

# R.F.Morrison School

February 2014

Principal: R. Valcourt



One of January's highlights was Ukrainian Week. The week started off with a Zabava/family dance on Monday night, which was very well attended by Morrison families. Our students enjoyed showing off their dancing skills not only in Ukrainian dance, but in many other dance forms as well. A big thank you goes out to **Chris Klopick** and **Tenderloin Meats** for the delicious platters of Zabava food. During the week students wore blue and yellow to represent the Ukrainian flag, shared trivia, visited each other's classrooms to learn about Ukraine and participated in a Ukrainian art activity with visiting artist **Alice Kulyk**. To end the week all students were treated to a perogy and kielbasa lunch, prepared and served by **Karlie Debets, Lisa Fawcett, Janice Maguire, Alison McDonald, Christa Traczuk, Lisa Radlinsky and Danijela Travica**. Thanks also to **Fareis Abou-Chahin** who picked up and delivered some of the food and worked hard to get donations for this event. Thank you to **Wholesale Club** and **Ken Warner of Manitoba Sausage** for their generous donations. Leftover food was delivered to Siloam Mission, where it was received with gratitude. Thank you to all of our great volunteers!

Congratulations to our music teacher **Rosemarie Todaschuk** and the students from the EUBP who performed and sang so beautifully at the Metropolitan's Ukrainian New Year's Levee at the Manitoba Legislature on Sunday, January 19th.

We have received thank you letters from the Terry Fox Foundation, Mondetta Charity Foundation, Canadian Red Cross and Rolly Fox (father of Terry Fox) for our fundraising and social justice initiatives this year. We are very proud of our students, staff and families for supporting these valuable causes, both globally and locally.

We are looking forward to "**I Love to Read**" month in February and our kick-off assembly on February 4th. Many guest readers will be visiting the school to entertain the children with books and stories throughout the month. All families are invited to our **Pajama Pizza Party** on **Monday, February 10th at 6:00 p.m.** (please return the note indicating your attendance so the right amount of food can be ordered for dinner). On February 19th PAC is sponsoring the annual Pancake Breakfast for all students.

Finally we invite parents and caregivers of children born in **2009** to join us on Monday, February 24th at 6:30 p.m. for our Kindergarten Open House. Please share this information with your friends, relatives and neighbours.

Ricki Valcourt



## Important Dates

- Feb. 3 P.D.—NO SCHOOL
- Feb. 4 Assembly 9:45 am
- Feb.11 PAC Meeting 6:30 pm
- Feb. 17 Louis Riel Day  
NO SCHOOL
- Feb. 24 Kindergarten Open House 6:30p.m.
- Feb. 28 Boston Pizza Hot Lunch
- Mar.11 Student/Parent/Teacher Interviews—evening
- Mar 13 Student/Parent/Teacher Interviews—evening
- Mar 14 Student/Parent/Teacher Interviews - NO SCHOOL
- Mar 31 Spring Break to Apr 4 NO SCHOOL
- April 7 First day of classes
- April 18 Good Friday  
NO SCHOOL
- April 25 P.D. NO SCHOOL
- May 19 Victoria Day  
NO SCHOOL

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Seven Oaks School Division

## PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Hope everyone is managing to stay warm in this frigid weather!

Reminder: Parent Advisory meeting has changed from Tuesday, February 4th to **Tuesday, February 11th at 6:30 p.m.** in R.F. Morrison Staff Lounge.

Curious about what is going on in your child's school or classroom? Come to the PAC meeting and find out! This month we will be discussing topics such as pancake breakfast, teacher/parent liaison for next year, the big Spring event and 2014/15 PAC Co-Chair position.



The Parent Advisory Council traditionally hosts a pancake breakfast for all children in February for "I Love to Read" month. Children come to school in their pj's and we serve up pancakes and a drink. This is a morning all the children look forward to each year. The date is set for **Wednesday, February 19th** and we need as many volunteers as we can get to help make pancakes and serve the pancakes and drinks to the children. If you are available to help, please contact the school and leave your name and contact information. We would love to see you there!

Thank you,

Dorothy Miller & Lisa Radlinsky, PAC Co-Chairs

## SADOK NURSERY PROGRAM AT R. F. MORRISON SCHOOL

The logo for Sadok Ukrainian Nursery School features two children's faces and the text "SADOK UKRAINIAN NURSERY SCHOOL" with the times "9:00-11:30 11:30-3:30" below it.

