

Governor Semple School

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October 2020 Newsletter



Dear Governor Semple Families,

Thank you for your partnership and support in getting our school year off to an excellent start. Students are adjusting well to the new routines that have been introduced, and we're thrilled to have our building filled with children again! I appreciate families' ongoing efforts and care in self-screening daily to keep our community healthy. Many thanks to our staff for supporting students' successful transitions back to school, and to our custodial team for working tirelessly to keep our building clean and sanitized.

I am looking forward to working with the school's Community Council this year, and I'd like to extend an invitation to anyone interested in participating in this collaborative work and dialogue. With consideration to our current circumstances, we have an opportunity to reimagine the possibilities for our time together. For example, we may want to begin by discussing how we can remain connected as a community despite some of the restrictions pertaining to large group gatherings. If you are interested in participating in our Community Council this year, please feel free to contact me by email at sari.rosenberg@7oaks.org or to give me a call at 204-339-7112. I look forward to connecting and setting our first meeting date!

It has been an absolute pleasure to join the Governor Semple community and meet your children and families. Thank you for warmly welcoming me to Governor Semple School, and please feel free to be in touch anytime with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Sari Rosenberg



While we won't be able to host our annual Halloween Howl this year, teachers will be in touch with families with classroom specific information pertaining to Halloween. We appreciate that this is an exciting time of year for many students and families!



Attendance: Your child's safety and whereabouts are important to us. Our **Callback System** ensures that your child is safely in your care when he or she is absent from school. Please call **204-339-7112** if your child is going to be away or late. Our office hours are from 8:30am to 4:00pm. Outside of office hours, feel free to leave a voicemail message. As well, please update your contact information (and emergency contact information) with the office anytime.



REMINDERS:

- Outdoor supervision begins at 8:30am
- Student fees for 2020/21 are **\$35.00 per child**. You are welcome to pay by cheque/cash in the office or online in Parent Connect.
- Please complete the **4 webforms** in Parent Connect as soon as possible. Feel free to contact the office for any support with Parent Connect.



As the temperatures change and cool, please help children dress for the weather. In addition to movement breaks and outdoor Physical Education classes, teachers are engaging students in many exciting outdoor learning opportunities. Toques, mittens, and proper footwear help children stay warm and comfortable outdoors.



Picture Day is coming on Thursday, October 15th. After Picture Day, you are welcome to order pictures on mylifetouch.ca using your Portrait ID and Access Code which can be found on your Picture Day order form.

Please note the remaining important dates for the 2020-2021 School Year:

- October 9, 2020 – Professional Development Day – No Classes
- October 12, 2020 – Thanksgiving Day – School Closed
- October 15, 2020 – Picture Day
- October 23, 2020 – Professional Development Day – No Classes
- November 11, 2020 – Remembrance Day – School Closed
- November 19, 2020 – Picture re-takes
- November 20, 2020 – Family Conferences – No Classes
- December 21, 2020 – January 1, 2021 – Winter Break – School Closed
- January 4, 2021 – First day of class after Winter Break
- January 18, 2021 – Professional Development Day – No Classes
- February 5, 2021 – Professional Development Day – No Classes
- February 15, 2021 – Louis Riel Day – School Closed
- March 19, 2021 – Family Conferences – No Classes
- March 29 – April 2, 2021 – Spring Break – School Closed
- April 5, 2021 – First day of class after Spring Break
- April 16, 2021 – Professional Development Day – No Classes
- May 24, 2021 – Victoria Day – School Closed
- June 30, 2021 – Last day of Classes – Early Dismissal



Positive Discipline in Everyday Life

Positive Discipline is for parents who are looking for long-term parenting skills that will encourage their children to;



- think for themselves,
- become more responsible,
- have a greater respect for themselves and others.



The teachings of Positive Discipline are filled with non-punitive, respectful methods that will incorporate kindness and firmness into parenting, help parents get to the core of their child's behavior, bring more joy into the home and give parents a sense of accomplishment!

The **7-Oaks School Division** will be offering a series of 8 sessions on Positive Discipline.

Sessions begin: Monday, October 19, 2020 and runs until Monday, December 7, 2020 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Victory School, 395 Jefferson Ave.

Due to Covid-19, childcare will NOT be available for these sessions.

To register, please contact Marielle Meades at 204-697-5962 or 204-338-7893 or email marielle.meades@7oaks.org. Registration will open on Wednesday, September 23, 2020 and closes on Friday, October 9, 2020. Space is limited, and registration is on a first come basis. You must commit to attending all 8 sessions.

Please return the completed form to your child's school on or before Friday, October 9th. You will receive a confirmation email or phone call that you have been registered for the program.

Parent(s) name(s); _____

Number of adults attending; _____

Contact phone number; _____

Email address; _____

Ages of your children; _____

Your child's school; _____



HELP KEEP OUR SCHOOLS SAFE



Keep kids home from school if they're sick



Screen for symptoms daily



Practice wearing a mask properly



Stay 6 Ft apart



Teach proper hand washing/sanitizing



Don't share masks or personal items

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