



# VICTORY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Families,

Happy New Year! The Victory staff hopes you all had an enjoyable, restful break.

We will continue to adhere to all public health recommendations and restrictions as we get back into our school routines including the use of cohorts, physical distancing where possible, the use of masks, regular hand washing, and frequent cleaning of surfaces.

A reminder to families that we have two professional development days in January.

**There will be no classes for students on January 15<sup>th</sup> and January 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

Although it can be quite cold in January in Winnipeg, we will nonetheless be taking students outside on a frequent basis. Please ensure that your child has the necessary items to spend time outdoors. The school does have extra winter clothing accessories on hand, in the event that a child has lost or forgotten theirs at home.

Victory School was granted \$150 000 by the Seven Oaks School Division Board in recognition of our 100<sup>th</sup> birthday! These funds will go towards the development of a new play structure and enhancement of our playground, which is slated to begin in July of this summer. Several of our Kindergarten students walked to the Board Office to drop off a card to express a "Thank You" on behalf of all the students at Victory.



From left to right: Our AM Kindergarten teacher Ms. Tarasiuk with students from her class, Trustee Mr. Derek Dabee, Chair of the Board of Trustees Mr. Greg McFarlane, and Seven Oaks School Division Superintendent Mr. Brian O'Leary.

## HOLIDAY GREETINGS FROM ROOM 7

During the month of December the students learned about how Christmas was celebrated in different countries around the world. We also looked at other winter celebrations such as Hanukkah, Diwali, Kwanzaa, and Chinese New Year.



We learned that Germany is well known for decorating gingerbread houses and cookies, as well as decorating Christmas trees.

In Australia Christmas is celebrated during the summer. Santa comes by sleigh which is pulled by six kangaroos.



In Mexico houses are decorated with poinsettias and children take turns hitting a pinata which is filled with fruit and candy.

In the Netherlands children leave their shoes outside their back doors filled with hay and carrots for St. Nicholas' horse. He then leaves small treats for the children in their shoes.



In Italy the children leave their shoes by the fireplace on January 6<sup>th</sup> in the hopes that Le Befana will come down the chimney on her broomstick and leave them gifts.

## HOLIDAY GREETINGS FROM ROOM 7



We learned that Diwali is sometimes called the Festival of Lights. During this time homes are cleaned and decorated. Gifts are exchanged and sweet foods are shared. A Rangoli is a colorful design made on the floor near the home's entrance to welcome guests.

Kwanzaa is celebrated for seven days beginning December 26<sup>th</sup>, and ends with a feast and the giving of gifts on January 1<sup>st</sup>. They have a kinara which holds seven candles. The black candle is lit on the first night of Kwanzaa.



Hanukkah lasts for eight days and nights. Families light a menorah and children receive gifts each night Hanukkah is celebrated. The children play a spinning game with a dreidel.

Chinese New Year is the main Chinese festival of the year. It lasts for fifteen days and begins on Chinese New Year with a family meal. A dragon parade is held on New Year's Day.





# *Partners in Learning* together with Victory School Present PARENT/CHILD PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

All programs are Free of Charge and are for families living in the Seven Oaks School Division catchment.

Programs are for **Parents/caregivers and children ages 0 – 5** and run on Monday and Wednesday mornings. Together, you will take part in free play, story time, rhymes, songs and art exploration. Registration is ongoing.

To register, please fill out the Google Form: <https://forms.gle/sUqnV3ZUw2bvewr37>  
You may either click on the link or copy and paste it into your web browser.

For more information, please contact **Veronica Thiffeault, Community Coordinator**, at 204-586-9716 or email at [veronica.thiffeault@7oaks.org](mailto:veronica.thiffeault@7oaks.org)



Please note, special procedures have been put in place to ensure the safety and well being of all who attend our Parent/Child Preschool Program:

- *Limited number of children per program.*
- *Only one adult per child is to attend.*
- *Hand sanitization is required upon entry to the building.*
- *Social distancing of two meters to be adhered to, except for members who reside in the same household.*
- *Non-medical masks or face coverings are required for adults and encouraged for children. Children under 2 yrs. are not required to wear masks.*
- *Families must go directly to the community room and leave the building immediately following program.*

## VICTORY'S DOOR DECORATING CONTEST



In December, Victory School decided to do something fun and festive by having a door decorating contest!

The winner of the contest was the Grade 1/2's in Room 12, Teacher Kah's classroom.

The submission was called "Gingerbread Countdown".

All the doors were decorated so beautifully and artistically! Thank you to everyone who participated!







# COVID-19 INFORMATION FOR THE 2020–2021 SCHOOL YEAR

COVID-19 is a new virus, and there is no vaccine or treatment for it at this time. Most people who get COVID-19 will have mild symptoms, but for some this virus can cause serious illness and even death. Most people who get sick with COVID-19 can recover at home, but need to isolate and monitor their symptoms. Care at home can help stop the spread of COVID-19 and help ensure that health care resources are available to those with severe COVID-19 symptoms requiring hospitalization. Speak to your public health nurse if you are not able to isolate at home. Isolation from other people is the best way to protect yourself, your loved ones and people in the community.

