

R.F.Morrison School March 2015



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It's hard to believe it's March already, and our final Student-Parent-Teacher conferences are just around the corner. We look forward to sharing your child's successes and progress with you next week.

February was a month filled with learning and celebration. "Reading around the World" was a week featuring guest readers from different countries around the world. Our guests shared stories and books from their culture, and even spoke to the students in their first languages. *Remember to keep reading with your children – in any language!*

PAC once again hosted the annual Pancake Breakfast and Pyjama Day, to the delight of all of our students. Thanks to all RFM parents and grandparents who came out to help on that chilly morning!

Our Grade 4, 5 and 6 students enjoyed a day of learning and fun at the Festival du Voyageur, as well as a field trip to the concert hall to hear the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra.

Last week we hosted a Kindergarten Open House for families of children born in 2010. If you missed the Open House, it's not too late. Please come to the school office to register your child for September's Kindergarten class.

Last week RFM and Forest Park schools hosted "Culture Connect" here at Morrison. This evening event for preschoolers and their families featured dancing, food, drumming and art from four cultures: Filipino, Aboriginal, Punjabi and Ukrainian. Over 150 people enjoyed a fantastic evening!

For the safety of our children, we are making a request to parents and caregivers to please respect the parking signage on Morrison St., particularly during school bus drop-off and pick-up times. Vehicles are sometimes obstructing the buses and the crosswalk. This, along with snow banks, creates a very dangerous situation for bus drivers and for our patrols who are trying to cross children safely. As well, please refrain from parking in staff parking spots and double-parking in the parking lot during drop-off and pick-up times, as this creates a dangerous situation when students run between or around cars. As an alternative, please consider parking in available visitor parking spots facing the field or in the bus loop in front of the school with engines turned off.

And finally, we are looking forward to construction of our addition (3 classrooms and a multi-purpose room) starting at the end of March. What an exciting opportunity for all of us to watch our school grow right before our eyes!



Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences
will be held during the week of
March 9-12
Friday, March 13th - morning only



Dates to Remember...

Tuesday, March 3
Friday, March 13
Friday, March 20

Pac Meeting @ 6:30
Parent Teacher Conferences – No School
Pac Hot Lunch

March 30-April 3
Monday, April 6
Friday, April 24

Spring Break – No School
First Day Back from Spring Break (Day 5)
P.D. Day – No School

Monday, May 11
Monday, May 18

P.D. Day – No School
Victoria Day – No School

Tuesday, June 30

Last Day of Classes



Please check future newsletters for additions/changes to this list.

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*The Ukrainian/English bilingual program at R. F. Morrison School would like to acknowledge the continued support of the **Carpathia Credit Union**. Your generous support enables our students and teachers to further develop exciting new opportunities in the classrooms and beyond. Thank you!!*

Bookmark the Seven Oaks website on your computer to view the most up to date school information.
Be sure to also check out the Divisional Newsletter when online.

www.7oaks.org

LIBRARY NEWS

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

IS COMING TO R.F. MORRISON SCHOOL ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

Tuesday, March 10, 3:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 12, 3:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Friday, March 13, 8:30 a.m. to Noon

IN THE SCHOOL LIBRARY

COME ON IN DURING YOUR
PARENT/STUDENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES
AND CHECK OUT THE BOOKS FOR SALE

The school earns a percentage of the profits made at the Book Fair
to purchase new items for the library.

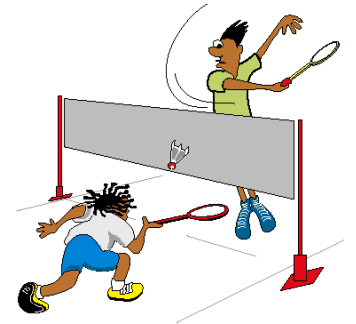
Hope to see you there!!!!



From the Gym...



**The Divisional Badminton Tournament
Maples Collegiate
1330 Jefferson Ave.
Wednesday, March 18th
5:30 - 8:30 pm.**



Students and parents are responsible for own transportation to and from the tournament.
Permission slips were sent home.

To be eligible to participate in the tournament, students MUST attend all lunch hour practices and abide by our fair play rules.

**K.Matwichyna
B.Lasko**



Music Notes

From the MUSIC DEPARTMENT

OUR VISIT TO THE Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra

On Thursday, February 19th, Seven Oaks School Division treated all of the Grade 5 students as well as their classmates in Grades 4 & 6 to a concert featuring the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra at the Centennial Concert Hall. The W.S.O. presented an exciting educational concert entitled "One Voice" with the theme celebrating freedom, peace and equality. The audience was captivated by the performances of the musicians as well as the singers who promoted an understanding and a love of music and art through their inspiring and entertaining programme. I am glad that everyone was exposed to such wonderful music played by the W.S.O.!



Ms Todaschuk

HERMIONE

Room 7

At the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra, the music was so intelligent. They showed us images of amazing art and amazing people like Ghandi, Martin Luther King Jr., Nelson Mandela and Malala Yousafzai. The best thing was singing "Wavin' Flag."

