



We're always moving forward at
SEVEN OAKS
SCHOOL DIVISION



Our 2017/18 Year in Review



Maria Santos
Ward 2, Maples – Riverbend



Greg McFarlane
Ward 2, Maples – Riverbend



Teresa Jaworski
Ward 3, Garden City – West Kildonan



Richard Sawka
Ward 3, Garden City – West Kildonan



Evelyn Myskiw
Ward 1, West St. Paul



Edward Ploszay
Ward 3, Garden City – West Kildonan



Diane Cameron
Ward 2, Maples – Riverbend



Claudia Sarbit
Ward 3, Garden City – West Kildonan



Derek Dabee
Ward 2, Maples – Riverbend

Always Improving

With over 12,000 students and counting, our trustees have a big job: To steer the division and provide each student with a unique learning experience.

Our division is growing and the world is constantly changing. Our board sets long and short-term goals to help pave the way for our students' futures and broaden their horizons.

"A lot of students go into trades, a lot of them go to Red River College. We need to make sure that we do our part to guide them into different options," says Greg McFarlane.

Mario Santos agrees. "There are many jobs out there that we don't even know of yet. We have to prepare students for the day after they graduate."

Teachers have the most important jobs in our students' experiences. Chairperson Derek Dabee says, "When you support teachers and have comfortable safe schools, citizens will have the best opportunity to grow their minds and their visions for a better community, a better Canada, a better world."

The board oversees the divisional budget and makes sure every dollar counts. "We try to keep dollars in the classroom where they're used directly for the kids," says Richard Sawka.

Evelyn Myskiw stresses the importance of trustees being aware of what's going on in the schools to do their job effectively. "You have to be on your toes."

Our board strives to address and resolve all complaints, questions and concerns from the community. "We make decisions in the best interest of children," says Claudia Sarbit. "But we should always look to see what more we can do."

Trustees have various reasons for becoming members. When Vice Chair Edward Ploszay was a Seven Oaks student, his Grade 5 teacher

helped him build the confidence to overcome his dyslexia, which inspired him to become a school trustee. "I wanted to give back to the community I grew up in."

For Diane Cameron it was teaching in the division for many years. She says, "I missed being part of the families and this is the way I could make a contribution."

No matter the motivation, our trustees are dedicated to helping kids access exceptional education and experiences.

"Our children are the leaders of tomorrow," says Teresa Jaworski. "They will be the ones who shape the world that we live in. And we must do our best to prepare them for this challenge."

To learn more about the work our trustees do, visit our website for a short video.

Cost Savings to Parents

Lunch supervision **\$35/month**

Field trips & locker fees **\$50**

Band instruments **\$22/month**

School supplies **\$120**

**Total: \$740 savings
per year, per child**



Always Inspiring

Grade 7 and 8 students at Edmund Partridge Community School are submitting writing at all hours of the day – even when it's not assigned.

For Grade 8 student Kati Sawka-Siedler, writing is calming. "I could write every day. It's very peaceful," she says. "My favourite style of writing is poems because I can express my feelings in a short piece."

Rather than structured assignments, students in teacher Jennifer Hall's class have the freedom to choose a topic and writing style that is best suited for them.

"I really like that we choose what we write," says Athena Giancola. "Even though it's only a couple of words assembled into lines I feel like it's my only time to be free. I can express myself through writing and really get my thoughts down."

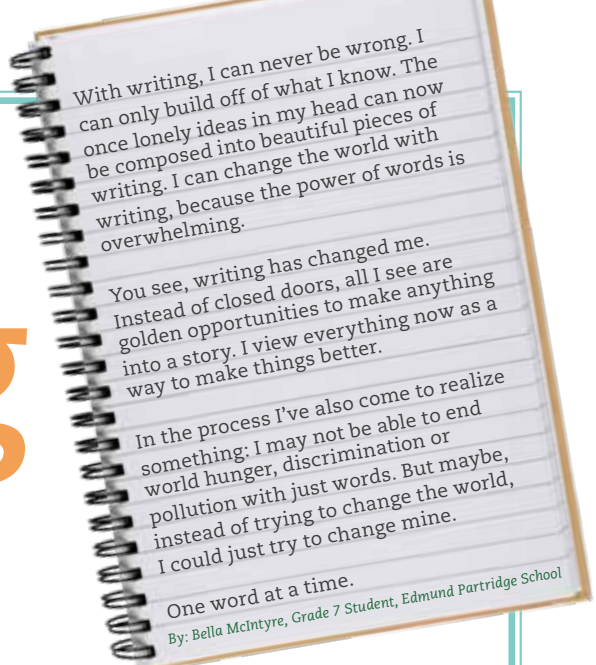
In Seven Oaks School Division, we encourage our students to express themselves. When our

teachers empower students to make choices about topics and form, we see a heightened level of thought and connection.