**Seven Oaks Sadok**  
**An Introduction to the**  
**ENGLISH - UKRAINIAN**  
**Bilingual Program**

**Ages**  
2-6

**Time:** 9:20-11:20 \* 11:30-3:20

**Monday - Friday**

**Location:**  
RF Morrison School

**Registration: Phone** 995-7614

**Program Include**  
Structured Learning Time!  
Songs and Games, Play in  
Variety of centers, Library,  
Computer, Arts and Craft,  
Gym/Outdoor Play, Parties,  
Field Trips and more!

Registration is now being accepted for September!  
**ONLY \$5.00 per session!!!**

Half day spaces available for R. F. Morrison School Kindergarten students, i.e. if your child attends morning Kindergarten they can register for the p.m. nursery program. If your child attends afternoon Kindergarten they can register for the a.m. nursery program. We will be at the Open House on Monday, February 24th at 6:30 p.m.

# KINDERGARTEN 2014 INFORMATION



## ENGLISH-UKRAINIAN BILINGUAL PROGRAM

### R.F. Morrison School – Seven Oaks School Division

## **OPEN HOUSE** for English and Ukrainian Programs

**Monday, February 24th, 6:30p.m.**

#### Did You Know?

- The program offers a balance of English and Ukrainian instruction, allowing each student to gain a rich understanding of the language, traditions and heritage.
- You don't have to speak Ukrainian at home to enrol your child in the program.
- The English-Ukrainian Bilingual Program has been ongoing in Seven Oaks School Division for over 25 years.
- Children coming from other countries find R. F. Morrison a welcoming place to learn English and make new friends.
- There is no additional cost to enrol in the program.
- Students in the program also participate in additional activities such as Ukrainian dancing and multi-school field trips.
- Bussing to the school is provided, based on distance for Seven Oaks School Division students. Students outside Seven Oaks area are welcome although bussing is not available.
- Kindergarten Registration begins February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014 for students born in 2009.
- Required for registration, proof of birthdate. Please bring along Birth Certificate and or Manitoba Medical Card.

#### Чи Ви знали, що? . . .

- Англо-українська програма пропонує збалансоване англійське та українське навчання, даючи нагоду дітям здобути багате розуміння мови, традицій і спадщини.
- Ви не мусите розмовляти вдома по-українськи, щоби записати дитину до цієї програми.
- Англійсько-українська двомовна програма існує в шкільній окрузі Seven Oaks School Division вже понад 25 років.
- Діти, прибуваючи з інших країн, знаходять тут привітне середовище у вивченні англійської мови, а також у пізнанні нових друзів.
- Немає додаткової оплати, щоби записатися в цю програму.
- Учні в цій програмі також беруть участь в додаткових заняттях, такі як українські танці, хор та багато-шкільних прогулянок.
- Транспортування автобусами до школи (та із школи) подається в залежності від віддалі проживання учнів шкільної округи Seven Oaks School Division. Учні, які живуть поза межами округи Seven Oaks, радо приймаються до програми, але транспортування шкільними автобусами не є можливе.
- Реєстрація до Садочку (Передшкілля) починається 24-го лютого 2014 р. для діточок, народжених в 2009 році. Потрібні свідоцтво про народження, паспорт, або Манітобська Медична картка.

# 2014 KINDERGARTEN



## R. F. MORRISON SCHOOL

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION  
ENGLISH ONLY PROGRAM  
OR  
ENGLISH/UKRAINIAN BILINGUAL PROGRAM  
Українська Двомовна Програма

**Kindergarten Open House**  
**Monday, February 24, 2014**  
**6:30p.m.**

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION  
BEGINS  
FEBRUARY 24, 2014  
FOR ALL CHILDREN BORN IN 2009

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PRINCIPAL: R. VALCOURT  
PHONE: (204) 338-7804



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## NEWS FROM THE GYM.....

