

# HAWK TALK

Track & Field meet

May 24<sup>th</sup>

Maples Collegiate

Rain date: May 26



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May 16<sup>th</sup>

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## Spaghetti Bridge Competition

On Friday, March 10, 2017 ÉSOMS grade seven student packed up their spaghetti bridges and headed to Kildonan Park to compete in APEGMs Spaghetti Bridge Competition.

At the competition the students had their bridges examined by professional engineers to ensure they fell within the prescribed height, length, width and weight requirements. Those that did not had to make modifications before they were able to test them. Next, students brought their bridges up to see how much pressure their creations could withstand. All of our bridges did great!

This was not just a science activity it was also a philanthropic endeavor. The amount of weight our bridges equaled the amount of food that was donated to Winnipeg Harvest. In addition, many students brought an additional non-perishable food times to donation.

Leading up to the competition we did a lot of learning about bridge design, structural efficiency etc. In building the bridges we developed skill such as patients, team work, attention to detail and persistence.



## **Transition at ESOMS**

### **The Power of being Positif**

Keeping in stride with the times, ESOMS has found a way to support students of all gender identities and sexual orientations. One student, Keely, recently showed incredible bravery by standing up in front of the entire student body to come out as a transgender student. He has been supported and encouraged by his friends, classmates and staff members since his decision to come forward while in grade 7.

We spoke to him about his experience specifically connected to Power Positif (the peer leadership group he's a member of) and the Whole Self Project (doing workshops in the classrooms). He said that he has "found less people are bugging each other about sexual orientation and stuff,"

Through the in-class workshops, we share language for gender, gender identity, sexual identity and sexual orientation. It's clear that the students understand the realm of sex and gender much better now and we can feel the atmosphere changing. Once a community has common language and understanding for a subject, it's easier to support people and harder to be offensive. Keely agrees that this has been helpful in him coming out. "Yeah, my friends are supportive and it's quite funny when someone misgenders me, my friends back me up," said Keely.

It's not just the students that now have understanding, but the teachers have benefited from the workshops too. Issues like gender identity are often no big deal for the kids, but for adults it sometimes needs a bit more time to process. Having the leadership and expertise of Jen Davis has helped staff and students acquire the language and understanding to support students. The learning that has come from The Whole Self Project won't eliminate bullying, but increased understanding and language leads to more empathy.

Thank you ESOMS!

We would also like to thank Power Positif members Sam S and Sara H for their incredible presentation to the 7 Oaks trustees. They shone like stars.

## Band & Choir News

On March 10<sup>th</sup>, all ÉSOMS band students had the opportunity to learn from professionals on their instrument. Band Day gave students an opportunity to develop new techniques and skills on their instrument. Thank you to all our clinicians for your insight and passion.



ÉSOMS grade 8 Jazz Band and SO Vocal travelled to Brandon Jazz Festival March 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. Students had a chance to perform for each other and worked with experienced adjudicators to help them get to the next level of music making. Thank you to all students who participated in this trip. You did an excellent job representing our school!

On April 25<sup>th</sup>, the Grade 7 band will perform at the Manitoba Band Association Level 1 Festival. Students are asked to wear all black to school on this day. Parents, guardians and friends are welcome to join us at North Kildonan Mennonite Brethren Church to support our band. We will be performing at 10:20am, and admission is \$2.



Grade 8 Band students will be travelling to Moose Jaw Band Festival May 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>. All students who are participating have already made an initial payment towards this trip. Please contact Mrs. Katy Abraham ([katy.abraham@7oaks.org](mailto:katy.abraham@7oaks.org)) for additional information about this trip and payments.

This year, many ÉSOMS students will be participating in Arts in the Park, a divisional arts initiative that will take place May 31<sup>st</sup>-June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Many bands, choirs and fiddling ensembles are preparing for their performances at this event. The schedule for this exciting event will be available closer to the festival.

ÉSOMS final concert will take place June 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at Garden City Collegiate. All bands, choirs and Incredibows members will be performing. Please mark your calendars for this event, and help your fine young musician celebrate their music learning this year.



## Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra Adventures in Music concert

Twenty-three of our ESOMS violinists performed with the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra on March 15, as part of the Adventures in Music concert series. They practiced for many weeks to prepare for this concert, and it paid off, in an excellent performance!

Here are some comments from a few of our violinists:

*I thought the backstage wait was adventurous, because we had to run behind the screen. The rehearsal was good, and I thought the recorder players were amazing! I had a great time. –*

**Celena Atchison**

*The other performers were really awesome, and they sounded so amazing! I wish that we would have gotten to watch the rest of the concert in the audience, because we didn't get a good view (from backstage). Overall I loved playing with the WSO for the second time. It was a little challenging but it was awesome! -*

**Riley Korosil**

*Talking with the conductor was really cool because we got feedback from someone who's experienced performing a lot. The backstage wait was a little boring, but also really exciting. Having rehearsals was important because we got to be comfortable and used to what it was going to be like. I think the preparations and practicing were all worth it in the end! -*

**Thalia Neil**

*The rehearsal was awesome! I loved the fact that the recorders played right before us in the second song so that we knew when to start in the second song! When we were performing I thought, when I am older, I could be part of the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra. During our whole performance I was watching Mr. Pellicano. Everyone there looked and sounded professional, especially the choir. I learned that when you start something, you finish it. -*

**Brenden Carrier**



## 7Oaks Fiddlers in concert:

Many of our ESOMS fiddlers performed with the 7Oaks Fiddlers (divisional fiddle group) in concert on Tuesday, April 25 at 7 p.m. at West Kildonan Collegiate Commons. Together with fiddlers from Garden City, Leila North, OV Jewitt, and Riviere-Rouge, our students played a fantastic concert and had a great time! Congrats to you all!



