



ÉCOLE STANLEY KNOWLES SCHOOL HOME OF THE *Sonics*

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NOVEMBER 2018 NEWSLETTER



Administrator's Message

It has been a wonderful start to the school year and we would like to congratulate our students who continue to show their Sonic pride by being respectful, responsible, good learners and safe.

October was a very busy month at ÉSKS. Our students were involved in soccer tournaments, volleyball tournaments, cross-country races, and of course our Halloween Dance. Thank you to our Parent Advisory Council and all staff that helped to make the dances such a great success. Our Chocolate Bar Fundraiser wrapped up and was a success again this year. Thank you to all who supported our fundraiser, your support was greatly appreciated!

All parents of children attending ÉSKS can be members of the Parent Advisory Council. Your involvement in PAC would be very welcome. **The next meeting is Tuesday, November 6th at 6:30 pm in the school's library.**

The initial phase of our elementary assessment is complete and teachers are learning more about their students in order to plan for each of them. The Provincial Report Card for Grades 1 - 8 that will be going home on Wednesday, November 14th, will provide information on your child's strengths and what next steps are needed as they progress toward the provincial outcomes. This information will be further discussed during our **Tri-Conferences (Parent-Child-Teacher) on Thursday, November 15th from 3:45 to 8:00 pm and Friday, November 16th from 9:00 to 11:45 am.**

We will be having our Remembrance Day assembly on Friday, November 9th. The Nursery - 6 assembly will take place at 9:45 am and the Grade 7 - 8 assembly will be at 11:00 am. We encourage Sparks, Brownies, Girl Guides, Cubs, Beavers, Scouts and Cadets to wear their uniforms if they wish. Parents are welcome to join us for the assembly.

Just a few friendly reminders:

- ◆ We ask that if you have any changes to your address, home, work, or cell phone numbers as well as emergency contact numbers that you contact the school. Our updated files will ensure that should there be an emergency regarding your child, we will be able to contact you immediately.
- ◆ If you are picking your child up from school early, please come to the school office so that we can call your child down to the office to meet you. This helps with keeping classroom interruptions to a minimum and our school safety plan to have all visitors report to the office and students signed out by an adult.



- ◆ If your child takes the bus home from school, please let the office know prior to 3:00 pm if your child is being picked up or if leaving early for an appointment so that our bus monitors are not looking for students who are not in their bus lines when it is time to load the buses.
- ◆ The month of November tends to become much cooler quickly. Please make sure that your child is dressed appropriately. All children are expected to go out for recess during the morning and the afternoon as well as 30 minutes during the lunch hour.
- ◆ Every day, after school, children come to the office to call home. Students want to know who is picking them up or ask if they can go to a friend's house. These arrangements need to be made at home, not at 3:30. Please ensure your children understand how they are getting home before they leave for school in the morning.

We are working on making our newsletter more environmentally friendly. Please see our school website for more information on what is happening in our school. Important dates, the monthly Newsletter, calendar, program information and special events are posted there. Our school website is:

www.winnipegssd.ca/schools/stanleyknowles.

Have a great month!

Your Admin Team,

J. Perrott ~ D. Stevenson ~ A. Loria



**PICTURE RE-TAKE DAY FOR ALL GRADES IS
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH**

If your child was absent on Picture Day or you are not satisfied with your child's portrait package, Lifetouch will be here for one day only on **Tuesday, November 13th** to do re-takes.

Please let your child know whether or not they should have their picture taken on this day.



**Report Cards go home
Wednesday, November 14th**



Parent Teacher Conferences		
Thursday, November 15, 2018		Friday, November 16, 2018
3:45 pm - 8:00 pm		9:00 am - 11:45 am



Lunch Program

Just a quick reminder that the November - March Lunch Program is beginning soon.

Please make sure your children are dressed appropriately for the weather. The rooms are now set up with Supervisors for each of the classrooms needed. Any students that are NOT registered, will be put on a Waiting List. There will be a Lunch Program Drop-In in P6 for students, however they must come with \$3.00 to be allowed in.

Please note that the rooms for the Winter Program will be closed on March 22, 2019.



In Flanders Field

~ By John McCrae (1872-1918)

*In Flanders Fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the Dead, Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders Fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders Fields*



Remembrance Day Service will be held on
Friday, November 10th

Grades N - 6 - 9:45 am
Grades 7 - 8 - 11:00 am

Why the Poppy?

*The association between the poppy and war dates back to the Napoleonic wars, when a writer saw a field of poppies growing over the graves of fallen soldiers. During the battle of Ypres in 1915, Canadian Lt.-Col. John McCrae was inspired to write the poem *In Flanders Fields* on sighting the poppies growing beside a grave of a close friend who had died in battle.*

Parent Advisory Council News

We are looking for new parents to join the council. All parents are invited and welcome to attend.

