



WEST ST. PAUL SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER, 2015

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PIZZA DAYS

November 4
November 18
December 2
December 16



Upcoming Events

- Photo Retakes
Nov 6
- **Parent Connect OPEN after 9 a.m.**
Nov 9
- Remembrance Day Assembly
Nov 10 ~ 1:00 p.m.
- PAC Meeting
Nov 10-7 p.m.
Free childcare provided
- Remembrance Day
Nov 11 - **NO SCHOOL**
- WSP Craft Sale
Nov 15 - 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- We Day
Nov 16
- Parent/Teacher Conferences
Nov 20 - **NO SCHOOL**

A Very Jazzy Christmas
Concert 7 p.m.
Dec 16 & 17

Our Beliefs: Take care of yourself. Take care of each other. Take care of this place.

The Changing Face of Our Outdoor Play Space

As many of you may have noticed the face of the playground is changing! The WSP Parent Council is pleased to be seeing the fruits of their hard labour. They, along with the support of all of the WSP school community, have focused their fundraising efforts to raise the money used to fund the developing multistage project.

Stage one was the construction of a cedar pergola. It covers the 16 x 18 foot concrete pad, which supports seating for up to 24 on metal benches to complete this outdoor classroom area. Already, the pergola is a central gathering spot for students of various ages. Each break they can be seen enjoying themselves chatting and visiting together. We have also been pleased to see members of the WSP community enjoying the outdoors in the evening hours, visiting with friends, on the pergola.

In addition to the 70 trees purchased with the tree drive funds raised last spring, 10 new evergreens, generously donated by Manitoba Conservation and Forestry, now have been strategically planted to start to provide a much needed windbreak. Next in the plans is the involvement of the children more directly by having them plant young cedar and white spruce trees. Staff from Manitoba Conservation & Forestry provided small group instruction on the importance of trees and the ways in which we need to care for them. Students will be encouraged to help with watering prior to the arrival of snow. Stay tuned for continuing updates!

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES NOVEMBER 19 & 20, 2015

Get ready to book your Parent Teacher Conference times
beginning
Monday, November 9th after 9 a.m.

Look for a letter coming home with youngest students in the family regarding conferences and booking your parent/teacher interview on-line. Instructions to access *Parent Connect* can be found on our school website under the **Parents** tab.

Our **NOVEMBER** newsletter is now available for viewing on our school website. Please visit www.7oaks.org/school/weststpaul/Pages

FROM THE GYM...

Middle Years Volleyball

Grade 6 Boys Game Schedule

November 2 at Edmund Partridge
November 9 at Amber Trails
November 16 at ESOMS
November 23 at Leila North

Grade 7/8 Boys Game Schedule

November 3 at Amber Trails
November 10 at West St Paul
November 17 at AE Wright
November 25 Tournament at RR College

Divisional Girls Game Schedule

November 4 at West St Paul
November 18 at Leila North
November 26 Tournament at Red River College



Grade 6 Girls Game Schedule

November 2 at West St Paul
November 9 at OV Jewitt
November 16 at Amber Trails
November 23 at West St Paul

Grade 7/8 Girls Game Schedule

November 3 at ESOMS
November 10 at Elwick
November 17 at West St Paul
November 24 Tournament at RR College



Please note that all games are posted on the Parent Connect calendar.

Early Years Physical Education

The Early Years Fall Cross Country meet took place on Wednesday, October 14 at Little Mountain Park. Everyone had a great time and the weather was beautiful! West St. Paul students did very well with 53 out of our 93 students finishing in the top 25.

Just a reminder that if for medical reasons your child should not participate in a gym class, please send me a note or an email.

Our fifth annual Healthapalooza event is May 6. H5 is a health and wellness day when students can participate in a variety of activities such as karate, yoga, board games, fitness training, art and dance.

Our session instructors are various community members such as 7 Oaks teaching staff/students, parents, health organizations and local businesses. If you have knowledge and a passion for a wellness activity and would like to volunteer to lead a session, please let me know.