Students in this class have been writing about topics such as immigration, gender transition, stereotypical labelling, love, friendship, self-discovery, religion and so much more.

"I've learned to write in a way that shows my stories and doesn't tell them," says Hayden Redekop, a Grade 8 student. "When I can't verbalize what I'm trying to say, I can write it down."

"I saw a spark within them as we delved deeper into our memories," says Jennifer. Her student-centred teaching style has students opening up like never before as they discover their voice and confidence. "It matters to them."



Student Success

90%+ Our graduation rate (and climbing!)

300 Students enrolled in dual credit university and college courses

\$500,000 Dollars our 2017 graduates earned in scholarships

More than **2 of 3** Graduates who go on to further education



Jennifer Hall, Grade 7/8 teacher
Edmund Partridge Community School



Jehu Peters, Mathematics teacher
Maples Collegiate

Always Encouraging

Jehu Peters has been teaching in Seven Oaks School Division for three years. Through the Beyond Grade 12 Now program, he's bringing university-level calculus to students at Maples Collegiate. Offered in partnership with the University of Winnipeg, the program allows students to achieve a high school and university credit at the same time.



Jehu's students are excited about math and many of them are already thinking about a career that requires calculus. This class is an opportunity for them to get a head start on their post-secondary education.

Alyanna Yu plans to study medicine. "I think the course gave me a good idea of what school will be like for the next few years," she says.

By teaching at a university level, students are learning advanced concepts and experiencing post-secondary assignments and tests first hand. And being in a high school classroom allows for more one-on-one support, feedback and accountability than the average university class. "It allows me to bridge the gap for students who may go on to excel with math on a university campus."

For students, it's a comfortable and familiar place to get a sense of university life. "I get to

experience being part of a group of people who are also as interested in math as much I am," says Cameron Simbulan, who plans to pursue a career in computer sciences.

To keep students engaged in difficult concepts, Jehu creates an active learning environment with the use of technology.

"It's an invaluable experience to have the opportunity to take a course as difficult as calculus in a supportive high school environment," says Jehu. His students finish the program with an appreciation for calculus and the confidence to pursue mathematics in their future.

Arthur E. Wright Community School student Zoey Santiago won the top score for Grade 1 students at the 2017 Canadian Math Kangaroo Contest.

Way to go,
Zoey!



Always Growing

The Amber Trails Farm Program started as an initiative to teach students sustainability and stewardship. Simon Hon, a teacher at Amber Trails Community School, pioneered the program in 2016. He was an organic farmer for 13 years before he started teaching. In Seven Oaks School Division – whether they’re part of the farm program or not – our students understand the importance of healthy eating and how food grows and arrives on our tables.

Students have learned the responsibilities required to follow through with taking care of life from seed to harvest and everything in between. “They take on all tasks of running a small vegetable farm business,” says Simon. Students work throughout the seasons – even during summer break – with the help of a farm coordinator.

Seven Oaks School Division will soon welcome a new facility to support this initiative: a 25,000-square foot Agricultural Learning and Service Facility – located in the RM of West St. Paul. It will include an outdoor classroom with vegetable gardens, a tree nursery, an Indigenous garden and a barn and corral.

Of the fifty acres, 87 per cent of the land is dedicated to greenspace and outdoor education where we’ll teach environmental stewardship, agricultural production and nutrition.

“The new facility offers students a chance to expand the skills they have learned at our Amber Trails farm,” says Simon, who’s looking forward to seeing students connect with the land. “They will be able to work on a larger scale creating an even more authentic experience to integrate into the community.”

The state-of-the-art, farm-themed centre is entirely financed through the sale of the former transportation service centre. The property will also include other divisional facilities such as an indoor learning space, conference facility, administrative spaces, bus maintenance and parking.



We’ve Built for the Future

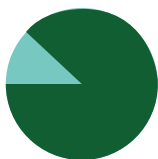
- 2008 New West Kildonan Collegiate
- 2009 Renovations to Edmund Partridge
- 2009 Collège Garden City Collegiate Link
- 2013 Adult Learning Centre/Wayfinders, 950 Jefferson
- 2014 Victory School Daycare
- 2014 Amber Trails Community School
- 2014 Maples Collegiate Commons
- 2015 Seven Oaks Met School
- 2016 École Rivière-Rouge
- 2016 Collège Garden City Shops Addition
- 2016 R.F. Morrison Addition
- 2018 New Seven Oaks Performing Arts Centre

All on time and on budget.

