



# École Constable Edward Finney School

## January 2026 Newsletter

Welcome back to school! We hope that our families enjoyed a restful and fun-filled winter break.

We ended 2025 as a truly generous school community. Through your kindness, we collected over seven boxes of winter coats and clothing for children in need and delivered five holiday food hampers to families in our community. The spirit of generosity was felt throughout Finney School. By helping others, our students created their own proof of worthiness—making a meaningful, positive contribution to another human life.

We expect our typically cold Winnipeg winter weather in January and ask that you ensure your child is well-dressed to continue to go outside to play at recess times. If the weather is extreme (-27C with the windchill, or colder), we will shorten recess breaks and/or have an indoor recess.

Please save the date for our annual Finney Family Festival, which will be held on Thursday, February 19th. We look forward to seeing all of our families during this fun evening event! More details to come shortly!

Sincerely,

Natalie Trudeau

Principal

**Please continue to wait outside for your child/children to be dismissed at the end of the day (3:00), as our pod areas are very busy and congested. If you need to pick up your child early, kindly come to the office to sign them out and they will be called to the office. Thank you for your understanding.**

### **IMPORTANT DATES:**

- January 19-23—Heating Screening—K's and Gr. 1's and new students to the division.
- **FRIDAY January 30**—School PD Day—**NO SCHOOL**
- **MONDAY February 2**—Divisional PD—**NO SCHOOL**
- **THURSDAY February 5**—Kindergarten open house 6-6:30 in the Library
- **MONDAY February 16**—Louis Riel Day—**NO SCHOOL**
- **THURSDAY February 19**—Finney Family Festival Soirée (Time TBD)
- **MONDAY February 23**—Kindergarten Registration Opens—For children born 2021
- **THURSDAY/FRIDAY February 26-27**—Grade 5 French Camp
- **THURSDAY March 19**—Evening Family Conferences
- **FRIDAY March 20**—Family Conferences—**NO SCHOOL**
- **March 29-April 3**—Spring Break—**NO SCHOOL**
- **MONDAY April 6**—First Day Back after Spring Break
- **MONDAY April 6**—Easter Monday—DAYCARES AND BEFORE & AFTER PROGRAMS CLOSED

### CONTROLLED VISITOR ACCESS GUIDELINES

- Main entrance remains unlocked during school hours; other exterior doors remain locked (blue/green pod doors, parking lot door). Exterior doors will be unlocked during break times to allow students access to the school.
- All visitors are required to check in at the main office and sign in/sign out.
- Visitors are directed to their destination by office staff or designated staff member.
- Students are only released to parents/guardians or individuals authorized by them.

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# Kindergarten

## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION—BORN IN 2021

Kindergarten Registration will begin Monday February 23, 2026 for children born between **January 1st—December 31st, 2021** (turning 5).

Applications can be filled out online or in person. Please visit <https://www.7oaks.org/registration> for more details. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school at 204-694-8688 or [constable.finney@7oaks.org](mailto:constable.finney@7oaks.org).

Please join us in the library from 6:00pm—6:30pm for our Kindergarten Open House on **Thursday February 5th** for more information on starting Kindergarten and what you will need to register.

## FROM THE OFFICE

Have you moved? Changed your email address? Changed your phone number? Please let the school know so we have the most up-to-date information in our system. We will require proof of the new address (lease agreement, offer to purchase, hydro bill, water bill, property tax etc.), as well as an email with the current information. Please email to [constable.finney@7oaks.org](mailto:constable.finney@7oaks.org) or call 204-694-8688 if you have any questions.

## FROM THE GYM

### Physical Education News

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Congratulations to our Grade 5 volleyball players! Finney had over 50 students participate in the Volleyball Jamboree at the Sport for Life Centre in December. Our teams represented Finney with great team spirit and respect for sport. Tremendous!

In December, Idan from *Itrainer* led classes in fitness drumming. Students and staff worked up a sweat while keeping the beat.

A huge thank you to Madame Tanya and her brother who taught Grades 4 and 5 about Chilean Folk dance. What a workout!

Finney basketball club will be starting for Grade 5 students. Practices will be held primarily during lunch break and will culminate in a tournament in February.

Intramural ball hockey starts this week! Students in Grades 3,4, and 5 can sign up and then shoot out.

Physical Education classes continue to be a combination of indoors and outside activities. Please check that your child has all their necessary clothing.

***What lights up a soccer stadium?  
(A soccer match!)***

## THE SPIRIT OF GENEROSITY

Thank you, Finney families, for your generous donations of winter clothes. We were able to fill seven boxes with warm gear to give to children in our community. We have given our donations to Koats for Kids. Our class also organized gathering food donations for the holiday food hampers.

Thank you for your support,  
From Room 9





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Natalie Trudeau, Principal/Directrice

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Jan 5, 2026

Dear Parents/Guardians;

As part of a hearing conservation program, Seven Oaks School Division is conducting **hearing screenings** again this year. This is being done to identify those students who may have a hearing problem that needs attention.

**All Kindergarten and Grade 1 students** will be screened unless parents notify the school that they do not want their children to take part in this program; any **new students to our school** will be screened as well. Students from grades 2 to 5 will only be screened at the request of his/her parents/guardians by calling the school or emailing me directly at [daniel.vaarmeyer@7oaks.org](mailto:daniel.vaarmeyer@7oaks.org). Our screening session will be held from **January 19th to 23rd, 2026**.

If you do not hear from us, you may assume that your child's hearing is within the normal limits; however, if further testing is indicated, you will be informed by letter.

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