Remaining Event Dates:

Team Handball, Nov. 28, grades 4+5, 9:00-2:30

Badminton, March 23, grades 4+5, 5:00-8:30

Healthapalooza 5, May 6, grades K-8, 10:15-2:30

Spring Cross Country, May 9 (13), grades 3-5, Little Mountain Park, 11:30-2:30

WSP School Track and Field Meet, grades 4+5, date TBD

7 Oaks Divisional Track and Field Meet, grades 4+5, **Date Change* June 1 (3)**, West Kildonan Collegiate

R. Chin

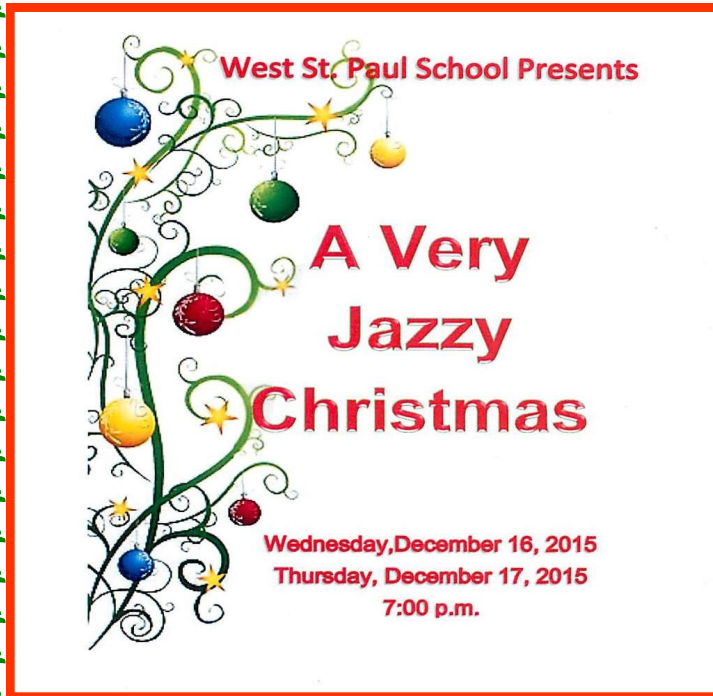
Cross Country Meet at Little Mountain Park



A VERY JAZZY CHRISTMAS

MARK YOUR CALENDAR...

Wednesday, December 16th and Thursday, December 17th
7:00 p.m.



December 16th Line-up...

All Kindergarten Classes
All Grade 1 Classes
All Grade 2 Classes
All Grade 3 Classes
Grade 6 Band



December 17th Line-up

All Grade 4 Classes
All Grade 5 Classes
Grade 7 and 8 Band



Family Games Night

West St. Paul School is pleased to announce our newest community initiative. Every month families are invited to join us for a "Family Games Night!" This will be a screen free evening, interacting with each other and other families.

Let's get together to continue to build family relationships, patience, teamwork, strategies, problem solving and other life skills, while having a great time.

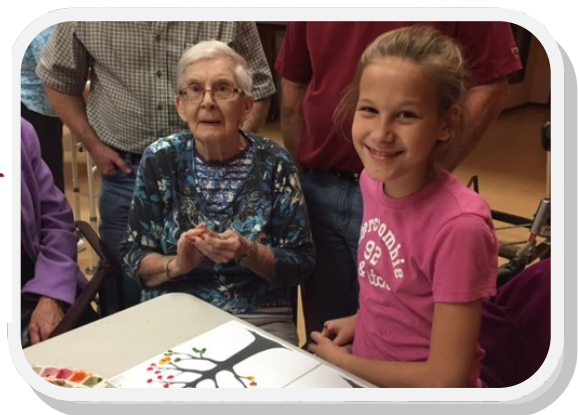
Space is limited, so please register if you plan to attend.

The first Family Games Night will be Friday, Nov. 6 from 6-7:30 upstairs in room 41.

