



R.F.Morrison School December 2015



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Dates to Remember. . .

December 1st – PAC Meeting 6:30

December 9th & 10th – Winter Celebration Concert

December 11th - PAC Pizza Hot Lunch

December 14th - Rooms 3 & 9 Sing @ The Forks and Holy Family

December 18th – Rooms 4 & 7 Sing @ Garden City Mall and St. Josephs

December 21st - January 1st – Winter Break

January 4th – School Re-opens -Day 1

January 18th – PD Day - **NO SCHOOL**

February 5 - **PD Day – NO SCHOOL**

February 15 - Louis Riel Day – NO SCHOOL

March 18 – Student /Parent/Teacher Conferences – NO SCHOOL

March 25th – Good Friday – NO SCHOOL

March 28th - April 1st – Spring Break

April 4th - School Re-Opens -Day 4

April 22nd - PD Day – NO SCHOOL

April 26–28 – Gr. 6 Ukrainian Language Camp at U of M

May 16th - PD Day – NO SCHOOL

May 23rd - Victoria Day – NO SCHOOL

June 20-24 – Gr. 4- 6 Outdoor Education Camp Week

June 30th - last day of classes



Web Forms Responses

Please sign in to

Parent Connect

to view forms & make your responses.

<https://schoolconnect.7oaks.org/schoolconnect/parentsignore.aspx>

If your home or email address and/or phone number has changed,
please contact the school.

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FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT



Winter Celebration

Our **Winter Celebration** will take place in the gym on **Wednesday, December 9th, 2015** at **7:00 p.m.** featuring the following classes:

Our “Zymove Svyatkuvannya” will take place in the gym on **Thursday, December 10th, 2015** at **7:00 p.m.** featuring the following classes:

Kindergarten (AM+PM)	Mrs. Kennedy
Grade 1/2	Ms Kunets
Grade 1/2	Ms Gray
Grade 2/3	Ms Dahl
Grade 3	Mr. Behrendt
Grade 4/5	Ms Dutka
Grade 4/5	Mr. Kammerlock

Kindergarten (AM)	Mrs. Deneka
Grade 1	Ms Tarasiuk
Grade 2	Ms Borys
Grade 2/3	Ms Matwihyna
Grade 3/4	Mrs. Klimenko
Grade 5/6	Mr. Ilyniak
Grade 6 Band	Mrs. Oakes-Munro

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 and/or a donation to our silver collection.

Because of construction, there are no parking spots available in the parking lot except for staff members involved with the concert. Thank you for your cooperation.

Need a gift for family and friends during the holiday season? Some **CDs: 50 Years of Carolling at R. F. Morrison School** featuring your children who recorded in 2012 are available for \$5.00 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 Mrs. Klimenko’s classes to carol at **The Forks Courtyard** on **Monday, December 14th at 12:30-1:00 p.m.** and then to Holy Family Home where they will sing Ukrainian Christmas Carols for the residents. As well, Ms Dutka’s and Mr. Kammerlock’s classes will carol in the **Food Court** at **Garden City Shopping Centre** on **Friday, December 18th at 12:00-12:30 p.m.** followed by bringing the spirit of the season into the hearts of the residents at St. Joseph’s Residence.





Intermediate Choir sings at the Manitoba Moose Game

Excitement is in the air!

The students in R. F. Morrison School's Intermediate Choir have been invited to sing our national anthem at the start of the Manitoba Moose v.s. Toronto Marlies game on Thursday, February 4th, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m.

All family, friends, students and staff are welcome to come out and support our Choral Ensemble and cheer on the Moose at specially discounted ticket prices. Each participating singer in Intermediate Choir is provided with a complimentary ticket for himself/herself and must be accompanied by his/her parent or legal guardian who will need to purchase a ticket. Order forms for tickets in the same section as the Choir Members @ \$15.00 each (regular \$25.50) will be distributed on the first week after the holidays to all students as we welcome our school community to join us on Thursday, February 4th at the MTS Centre. Since there are almost 100 singers in our Intermediate Choir and the Manitoba Moose Hockey Club can only accommodate 40 anthem singers on the ice, the **first 40 students in choir who return their forms** to me at the school's office will be eligible to sing the anthem on February 4th.

I look forward to the opportunity for our singers to sing the Canadian anthem at the start of the Manitoba Moose home game.

