

ECOLE SEVEN OAKS MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Time is going so quickly. January is already behind us. Students and staff were involved in many activities inside and outside the classroom. We took time at the end of the month to celebrate the improvement of students in the areas of understanding, respect, wisdom and honesty.

Teachers in grade 7 and 8 completed the provincial assessment of their students in the domains of student engagement, mathematics, expository writing and reading comprehension. Results will be included in the next progress report and discussed at the three way conferences. If you want to know more, do not hesitate to contact us.

Our basketball season is well underway with our teams doing well at each level. More importantly, their games are entertaining. It is a lot of fun to see the young players' progress. Come and watch.

Students are working hard on their Human Rights Projects which they will display at our museum Thursday, February 10th from 6 to 8 pm. Students are exploring topics such as ageism, sexism, the Holocaust, Residential Schools as well as current events. It will be a night where students share their learning and expertise on the subject they chose.

Soon you will receive the registration package for our annual Winter Activity Day on March 7th. Students will have many interesting activities from which to choose.

Last Friday, we held a pizza lunch to raise money for one of our student in need of an Alpha Smart to help him in class. It was a huge success. We will repeat the event on the last Friday of every month until the end of the school year.

The Striving for Excellence theme for the month of February is "love". The school assembly will be on the 23rd. We will also celebrate Valentines with a Soc Hop on Friday, February 11th in the afternoon.

Bonne fin d'hiver.

IMPORTANT DATES

FEBRUARY	1	Parent Advisory Council 6:30 pm
	10	Human Rights Museum
	11	Valentine Soc Hop
	21	Louis Riel Day – No classes
	23	Striving for Excellence – Period 6
	28	Pizza Day \$1.75/slice
MARCH	1	Parent Advisory Council 6:30 pm
	7	Winter Activity Day
	11	Progress Reports go home
	15	Three Way conferences
	17	Three Way conferences
	18	Three Way Conferences – No classes
	21	Striving for Excellence – Period 6
	25	Pizza Day \$1.75/slice
		Last day of Classes
		SPRING BREAK
	MARCH 28TH – APRIL 1ST	
APRIL	4	School Resumes – Day 6
	5	Parent Advisory Council 6:30 pm
	13	Open House
	22	Good Friday – No classes
	25 – 28	School Production
	29	Pizza Day \$1.75/slice
MAY	1	Striving for Excellence – Period 6
	3	Parent Advisory Council 6:30 pm
	5 – 6	School PD – No Classes
	23	Victoria Day – No classes
	27	Pizza Day \$1.75/slice
JUNE	1 – 3	Arts in the Park
	7	Parent Advisory Council 6:30 pm
	24	Pizza Day \$1.75/slice
	28	Grade 8 Farewell
	29	Admin Day – No Classes
	30	Progress Reports go home
		Last day of Classes - dismissal 11:15 am

STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE – JANUARY – IMPROVEMENT

Rm 24 - Madlen, Madison

Rm 5 - Owen, Andrew

Rm 25 - Barrett, Grace

Rm 8 - Amy, Joshua

Rm 24 - Jack, Shanessa

Rm 19 - Lance, Harnoor

Rm 17 - Justin, Sophie

Rm 30 - Tanner, Jonah

Rm 31 - Daphne, Devan

Rm 30 - Barbara, Jeremy, Eric

Rm 13 - Myles, Miranda

RM 9 - Luka, Riley

Rm 11 - Josh

Rm 33 - Dakotah, Jarome

Rm 15 - Conner, Trevor

PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The next PAC meeting will take place on Tuesday, February 1st at 6:30 p.m. In addition to presenting all the latest happenings at ESOMS, administration will be presenting the results of the survey ESOMS students recently completed, "What Did You Do In School Today?" Please join us for a fun, informative, and interesting evening. Everyone is welcome. We would love to see some new faces!

SCHOOL PRODUCTION

Are you ready to go back in time? Join us as Corey Palmer reminisces about the good old days in high school! Excitement continues to rise as we get even closer to our production debut of 'Back to the 80s'.