### Dance



Dance class is a great way to stay active while having fun! We have explored many types of Creative Movement throughout the school year and have also learned a few dances along the way! So far, we have learned a German dance which coincided with Oktoberfest, as well as Michael Jackson's Thriller during the month of October and Halloween. For the last few weeks, we have learned all about Ukrainian dance, which coincided with Ukrainian Week. To end our Ukrainian Week, all students and staff participated in a huge *Kolomeyka!* We learned that *Kolomeykas* occur at Ukrainian parties and weddings, and is a chance for everyone to show off their best dance moves! We are looking forward to further exploring different types of dance in the weeks ahead.

Ms. Tarasiuk





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# SEVEN OAKS SCHOOL DIVISION

Invites the Community to the 2014 - 2015

## Public Budget Consultation Meeting

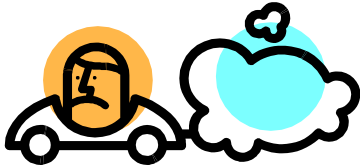
The Board of Trustees of the Seven Oaks School Division invites the public to an open meeting to discuss the 2014-2015 school year budget. The purpose of the meeting is to inform the public about funding provisions and current budget discussions and to invite comment on educational and budget initiatives.

**Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014 – 7:00 p.m.**  
**West Kildonan Collegiate - Library**  
**101 Ridgecrest Avenue**

**The Seven Oaks Education Foundation Inc.**

**Invites Parents and Staff to Attend**

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION



### **IDLE-FREE ZONE**

**IF YOU ARE PARKING IN THE BUS LOOP, PLEASE TURN OFF YOUR ENGINE. THE EXHAUST FUMES CAN TRAVEL INTO THE CLASSROOMS THROUGH THE VENTS AND CAUSE AN UNHEALTHY SITUATION.**

**THANKS FOR YOUR HELP!**

## **7 OAKS GOT TALENT**

*Featuring the musical talents of Seven Oaks School Division teachers & staff!*

**SPUD, STEAK & BEVERAGE**

**fundraising event**

**Friday, February 7, 2014**

**4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

**at**

**essence nightclub**

**Canad Inns Garden City**

### **TICKETS:**

**\$20 per person**

**cheques payable to:**

**Seven Oaks Education Foundation Inc.**

## Problem Solving

This year we have been putting a large emphasis on problem solving skills throughout the entire school. We'd like to share a little bit of the fabulous growth students have shown as problem solvers in Room 4. Through discussion and experiences we've learned about strategies that we can apply while we are problem solving in a variety of different ways.

Our routine throughout the last two months has been to solve a problem at some point each day. Here are some photos and student comments regarding specific problems we've worked on.



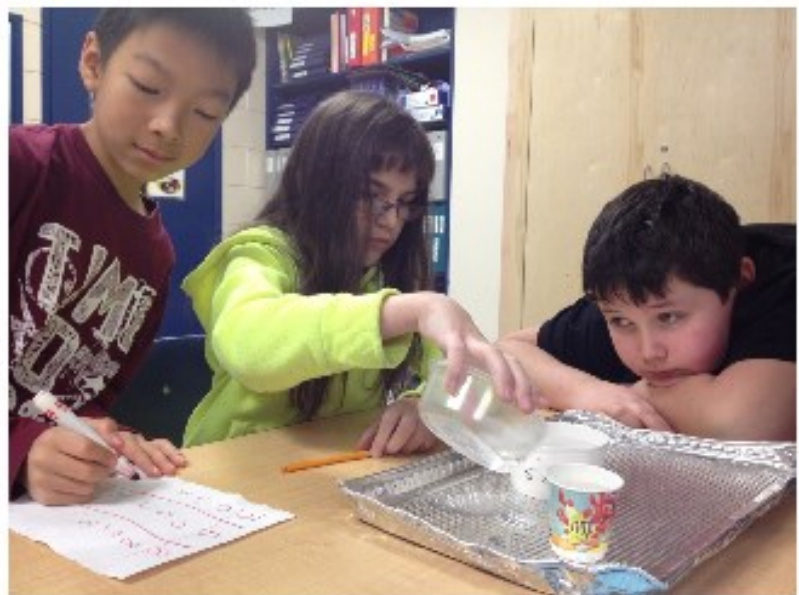
Each of the 20 Knights of the Round Table clinked his mug with the Knights on his left and right.

