



VICTORY SCHOOL

SEVEN OAKS SCHOOL DIVISION

NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2024

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

At Victory, we wrapped up September with **Truth & Reconciliation Week**, an important time for reflection and action - Learning about our relationships as Treaty people, honouring Residential School Survivors, and remembering those who didn't come home. Last week, staff participated in a PD Day with the *Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba* to learn more about Treaty relationships, our history as Treaty people and the importance of Treaty education to our shared future. On Tuesday, everyone gathered at the front of the school to raise the *Every Child Matters* flag. Classrooms continued learning about the significance of Orange Shirt Day during the week, and on Friday we held an assembly to highlight classroom projects and walk through our community as a lead-up to the National Day for Truth & Reconciliation.

Victory School is committed to this ongoing work, so that students can grow up with a true appreciation for what it means to live on Treaty 1 and to be Treaty people. See more in our *Victory Spotlight!*

I also want to express my gratitude to our staff, volunteers and community for making our "Welcome Back Get-Together" a success. It was a great turnout - we served 280 people in an hour and ran out of food! Outdoor games, pedal car races and face painting were a big hit this year. Thanks for coming!

-Mr. Volk



A very special thanks to IGA, Save-On Foods and Old Dutch for their generous donations, and to the Skroopka's for helping us prepare food!



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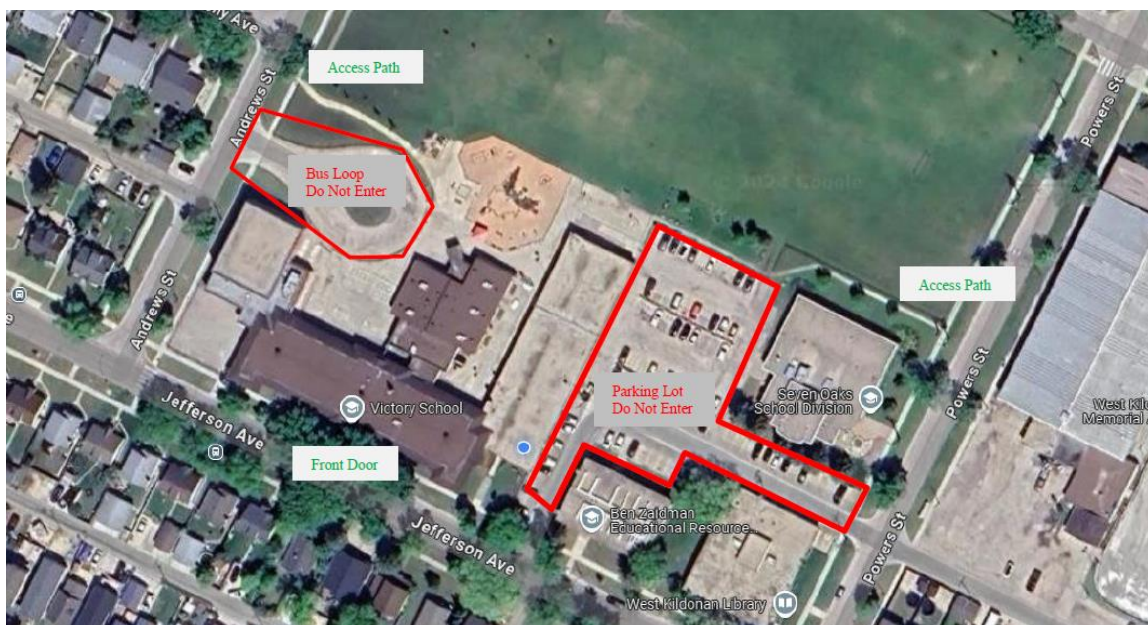
REMINDERS & UPDATES

Drop-off and pick-up times are always busy, and **safety is our number one priority**. We would like to remind families and caregivers that the **bus loop** is reserved for school buses and divisional vehicles – we ask that you do not drive or walk through the bus loop at these times.

The **parking lot** is a high-traffic area as it is shared by Victory School, the Educational Resource Centre, the School Board Office and the West Kildonan Library. We discourage driving or walking through the parking lot for everyone's safety, and remind families that parking spots are reserved, paid spots.

Access paths to Victory are conveniently located close to street parking on Powers St. and Andrews St. and we encourage you to stop & drop at the **front door** on Jefferson Ave.

Patrols are stationed at Powers St., Andrews St. and at the parking lot entrance. Please, always follow the direction of patrols when crossing and wait for them to announce "Open" when it is safe to cross.





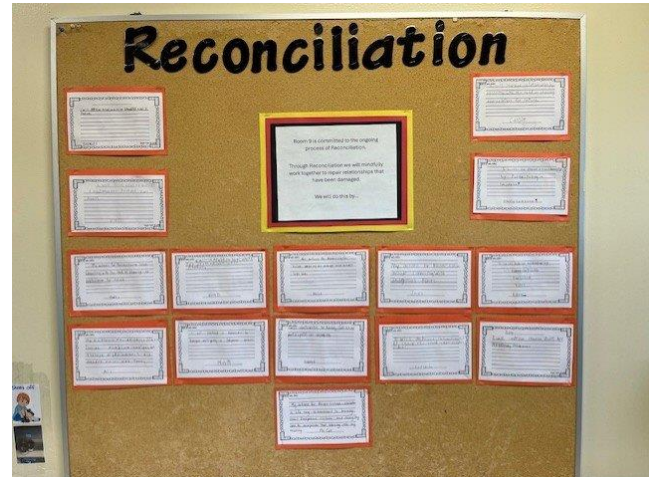
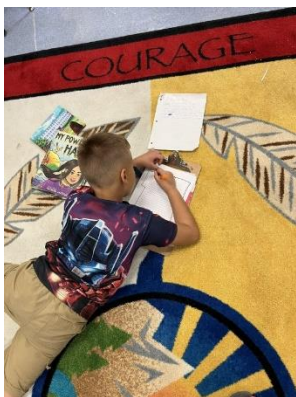
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VICTORY SPOTLIGHT

