



GOVERNOR SEMPLE SUMMER 2026 NEWSLETTER



Dear Semple Families,

As we wrap up another school year, I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude for your partnership, support, and trust. It has been a joy to work alongside such an engaged and caring community, and I am so proud of all that we have accomplished together this year.

I would also like to acknowledge our dedicated, hard-working team. Their commitment, care, and collaboration make our school such a special place for students to learn and grow. Each day, they go above and beyond to support the children and one another. I am so grateful for them.

I continue to be in awe of our students - their unique gifts, talents, kind hearts, and strong character shine through in so many ways. It is a privilege to watch them learn, grow, and contribute so positively to our school.

We hope that your summer is filled with rest, joy, and meaningful time together. Whether your days include travel, outdoor adventures, or quiet moments at home, we wish you a safe and fulfilling summer.

We are already looking ahead with excitement to the upcoming school year and all the opportunities it will bring for learning, community, and growth.

Thank you again for being such an important part of our school community. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in the fall!

With gratitude,

Jill



**HAPPY
SUMMER
VACATION!**





Governor Semple School welcomes Payton Post and Eric Stevenson who will be joining us in the fall. We also welcome back Larysa Zacharias who has been gone for the last 18 months, while she cared for her new baby girl.

2026-2027 Teaching Staff:

Principal: Jill Green

Kindergarten - Rm 4 - Morgan Pisni-Ray - Cottonwood

Grade 1/2 - Rm 1 - Eric Stevenson - Willow

Grade 1/2 - Rm 3 - Carrie Doerksen - Jack Pine

Grade 3/4 - Rm 6 - Larysa Zacharias - Tamarack

Grade 3/4/5- Rm 7 - Payton Post - White Spruce

Grade 4/5 - Rm 11 - Kaylah Chartrand - Manitoba Maple

Learning Support - Melissa Harder and Swati Prabhakar

Physical Education - Alma Brigole - Gymnasium

Music - David Stark - Rm 2 - Wild Plum

WELCOME

To our New Staff!



Larysa Zacharias - Welcome Back! - (Gr 3/4) - Rm 6 - Tamarack



Hello! My name is Larysa Zacharias. After taking some time off to spend with my new baby, I'm looking forward to returning to Governor Semple to teach grades 3 and 4 this fall!

Payton Post - (Grade 3/4/5) - Rm 7 - White Spruce

Hello! My name is Payton Post and I will be joining Governor Semple for the upcoming school year!

I recently graduated from the University of Winnipeg with my teaching degree and I am very excited to begin my teaching career. Teaching has been a dream of mine for years, and I am looking forward sharing that passion with my students.

When I'm not in the classroom, I enjoy reading, biking, and exploring Manitoba's beautiful outdoors. I also have three dogs who keep me busy!



Have a great summer, and I'll see you in the fall!

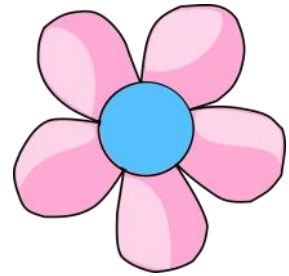
Eric Stevenson - (Grade 1/2) - Rm 1 - Willow



Hi, my name is Eric Stevenson, and I am excited to be joining the Grade 1/2 team at Governor Semple School! I am passionate about working with young learners and feel lucky to be part of their journey as they build new skills and grow in confidence—while having fun along the way. Outside of the classroom, I enjoy golfing, spending time with friends, watching sports, traveling, and reading. I am looking forward to a fantastic year of learning and connection with our school community!

Goodbye

Farewell
and
Good Luck



Governor Semple School also wishes a fond farewell to the following staff members. We wish them the best for the future, will miss them immensely, and thank them for their many contributions to our community.

Jody Koch (Grade 3/4)

Dear Governor Semple Families!



As I step away for a leave of absence for the 2026-2027, I want to share my gratitude and best wishes to our entire school community.

Specifically to students and families of Manitoba Maple, both past and present, thank you for your support over the last five years and know it has been a privilege to be a part of your educational journey. I wish you success and happiness in all that lies ahead of you. As for my colleagues, thank you for all you have done from encouragement and collaboration, to dedication and care to our learning community, and all the passion each of us carries to support the success of our students, and one another.

After 34 years in the roles of teacher and administrator, I will spend the next 12 months focusing on family, being a full-time mom and wife, while taking time to recharge and rejuvenate. I hope to have the opportunity to return to Governor Semple in the fall of 2027 to continue working toward the goals and dreams still to be realized - yes, including that butterfly garden.

Wishing you all a wonderful summer break and all the best for the upcoming school year.

Serina Shewchuk (Grade 5)

It has been an absolute honor and privilege to be a part of this wonderful community, making the choice to leave incredibly difficult. I am deeply grateful for the unforgettable memories, shared laughs, and the privilege of watching my students grow. While I will miss these hallways dearly, I carry a piece of this school's spirit with me as I take my next step.