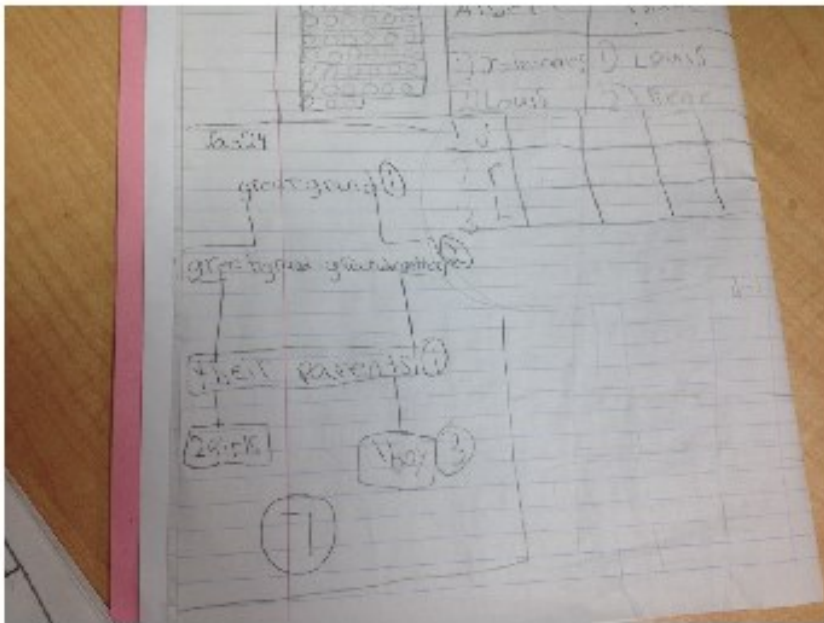
How many times did mugs clink?

*Anne - "We imagined the problem we were solving."*

*Kim - "We recorded what we did so we didn't do the same thing twice."*

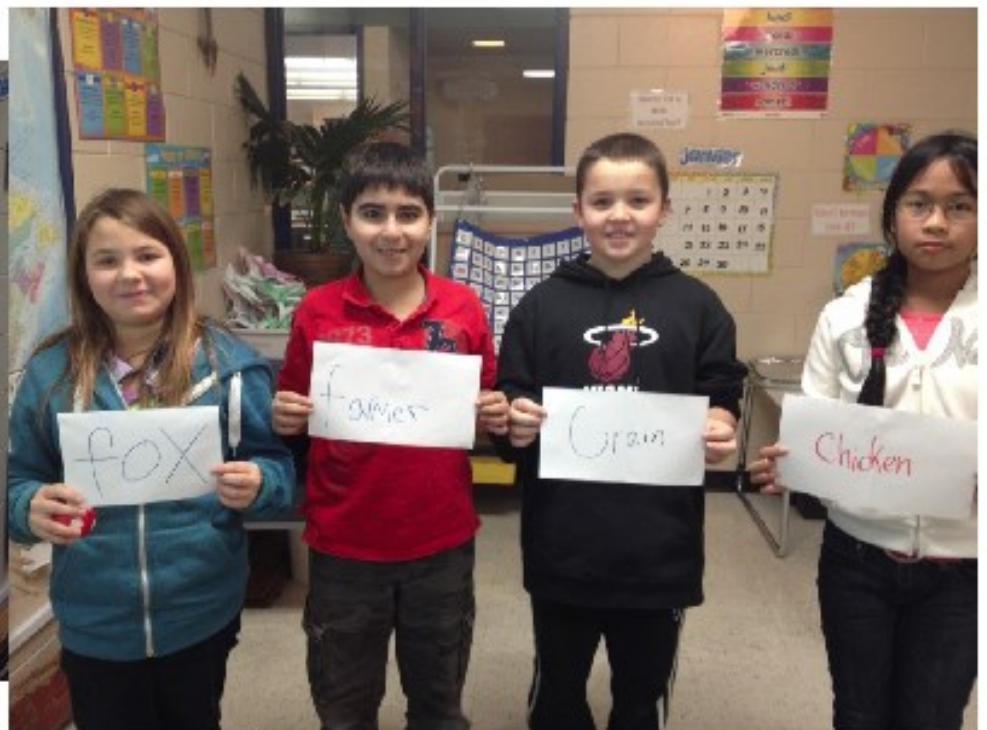
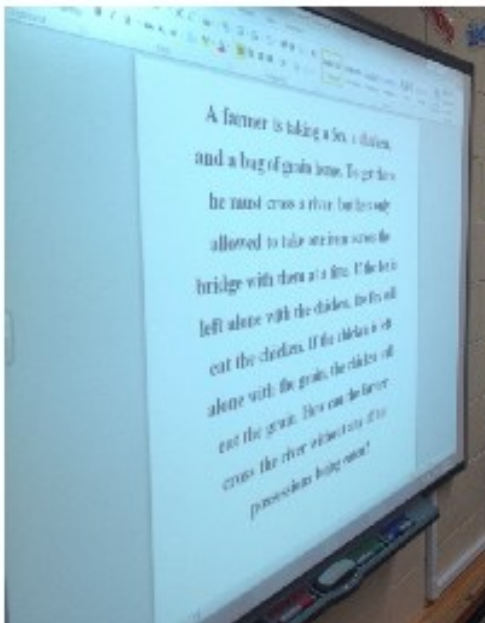
Two people have an 8 litre container full of lemonade. They find two other containers, one having the capacity to hold exactly 3 litres and the other to hold exactly 5 litres. They have no other way of measuring volume. They want to split the lemonade into two equal portions of 4 litres each and drink it. Being rather thirsty, they do not want to spill any of the lemonade.