- Again we ask for your help in assisting our student/actors to not only check the rehearsal schedule but to be there on time as well. We're getting close to show time and would like to get the most out of our rehearsal times.
- Schedules are posted on the board beside Mr. Hall's room, beside Miss Koshelanyk's room, as well as on the production website.
- Now is the time where things really get hopping and before we know it, we will be on stage! We are looking forward to getting everyone's costume pieces in and organized.
- Miss Koshelanyk has had meetings with students to discuss their costumes. If you haven't received a note or been to a meeting, please see Miss Koshelanyk as soon as possible. Thanks to everyone who have handed in their costume pieces to Miss Koshelanyk
- We will be looking for students to help out backstage during the production as stage crew, costume crew, hair and makeup crew. Please listen for upcoming announcements about how to take part in these exciting opportunities.
- Soon we will be asking for donations for the silent auction. Please keep an eye out for ideas.

Thank you to all students, staff, and parents for their support with our production. We are looking forward to show time!

HUMAN RIGHTS MUSEUM

On February 10th, our school holds a Human Rights Museum. Many of our students have been working on projects which allow them to present issues of Human Rights through the Arts. Please stop by the Multi-Purpose Room to hear songs which address some of these issues. Both Vocal Jazz Choirs will be singing, as well as a number of rap groups. In addition there will be poetry reading, fiddling, and dance.

BAND NOTES

IMPORTANT DATES

March 9th: Band/Choir concert.
NKMB 1315 Gateway Dr.
7:00 pm
adults: \$2 at the door

March 17-18: Brandon Jazz Festival

May 17-20: Minneapolis band trip

BAND CONCERT

Parents are reminded that all band students are required to practice at least 3 times per week for 20 min each session in preparation for our school concerts. We look forward to a great evening of music!

SILENT AUCTION

We will be holding our annual silent auction at the band concert and a letter with all the details was sent home this week. Parent Volunteers are always welcome! Please fill in the form on the letter if you are interested. We ask that each student bring in at least one non-perishable food item for the auction before March 8th.

T-SHIRTS

An order form for Band T-Shirts was sent home this week for grade 6 band students. Please indicate your child's size and return the form as soon as possible. Shirts will be delivered by the end of February and they are yours to keep!

BRANDON JAZZ FESTIVAL MARCH 17-18

Brandon Jazz registration sheets were sent home this week and are due Feb 4th for Sr. Jazz Band and Vocal Jazz students. The Brandon Jazz Festival is a fantastic learning experience and includes world class performers from around the globe. All forms have been handed out, so if you haven't seen one yet, ask your child to look in their locker/backpack!!!

January has been a productive month in the music department. Songs have been learned, practiced and written. On January 25th, a number of students (and former students) had the honour of being the first group to open for a new program called "The 204" on a radio station called STREETZ 104.7. This was a piece of music that they created and performed on their own. Expect to hear more from this very talented group of students in the future. All of our students have been working hard to prepare for upcoming events.

On Feb. 16th in the evening, we have been asked to provide music for COSL. This is a conference of all principals, vice-principals and administrators in our province. It takes place at Tec Voc and a small group of fiddlers, singers, and rappers will be representing our school.

On Feb. 17th, some of our grade 7 fiddle players will be joining Belmont School to help celebrate their Festival du Voyageur celebration through fiddling, singing, dancing and acting. There will be an afternoon and an evening performance.

And finally on Feb 24th about 20 fiddlers will be playing with the W.S.O. during the day as part of their "Adventures in Music" program. If your child is playing in this event and you wish to attend, please have them request a ticket form.



IN THE GYM....

Physical Education Classes

Throughout the month of January students completed a basketball unit. We are still in the process of completing a broomball unit. Please remind your child to bring a change of clothes to gym class. There will be scheduled gym classes outside, so it is really important they are dressed for the cold weather.

At lunch

Basketball is still underway.

Leadership

The second group of leadership students has begun. There are several upcoming events that students will be preparing for over the next 5 months.

Special Olympics

The snowshoeing sport came to an end the second last weekend in January. Students participated in a Special Olympic snowshoeing competition at Lower Fort Garry. They had a great time, even in the freezing cold! A special thanks to the parents who attended and helped out throughout the day.

Extracurricular

Basketball

Our school teams will be completing their seasons over the next couple of weeks, however, our divisional teams will see their seasons continue well into mid March. Our gr 7/8 teams will be participating in SOSD Slam Fest during the week of Feb 21st. Check the phys ed calendar in the phys ed hallway for more info.

Thank you to all of our volunteer coaches, including the Mr. Halls, Mr. Serzu, Mr. Page & Mr. Dewit.

