



ÉCOLE RIVIÈRE-ROUGE

SEVEN OAKS SCHOOL DIVISION

2023 - 2024

Life In Our School...

Concert: Grades 3-5

We were fortunate to be able to have our Grades 3-5 concert at the Seven Oaks Performing Arts Centre in November. Our music specialists prepared an amazing program, *La mélodie mondiale*, featuring songs from around the globe.



Chaque enfant compte



To mark Canada's National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, students at École Rivière-Rouge made feathers with words describing how each child should feel at school. We came together to sing and share poems to mark our commitment to create safe and caring schools for Indigenous students. Every child matters.

Concert: Grades K-2



Our Kindergarten-Grade 2 students put on an adorable show at SOPAC in April. This year's concert told the story of the Earth and featured songs about recycling, taking care of this place and songs from around the globe. What a highlight to see our youngest performers on the big stage!

Club de gigue



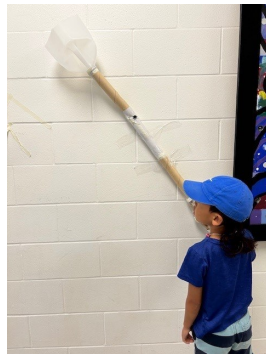
Students in Grades 4 and 5 joined our Jigging Club, led by Métis Jigger extraordinaire, Darrell Sais. They danced proudly during the Grand Entry at this year's Graduation Pow Wow at Maples Collegiate in June and at the opening ceremony for cultural celebrations at ÉSOMS. Students in all grades also had the opportunity to learn a few steps from Métis jigger, Dean Davis as he joined us for a full day of jigging workshops during Festival du Voyageur.

**BUILDING SCHOOL CULTURE:
School-wide assemblies and events**

- Welcome assembly for the 2023-2024 school year
- National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
- Terry Fox Walk & Run school-wide event
- Remembrance Day
- Cartes avec COEUR
- Winter break sing along assembly
- Concerts at SOPAC
- Festival du Voyageur celebrations
- I Love to Read
- La semaine de la francophonie
- Music Monday in May
- Pride Walk
- Volunteer appreciation
- Two weeks outdoors
- Indigenous Peoples Day
- Community BBQ
- Grade Five Farewell
- Project 11 Partnership
- Clubs
- Year-end assembly

STEAM

Our students had many opportunities to engage in hands-on learning experiences. Exploring how things work with their own inventions helps build creative thinking and problem-solving skills.



Testing marble runs in Grade 2

TUSC



A group of students in Mme Trottier's class had the chance to share their TUSC (Truly

Unbelievable Speaking Club) presentations at the board office.

Festival du Voyageur



We spent a week in February celebrating Festival du Voyageur. The Festival's official mascot, Léo La Tuque, joined us as students participated in various activities. We also had Franco-Manitoban

artist, Justin Lacroix, perform many favourite Voyageur songs for our students. Classes also joined together to create art, taste la tire, dance la gigue and play Voyageur games in the gym.

Clubs

- Older students and staff offered many clubs during recess. It was wonderful to see so many new activities being offered to students of all ages. Some of the clubs included:

- Gardening
- Verb-a-thon
- Grade 1 & 2 Art Club
- Grade 3 Drawing club
- Jigging
- Crochet
- Learn to Tie Your Shoes Club
- Bracelet Making Club...

Grade 1 Art Club



just to name a few! We were so glad to see how engaged our students were to try a new activity!

Project 11

Project 11 is a program that educates students about mental wellness. Many of our classrooms use this program to learn about how to manage stress, foster healthy relationships and to build self-confidence.

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Collaboration
joie
Empathie
a**U**thenticité
Respect

This year, one of our Grade 4 and one of our Grade 2 classes translated a song from the program into French. *Ça va aller*, a song about having hope and courage to face challenges and to be the person we want to be was performed by the students, accompanied by Ace Burpee at our assembly. The team from Project 11 also came back to record them singing the song!

Ace Burpee with students as they sing Ça va aller.



Racines de l'empathie

Students in Mme Thorvaldson's Grade 2 class had the pleasure of welcoming baby Rowan to their classroom once a month throughout the school year for the Roots of Empathy Program. Throughout the year, the students learned about empathy, defining emotions and understanding the developmental milestones of babies.

What a delight it was to watch him grow and learn!



