

# R.F. MORRISON SCHOOL

## MAY 2014

**Principal: R. Valcourt**



Spring is slow to arrive this year, but the children are eager to get onto the playground to resume their soccer and football games at recess. Unfortunately the field is still quite wet and we've had to somewhat limit these activities. Fortunately the students have been able to keep active in other ways, including practising for "Jump Rope for Heart."

Last week two performances of "**Clowns**" were presented to rave reviews! A huge thank you goes out to all students and staff, and especially to our music teacher Ms Todaschuk, for a fantastic performance. The children looked amazing in their clown costumes! The proceeds of the silver collection were just over \$400.00, and will be donated to the Canadian Museum for Human Rights.

April was an action-packed month with students participating in many activities, including swimming for Grade 4 students in room 7, Jump Rope for Heart, the Take Pride Event at the MTS Centre for rooms 4 and 9, bus evacuation drills for all classes, a visit from Manitoba Theatre for Young People with their performance of "Night Light," and sessions hosted by the Nature Conservancy. On April 30<sup>th</sup> our Grade 6 students headed off to three days of Ukrainian camp at the U of M.

Keep Thursday, June 12<sup>th</sup> open on your calendars – PAC is hosting an evening event for all Morrison families. More information to follow.

Finally, just a reminder that if you are moving over the summer and your child will be changing schools, please notify the office as soon as possible. This is important as we begin to plan for next year.

### Important Dates

- May 6 PAC Mtg. 6:30
- May 8 Rooftop Photo 10:50
- May 12 P.D. NO SCHOOL
- May 16 PAC Hot Lunch Day
- May 19 Victoria Day  
NO SCHOOL
- May 21 Kndg Orientation  
Evening 6:30 pm
- June 11 Staff Appreciation  
Lunch
- June 12 PAC Family evening
- June 23 NO SCHOOL  
Administration Day
- June 27 Last Day



*The Ukrainian/English bilingual program at R. F. Morrison School would like to acknowledge the continued support of the Carpathia Credit Union. & the St. Boniface Ukrainian Foundation Inc.*



**Seven Oaks School Division**

## PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

NEXT PARENT ADVISORY MEETING: TUESDAY, MAY 6TH – AT 6:30

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

**Thank You!**

**Thank you to those who were able to help us with the Hot Food Lunch in March, your time is greatly appreciated! Our next Hot Food Lunch is scheduled for May 16th. Orders will be due on May 9th at 9:00 a.m.**

**Our “Staff Appreciation Lunch” is set for June 11, 2014. In order for this luncheon to be a success and enjoyed by the staff we will need your help. We require parents/caregivers to supervise the children during the lunch hour, 12 noon—1 pm, and of course if you can bring or drop-off a food item that would be wonderful! Please contact either Dorothy Miller at 204-899-3072 or astringofbeads@gmail.com or Lisa Radlinsky at 204-582-3352 or tweetyrad@gmail.com to let us know if you are available to help and/or what food item you are able to bring.**

**Our Annual Spring celebration is scheduled for June 12, 2014. We will be discussing the evening events and will provide an update after our next meeting in May.**

LISA RADLINSKY AND DOROTHY MILLER—CO-CHAIR

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

**SADOK**  
UKRAINIAN NURSERY SCHOOL

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

**Ages**  
2-6

**Time:** 9:00-11:30 11:30-3:30

**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 Crafts,  
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.

# KINDERGARTEN 2014-2015 INFORMATION

## ENGLISH-UKRAINIAN BILINGUAL PROGRAM

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

#### English and Ukrainian Programs— Registration is open now.

##### 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 began 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) почалася 24-го лютого 2014 р. для діточок, народжених в 2009 році. Потрібні свідоцтво про народження, паспорт, або Манітобська Медична картка.



## *LIBRARY NEWS*

Seven Oaks School Division has been focusing this year on teaching students about bullying and how it can be stopped. To support that initiative at R.F. Morrison School, the library has added some wonderful titles to the collection on this subject.

Some of these new titles are:

Bad Apple

Bully by L. Seeger (excellent for the very young)

Bully by P. Polacco (regarding cyberbullying)

Trouble Talk (regarding gossip)

My Secret Bully

Weird!

Say Something

As always, parents are welcome to borrow books from our library.