LIBRARY

We Love to Read at ESOMS

February is "I Love to Read Month" and the ESOMS library has prepared a number of activities to celebrate this event.

- **Book Bingo** – Students can pick up a bingo card from the library and enter to win prizes.
- **Library Book Preview** – Students are invited to the library on Thursday, Feb. 3rd at 11:35 a.m. to preview recent library additions. Refreshments will be served. Attendance at this event is limited to 25 students.
- **Book Swap** – On Tuesday, Feb. 15th, at 11:35 a.m., the library is hosting a book swap. Students may bring personal books they no longer read to the library and trade with other students. The library also has a collection of books set aside for this purpose.
- **Read & Win with the Red River Ex.** – Students just need to read for 30 minutes for any 20 days to receive 2 gate admission tickets to this year's Red River Exhibition (\$20.00 value). See your teacher or Ms. VandenBerg for forms and information.



KYAC

KYAC is in full swing! KYAC is at ESOMS Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-9 and Saturdays from 12-5pm all school year long!
Come out and join us for a fun time!

**All students from any of the KYAC locations are welcome at the other schools!
The more the merrier!**

Governor Semple and Forest Park school is only open to their own students

Check out our website! <http://www.7oaks.org/Programs/KYAC/Pages/default.aspx>

Next KYAC youth council meeting is Feb. 8th @ 3:30pm in the ESOMS library.
All students are invited!

For more information, contact Pierre Feng, KYAC Program Coordinator, at 586-0327 or by email at pierre.feng@7oaks.org.

February 2011 – KYAC Events

Sun	Monday	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1 KYAC at ESOMS/HC AVERY	2 KYAC at EP	3 KYAC at ESOMS	4 KYAC at RB	5 KYAC @ ESOMS
6	7 KYAC @ EP	8 KYAC@ ESOMS/HC AVERY KYAC youth Council ESOMS Library @ 3:30pm	9 KYAC @ EP	10 KYAC @ ESOMS	11 RB hockey Night! 6-9pm	12 KYAC @ ESOMS
13	14 KYAC @ EP	15 KYAC @ ESOMS Relay Race and Obstacle Course Night at HC AVERY 6-9pm	16 KYAC @ EP	17 Movie night 6-9pm @ ESOMS Open gym @ ESOMS 6-9pm	18 Relay Race and Obstacle Course Night at RB! 6-9pm	19 KYAC @ ESOMS
20	21 EP basketball Night! 6-9pm	22 ESOMS Art/Games 6-9pm KYAC @ HC AVERY	23 EP Dodgeball Night! 6-9pm	24 KYAC @ ESOMS	25 RB soccer Night! 6-9pm	26 KYAC @ ESOMS
27	28 KYAC @ EP	OPERATING HOURS – EP: M/W/F 6-9pm ESOMS: Tu/Th 6-9pm Sat 12-5pm HC Avery: Tues 6-9pm RB: Fri 6-9pm				

EDGE

It may not seem like it, but, Spring is coming.

EDGE information now available through the Seven Oaks Web Site! Check out our current programming and watch for information in March for the Spring Session. Go to the site, click on programs, click on EDGE where you can find your school's offered courses, a calendar of events and registration information and materials. It's as easy as joining EDGE!

KEEPING BALANCE & GITCHI MISAWEDAMOWINAN

Keeping Balance Schedule - Student programming is provided at:

- ESOMS - 5 evenings/week
- Elwick - 2 evenings/week
- Edmund Partridge - 1 evening/week
- H.C. Avery - 1 evening/week
- Maples Collegiate - 1 lunch & 1 evening/week.
- West Kildonan Collegiate - 1 lunch/week.

Gitchi Misawedamowinan (Keeping Balance Day Program) provides daily programming from 12:00 until 3:00 p.m. For both the day & after school program, the main Traditional Teaching that is the foundation of the classroom at all venues is RESPECT - respect for oneself, respect for others, and respect for our surroundings. There are Traditional Teachings and stories about respecting the things that we are provided to work with on a daily basis. This helps the youth take ownership and responsibility of their work space, accountability of the materials that they use, and gives them a sense of pride upon completion of a project.

On a daily basis the Teaching of Caring/Sharing is also tested and/or practiced. All of our activities involve the sharing of materials. Youth have to wait their turn to use items and are often required to help each other. There are times when a youth wants to give up on an activity. We are all involved with encouraging each other to finish. Turns are taken by the youth to help with the smudge if they want, to clean up and wash the dishes, to help serve snack, etc.