RAENA

Room 7

At the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra, everyone who played the instruments and sang did a great job.
I loved it!!!

TRIANNA

Room 7

The WSO Concert was fun and exciting.
The songs were so upbeat.

MAKSYM

Room 3

The orchestra was amazing and the music was beautiful and inspiring, and the chorus was incredible!!!



BULLETIN BOARD

MARCH REMINDERS



PAC

Hot Lunch
March 20, 2015

Next MEETING
March 3, 2015
6:30 PM
All Welcome

PANCAKE
BREAKFAST
Thanks to everyone
for helping make
this event a
success!!!!



Call Back System

We are concerned for the safety of students and the purpose of the call back system is to ensure that all students arrive safely at school each day. It is very important that if your child is going to be absent or late phone the school office at
204-338-7804

If your child does not arrive at school in the morning or is not present in the afternoon and we have not heard from you, we will try to contact you. It may be necessary for us to call you at work if we are unable to reach anyone at home. Please keep us advised of any changes in phone numbers for home, work, and childcare for emergency purposes.



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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



Manitoba Parents for
Ukrainian Education

CALLING ALL BABIES (birth to a year)

The Seven Oaks School Division's Parent, Child preschool program is offering families an opportunity to learn massage techniques with their baby.

Infant massage is a daily practice shared by parents and caregivers all over the world looking to bond, communicate and care for their babies in a healthy, natural way. Babies who receive regular massage have been shown to have better quality of sleep, have an improved rate of healthy weight gain, and relief from the pain associated with colic, gas and teething. Aside from these physical benefits, infant massage has been shown to improve the ability of parents and babies, to bond more closely and communicate with one another. Touch is one of the ways an infant communicates with the world around them. It is the first sense to develop in utero, and the only sense we cannot live without. In essence, learning to share touch with your infant is a powerful, natural way to care for your baby's physical and emotional health. Massage is a practice that can benefit children and babies regardless of physical or mental ability. It is a practice that can be shared by all families, regardless of religious, cultural, or socio-economic background. Essentially, infant massage is a universal practice that can be enjoyed by everyone!

Amber Maric is a Registered Massage Therapist with over 10 years of experience. She is a Certified Infant Massage Instructor with the International Association of Infant Massage (IAIM) and the owner of "Yay for Babies" specialized infant massage.

Please join us for this FREE 4 week program that promotes health and happiness through the ancient art of infant massage.

When: Thursday April 30, May 7th, 14th and 21st, 2015 9:30 – 11 a.m.

Where: West St. Paul School 3740 Main St.

To register or questions, please call Cheryl at 204 339-1964 or Colleen at 204 226-3228.

The class is limited to 10 families.



City of Winnipeg Leisure Guide

The City of Winnipeg is proud to provide a wide variety of recreation and leisure opportunities that contribute to the overall well-being of our community. The Leisure Guide is published three times per year and is filled with fun and exciting programs for everyone. The Spring/Summer 2015 edition features new spring skating lessons and a number of camps to keep the kids busy this summer!

For more information on leisure, sport and fitness programs, please pick up a copy of the Leisure Guide, call 311 or visit Winnipeg.ca. Guides are available for pick up at civic pools, libraries and leisure centres, and at a number of retail locations including Safeway, 7-Eleven and Mac's.

Watch for the Spring/Summer 2015 Leisure Guide at the beginning of March! Registration for swimming lessons only will begin on March 17 at 8:00 am. Registration for all other programs will begin on March 18 at 8:00 am.

Register for any 2015 City of Winnipeg summer camp by April 15 and you could win your camp for FREE!

City of Winnipeg Priceless Fun

Winnipeggers now have easy access to information about free recreation, leisure and library programs with the free programming guide, Priceless Fun.

The Spring/Summer edition of Priceless Fun, available in March, provides information about the free programs for children and youth being offered by the City of Winnipeg throughout the city, all in one convenient guide.

Hard copies of Priceless Fun are available for pick up at all civic indoor pools, libraries and leisure centres. You can view the current edition of Priceless Fun online at: Winnipeg.ca/cms/recreation/leisureguide.stm. Information about programs is also available by calling 311.

Meaning of Home Spirit Award

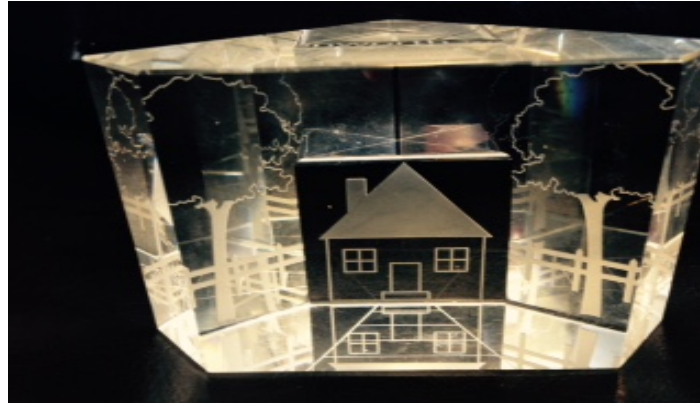
Congratulates and Thanks R.F. Morrison School - Room 3

for participating in
The Genworth Canada

2014 Meaning of Home Contest

Every participating student helped bring a family closer to Habitat home ownership.