Contact Cheryl Rajfur to register or for more information cheryl.rajfur@7oaks.org



WSP School's Partnership with Middlechurch Home



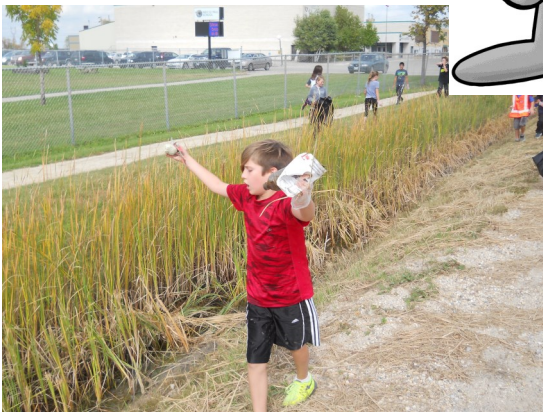
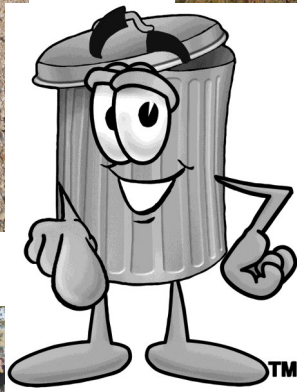
Along with our partnership with Middlechurch Home, Miss Sharpe and Miss Kitson's grade 5 class will be going once a month for a visit. On October 9th, we went and made a fall craft, talked about what we were thankful for, read books, and did a Thanksgiving word search. New friendships were made fun was had by all.



NEWS FROM ROOM 19

At West St .Paul school one grade five class Mrs. Arjoons class and one grade six class Ms Stockton's went out on the curb and started picking up garbage. What we found was **disgusting!** A few things we found were about five beer cans and one still had beer in it, seven energy drinks ,1 big water jug, a tooth tray, a lot of household garbage, two big potatoes, wires, a bounce cord, **241 cigarette** butts and an animal carcass. The time was 1:30 to 2:15 and the date was September 25 2015. We found all this garbage in all the ditches just past the West St .Paul fire hall. And I said it once I'll say it again it was **disgusting!** So we did it because like Carl Sagan says the world is just a tiny pale blue dot and we are trashing it like we have another one to go to. So maybe that will change your mind the next time you have garbage and you don't have a trash can to put it in.

Written by: Seth and Aidan



from the Library...

It's that time again! Time for Book Fair!! The book fair is booked for the week of November 16. Students will come down for previews only on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. Purchasing will start on Thursday. We will be open until 8 p.m. Thursday and until 11:00 a.m. on Friday.



PARENT ADVISORY
COUNCIL

NEXT MEETING IS ON
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER
10 AT 7 PM IN ROOM
41.

FREE CHILD CARE WILL
BE PROVIDED.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO
SEEING YOU THERE!!

Reading Volunteers Wanted:

Dear Families,

We are in the process of organizing classroom reading volunteers. We would love to hear from those who are able to commit to reading with students one day per week (every Monday, Tuesday... etc.), for a minimum of 6 weeks. It would be ideal if volunteers were available for 1 hour or 1 block of the school day.

Please email serina.shewchuk@7oaks.org if you'd be able to take part in this opportunity! I ask that you include your name, day(s) of week you're available, and which time of day you prefer, a.m. or p.m. In addition, please indicate if your schedule allows for more than the allotted hour, (8-9:35), (10:15-11:55), (12:45-2:15) or an additional day of the week. I'm not as concerned with a 6 week block if we can work in a couple days a week; as it is consistency we're looking for and time to build relationships with the students you'd be reading with. :)

We are hoping to have volunteers start the first week of November, but can add others to the list in the following week!

It is understandable if you've already committed to working in your child's classroom in another capacity; or if your schedule does not allow for you to participate in this particular volunteer endeavor (there's always January)! As a school community, we are thankful and appreciative of the supportive and caring community we work alongside. It is a pleasure to know, how many families go above and beyond to support our community of learners!

Serina Shewchuk
Early Years Support Teacher

TREE PLANTING DAY!!!

Together we planted trees in the school yard. We planted them with partners. Our tree is 16 inches tall. We started by learning a little bit about trees. Then we took it out of the pot. Then we mushed up the roots. Then we put it in the hole. Then we put the soil and mud in the hole. We named it Rocket.

By: Avery and Stephanie

The school planted some new trees in the field.



Kindergarten, Grade 1, 2, 3 and 4 planted them. DO NOT STEP ON THEM. Some are big and some are small. Try your hardest to not hurt them. We planted them for our field to look nice. Also for more fresh air.
Thank you very much.



UPDATE FROM THE NATURAL PLAY SPACE COMMITTEE!!

