



West St. Paul School

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Dear Families,

As we finish the end of our first month of school, we want to share an update of some of the happenings at West St. Paul School. Yesterday, our kindergartens and grades 1,3,5, and 7 had their eyes screened by the Lions Club KidSight volunteers. Families can assume things are fine unless you receive a follow-up letter asking you to have your child's eyes with a doctor.

The Southern Chiefs' Organization has gifted the school division **Every Child Matters** lawn signs. We began sharing with families who walked through the school yesterday. If you would like an **Every Child Matters** lawn sign, please pick one up in the office. We will hand out the remaining 60 signs until they are gone.

On Friday morning, our grade 1-8 students will be participating in our Orange Shirt Assembly. This assembly is in recognition of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on Monday, September 30th. Students will be learning about land acknowledgements, the grade 1-5s will be singing a song they have been practicing called "Every Child Matters", we will see our jiggers perform and much more. In recognition of this day, there are no classes on Monday, September 30th.

Our Breakfast Club takes place each morning beginning at 7:35 when the busses begin to arrive at school. Students who need something to eat are invited to head downstairs to Red River Hall to enjoy a meal with their friends. Parents can help us by teaching and practicing with your children how to butter and put jam on toast, pour cereal and pour milk. Supervisors are in the Breakfast Club to help but these are lifelong skills that students need to learn.

Students and adults have been very respectful of the new cell phone policy implemented by the province this fall. Students know and have been taught that Smart Watches also fall under this policy and must be turned to "do not disturb" and cannot communicate with their phones during the school day. Wireless headphones are not to be used during the school day. We also remind everyone that exceptions are made when student health plans require a cell phone or when wired headphones are being used during a classroom lesson.

We are proud to share that we will be having a team of students participating with **Special Olympics** this year! If you believe your child could be a candidate for the team, please contact one of our Learning Support Teachers.

The Seven Oaks School Division Tab Collection Committee collects drink tabs. Once enough have been received from the tabs collected, we will purchase a specialty piece of equipment for one of our Seven Oaks students. Please drop tabs off at West St. Paul School's office. We will send them to the divisional collection depot.

The school will be running the **Farm to School** vegetable sale again this year from Peak of the Market. Pick up day for the vegetables will be during the week of Parent Teacher Conferences. Watch for more details coming soon.

We will be doing our school Terry Fox Walk on the afternoon of Wednesday, October 11th. We have a school fundraising goal for our Terry Fox Walk of \$1560. If you would like to donate, consider visiting our school's donation page at: [West St. Paul School - West St. Paul, MB | Terry Fox School Run](#)

Please call the school when you know your child will be absent and share your child's name and teacher's name. Outside of school hours, you can leave that message on the school answering machine. If picking up your child early for appointments, please call and/or check in at the office and we will call your child down to the front. The school phone number is 204-339-1964.

Enjoy the wonderful Fall weather!

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**THE TERRY FOX
FOUNDATION**

Dear Parents,

The Terry Fox Foundation has created an online fundraising page for our school as well as provide student/classroom “Terry” activities. Here are some of the ways you can support your child for this year’s Terry Fox event:

Donate online at: [West St. Paul School - West St. Paul, MB | Terry Fox School Run](#)

- Click the link above to donate or search for our school's name at terryfox.org.
- There is no minimum donation, every dollar counts!
- Receipts are issued immediately to donors by email.



Donate

Support your child’s “Try Like Terry” Challenge

- Help your child select a goal and fun activity to support their fundraising efforts
- Try one of the [suggested activities online](#) or come up with your own
- Share your activity on social media and tag others to join

We are very excited to be a part of this year’s Terry Fox event. This is our opportunity to “Try Like Terry” and go the distance for this year’s event. Please join us to support cancer research while building incredible school spirit for all our students. Thank you in advance for your support!

Any questions, feel free to email graham.forsyth@7oaks.org

Event details

- **Friday, October 11th** classes will all gather in the gym at 1:15 p.m.
- Following the meeting, we will be going across the street and walking/running the ‘Minnehaha-Kenabeek-Hiawatha’ loop until about 2:15pm, when students will then return to class.
- Morning kindergartens will do their own Terry Fox walk with their teacher and a buddy class.
- Please dress for the weather!