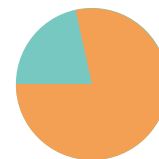
We’re Continuing to Build for the Future

- 2018 New Learning and Service Centre
- 2019 Amber Trails Addition
- 2020 New Templeton Avenue K-5 Dual Track School

We consistently devote a greater percentage of our budget to the classroom than any other school division.



82.2%
Percentage of our budget that directly supports students



78.8%
Provincial average



Stacey Natrass Brown, Vocal music teacher
Garden City Collegiate

Ben Ross, Theatre manager
SOPAC



Participation in the Arts

Band 2,500 students (grades 6-12)

Fiddling 1,200 students (all grades)

Sistema 80 students
(in partnership with Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra)

Dance 2,500 students (all grades)

Choral 5,000 students (all grades)

School musicals
1,600 students (all grades)

Always Entertaining

Arts live here. Four out of five of our students participate in vocal, instrumental, dance and theatrical programming every year. There are also thousands of non-student community members who make playing, singing, dancing and acting an important part of their lives.

Most divisions have professional-level private performance venues in their neighbourhoods. But our students often hold events in school gymnasiums with makeshift accommodations or pay rent to a facility outside of the community to allow for larger audiences.

This is why we're building the Seven Oaks Performing Arts Centre (SOPAC) for our students and for our community.

"Now they have a place to call home," says Stacey Nattrass Brown. She teaches choir and vocal jazz at Garden City Collegiate and can't wait to see students rehearse and perform in the new theatre. "We have so many thriving performing arts programs in our school division."

"It speaks volumes that our school board has invested in our arts infrastructure this way," says Stacey. "It lets our students and community know that the arts are valued here, that the work we do in our schools and in our community is important and celebrated."

The \$7.7-million performance centre is equipped with a state-of-the-art sound and lighting system with an advanced live mix control room. It will include backstage/

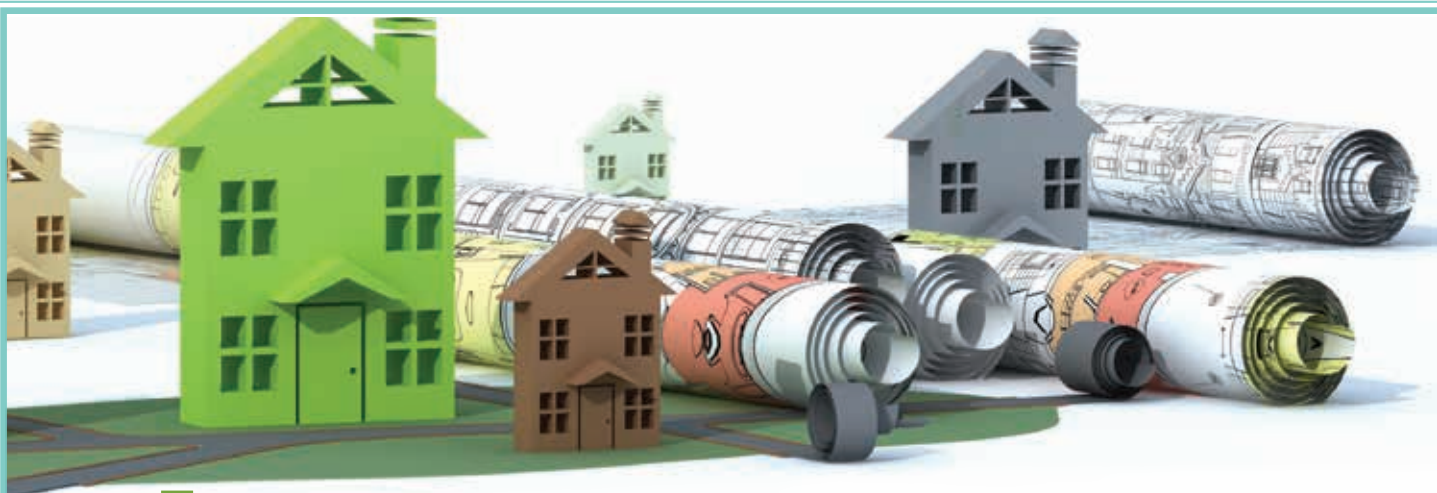
dressing areas, rehearsal spaces and fine arts classrooms. And with over 526 seats – plus a row for wheelchairs – our theatre will allow for larger audiences.

SOPAC will also create a larger performing arts community within the division and build bridges with community members throughout Seven Oaks.

"Phone calls have already been coming in from community members about booking the space," says Ben Ross, SOPAC's new theatre manager. "I can't wait to share new talent and this new facility with the community."

"I had three separate people send me the job posting for the Seven Oaks Performing Arts Centre," says Ben. After almost 20 years working at Manitoba Theatre Centre, he left his role as technical director for this new challenge. "I just knew it would be a great opportunity."