We are very proud and excited to let everyone know that phase 1 of the West St. Paul Nature Park is now completed! We planted over 100 trees and shrubs to shelter us from the winds that whip through our playground, plus we were able to get 10 White Spruce trees from the Conservation Stewardship of Manitoba (with about 100 smaller trees being planted with the students from grades K-4 between October 20-22). We were also able to finish the outdoor classroom (Pergola) with bench seating and put sod around the concrete pad.

Our focus is now on Phase 2 and the fundraisers to help make it happen!

QSP packages have gone out to families and our annual Craft Sale is coming up on Sunday, November 15th.

We would like to thank Hilderman's Lawn and Garden for planting the trees in June and continuing to work on the Outdoor Classroom over the summer, and Ryan Klos with the Conservation Stewardship of Manitoba, for the White Spruce trees and the small trees that are going to be planted and cared for by our students and staff.

We will keep everyone up to date, using the bulletin board in the front lobby of the school, a renewed PAC webpage on the school website (we are working on this) and of course with monthly updates in the school newsletter.

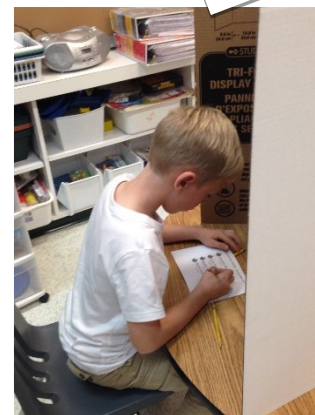
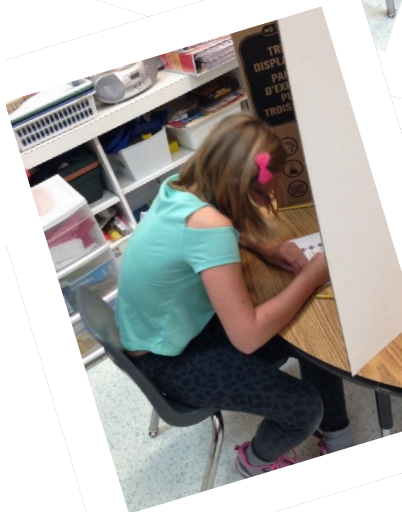
We are going to need volunteers in the spring to help with weeding and watering our new nature space. We hope to have both parents and staff as part of a group that could come out about every two weeks or as needed to help out. There will be more information as we get closer to Spring. If anyone is interested before then feel free to contact us at weststpaulpac@gmail.com.

We look forward to seeing you at the Parent Advisory Council meeting on Tuesday, November 10th at 7:00pm. Free child care is provided.

The Natural Play Space Committee

ELECTION DAY!!

On October 19, Ms. Etkin and Ms. Gill's Grade 3 class spent Election Day visiting the school polling station and holding an election in their classroom. The students spent time with the Returning Officer who gave them a tour of each table in the gym and very detailed explanations of what happens at all of them. The students had been researching the federal candidates running for Prime Minister as well as, the candidates in the Kildonan - St. Paul riding. Following their visit to the gym, we held an election in the classroom. All students were provided with a voter card, which they presented at their voting station. Each student was then given a ballot and had the chance to privately vote for the candidate they felt best represented them. They are looking forward to their first legal vote in 2025!



A big thanks to our parent volunteers!



SEVEN OAKS
SCHOOL DIVISION
community begins here

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November 2, 2015

Clarification/Revision

West St. Paul is a nut and fish restricted school. For the safety of students and staff in the school, this means nuts and fish cannot be brought into the building. In keeping with this policy, donations made to the bake sale must be free of any kind of nut.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

27th Christmas Craft and Bake Sale

West St. Paul School, November 15th 2015 (10 am until 4 pm)

Dear parents,

Thank you so much to those of you who have kindly offered your time to volunteer at one or more of the stations at our 27th Annual Christmas Craft and Bake Sale, and to those of you who have offered to donate baking and silent auction prizes. As this is the largest fundraising event for West St. Paul School, we greatly appreciate your help.