S. Rose, Library Technician



## 2014-15 KINDERGARTEN



**R. F. MORRISON SCHOOL** IS STILL TAKING APPLICATIONS FOR KINDERGARTEN IN THE ENGLISH AND ENGLISH/UKRAINIAN BILINGUAL PROGRAMS.

PLEASE BRING ALONG PROOF OF AGE, BIRTH CERTIFICATE AND MANITOBA MEDICAL CARD.

# Changes!

- ARE YOU CHANGING YOUR ADDRESS OVER THE SUMMER?
- IS YOUR CHILD MOVING TO ANOTHER SCHOOL FOR SEPTEMBER?
- YOUR CHILD IS NOT PRESENTLY ON A SCHOOL BUS, BUT WOULD LIKE TO REGISTER FOR SEPTEMBER?
- YOUR CHILD IS PRESENTLY TAKING A SCHOOL BUS BUT THERE WILL BE A CHANGE IN PICKUP AND/OR DROP OFF FOR SEPTEMBER?
- YOUR CHILD IS IN GOING INTO GR. 1 IN SEPTEMBER.



IF ANY OF THE ABOVE APPLY TO YOUR FAMILY, PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL BY PHONE (204)338-7804 OR SEND A NOTE TO YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER.

TRANSPORTATION FORMS WERE SENT HOME IN MARCH FOR ALL STUDENTS WHO NEED TO COMPLETE THEM. *THESE FORMS HAD A DEADLINE OF APRIL 14.*



# RF Morrison Preschool Program

| Sun | Mon                           | Tue | Wed                           | Thu                           | Fri | Sat |
|-----|-------------------------------|-----|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----|-----|
|     |                               |     |                               | 1<br>Preschool<br>9:30-11:30  | 2   | 3   |
| 4   | 5<br>Preschool<br>9:30-11:30  | 6   | 7                             | 8<br>Preschool<br>9:30-11:30  | 9   | 10  |
| 11  | 12<br>PD DAY                  | 13  | 14                            | 15<br>Preschool<br>9:30-11:30 | 16  | 17  |
| 18  | 19<br>VICTORIA<br>DAY         | 20  | 21<br>Kndg. Activity<br>Night | 22<br>Preschool<br>9:30-11:30 | 23  | 24  |
| 25  | 26<br>Preschool<br>9:30-11:30 | 27  | 28                            | 29<br>Preschool<br>9:30-11:30 | 30  | 31  |

Please note there is **no program** on **Monday, May 12** and **Monday, May 19**. Last program of the year will be the week of June 9.

A reminder for those of you who have children registered to begin Kindergarten in September here at RF Morrison, we will be having a Kindergarten Activity night for you and your future Kindergartener on **Wednesday, May 21**. Be sure to join us!

## **Be a Bucket Filler!**

In Room 11, we have been trying our best to be bucket fillers this year. Every person carries around an invisible bucket. A bucket filler is someone who says or does something kind for others. When your bucket is full, you feel happy. When your bucket is empty, you feel sad. When you say or do mean things, you are dipping into someone's bucket, and you can't fill your own bucket that way. Bucket filling makes others *and* ourselves happy. So the best way to have a full bucket is to fill someone else's! This concept comes from the book *Have You Filled Your Bucket Today?* by Carol McCloud. At the beginning of the school year, we made a promise together to try our best to treat others how we want to be treated. Sometimes it's tough and we all make mistakes, but we keep trying!

In our classroom community, we all agree that everyone should be happy. Recently, we designed some awesome pink t-shirts to show our support for Anti-Bullying Day (Pink Shirt Day). Each child designed their t-shirt to show how they are special. We have also been talking about what bullying is, why we shouldn't dip into other's buckets, and we have created a shared-poem on bucket filling. We hope you enjoy!