PRIDE Assembly

In an elementary school context, we are really talking about how we are all unique and that each person in our school should be able to feel they can be themselves and feel safe and loved being who they are in our community.

This relates to all aspects of who we are as people, how we feel and see the world. Our goal is to foster a sense that we approach life in our school *Avec Coeur*, which is our school motto. Each day, we are building our capacity to collaborate with everyone, to live joyfully, to build empathy, to be authentic and respectful towards ourselves and others.



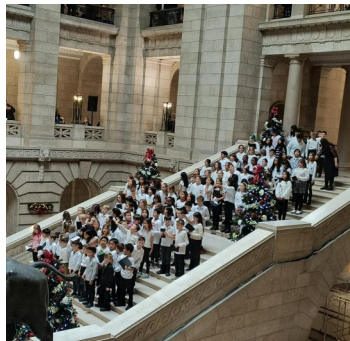
MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES 2023-2024

Grade 4 & 5 Choir

Our Grade 4 and 5 choirs had the honour of singing at the Legislative Building for their annual Holiday Open House. They began the event with O'Canada sung in French, English and Cree. They also got to sing an Anishinaabe song, *The Bear Song*, while Premier Wab Kinew sang and drummed alongside them!



WSO performance



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Arts in the Park

This year, our school brought all students in Grades 1 to Grade 5 to perform at Arts in the Park at Maples Collegiate. Our students were lucky



to spend the day performing and taking in many musical performances from the very talented students across 7 Oaks School Division. It was a great way to celebrate the arts in our community.

Busking Fiddlers

In June, some of our fiddle students performed outdoors for the community on the corner of Murray and Frog Plain. Passers-by were delighted to listen to the fiddlers, who were accepting donations. They managed to raise \$430 for the Children's Hospital!



WSO Performance at Centennial Concert Hall

Students in Grade 5 had the opportunity to perform alongside the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra during the Adventures in Music series. Our students devoted many recesses to practice some very challenging pieces of music on the recorder and fiddle.

ACTIVE LIVING & LAND-BASED LEARNING

Deux semaines dehors

Many of our classes participated in spending two weeks outdoors with their students in June. Students took nature walks, sketched plants in our gardens and learned about treading lightly on our planet. We are learning to express gratitude towards the land that we live on.



Land-based Learning throughout the year

Our students spent a lot of time learning from natural landscapes throughout the year, giving them opportunities to appreciate seasonal changes and to marvel in the beauty that each season can bring.



EXTRACURRICULAR PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES

- Cross Country
- Handball
- Badminton
- Volleyball
- 3 on 3 basketball
- Flag football
- Track & Field
- Special O bocce ball
- Special O soccer
- Special O basketball



Physical Education

This year, our students in Grade 4 and 5 had many opportunities to participate in extra-curricular sporting activities. They spent many recesses preparing and had a wonderful time learning new sports while keeping active. Our phys-ed team was also able to bring a small group of students to participate in events organized by Special Olympics!



MERCI ET AU REVOIR 2023-2024

Brigadiers

Our Grade 5 students were wonderful helpers and role models on our buses and with our Kindergarten students. We thank them for their kindness and dedication in this leadership role!



BBQ communautaire

It was such a pleasure to welcome our community to our school for our annual BBQ. This year, we had games, bouncers a bubble maker and face painters! We had our best attendance yet, and we were so happy to be able to offer a great night of fun and a meal to all community members!

Community BBQ



Merci aux bénévoles

THANK YOU

FOR OUR PARENT SUPPORT

Thank you to our Parent Council and volunteers who organized pizza lunches, ice cream day and brought us new recess equipment and contributed to our community BB-Q! We were happy to be able to celebrate the contributions of our parent community by hosting a short assembly in their honour.

Volunteer assembly



Community BBQ

Our frequent visitor, the wild turkey, really wanted to come to school too!



Au revoir aux cinquièmes



It is always hard to say goodbye. This year, we say au revoir to 84 Grade 5 students. We are so proud of who they have become and wish them all the best as they embark on new adventures in middle school!

Merci à notre communauté!

Many thanks to our wonderful École Rivière-Rouge community for your support over the course of the year! It has been a pleasure to work with you and your children.

Ensemble nous sommes plus forts!

Together we are stronger.

Avec CŒUR,

École Rivière-Rouge Staff