At a family reunion were the following people: one grandfather, one grandmother, two fathers, two mothers, four children, three grandchildren, one brother, two sisters, two sons, two daughters, one father-in-law, one mother-in-law, and one daughter-in-law. But not as many people attended as it sounds. How many were there, and who were they?

"We drew a picture."



"We acted the problem out." - Taylor



*Jastaj – “Instead of writing and erasing numbers we wrote 1-9 on small pieces of paper and moved them around.”*

Arrange the numbers 1 through 9 on a tic-tac-toe board such that the numbers in each row, column, and diagonal add up to 15.

## Problem solving tips and ideas from students in Room 4

“Doing the same thing over and over does not work. Try something different” –  
**Mohammed**

“When we get stuck we try something else.”  
- **Max**

“Write down important information.” –  
**Cierra**

“Act out the problem.” - **Max**

“Use a tool to help you think.” - **Kim**

“Figure out what the important information is.” - **Nathaniel**

“Imagine the problem in your head.” -  
**Cathlene**

“Draw a picture.” - **Mohammed**

“DON'T GIVE UP!” - **Alec**

“Talk to somebody else about the problem.” - **Aaron**

“Be mindful of the information.” - **Warren**

“Take a minute and clear your mind.” -  
**Max**

“Being relaxed helps.” - **Nathaniel**

“Block out distractions.” - **Zeiad**



**Attention Parents and Caregivers!!!**  
**Looking for some daytime fun with your little one?**

Do you have a little one at home with you? Looking for something fun and free to do? How about meeting new friends in the neighborhood?

Why not come join us at **RF Morrison's Preschool Program**? If your child is 5 years old or younger, we'd love to have you come join us! No pre-registration required.

Programs are as follow: **Monday and Thursday mornings from 9:30-11:30 in the library.**

Over the course of the two hours, you and your child will enjoy free play and circle time with rhymes and stories. There is also a structured art activity as well as a free nutritious snack!

For further information please contact Veronica Thiffeault at  
204-338-7804 or email [veronica.thiffeault@7oaks.org](mailto:veronica.thiffeault@7oaks.org).



**LIBRARY NEWS**

February is "I Love to Read" month and there will be lots of exciting events to celebrate.

Our particular focus this month is on the Olympics and the various Olympic sports. In celebration, some new books in the library this month are:

G is for Gold Medal

Freeze Frame: a photographic history of the Winter Olympics

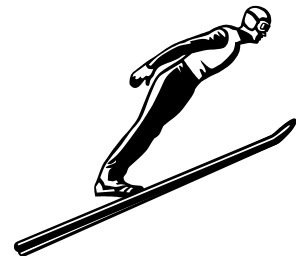
The 2012 London Olympics

The World's Greatest Olympians

Great Olympic Moments

The World of Olympics

The Winter Olympics



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RF Morrison School's preschool program