## Grade Seven School Concerts

Some of our grade seven fiddlers will be presenting concerts at elementary schools as follows -

1. Friday, April 28, 2:00 p.m. - **Victory School** - Cervantes/Walter/Denchuk
2. Wednesday, May 17, 10:00 a.m. - **Governor Semple School** - Cervantes/Walter/Denchuk
3. Friday, May 12 - 11:50-12:20 - **École Riviere-Rouge**,  
1:30-2:00 - **École Belmont** - Henry/Hall/Brodeur

The concerts will be 30 minutes in length. Generally, our grade seven students will be performing at the school they attended last in grade five. Parents are very welcome to come and listen to the concerts. An information letter will be going home to parents of the student performers.



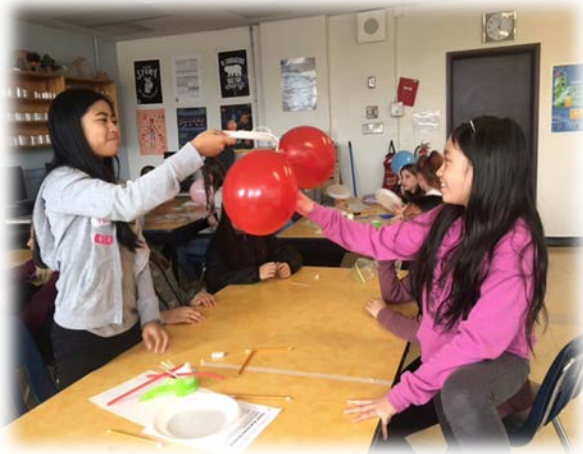
## Incredibows @ Arts In The Park

Incredibows from grades 6, 7, and 8 will be performing **twice** at AITP.

1. Divisional Mass Jamboree, Thursday, June 1 at 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. in Kildonan Park. There will be 350-400 fiddlers playing during this jamboree!
1. Incredibows (ESOMS only) at a daytime slot (time and date TBA, during May 31 - June 2) in Kildonan Park

Parents and friends are very welcome to come out and hear some great fiddling! An information letter will be going home later to the Incredibows.

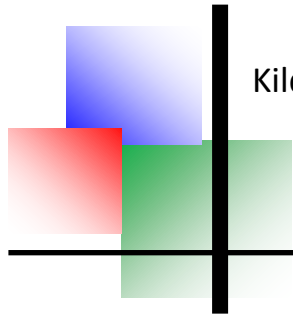
Les élèves de Mme Pancotto en train de construire les objets qui volent





Students from Room 24 have completed the study of Ancient Greece. They each did a vase and decorated it.





# MAY 2017



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## What is KYAC?

KYAC is a non-profit youth drop-in centre concerned with meeting the needs of youth, ages 8-17, in Seven Oaks School Division. Our drop-in programs offer a wide variety of activities ranging from low organized games, recreational sports, movie nights, guitar lessons, art classes and crafts.

**To register: visit our website, click "online registration" and fill our your child's information. Or contact the program coordinator.**

## KYAC Summer Program Information

**WHO:** Any student, ages 8-17, who attends schools within Seven Oaks School Division.

**WHAT:** KYAC runs a 7 week drop-in summer program at 2 schools within the division which offers a combination of activities that include: leadership program opportunities, low organized games and sports, arts and crafts, field trips every day and a variety of fun activities to help keep local youth busy during the summer months!

**WHEN:** Programming Starts: July 4th, 2017 and Ends: August 17th, 2017.

**WHERE:** Monday – Friday, 8:30 – 4:30pm @ Edmund Partridge Community School **AND** École Seven Oaks Middle School.

**HOW to Register:** Registration will take place in June (date TBA) @ 5:00pm at Seven Oaks Middle School. **Arrive early** as field trips fill up quickly!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 NO KYAC
21	22 Victoria Day NO KYAC	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

**Rotary Leadership Circle:** A 6 week leadership development and summer work project for youth aged 10-14 years in Seven Oaks School Division. Youth leaders are expected to complete 60 hours of volunteer work throughout the 6 week program and in return will each received a \$200 honorarium towards a shopping spree! If your child is interested in the program please contact us ASAP as **spots are limited** and are filling up quickly!

**Please note: those interested in the program must be available for the full 6 weeks of the program.**

*Start Date: Tuesday July 4, 2017    End Date: Friday August 11th, 2017*

*More information regarding the Summer Program and Rotary Program will be available in your June newsletter and presentations will be held in schools for program details! Or check the KYAC website for the most recent updates and detailed program schedule! OR contact the KYAC Program Coordinator*