

**February
2024**



Школа R.F Morrison February Newsletter

Dear Morrison Families, Привіт, сім'ї Моррісон,

February marks the start of **I Love to Read Month**!! We will kick off our love of reading with a whole school assembly! This year's theme is anti-racism and we are looking forward to exploring books and learning together. We have a great amount of guest readers joining us throughout the month to share the love of reading.

February also marks the start of **Black History Month**. Room 10 will be sharing each day through announcements about black role models. We look forward to hearing those announcements and celebrating black history together.

Our older classes will be participating in **French cultural activities** as this time of year naturally explores the history of the **National Red River Metis** people. We have a number of classes heading to Festival du Voyageur and Oak Hammock Marsh to participate in traditional French cultural activities.

As a whole school we will be acknowledging the start of the war on Ukraine later this month. We will stand in solidarity with the many Morrison families and staff who continue to be impacted by the ongoing events taking place in Ukraine.

Our Rainbow Club will be planning **Pink Shirt Day**, which we will observe as a school on **February 28th**! All staff and students will be invited to wear pink that day as a reminder that everyone deserves kindness!

Kindergarten registration will begin **February 26th**! If you have a child born in 2019, they are eligible to register for Kindergarten! Information about our English program and English Ukrainian Bilingual Program (EUBP) will be available soon on our school and divisional website!

Basketball season started in January! Thank you to the staff who have coached and trained students in the game. Thank you to the students who have shown great sportsmanship and team work!

Amber Anderson & Oksana Kosteckyj

Principal & Vice-Principal

From the Office

- Please remember to dress your children for the weather—mitts, toque, neck warmer, warm coat, boots, ski pants, etc. *Indoor recess will only occur if the temperature falls below -27 degrees, using the Environment Canada reading from the Forks.*

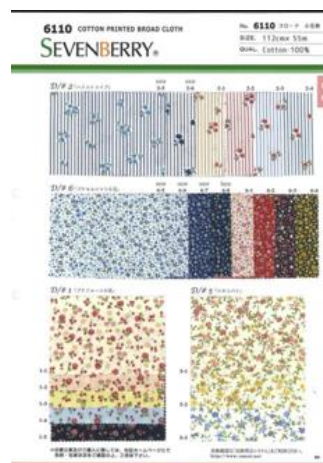


- Polar Bear Recess Club has started. When there is an indoor recess, those students who have brought in permission forms for Polar Bear recess will be able to go outside as long as appropriate clothing is worn. Thank you to our volunteer teacher supervisors for volunteering to brave the cold and supervise Polar Bear Recess!
- **Please keep children home if they have cold/flu symptoms** until fevers have stopped and they're starting to feel better.
- If your child is not going to be at school for any reason (sick, late, vacation, etc.), please contact the office at 204-338-7804 or email rfmorrison@7oaks.org.
- Please remember to include utensils when packing snacks and lunches for the students. And remember to send children to school with a water bottle.



DONATIONS WANTED:

The Stuffy Workshop is looking for donations of patterned fabric as small as 12 x 12 inches!



Important Reminder



- We have seen tremendous success with our Stop Drop and Go area outside the front doors on Morrison! Thank you to everyone who has been using it.
- Please be reminded that the crosswalk area directly across the street of the front doors is a NO STOPPING zone. We have had children trying to use the cross walk appropriately but stopped cars in that zone block the view of the crosswalk for moving vehicles and have caused dangerous situations.
- Outside of the time directly before and after school when busses are running, you may use the bus loop to park for short periods of time **but engines must be turned off** as there is fresh air intake along that wall and we can't have exhaust fumes entering the classrooms. Thank you so very much for your compliance with this request.

A reminder that the **PAC fundraiser** from **Tenderloin Meats** is currently taking place! Order forms are **due February 23rd**! Thank you to PAC for organizing this fundraiser and thank you to Tenderloin Meats for supporting us!!

Also on February 26th, from 7:30 – 11am PAC is looking for volunteers for our RFM Pancake breakfast. Feel free to email PAC if interested in helping out: rfmorrisonpac@gmail.com

You can join the PAC Facebook group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/879161455520474/?ref=share>

The next PAC meeting is Tuesday April 16th. Feel free to attend. All are welcome!

Indigenous Word of the Week

At Morrison each week we learn an Ojibwe or Cree word. We'd like to share those words with you monthly. Maybe at home you can find ways of using them too! Here are the words from January:

Akikojiishi: Groundhog (Ojibwe)

Gooniwan: It is snowy (Ojibwe)

Mino-Gigizheb: Good Morning (Ojibwe)

Askiwin: Year (Cree)




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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Day 1	2 Day 2 Divisional PD Day NO CLASSES	3
4	5 Day 3	6 Day 4	7 Day 5	8 Day 6	9 Day 1	10
11	12 Day 2	13 Day 3	14 Day 4 	15 Day 5	16 Day 6	17
18	19 Louis Riel Day NO CLASSES	20 Day 1	21 Day 2	22 Day 3	23 Day 4 PAC Kobassa Orders Due	24
25	26 Day 5 PAC Pancake Breakfast Pajama Day Kindergarten Registration Begins	27 Day 6	28 Day 1	29 Day 2		

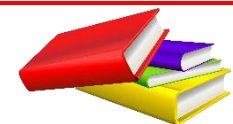
Parent - Child Program
 Monday & Wednesday Mornings
 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. in the Library
 Contact: Dave Mathers
 Community Coordinator - Partners in Learning
david.mathers@7oaks.org


Learn to Swim
 Mondays – Room 7
 Wednesdays - Room 6




Learn to Skate
 Mondays – Room 14
 Wednesdays – Room 13
 Thursday – Room 4

GRADE 6
BAND - Days 2-4-6 in MPR
TAS – Day 1 Soccer @
GC Community Centre



Milk Tickets
\$10.00/sheet of 10
Available in the office



March 2024 – IMPORTANT DATES
 12th Report Cards Available Online
 14th Parent /Teacher Conferences (Evening)
 15th Parent /Teacher Conferences – NO SCHOOL
 25th Spring Break Begins (March 25–28) – NO SCHOOL
 29th Good Friday – NO SCHOOL