

7 Oaks School Division

2024 -  
2025

# 7 Oaks R.F. Morrison

REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY



Working, Learning  
and Growing Together

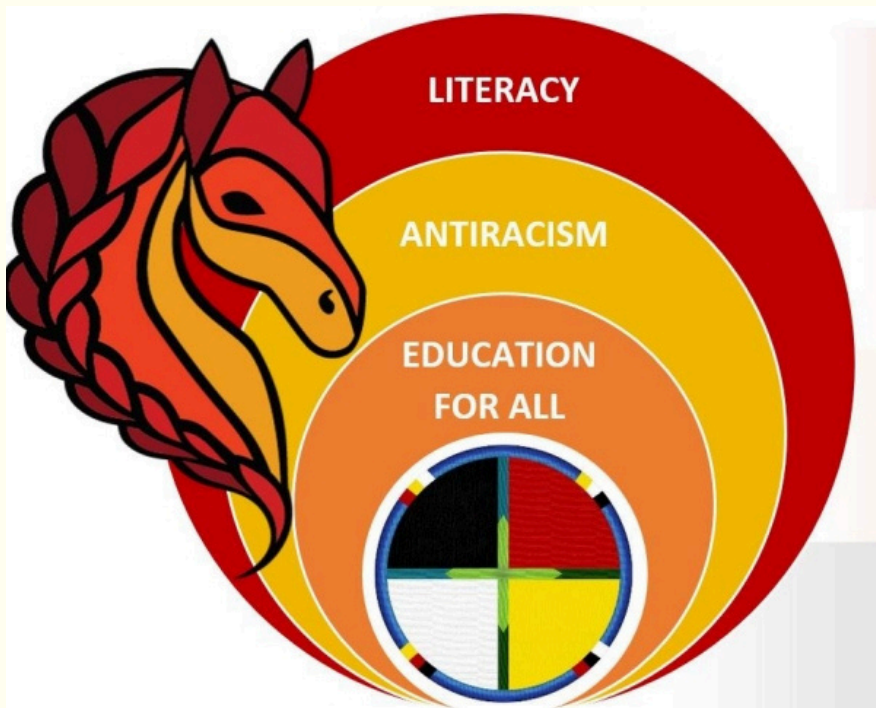
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# Mission Statement



Школа R. F. Morrison School is an inclusive community that values relationships, embraces diversity, and is committed to supporting all learners. We acknowledge and honour that we are on the traditional homeland of the Annishinaabe, Inninew (Cree), Dakota, and Red River Metis people as well as Treaty One Territory.

## Priorities for the 24-25 School Year:

- Indigenous Ways of Knowing and Being
- Education for All
- Antiracist Education
- Multiple Literacies



# Priorities



**These priorities are interconnected and mutually supportive, as shown in our “school plan at a glance.”**

- **As citizens of Treaty 1 Territory, Indigenous perspectives guide our ongoing commitment to reconciliation.**
- **We remain dedicated to inclusivity, using a strength-based approach and developmentally appropriate programming that supports the whole child while promoting continuous growth.**
- **As a diverse community, antiracist education encourages students to take pride in their identities while respecting the unique contributions of others.**
- **We view all learning as literacy learning—encompassing reading, writing, critical thinking, and digital skills**

***This report highlights our efforts in these areas and other key school events throughout the year.***



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# Nutrition Program 24/25



## Equity and Access:

This year, we were able to expand our Nutrition Program due to robust funding, thanks to the Child Nutrition Grants provided by key government and community stakeholders. This allowed us to provide many different opportunities for students to enjoy new and interesting foods all year long!



## Healthy Options:

Providing healthy food options ensures that all students have the fuel to learn at their fullest potential each day!

- Students had access to breakfast each morning which included options such as cereal, toast, fruit, smoothies, granola, bannock
- Lunch was also served to anyone who felt they wanted access - this included daily sandwiches, vegetables, salads, and special occasional items such as perogies, rice, stir fry, and pasta





# Literacy Learning

Promoting literacy skills remains a priority at Shkola RFM. To connect this initiative to our school plan, we engaged community as well as ensured classes added rich texts to their classroom libraries.