All classes are sharing the spotlight this month with their thoughtful contributions to our **Orange Shirt Day/National Day for Truth & Reconciliation** assembly. Take a look at how classrooms at Victory are honouring Survivors:





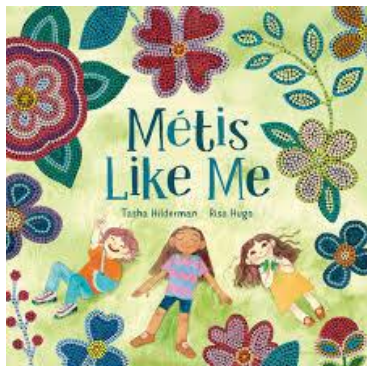
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VICTORY READS

The Victory Reads title for October is "Métis Like Me" written by Tasha Hilderman, illustrated by Risa Hugo.



Are you Métis like me? A group of children of Métis descent share and explore all the ways they celebrate and experience their heritage - enjoying traditional foods like Bannock bread and Saskatoon berries; crafting with beads; sharing stories, dance, music and songs. Each child shares a different way they enjoy honoring their backgrounds and weaving parts of the rich tapestry that makes up Métis culture. One child, though, has grown up disconnected from their history and can't join in with the others in the same way. But soon they see it's never too late to learn, celebrate or become a part of a community in which Métis and non-Métis alike can discover the richness of an often-overlooked culture.

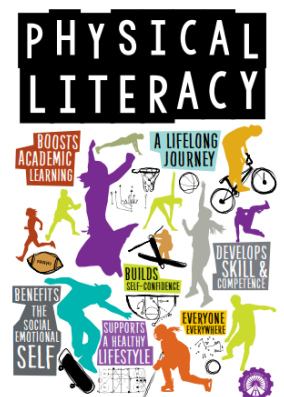
Check in every month for a *Victory Reads* update and share the love of reading and learning with your child!

MONTHLY MINDFULNESS

This month, Mr. Pacag shares some helpful tips and ideas for staying physically active as a family with this resource on [Physical Literacy](#).

Helping your family build strong, healthy bodies and minds through fun, active play is what physical literacy is all about. Physical literacy goes beyond just exercise—it's about developing the skills, confidence, and love for movement that will last a lifetime. Whether you're playing with toddlers or teens, here are some tips and games to keep everyone engaged and moving together.

Check out the link for ideas to stay active outside of school, fun games you can try at home, and the benefits of being active together as a family!





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MUSIC NOTES

Welcome back! Once again, the music room is a very busy place! Students in all grades at Victory School are enjoying singing, dancing and playing the musical instruments. Mark your calendars! This year our **school musical, “Hawaiian Beach Party”** will be held on February 19th and 20th 2025, at the Seven Oaks Performing Arts Center, which is located at Garden City Collegiate. I am also planning to have a **Talent Showcase** in early June for students in grades 4 and 5.

I will be running a **Victory School CBC Music Club** for grade 5 students. This club will wrap up at the end of October. Practices for **Victory School Tap Club**, and the **Victory School Hip Hop Club** will begin when the CBC club is finished. These groups are open to all students in Grade 4 and 5. The dance clubs practice once a cycle, during the activity break. If your child is interested in joining one or both of the dance clubs, they should know that this is a commitment that will continue **until early June**. Mr. Pacag and I will be coordinating our practices, so that Phys Ed and Music clubs held during the activity breaks will not conflict. These groups will perform at the **Seven Oaks School Division Dance Day**, and **Victory School Talent Show** in early June.

Please contact me on SeeSaw if you have any questions. You can also check SeeSaw and the newsletter for music announcements and further concert updates.

Musically,
Mrs. Rumak

UPCOMING DATES

Tuesday, October 8th, 2024: Divisional PD Day – NO SCHOOL for students

Monday, October 14th, 2024: Thanksgiving Day – NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, October 22nd, 2024: PICTURE DAY

Friday, October 25th, 2024: MTS PD Day – NO SCHOOL for students

Thursday, October 31st, 2024: Halloween


Friday, November 1st, 2024: Victory PD Day – NO SCHOOL for students

October



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 RM 5 Swimming	2	3 X-Country	4	5
6	7 RM 8 Learn to Skate	8 No School Divisional PD day	9	10 Rm 7 Learn to Skate	11	12
13	14 NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING DAY	15 RM 5 Swimming	16	17 RM 5 Field trip	18	19
20	21 RM 8 Learn to Skate	22 RM 5 Swimming RM 19 Learn to Skate Picture day! 	23	24 Rm 7 Learn to Skate	25 NO SCHOOL MTS PD DAY	26
27	28 RM 8 Learn to Skate	29 RM 5 Swimming RM 19 Learn to skate	30	31 Halloween 		