Rosemarie Todaschuk
Music Educator



City of Winnipeg Leisure Guide

The City of Winnipeg is proud to provide a wide variety of recreation and leisure opportunities that contribute to the overall well-being of our community. The Leisure Guide is published three times per year and is filled with fun and exciting activities for everyone. For more information on leisure, sport and fitness activities, please pick up a copy of the Leisure Guide, call 311 or visit Winnipeg.ca. Guides are available for pick up at civic indoor pools, libraries and leisure centres, and at a number of retail locations including Safeway, 7-Eleven and Mac's.

Registration for swimming lessons only will begin on December 15 at 8:00 am. Registration for all other activities will begin on December 16 at 8:00 am.

City of Winnipeg Priceless Fun

Winnipeggers now have easy access to information about free recreation, leisure and library programs with the free programming guide, Priceless Fun.

The fall edition of Priceless Fun, available in mid-December, provides information about the free programs for children and youth being offered by the City of Winnipeg throughout the city, all in one convenient guide.

Hard copies of Priceless Fun are available for pick up at all civic indoor pools, libraries and leisure centres. You can view the current edition of Priceless Fun online at: Winnipeg.ca/cms/recreation/leisure/leisureguide.stm. Information about programs is also available by calling 311.

LIBRARY NEWS

December is here and the cart is well stocked with Christmas books for storytime at home.

As usual, the children are very busy this month with field trips and the winter concerts.

Thanks to the snowfall students have been able to start making snowmen and snow forts even as the adults sulk about having to shovel.

Over the Winter Break remember there is no better way to spend a blustery day than cuddled up with your children reading a good book and sipping cocoa.



Enjoy the holidays.

S. Rose,
Library Technician

Too Much Hot



Not Enough Chocolate

PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS

P. E. NEWS!

On Saturday, November 28th some of our grade 4 and 5 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, Mrs. Rosenberg, Mrs. Gray and Ms. Tarasiuk who assisted in coaching and supervising the tournament.

B. Lasko
Phys. Ed.

The next Physical Education activity will be snowshoeing.

All students should be dressed for the weather.

REMINDER:

The December weather is sure to be cold and the **PE classes** will be heading outside for snowshoeing 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.



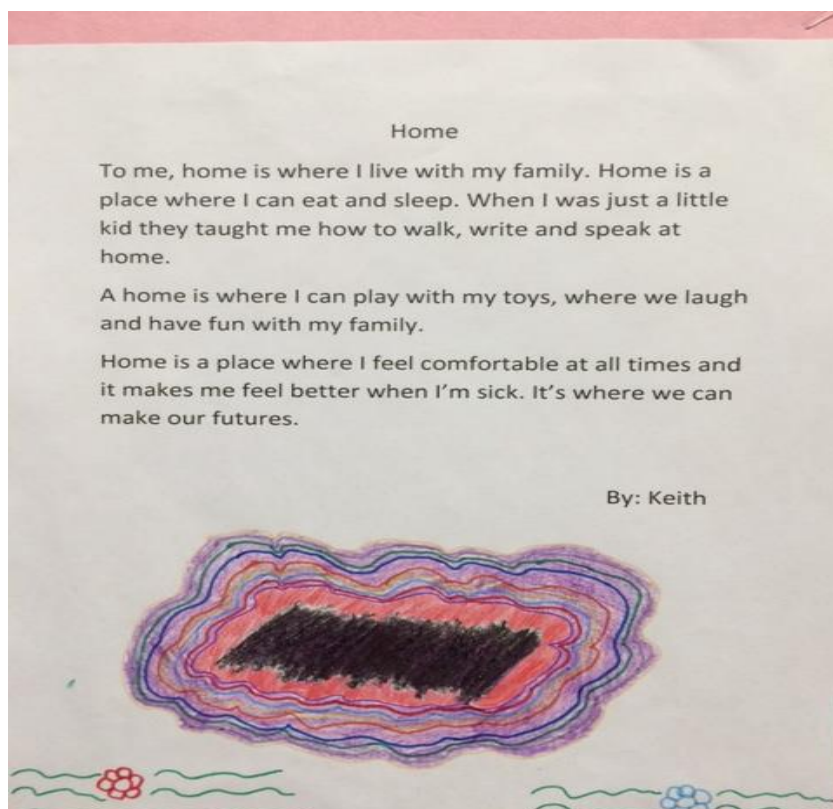
Room 4 News

Room 4's Meaning of Home

Every year Habitat for Humanity hosts a Meaning of Home writing contest. Students in grades 4-6 from across Canada are encouraged to write a short piece stating their

“Meaning of Home”.