## Events:

- Human Library Event
- I Love to Read guests and special activities
- “Teacher Talk” - time that is set aside for teachers to meet to discuss literacy practice

## Book of the Month:

- Through the months of January to June, classes received the titles below.
- Each title connected to themes in our school plan
- This practice promotes collaboration between classes as well as enriches classroom texts

## Book of the Month titles:



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# Arts Education



## Musical Literacy:

In addition to regular music classes, RFM students in grades 4 and 5 participated in Fiddle classes. The grade 6 students had band and all classes had choir. In the spring, we held our school-wide concert at SOPAC - where students showcased all that they learned in music and choir classes as well as dance clubs!



## Dance:

Students had the opportunity to participate in many different dance clubs this year:

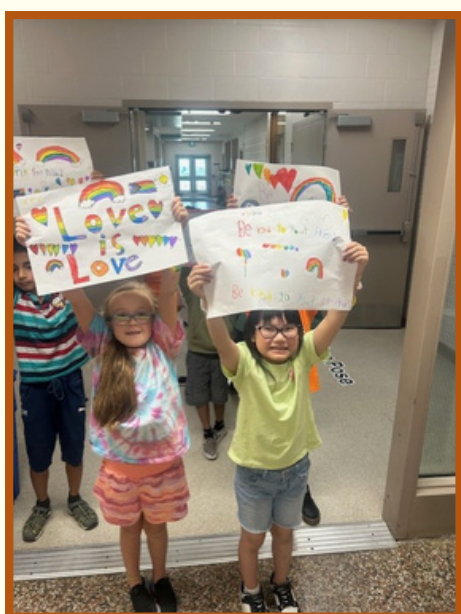
- Ukrainian Dance
- Tap Club
- Tinikling
- Bhangra Club
- Royal Winnipeg Ballet workshops
- Drama Club was also offered





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# Engaging Community



Shkola R.F. Morrison actively engaged families and the broader community through a variety of inclusive and meaningful initiatives. At Christmas, students spread joy by carolling at local nursing homes, strengthening intergenerational connections. The school also rallied surrounding neighbours to collect essential donations for fire evacuees in the spring, highlighting a strong spirit of compassion and collaboration. During spring conferences, a group of students raised money by selling handmade angels for “Help Us Help Ukraine” - a charitable organization that helps to provide children in Ukraine with programming such as summer camp. Events like the annual neighbourhood Pride Walk promoted inclusivity and acceptance, while the Human Library event invited community members to share stories, further engaging community connections. Special guests to classrooms this year included firefighters, paramedics, dental hygienists, and police officers, who were regularly welcomed to educate and inspire students, creating lasting partnerships between the school and the community it serves.



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# STEAM

(Science, Technology, Arts and Math)

This year, four Shkola R.F. Morrison teachers participated in a pilot program for the revitalized Manitoba Science Curriculum. Through their leadership, our school community will be well-prepared to roll out the curriculum once it becomes standard Manitoba practice.

Throughout the year, classes also participated in WISE Kid-Netic Workshops, which engaged students in coding and math activities, lead by students from the University of Manitoba.

In March, Rockford McKay, science facilitator from the Manitoba First Nations Resource Centre visited with his pop-up planetarium. All students had the opportunity to learn about astronomy through an Indigenous lens with his presentations!

Students in Grades 3 to 5 had the exciting opportunity to visit the University of Manitoba campus for Discovery Days, where they stepped into the role of scientists, conducting hands-on experiments in real working laboratories.

Room 4 also had a memorable year in science, observing the life cycle of chickens firsthand as they incubated eggs and watched baby chicks hatch right in their classroom.





