!**

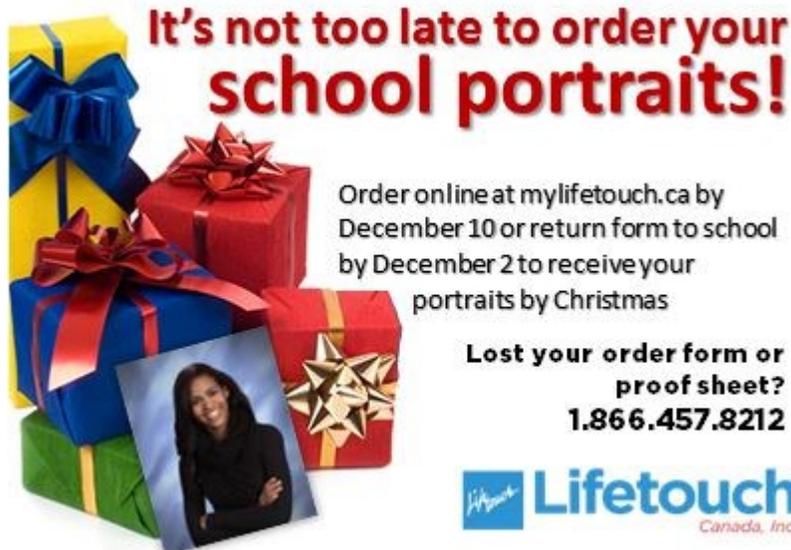
Visit the Online Child Care Registry to register for the school age and preschool waiting list for our three locations:

Aleph-Bet at 1007 Sinclair Street,

Aleph-Bet Forest Park at 130 Forest Park Drive

Aleph-Bet Margaret Park at 385 Cork Street

[manitoba.ca/onlinechildcareregistry](http://manitoba.ca/onlinechildcareregistry)



**It's not too late to order your school portraits!**

Order online at [mylifetouch.ca](http://mylifetouch.ca) by December 10 or return form to school by December 2 to receive your portraits by Christmas

**Lost your order form or proof sheet?  
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