## Do I need to isolate and for how long?

If you:

- have tested positive for COVID-19 and are well enough to recover at home. Isolate for at least 10 days from the time your symptoms started. During this time, a public health official will call you once daily to ask about your temperature and your symptoms. Your public health official will tell you when you can stop isolating.
- have COVID-19 symptoms, have been tested and are waiting for your test results. Isolate at home while you are waiting to get the laboratory results from a health care provider. If your COVID-19 test results are negative, but you have symptoms, or have travelled or been exposed to a case, you will need to continue to self-isolate (quarantine) for the entire 14 days and until you have been symptom free for 24 hours. If your COVID-19 test results are positive, a public health official will call you.
- have cold or flu-like symptoms but have not been exposed to COVID-19 through travel or contact with a case. People with a new onset of any one symptom listed in column A or any two or more symptoms listed in column B, should get tested for COVID-19.

### A

- Fever / chills
- Cough
- Sore throat/ hoarse voice
- Difficulty breathing
- Loss of taste or smell
- Vomiting or diarrhea for more than 24 hours

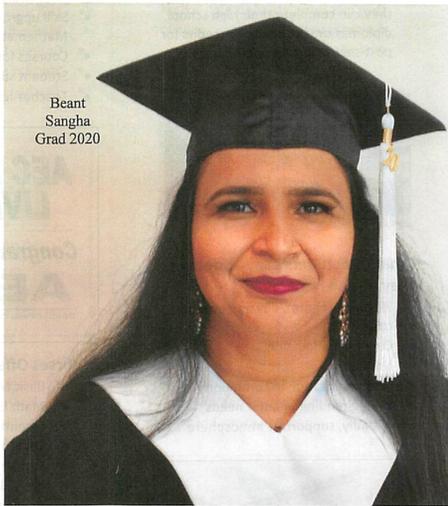
### B

- Runny nose
- Muscle aches
- Fatigue
- Pink eye (conjunctivitis)
- Headache
- Skin rash of unknown cause
- Poor feeding, if an infant
- Nausea or loss of appetite



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SCHOOL DIVISION  
*community begins here*

- High School Diploma
- Upgrading
- Literacy



**Registration  
for  
Semester 2**

**begins  
January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

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**NO FEES**

**COVID protocols are in  
place for everyone's safety.**



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## Adult Education Centre (AEC)

### What we do

- We offer high school credits to adult students (19 years of age and older) so they can complete their high school diplomas or upgrade their credits for post-secondary requirements.



### What our students say about why they attend here

- Flexible program, day and evening courses
- Convenient location
- No cost
- Good reputation in community
- Understanding of adult needs
- Friendly, supportive atmosphere



### Benefits at AEC

- Placement assessments
- Prior Learning Assessment
- Skill upgrading in English and Mathematics
- Courses for post-secondary entry
- Student support
- Teacher-led classes

**AEC 2020 GRAD  
LIVES HERE!**

**Congratulations!**   
**AEC** Adult Education Centre  
 DEVELOPING CONFIDENT LEARNERS

### Courses Offered

- Basic Math & English
- Math Essentials 31G
- Essential Maths 20S, 30S & 40S
- English 30S Comp Focus
- English 40S Trans & Comp
- Pre-Calc Math 30S & 40S
- Applied Math 40S
- Cinema as a Witness to Modern History 40S
- Global Issues 40S
- Advanced Business Technologies 40S
- Current Topics in First Nations 40S
- Psychology 40S
- Law 40S
- Biology 40S
- Chemistry 30S & 40S
- Physics 30S & 40S

## Seven Oaks Divisional Programming

**LEARN TO SKATE \*\*PENDING RECOMMENDATIONS\***

**Monday Mornings—Rm 8, Ms. Van de Laar**

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**LEARN TO SWIM \*\*PENDING RECOMMENDATIONS\***

**Tuesday Mornings – Rm 19, Mr. Tang**

**Wednesday Mornings – Rm 5, Ms. Telenko**

**Thursday Mornings—Rm 17, Mrs. Wakula**

# January 2021

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

## Winter Break

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3	4 DAY 4 Classes resume	5 DAY 5	6 DAY 6	7 DAY 1	8 DAY 2	9
10	11 DAY 3 Rm 8 Learn to Skate	12 DAY 4 Rm 19 Learn to Swim	13 DAY 5 Rm 5 Learn to Swim	14 DAY 6 Rm 17 Learn to Swim	15 Division -Wide PD Day	16
17	18 DAY 2 Rm 8 Learn to Skate	19 DAY 3 Rm 19 Learn to Swim	20 DAY 4 Rm 5 Learn to Swim	21 DAY 5 Rm 17 Learn to Swim	22 Victory School PD Day	23
24	25 DAY 1 Rm 8 Learn to Skate	26 DAY 2 Rm 19 Learn to Swim	27 DAY 3 Rm 5 Learn to Swim	28 DAY 4 Rm 17 Learn to Swim	29 DAY 5	30
31	<p>The Learn to Skate and Learn to Swim Programs are currently on hold until the public health order allows us to be able to continue them. Your classroom teacher will keep you up to date on these programs and if/when they will be happening.</p>					