Kristina Ansari (Grade 1/2)



Dear school community,
As I say goodbye to this wonderful school, I want to thank you all for the memories, support, and experiences we have shared. It has been a privilege to teach and learn alongside such amazing students and dedicated colleagues. Though I am moving on to a new chapter, I will always cherish my time here and carry these memories with me.
Thank you, and best wishes to everyone.
Lots of love, Kristina Ansari

Jenna Myskiw (Grade 5)

As I move on from my time as one of the Grade 5 teachers at Governor Semple School, I want to express my gratitude for everyone I have had the pleasure of working alongside in this community. I am especially thankful for the many beautiful individual gifts, talents, and perspectives shared with me by my students. I will carry these memories with me throughout my teaching career! - Ms. Jenna



Lucas Giubega (EA)

For the past 3 years I've learned and grown so much here as an EA. I have many happy memories here that will forever stay close to me. Thank you for accepting me into this school community, I will miss everyone. I will be continuing my work as an Educational Assistant at Victory School. Enjoy your summer break!

Ashley Tepleski (EA) As I wrap up my time at Governor Semple School, I would like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude to all the staff and families. It has been a pleasure being part of this incredible community and I will cherish the memories and learning that has taken place in our classrooms, hallways and playground. Thank you to the staff for your camaraderie and to the students for your endless energy. I'll miss this amazing community, but I know the school is in great hands. I promise to come back for a visit next year. All my warmest and best wishes in the 2026 - 2027 school year!



Nishima Sodha (EA)

Thank you for a wonderful year. I truly enjoyed working as an EA at your school. I'm very grateful for the opportunity and for all the support and encouragement you've given me. It has been a great experience.

Chantal Labonte (Custodian)

Someone once said to me, “Why go out of your way for people? When you leave, you’ll be forgotten.” I’ve never seen it that way. Over my 13 years at Governor Semple School, I’ve had the privilege of working with some truly amazing staff members who have come and gone, and none of them have been forgotten. The impact people make through their kindness, support, and friendship stays with us long after they leave.

As I move on, I want to thank this incredible team for everything. I’ll miss our daily laughs, the time we shared, and the relationships we built along the way. I’m leaving with so many great memories and a deep appreciation for each of you. Please keep in touch, I’ll miss working with you all.

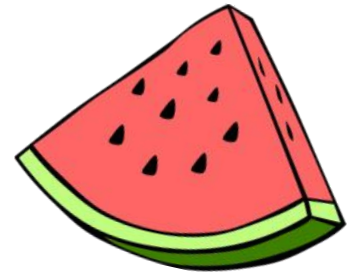




**Please note the following important dates for the 2026-2027 School Year:
(subject to change)**

Summer
time!

- September 7, 2026 - Labour Day - No School
- September 8, 2026 - Orientation Day (K-8)
- September 9, 2026 - Orientation Day (K-8)
- September 10, 2026- First Day of School
- September 24, 2026 - Welcome Back Celebration 4:30-6:30
- September 25, 2026 - PD Day - No School
- September 30, 2026 - No School - National Day for Truth & Reconciliation
- October 2, 2026 - Picture Day
- October 12, 2026 - Thanksgiving - No School
- October 23, 2026 - PD Day - No School
- November 3, 2026 - PD Day - No School
- November 9, 2026 - Picture Retakes Day
- November 11, 2026 - Remembrance Day - No School
- November 26, 2026 - Parent/Teacher Meetings - Evening
- November 27, 2026 - Parent/Teacher Meetings - No Classes
- December 2, 2026 - PD Day - No School
- December 21, 2026 - January 1, 2027 - Winter Break
- January 4, 2027- School Reopens after Winter Break
- January 15, 2027- PD Day - No School
- February 5, 2027 - PD Day - No School
- February 15, 2027 - Louis Riel Day - No School
- March 18, 2027- Parent Teacher Meetings - Evening
- March 19, 2027- Parent Teacher Meetings - No Classes
- March 26, 2027 - Good Friday - No School
- March 29, 2027 - April 2, 2027 - Spring Break
- April 5, 2027 - School Reopens after Spring Break
- April 16, 2027 - PD Day - No School
- May 14, 2027 - PD Day - No School
- May 24, 2027 - Victoria Day - No School
- June 3, 2027 - Grad Pow Wow
- June 4, 2027 - PD Day - No School
- June 30, 2027 - Last Day of School - Early Dismissal





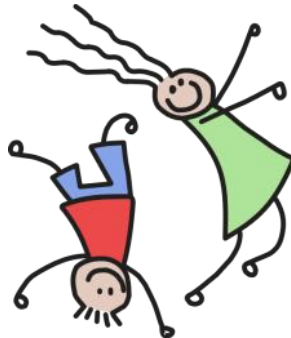
Please join us for a Welcome Back Celebration

BACK TO SCHOOL

When: Thursday, September 24th from 4:30pm to 6:30pm

Where: On the Governor Semple Playground

There will be Food, Entertainment, and Tons of Fun!!



*Please bring your own refillable water bottle, picnic blanket or lawn chair