Always Expanding

In Seven Oaks School Division, our dedication to quality of education extends beyond the classroom. We want to see our community develop and thrive. Its social, psychological and economic health directly impacts our schools and we only want the best for our students.

That's why we are working with area councillors, infrastructure and industry stakeholders and community members to advocate for the importance of completing the Chief Peguis Trail from Main Street to Brookside Boulevard. This has also been an opportunity to involve our students in what it means to have a voice in their community and the importance of being active and effective citizens.

We know that Chief Peguis Trail is important to our community. Improved traffic flow means less travel time, less fuel use and less congestion on our neighbourhood streets. This will make our streets and school zones safer for children. We would also see residential, retail and commercial development and an increased use in public transit.

For our division, an increased commercial tax base would increase funding to our schools to help offset homeowners' taxes and help put north Winnipeg on par, developmentally-speaking, with other areas of the city.

This project should have been a priority after the Waverley underpass, but it is not a done deal. The project requires public support if it's to be selected by City Council for funding and move forward in 2018.

A strong north end means a strong city. And a strong city needs this expansion.

For more information on our divisional advocacy surrounding the Chief Peguis Trail, visit: <http://www.7oaks.org/Pages/Chief-Peguis-Trail-Expansion.aspx>.

We consistently provide low class sizes, individual support and rich programs while keeping costs well below the provincial average.

Seven Oaks cost per pupil	\$11,502
Provincial cost per pupil	\$12,537
Difference	\$1,035

Always Excelling

At Seven Oaks, there's always something to celebrate including our award-winning staff, schools and programs.



National Awards for Innovation

- Seven Oaks Met School
- Wayfinders

Manitoba Awards for Innovation

- Channel 7 Oaks, Maples Collegiate
- Beyond Grade 12 Now



National Recognition for Indigenous Education Programming

- Ojibwe Bilingual Program
- Met School
- Wayfinders
- Co-op Vocational Education
- Margaret Park Community School



Awards for Teaching Excellence

- David Zynoberg, *Seven Oaks Met*
- Cheryl McQueen, *Victory School*
- Barbara Hamilton, *Amber Trails*



Amber Trails Community School

- Greenest School in Canada
- LEED Platinum (first school in Manitoba and only the second in Canada to achieve this distinction)



Community Begins Here

Amber Trails School
English K-8
1575 Templeton Avenue
204-697-5965

**Arthur E. Wright
Community School**
English K-8
1520 Jefferson Avenue
204-632-6314

École Belmont
French K-5
525 Belmont Avenue
204-338-7893

Collicutt School
English K-5
75 Cottingham Street
204-338-7937

**École Constable
Edward Finney School**
Dual Track K-5
25 Anglia Avenue
204-694-8688

**Edmund Partridge
Community School**
English 6-8
1874 Main Street
204-339-9889

Elwick Community School
English K-8
30 Maberley Road
204-633-5641

Forest Park School
English K-5
130 Forest Park Drive
204-338-9341

Collège Garden City Collegiate
Dual Track 9-12
711 Jefferson Avenue
204-339-2058

Governor Semple School
English K-5
150 Hartford Avenue
204-339-7112

H.C. Avery Middle School
English 6-8
10 Marigold Bay
204-334-4391

**École James Nisbet
Community School**
Dual Track K-5
70 Doubleday Drive
204-633-8870

**École Leila North
Community School**
Dual Track 6-8
20 Allan Blye Drive
204-694-8071

Maples Collegiate
English 9-12
1330 Jefferson Avenue
204-632-6641

Maples Met School
English 9-12
1300 Jefferson Avenue
204-632-6641

Margaret Park School
English K-5
385 Cork Avenue
204-338-9384

O.V. Jewitt Community School
English K-8
66 Neville Street
204-633-1714

R.F. Morrison School
English K-5
Ukrainian Bilingual K-6
25 Morrison Street
204-338-7804

**Riverbend
Community School**
English K-5
Ojibwe Bilingual K-4
123 Red River Boulevard W
204-334-8417

École Rivière-Rouge
French K-5
55 Swinford Way
204-697-5962

**Seven Oaks Adult
Learning Centre**
950 Jefferson Ave.
204-632-1716

Seven Oaks Met School
English 9-12
640 Jefferson Avenue
204-336-5050

**École Seven Oaks
Middle School**
Dual Track 6-8
800 Salter Street
204-586-0327

Victory School
English K-5
395 Jefferson Avenue
204-586-9716

West Kildonan Collegiate
English 9-12
101 Ridgecrest Avenue
204-339-6959

West St. Paul School
English K-8
3740 Main Street
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Students in Jennifer Hall's class
Edmund Partridge Community School