This topic sparked some very rich conversation about what a home is, and why everyone deserves one no matter what. We also talked about how harsh realities, both locally and globally, prevent many from having this basic need. We hope to continue our conversations on human rights in our classroom and inspire our students to be the change they wish to see in the world.

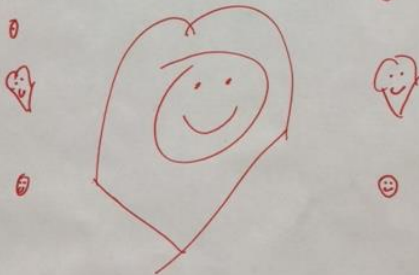


Room 4's Meaning of Home

HOME

A home is a place where I play with my family and have fun. We eat, sleep, and we are safe at home. The best thing about my home is when I spend with my family sitting down, watching a movie with popcorn. To feel happy at home is when I learn Arabic. I love my home where ever I go.

By: Moe



HOME

To me home is a place where I spend time with my family. Home is a place where you feel loved. Home is a place where you are cared for. I love the yummy smells at home. Home is a place where you feel warm and cozy. It's a place where you eat. You get lots of memories at a home. A home is shelter. I like all the colours in my home. Home is where your friends come over on rainy days. Home is where your clothes are nice and warm. At your home you can express your feelings. At home you have lots of fun. Home is where you learn to walk talk and spend time with each other. That's what home means to me.

By: Beth

Meaning of Home

Home is a place where I learned to walk, bike, and talk. We eat at the table and it smells like food all the time. I've helped friends there and I sleep there. I play soccer there and we play video games. I have sleep overs at home. My home is awesome but some people don't have homes. Everyone deserves a home.

THE END

By: Christian

To me home is ...

To me home is where I have all my memories, and I have food to eat. I also have my family there. I have all my warm clothes at home. Home is where I learned how to read. Home smells like clean laundry. Home sounds like my brother playing and my mom cooking. Home is where I keep all my love. Home is where I can be happy. Home is where I celebrate New Year's Eve.

By: Daria



BULLETIN BOARD

DECEMBER REMINDERS

School Bus Cancellation Policy

School bussing will be cancelled if the windchill reading is **-45 or colder at 6:00 a.m. at The Forks**

according to Environment Canada. Notice of school bus cancellations will be provided to media outlets and posted on school division websites as soon as the 6:00 a.m. reading is posted by Environment Canada.

<http://www.7oaks.org/Departments/Transportation/Pages/InclementWeather.aspx>

MILK PROGRAM

Milk tickets are sold in the office.

\$8.00 for a sheet of 10 tickets.
Cash or cheque payable to:
R. F. Morrison School.
White & Chocolate Milk Available



Parent

Advisory News...

PAC MEETING

December 1st, 2015
6:30 PM

All Welcome!!!

Hot Lunch

Friday
December 11th, 2015



PARKING LOT SAFETY.

We ask that parents not use the staff parking lot. Even though a space is empty, staff may be out for a meeting or appointment and will be returning.

No double-parking
of vehicles is allowed.

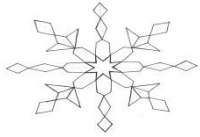
Too many vehicles may result in an accident/injury.

Please respect that school buses must leave in priority order and vehicles might need to wait a few minutes while buses clear the front of the school.

Parents may use the bus loop to park while waiting for children.

Please remember to turn off your engine to prevent harmful exhaust gases from entering our school.

Thank you for your cooperation.



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

December 2015

Grade 6 Band @ H.C. Avery – Day 1,2 and 5

Grade 6 TAS @ GCCI- Day 3

Monday– Skating Rooms 6 and 11(Dec. 14th last skate)

Tuesday - Skating Room 5 (Dec.15th last skate)

December 14th - Rooms 3 & 9 Sing @ The Forks and Holy Family

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	30 Day 4	1 Day 5 PAC Meeting 6:30	2 Day 6	3 Day 1	4 Day 2	5
6 Hanukkah Begins	7 Day 3	8 Day 4	9 Day 5 Winter Concert	10 Day 6	11 Day 1 PAC HOT LUNCH 	12
13	14 Day 2	15 Day 3	16 Day 4	17 Day 5	18 Day 6	19
20	21	22 ❄️❄️ WINTER BREAK ❄️❄️	23	24	25 Christmas Day	26 Boxing Day
27	28	29 ❄️❄️❄️ WINTER BREAK ❄️❄️❄️	30	31		