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Dear Governor Semple Families,

I hope everyone is taking care and staying well. November has been another busy and eventful month at Governor Semple School. Teachers enjoyed the opportunity to connect with families virtually to celebrate children's learning and progress. Virtual conferences – another 2020 first! Despite some technology glitches, it appeared to be an accessible, creative, and safe way to connect and collaborate in our current context. Please keep in mind that conversations about your children's learning and wellbeing are not limited to conference times. Feel free to be in touch with our school team throughout the year with any questions, wonderings, or concerns.

In case you missed it, please see the attached article about Room 3 at Governor Semple School that was featured in the Winnipeg Free Press on Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. As well, a video celebrating the learning of Room 3 (with many pictures taken by Maggie Macintosh from the WFP) is attached. We will try to capture and share the exciting learning taking place in all classrooms in future newsletters.

Once again, thank you for your support and partnership this year. As always, feel free to be in touch anytime.



Room 3 -  
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Sincerely,

Sari Rosenberg

**Attendance:** Your child's safety and whereabouts are important to us. Our **Callback System** ensures that your child is safely in your care when he or she is absent from school. Please call **204-339-7112** if your child is going to be away or late. *In our current circumstances, absences are higher than usual, however, we are still required to verify reasons for absences. Please keep in touch with us if your child will be staying home for an extended period of time.* If you have any concerns, or questions, please feel free to call us anytime. Our office hours are from 8:30am to 4:00pm. Outside of office hours, feel free to leave a voicemail message. As well, please feel free to update your contact information with the office (or on Parent Connect) anytime.

**Please note the remaining important dates for the 2020-2021 School Year:**

- December 11, 2020 – Professional Development Day – No Classes
- December 21, 2020 – January 1, 2021 – Winter Break – School Closed
- January 4, 2021 – First day of class after Winter Break
- January 18, 2021 – Professional Development Day – No Classes
- February 5, 2021 – Professional Development Day – No Classes
- February 15, 2021 – Louis Riel Day – School Closed
- March 19, 2021 – Family Conferences – No Classes
- March 29 – April 2, 2021 – Spring Break – School Closed
- April 5, 2021 – First day of class after Spring Break
- April 16, 2021 – Professional Development Day – No Classes
- May 24, 2021 – Victoria Day – School Closed
- June 30, 2021 – Last day of Classes – Early Dismissal

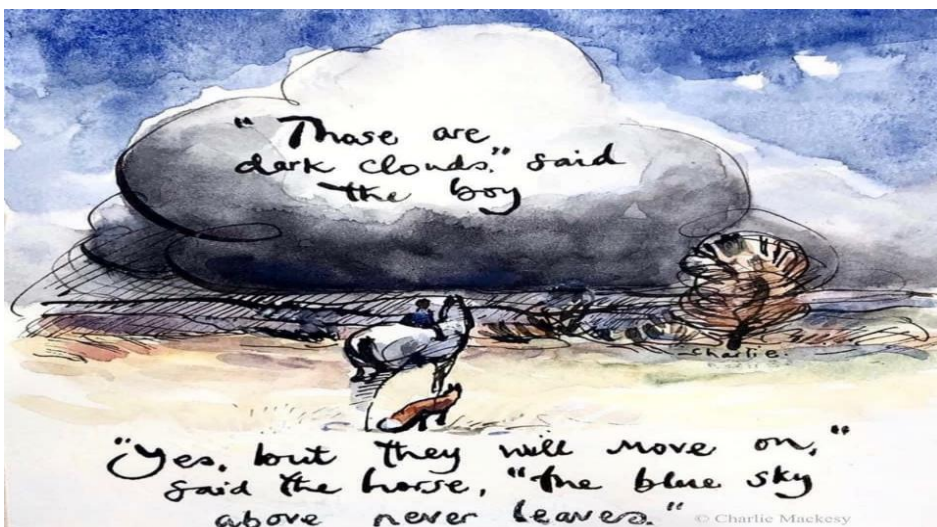
**Please note that an additional Professional Development day for all schools in Seven Oaks School Division will take place at some point in January. As well, we will reschedule Picture Retakes when Lifetouch is permitted to operate again. We will advise families of these dates as soon as they are finalized.**

*The cold weather is coming! Please make sure that you are helping your child/ren dress appropriately for the weather. Children should have:*

*Ski pants    Jackets    Toques*



*Due to the Pandemic, we are unfortunately unable to have extra clothing for your children, so please consider sending extra mittens and socks so children have dry options if their first pair gets wet.*



# City of Winnipeg reopening limited library services & postponing Winter Leisure Guide

Discussions with impacted staff beginning today

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Winnipeg, MB – On October 31, all City-owned and operated recreation facilities, gyms, indoor pools, arenas, and libraries were closed until further notice due to the Winnipeg Metropolitan Region being elevated to Critical (Red) on the provincial Pandemic Response System.

While libraries have been closed over the past three weeks, we have heard from Winnipeg residents that they would like access to pick-up and return materials. In response, the City will be providing contactless holds pick-up and return services at 10 library branches beginning on Monday, December 7, in alignment with Provincial Public Health Orders:

- Charleswood
- River Heights
- St. Boniface
- Pembina Trail
- Henderson
- St. James
- Millennium
- Louis Riel
- Transcona
- Sir William Stephenson

Public hours of operation will be Monday, Tuesday, and Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Thursday from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Service at these libraries will be for contactless holds pick-up and return services only. Customers will not be able to enter branches. Holds may be placed using the library's [online catalogue](#) or [mobile app](#). Library staff are available to assist with this process through Winnipeg Public Library's [Ask Us service](#).