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# Indigenous Education

## Commitment to Reconciliation

Shkola R.F.M. is deeply committed to reconciliation and fostering a learning environment that honours and respects Indigenous cultures and teachings. We have an active Indigenous Education Committee that guides our initiatives and ensures Indigenous perspectives are meaningfully integrated into our school community. All staff participated in treaty training this year, deepening their understanding of our shared responsibilities. At the beginning of the year, we engaged in thoughtful learning about Orange Shirt Day to reflect on the legacy of residential schools. This June, we held a school-wide Summer Solstice Day, which invited guests to share teachings, stories and to celebrate with us. Additionally throughout the year, the Indigenous Word of the Week engaged classrooms in language learning, Powwow instruction provided students with opportunities to learn traditional dances, and we continue to enrich our library with books by Indigenous authors, amplifying Indigenous voices and stories throughout the school.

In February, we held a Festival Du Voyageur week, which taught students about Métis culture and traditions. Students participated in activities such as Bannock making and toque weaving. The week ended with an energetic performance from local musicians, TiBert et Douzie!





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# Climate Action

Our school is dedicated to taking meaningful climate action through hands-on learning and community involvement. This year, students and teachers took initiatives to host regular community and playground clean-ups to encourage environmental responsibility and care for our shared spaces. In partnership with Heather Eckton, our division's Climate Action Team Leader, we continuously grew our sustainability practices.

Our active student-led recycling and composting teams helped to reduce waste and promote eco-friendly habits throughout the school. Additionally, our garden greening teams worked hard to create vibrant, sustainable outdoor spaces that connect students with nature and support local biodiversity. Through these initiatives, we continue to build a culture of environmental stewardship with the goal of empowering students to be leaders in climate action.







# English-Ukrainian Bilingual Program

Our school is proud to celebrate and preserve Ukrainian culture and language through the vibrant and inclusive Ukrainian Bilingual Program. We are committed to providing students with meaningful opportunities to learn the Ukrainian language, explore cultural traditions, and connect with their heritage. Throughout the year, students engaged in cultural activities such as Ukrainian dance, music, art, and holiday celebrations that highlight the richness of Ukrainian customs. Language instruction is woven into daily learning, promoting bilingualism and a deeper appreciation for cultural diversity. By supporting Ukrainian programming, we honor the contributions of the Ukrainian community and nurture a sense of pride, identity, and global citizenship in our students.

## Events:

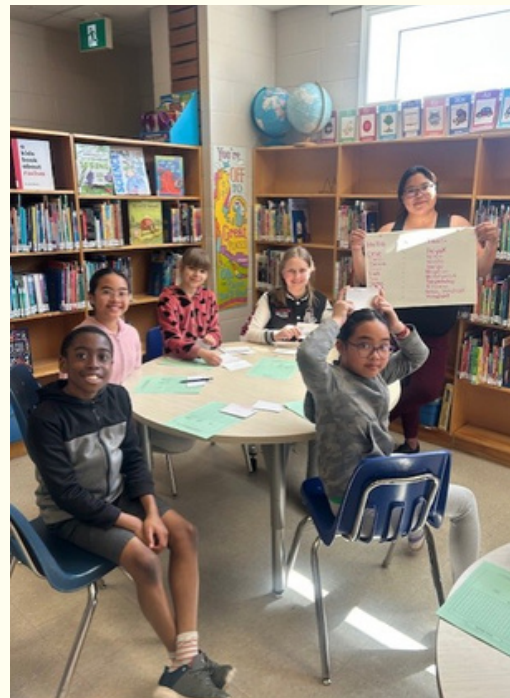
- Holodomor - field trip to Oseredok and City Hall and a school-wide assembly
- Ukrainian Carolling
- St. Nicholas visit
- Malanka Celebration
- 3<sup>rd</sup> year of the war - commemoration and support for students
- Ukrainian Dance performances
- Ukrainian Choir performances
- Pysanky and Paska at Easter
- Vyshyvanka Day
- MPUE Language Camp (gr. 6s) and field trips