We are, however, still in need of baking and silent auction prize donations as well as volunteers to help out with Bake Table sales, Silent Auction sales, Canteen sales and Front Door support. If you are able to do so, please fill out the bottom of this form and send it back to the school at your earliest convenience. We will contact you shortly after to confirm your volunteer time slot. If you have any questions, please email Wendy Nachtigall at nachtigallwendy@gmail.com.

On behalf of West St. Paul School Parent Advisory Council, thank you for all your support!

(Please print)

Name _____ Phone _____

I will help by donating:

- Baking (Please wrap products individually and attach a completed label from the next page.
- Due to allergy concerns, please ensure that your baking does not contain nuts of any kind.
- Silent Auction Prize (minimum \$40 value – if you require an official letter please ask Sharon Church).

I will help by volunteering my time (we are scheduling 2 hour time blocks for the following)

- Selling items at the Bake Sale
- Selling silent auction tickets
- Selling at the Canteen
- Help set up on Saturday
- Help clean up on Sunday
- Selling tickets at the door

Thank you so much for your support!!!

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NOVEMBER

WEST ST. PAUL COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Advancing Community Schools
 Serina Shewchuk - Learning Support Teacher - Early Years
 Cheryl Rajfur - Community Coordinator
 204-339-1964

School Website: <http://www.Todds.org/school/weststpaul>

	<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
1		2 Parent/Child Storytime Music with Sonja 10:45 - 12:30 p.m. 3 - 5 years Stage	3 Parent/Child Rhymes & More 11:00 - 12:30 p.m. 0 - 5 years	4	5 Fit Kids/Healthy Kids 6:15-7:15	6 Infant massage 9:30 - 11 a.m. Family Games Night 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Room 41	7 
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29	30 Parent/Child Storytime 11:00 - 12:30 p.m. 3 - 5 years	PARENT/CHILD PROGRAMS					2015



NOVEMBER, 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 – Day 3 Gr. 1 Skating	3 – Day 4	4 – Day 5 PIZZA DAY	5 – Day 6	6 – Day 1 PHOTO RETAKES 8 a.m. Rm. 44 Swimming FAMILY GAMES NIGHT 6-7:30 p.m.	7
VISION & HEARING SCREENING						
8	9 – Day 2 Gr 1 Skating PARENT CONNECT OPEN FOR CONFERENCE BOOKING 9 a.m.	10 – Day 3 Remembrance Day Assembly 1-2 p.m. PAC MEETING 7 p.m. Free childcare provided	11 REMEMBRANCE DAY	12 – Day 4 Hans Kai 9-11:30 a.m.	13 – Day 5 Rm. 44 Swimming	14
15 WSP CHRISTMAS CRAFT & BAKE SALE 10-4 p.m.	16 - Day 6 WE DAY Gr. 1 Skating	17 – Day 1	18 – Day 2 PIZZA DAY	19 – Day 3 PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES EVENING ONLY	20 – Day 4 PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES NO SCHOOL	21
BOOK FAIR						
22	23 – Day 5 Gr. 1 Skating	24 – Day 6	25 – Day 1	26 – Day 2	27– Day 3 Rm.44 Swimming	28 E.Y. Team Handball Tournament Gr. 4 & 5
29	30 – Day 4 Gr. 1 Skating					

IMPORTANT DATES AT A GLANCE....

Nov. 6	Picture Retakes starting at 8 a.m.
Nov. 9	Parent Connect Open for online Conference booking AFTER 9 a.m.
Nov. 10	Remembrance Day Assembly 1-2 p.m.
Nov. 11	Remembrance Day – No Classes
Nov. 15	WSP Craft and Bake Sale 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Nov. 19	Parent/Teacher Conferences evening appointments only
Nov. 20	Parent/Teacher Conferences – No Classes
Dec. 16-17	“A Very Jazzy Christmas” Concert 7 p.m.
Dec. 18	WSP Pancake Breakfast
Dec. 18	Last Day of classes before Winter Break
Dec. 21-Jan 1	Winter Break- Classes resume Jan. 4
Jan. 4, 2016	Classes Resume Today – Back to School!!!
Jan. 22	School PD – No Classes
Feb. 5	PD Day – No Classes

Please note, dates and events are subject to change. During the year, other professional development days and special events will be planned. Monthly newsletters will provide updates and the information will be posted on our school website. Please visit our website frequently for updates:
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