### **Why shouldn't we bully?**

"It could hurt people's bodies and feelings" – Reis  
"Everybody is special" – All of Room 11 J  
"People should feel good, not bad" – Beth  
"People should feel happy, not sad" – Marc  
"If you bully people, they won't want to play with you" – Sarah

### **How should we treat others?**

"Respectfully" – Corey  
"Nicely" – Matthew  
"How you want to be treated" – Joshua

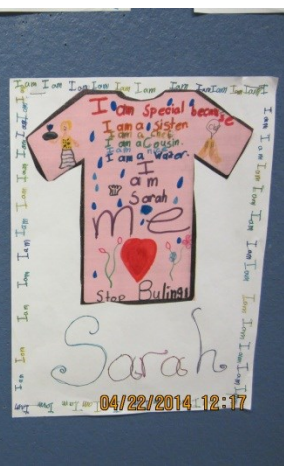
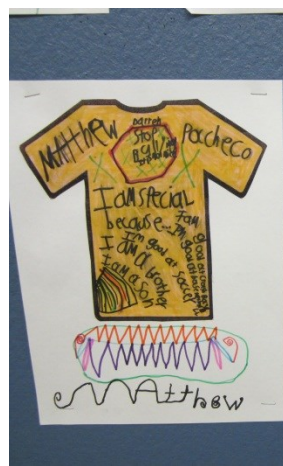
### **Ways to be a Bucket Filler**

Just be a friend!  
Don't dip into buckets  
Being a friend is being kind to people  
Being a bucket filler is awesome!  
When you fill someone's bucket, you make them feel happy  
There are a lot of ways that you can fill a bucket  
Be kind  
Ask if you can help  
Do something without being asked  
Cheer somebody up when they're sad  
Make something nice for someone  
Invite someone to play  
Teach someone a game  
Stand up for someone with words  
Say something nice  
Give a smile!  
That's how to be a bucket filler  
Bucket filling is exciting!

By Room 11



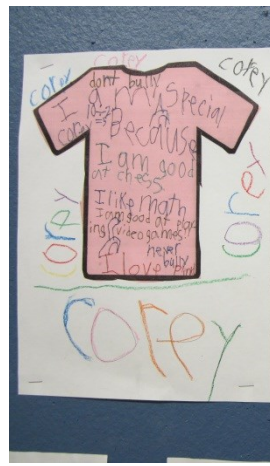
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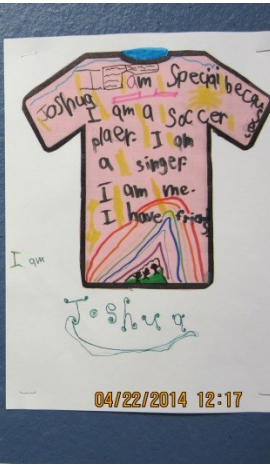
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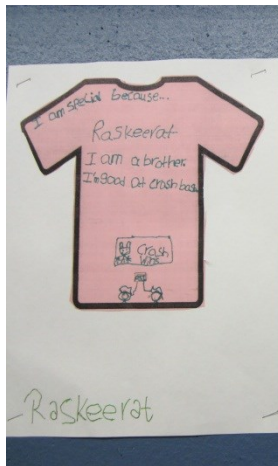
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## Phys Ed

On April 29<sup>th</sup>, R.F. Morrison School celebrated its month-long effort of raising money for the **Heart and Stroke Foundation!** The event was a fun-filled afternoon that involved active games and activities! We learned about different ways to stay healthy and make “heart smart” choices. Here are some student examples of what was learned during the day:

“You can keep your heart healthy by eating right and being active for 60 minutes” –Martha, Room 3

“Eat healthy foods like fruits, veggies and whole grains” –Raena, room 7

“Do physical activity like hockey, basketball, soccer, go for walks and bike ride”- Caitlyn, Room 3

If you would like to see more examples of these great ideas, please check out the bulletin board outside the gym! A special thank you goes out to Ms. Colwell who dedicated her time to the organization of the event, to Ms. Klimenko for helping with extra jump practices and to all of the amazing parent volunteers who came to help us during the jump event! **THANK YOU ~ ДЯКУЮ!**



As the spring season continues, many more physical education events will be taking place. Here are some important dates to mark on your calendar:

**May 7<sup>th</sup>** (rain date May 9<sup>th</sup>): Cross Country meet at Little Mountain Park, grades 3-5

**May 21<sup>st</sup>** (rain date May 23<sup>rd</sup>): Grade 6 divisional track meet at West Kildonan Collegiate

**May 15<sup>th</sup>** R.F. Morrison Track and Field day, grades 4-6

**June 4<sup>th</sup>** (rain date June 6<sup>th</sup>): Divisional Track and Field at Maples Collegiate

**June 9<sup>th</sup>**: Grade 6 softball tournament

Ms. Tarasiuk

Phys. Ed.

## FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

### ***CLOWNS*** - Musical Production – April 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>

WOW! Congratulations...I am so impressed not only with everyone's performance in ***CLOWNS*** but also with the variety of clown costumes...they were so creative and colourful! I extend bouquets of thanks to all the talented students who performed with such energy and enthusiasm, as well as to all staff for their awesome help! Everyone's effort, support & participation in this musical production are greatly appreciated!

If you would like to order a DVD copy of your child's performance in

***CLOWNS***, I can still call in new orders. So indicate which evening's performance you would like and let me know by **Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>**. Whether you have a Video Order form or not, please return your request to the office for Ms Todaschuk with a cheque made payable to R. F. Morrison School in the amount of \$5.00 per DVD. The video will be delivered to your child as soon as it is ready.

Ms Todaschuk



## WINNIPEG SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

On March 26<sup>th</sup>, Seven Oaks School Division treated all of the Grade 5 students and their Grade 4 & 6 classmates to a concert featuring the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra at the Centennial Concert Hall. The W.S.O. combined the Indiana Jones figure (and John Williams' music) with classical music as he searched for the lost pictures of the artist and architect, Victor Hartmann, who inspired Mussorgsky's Pictures at an Exhibition in an exciting educational concert entitled "**Raiders of the Lost Art**".



# R. F. Morrison School

## May 2014

CHECK FOR NEWSLETTER  
ON OUR WEBSITE:

<http://www.7oaks.org/school/rfmorrison/Pages/default.aspx>

Principal: R. Valcourt 25 Morrison St, Winnipeg, Mb. R2V 3B3 204-338-7804

| SUN | MON  | TUE  | WED  | THU  | FRI  | SAT |
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|     | Chocolate Fundraising \$\$\$ due.  |  |  | 1 <b>day 4</b><br>Gr 6 language camp                                     | 2 <b>day 5</b><br>Gr. 6 students return from language camp—2p.m              | 3   |
| 4   | 5 <b>day 6</b><br>Rm. 6 & 12<br>Oak Hammock<br>Rm. 8 & 9<br>Fort Whyte   | 6 <b>day 1</b><br>Rm. 7 Swimming<br>Science Camp<br>Rms.4,5&7<br><b>PAC Meeting</b><br><b>6:30p.m.</b> | 7 <b>day 2</b><br><b>Div. X-Country</b><br><b>Rm.3,4,5,7,9&amp;10</b><br><b>11:30-2p.m.</b>  | 8 <b>day 3</b><br>ROOFTOP PHOTO<br>10:50 A.M.                            | 9 <b>day 4</b><br><b>X-Country Rain Date</b>                                 | 10  |
| 11  | 12 <b>day 5</b><br><br><b>NO SCHOOL</b><br>P.D.         | 13 <b>day 6</b><br>Rm. 7 Swimming<br>Patrol Training 12:30 p.m. Gr. 4<br>1pm Gr 4&6<br>Immunizations   | 14 <b>day 1</b><br>Patrol pizza lunch  | 15 <b>day 2</b><br>Gr. 4-6 Track & Field                                 | 16 <b>day 3</b><br>Gr. 4-6 Track & Field<br>Rain Day<br><b>HOT LUNCH DAY</b> | 17  |
| 18  | 19 <b>day 5</b><br><br><b>NO SCHOOL</b><br>Victoria Day | 20 <b>day 4</b><br>Rm. 7 Swimming  | 21 <b>day 5</b><br>Gr. 6 Track & Field<br>Kindergarten Orientation Evening<br>6:30p.m<br> | 22 <b>day 6</b><br>Gr. 4 Rm. 5 only<br><b>Leo Mol and Punjab Centre.</b> | 23 <b>day 1</b><br>Gr.6 Track & Field<br>Rain day                            | 24  |
| 25  | 26 <b>day 2</b>  | 27 <b>day 3</b><br>Rm. 7 Swimming  | 28 <b>day 4</b><br>Rm.3&5 (Gr.5 only)<br>Legislature   | 29 <b>day 5</b><br>Gr. 5 Arts Camp<br>Rm. 9&10 Living Prairie<br>Museum  | 30 <b>day 6</b><br>Rm 6&12 Manitoba<br>Museum                                | 31  |