Activities that youth have completed include creating their own personal Identity Shield (this is an art activity that requires personal thought and self-reflection; how does one want others to view them; how much can one share with others comfortably), DreamCatchers (this activity requires great patience, organization, strength, and creativity; youth quickly learn to respect things that appear easier than they are), Treasure Boxes (fun activity involving painting, organization, creativity), Friendship Bracelets (involves looking at the world around us; teachings of respect, caring & sharing, bravery), foptails (creating a tool used for agility, target practice, traditionally used for hunting, now played with as a recreational game; safety), baskets (patience, weaving designs and using motor skills), etc.

Information also available at <http://www.7oaks.org/Programs/KeepingBalance/Pages/default.aspx>

Classroom News

Mr. Nault

This month in Room 15 we started our Literature Circles, and we are reading books with the theme of bullying. Each student in the group has a job that changes every day 3 and 6. The jobs are Literary Luminary, Connector, Vocabulary, Summarizer, and Discussion Director. Along with everyone else, we have started our Human Rights projects. We have several different projects going that include topics like the Holocaust, Residential Schools, abolition, and Cambodia. We are working hard to get our projects completed for our Human Rights Museum on February 10th. We hope to see a lot of people there. It has been a pretty good month in Room 15.

By Chantel, Carly, and Annika

Ms. Waskul

I can't believe that we're almost half way through the school year! It has gone by so fast because of all the fun and fantastic things we've been doing. In Math, our class has been working on the Provincial Math Assessment that we do in grade 7. We've been working on decimals, percents, fractions, and mixed numbers. Around that, we have done worksheets and Problem of the Day every day. We are also working on our "Living On Your Own" project. In Science, we are just about to begin our new unit on "The Earth's Crust". Before the break, we just wrapped up our ecosystems. Our student teacher, Ms. Muc, also taught us about ecosystems. In Social Studies, we have mainly been working on our Human Rights Museum project. I think the whole class is definitely excited for the Human Rights Museum! I know everyone thoroughly enjoyed it last year. We also had a "Continent Project" where each group studied an individual continent. In Language Arts, we have been doing some cool things. We get Spelling Units every week and we have started the novel "The Outsiders". We are going to watch the film after we complete the novel. In French, we made our own passports. We also are making our own "Landforms". It is a lot of fun and I really enjoy it. So far, I think this beginning to the New Year has been fantastic. I love coming to school every day and I think a lot of other students enjoy it just as much as I do!

By Brooke B. ☺

Mme Persaud

En français, on étudie le passé composé. On essaie très fort de mémoriser MRS VANDERTRAMP. En sciences humaines, nous travaillons sur les pays développés et les pays en voie de développement. En sciences de la nature, nous apprenons au sujet des mélanges homogènes et des mélanges hétérogènes. En anglais, on travaille nos projets pour le musée des droits humains. Nous traitons de sujets d'actualité comme le mariage forcé, les enfants soldats, les droits des homosexuels, la cruauté envers les animaux etc. Nous voulons créer des œuvres d'art et des poèmes qui se rapportent à nos sujets. En maths, on étudie les nombres décimaux, les fractions et les pourcentages. Notre année dans la classe de Madame Persaud se déroule très bien. Madeline et Megan.

Mrs. Chrnyk

We are working very hard preparing for the Human Rights museum. Our class is currently reading the novel "Underground to Canada" and has decided to do our topics for the project under the umbrella of slavery. So we have topics like child labor, Haiti, black slavery, Martin Luther King Jr. just to name a few. This will be a learning experience for all. Room 31