# Cultural Diversity

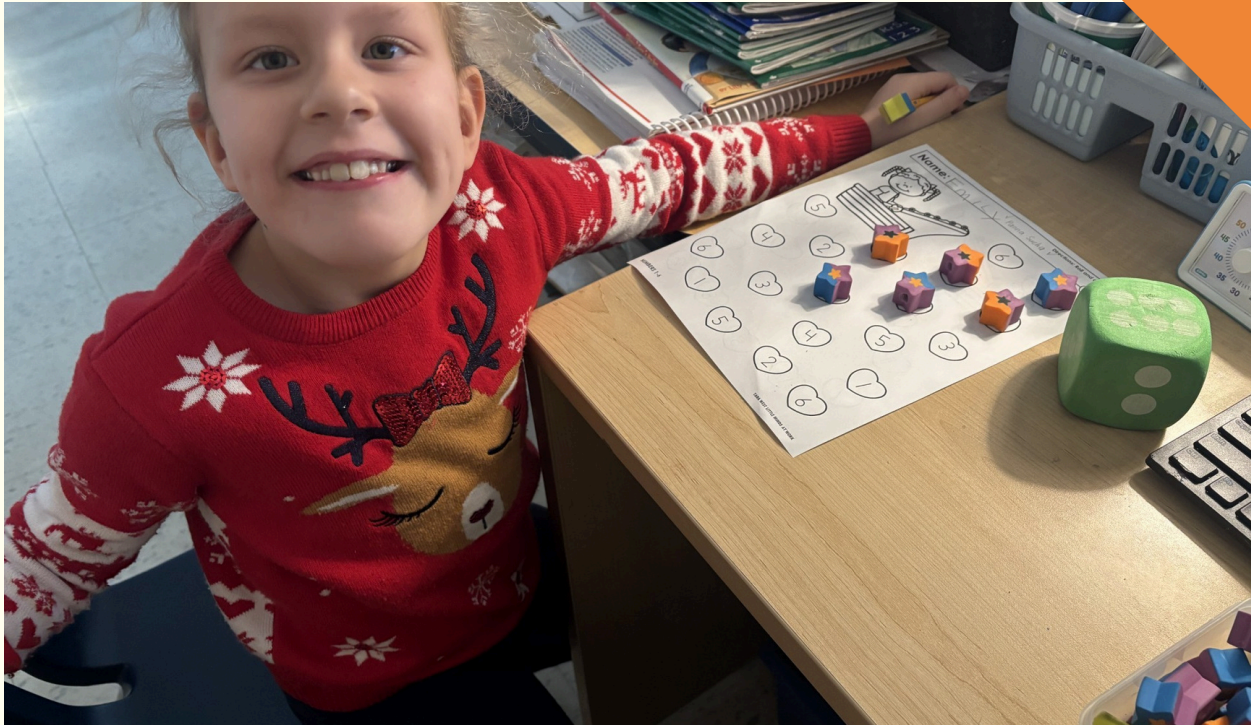
Shkola R.F. Morrison is deeply committed to celebrating and promoting cultural diversity. We aim to create an inclusive environment where every student feels seen, valued, and respected. This commitment is reflected through a variety of student-led initiatives and school-wide events, including the Asian Heritage Club, which highlights the rich traditions and contributions of Asian cultures. The vibrant Bhangra Dance performances and Diwali celebrations brought the spirit of South Asian heritage to life, while the Cree Language Club offered students a meaningful opportunity to engage with and preserve Indigenous culture and language. Our school also honoured Black History Month with powerful discussions that recognized the legacy and achievements of Canadian Black individuals. Additionally, the annual Pride Walk celebrated and uplifted the 2SLGBTQ+ community, reinforcing our dedication to equity and acceptance for all.





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# Thank You



We sincerely thank our school community and families for their continued support, including the many dedicated volunteers who contribute their time and effort. We deeply value our partnerships with organizations that champion our school and the English-Ukrainian Bilingual Program, such as Manitoba Parents for Ukrainian Education (MPUE), Osvita, and the St. Boniface Ukrainian Foundation, Inc. A heartfelt thank you goes to the Canadian Nutrition Council of Manitoba for their generous support of our Nutrition Program. We are also especially grateful to the Seven Oaks School Division and the Board of Trustees for their unwavering support of our school.

*Merçi  
beaucoup!*

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ДЯКУЄМО!**

*Gichi-  
mügewech!*