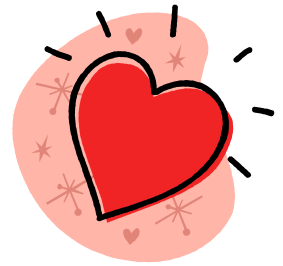


2014 Sochi Winter Olympics!  
Feb. 7 to 23

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	I Love to Read Month!					1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> Divisional PD	<b>Kickoff event to I LOVE TO READ</b>		Preschool Program 9:30-11:30 -----		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	Preschool Program 9:30-11:30			Preschool Program 9:30-11:30		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> Louis Riel Day 			Preschool Program 9:30-11:30		
23	24	25	26	27	28	
	Preschool Program 9:30-11:30 Kindergarten Registration			Preschool Program 9:30-11:30		



# I Love to Read



FEBRUARY 2014

R. F. MORRISON SCHOOL

We have an exciting February planned for "I Love to Read" month! Keep the following information and calendar handy for future reference. We strongly encourage all children to participate, and families are always welcome to drop by for our theme days.

## I LOVE TO READ ACTIVITIES

Guest Readers

Olympic Theme introduced—Opening Ceremonies—Feb. 4th 9:45 a.m.

Pajama Pizza Party—February 10th—6:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m.



During the month of February, we encourage families to spend a few minutes each day reading a variety of materials and print.



## Христос Рождається!

Warm applause is extended to all of the students in Grades 3 to 6 in the English-Ukrainian Bilingual Program who caroled at the Metropolitan's Ukrainian New Year's Levee at the Manitoba Legislative Building on Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>. The Ukrainian New Year's Levee, which was hosted by the Ukrainian Professional & Business Club of Winnipeg, also featured beautiful caroling by members of O. Koshetz Choir, Melodia Folk Ensemble, and the Children's Choir of the Ukrainian Catholic Metropolitan Cathedral of Sts. Vladimir & Olga.

## Щасливого Нового Року!

Rosemarie Todaschuk  
Music Educator



## Community News

James Nisbet Nursery School (located at Ecole James Nisbet School, 70 Doubleday Drive)

Open House & Registration—Monday, March 3, 2014 6:30—8:00 p.m.

We are now offering four classes! 2 or 3 sessions per week AM or PM nursery school options for children 3 to 5 years old. Please visit website [www.jnns.ca](http://www.jnns.ca) for more information or phone: 204-953-1193 email: [nisbetns@mymts.net](mailto:nisbetns@mymts.net)

A \$50 non-refundable deposit (cash or cheque) is needed to register.



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	<b>I LOVE TO READ MONTH</b>					1
2	3 <b>day 2</b> <b>P.D. DAY</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b> 	4 <b>day 3</b> I Love to Read Assembly 9:45	5 <b>day 4</b> Rocks & Rings Gr. 1-6	6 <b>day 5</b> <b>ROOM 4 SWIM</b> <b>ROOM 6 SKATE</b>	7 <b>day 6</b>	8
9	10 <b>day 1</b> <b>PAJAMA</b> <b>PIZZA PARTY</b> <b>6:00-7:30PM</b>	11 <b>day 2</b> ROOMS 3,4,5&7 OAK HAMMOCK MARSH ALL DAY  <b>PAC MEETING</b> <b>6:30P.M.</b>	12 <b>day 3</b> 	13 <b>day 4</b> <b>ROOM 4 SWIM</b> <b>ROOM 6 SKATE</b> RM 5 FREEZE FRAME (FRENCH)	14 <b>day 5</b> Valentine's day 	15
16	17 <b>LOUIS RIEL</b> <b>DAY</b> <b>No SCHOOL</b> 	18 <b>day 6</b> RM's 3,4,5,&7 FESTIVAL DU VOYAGEUR ALL DAY	19 <b>day 1</b> <b>ALL SCHOOL PANCAKE</b> <b>BREAKFAST</b>	20 <b>day 2</b> <b>ROOM 4 SWIM</b> <b>ROOM 6 SKATE</b>	21 <b>day 3</b>	22
23	24 <b>day 4</b> <b>Kindergarten</b> <b>registration</b> <b>begins...</b> <b>Kindg Open</b> <b>House 6:30</b>	25 <b>day 5</b>  Artists in the School—Drummers	26 <b>day 6</b>	27 <b>day 1</b> <b>ROOM 4 SWIM</b> <b>ROOM 6 SKATE</b>	28 <b>day 2</b> <b>Boston Pizza Hot</b> <b>Lunch</b>	