Mr. Dewit

January was a spectacular month in our class! In math this month we learnt about fractions, factors, and multiples. In fractions Ms. Lindsay came in and taught us how to tell if fractions were proper fractions, improper fractions, or if they were equivalent fractions with Cuisenaire rods. In multiples we learnt how to count odd and even numbers. We also learnt about prime numbers which are numbers that can only be divided by itself and the number 1. We learnt about composite numbers which are numbers that have more than 2 factors. Math was really fun this month. During this month in Social Studies we have been doing some research about Human Rights and what they are. Mr. Dewit put us into 6 groups and we each picked a topic on Human Rights that we like and we have to make a poster on the topic that we chose. So far this month we have learnt a lot about Human Rights. In Language Arts, we read an article about what the left brain can do and what the right brain can do. We have also tried doing T.U.S.C. We each have different jobs to do and Mr. Dewit gives us about a week and a half to get it ready to show to the class. After almost every lunch Mr. Dewit gives us time to silent read, silent draw, or silent write to calm us down from what we did at lunch. Sometimes during lunch Mr. Dewit lets us work on our Human Rights posters. So far in Language Arts we have had a lot of fun. In Science, we have been learning a lot about space. We have studied the different types of planets and what their names are but we have mostly covered the planets Mercury and Venus. We have learnt how they are alike and how they are different. We learnt how far the 8 planets (Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Saturn, Jupiter, Neptune, and Uranus) not counting the dwarf planet Pluto are from the sun. In French, we have had a lot of fun. We have learnt about how to conjugate verbs. We have learnt how to use French dictionaries (Bescherelles) to help us conjugate verbs. In Phys. Ed, we have been learning how to play basketball. We have learnt the rules of the game, how to dribble the ball, different types of passing and different plays. Band has been really fun this month. We have been learning a lot of different notes and how to play them. We had a great month!!!!!!

Miss Koshelanyk

Boy, have we been busy since holiday break. Grade 5 students from Victory school recently came for a visit. We planned a scavenger hunt and question and answer period for them. Now when they come for grade 6, it won't be as scary. They are also coming as our special guests for our Striving for Excellence assembly this month. That is something else we have been busy with. For our assembly, our theme was improvement and we filmed a news broadcast to tell the school about all the ways we are always improving. It was a blast. In Science, we are wrapping up ecosystems and moving on to rocks and minerals. We are really looking forward to learning about volcanoes. Social studies have been great because we are focusing on preparing for our human rights museum. Some of the topics being covered are *the right to marriage, slavery, the black market, and the birth of human rights*. We can't wait for the museum. January has been so busy, and we are looking forward to everything that the coming months have to bring...including spring break!

Mr. Serzu

This month we have been doing fractions in math. In Language Arts we have learnt the whole process of writing an essay. Social Studies has been lots of fun. We have been learning about human rights and have been completing our projects for the museum. In Science we have been working on the solar system. We made posters and books about how our basic needs are met in space. Next month we will be starting a science experiment Friday which should be lots of fun.

By: Milan



SEVEN OAKS SCHOOL DIVISION
invites the Community to the
2011/2012
Public Budget Consultation Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Seven Oaks School Division invites the public to an open meeting to discuss the 2011-2012 school year budget. The purpose of the meeting is to inform the public about funding provisions and current budget discussions and to invite comment on educational and budget initiatives.

Monday, February 28, 2011 – 7:00 p.m.
Maples Collegiate – Theatre
1330 Jefferson Avenue



Garden City Collegiate 50th Reunion !!!




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Take a walk down memory lane and meet former classmates, teachers, and staff of both Jefferson Junior High and Garden City Collegiate! Have a blast at the Friday night BBQ, Saturday evening Dinner and Dance, and Sunday Pancake Breakfast! Check out the old & new G.C.C.I., take a school tour, visit the decade rooms, play games and sports, etc...

Registration is now open at gc50threunion.ca or Call us at 339-2058 for info or to volunteer.



SEVEN OAKS
EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Seven Oaks Education Foundation Inc.

invites you to attend the

Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, March 15, 2011
5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Canad Inns Garden City
2100 McPhillips Street
(Refreshments Provided)

VISION
A supportive community where all students believe they can continue their education and training beyond high school.

MISSION
To make post-secondary education accessible for as many students as possible by engaging the financial support of the Seven Oaks Community.

VALUES
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Community
Sustainability
Inclusion



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(ADDITIONAL COST FOR EXTRA KIDS)

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NEXT BINGO DATE:

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2011

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


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February 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		Day 4 1 P.A.C. 6:30 pm	Day 5 2	Day 6 3	Day 1 4	5 
6	Day 2 7	Day 3 8	Day 4 9	Day 5 10 Human Rights Museum 6 – 8 pm	Day 6 11 Winter Activity forms due Valentine Soc Hop 12:45 pm	12
13	Day 1 14 	Day 2 15	Day 3 16	Day 4 17	Day 5 18	19
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