www.meaningofhome.ca



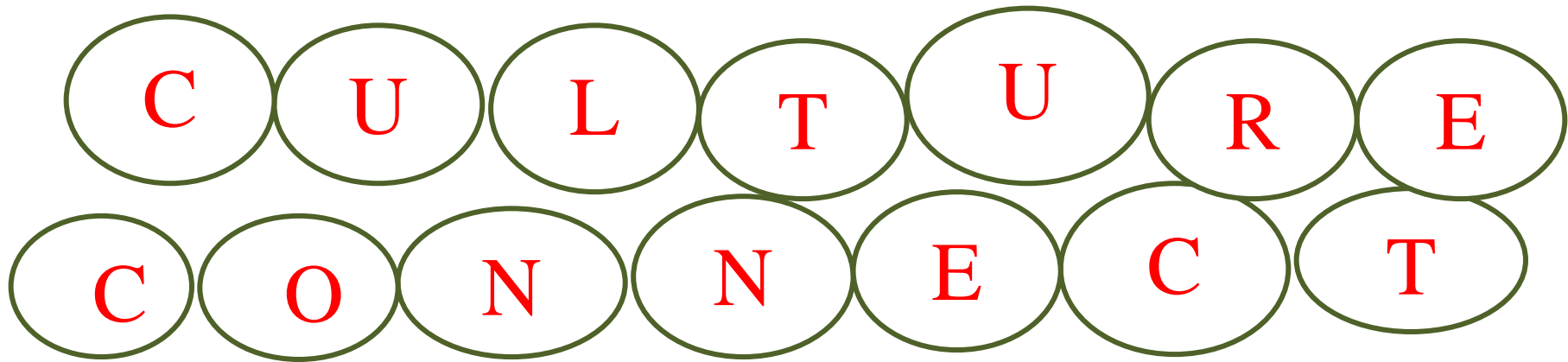
PAC

A big thanks to **Mr. Ilyniak's class** for all their help with hot food lunches. Thank you to all the volunteers who came out and helped with the pancake breakfast and hot food lunch. They were a big success because of your help.

Next hot food lunch will be March 20th, 2015.

Look for the envelopes coming home beginning of March.

Chair of PAC
Lisa Radlinsky



On **February 25th** families of preschool children from **R.F. Morrison** and **Forest Park** enjoyed celebrating our cultural connections. **Culture Connect** involved a delicious dinner with dishes from the Indigenous, Punjabi, Filipino, and Ukrainian cultures. Our school division's elder, **Mary Courchene**, opened the evening with a beautiful prayer, and families enjoyed entertainment such as Punjabi dancing and a hoop dance while they ate a dinner together. After the meal, families had the opportunity to participate in activities such as Ukrainian dancing, tinikling, decorating eagle feathers, and Indigenous drumming. The evening concluded with **Dave Chomiak** and **Devi Sharma** reading a beautiful book in the gym.

A wonderful time was had by all who attended!

Sharing Culture Connect



Dave Chomiak (MLA) and Devi Sharma (City Counsellor)



Kelly Chinchilla, drummer



UKRAINIAN DANCING



Punjabi Dancing



Families enjoying Culture Connect Evening



Mary Courchene



Lynnea Luna
Tinikling



Riley

RF Morrison's Preschool Program

March 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 <i>Preschool Program</i> 9:30-11:30	3	4	5 <i>Preschool Program</i> 9:30-11:30	6	7
8	9 <i>Preschool Program</i> 9:30-11:30	10	11	12 <i>Preschool Program</i> 9:30-11:30	13	14
15	16 <i>Preschool Program</i> 9:30-11:30	17	18	19 <i>Preschool Program</i> 9:30-11:30	20	21
22	23 <i>Preschool Program</i> 9:30-11:30	24	25	26 <i>Preschool Program</i> 9:30-11:30	27	28
29	30	31				
*****Spring break*****						

Preschool Program will resume the
week of April 13, 2015.



MARCH 2015

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 	2 Day 3	3 Day 4 Pac Meeting 6:30	4 Day 5	5 Day 6 Rm 4 swimming	6 Day 1	7
8 	9 Day 2 Student, Parent, Teacher Conferences	10 Day 3 Student, Parent, Teacher Conferences	11 Day 4 Student, Parent, Teacher Conferences	12 Day 5 Rm 4 swimming Rm 8&11 Skating	13 Day 6 NO SCHOOL Student, Parent, Teacher Conferences	14
15	16 Day 1	17 Day 2 	18 Day 3 Grade 4/5/6 Badminton Tournament Maples Collegiate	19 Day 4 Rm 4 swimming Rm 8&11 Skating	20 Day 5 MTYP PAC Hot Lunch Rm 5&6 Skating	21
22	23 Day 6	24 Day 1	25 Day 2	26 Day 3 Rm 4 swimming Rm 8&11 Skating	27 Day 4 Rm 5&6 Skating	28
29	30 Spring break	31				