We get together once a month
Meetings are approximately 1 hour long
We serve coffee and treats
Free child care is provided

- Join us and you can voice your opinions and concerns, ask questions about what is happening in our school
- Find out what fundraising we are doing and what we do with the money raised
- Get to know other parents who are committed to helping our school
- Playground improvements
- Organize and volunteer at school dances
- Discuss ideas on how we can help our teachers, staff, students and families.

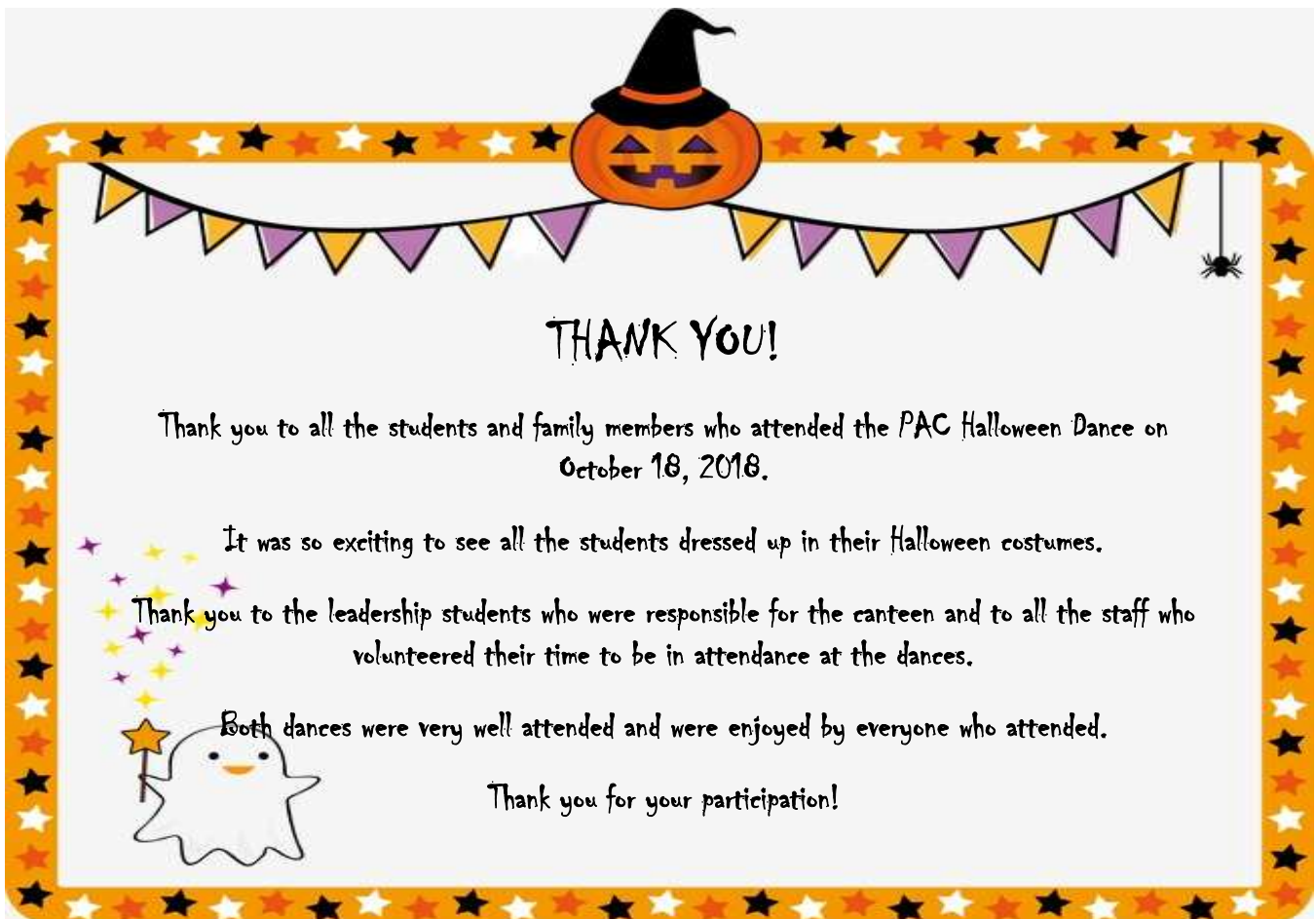
If you have any questions or concerns, please email the PAC (Parent Advisory Council) ESKSPAC@outlook.com

Our next get together is Tuesday, November 6, 2018 at 6:30 pm in the school library. We will be having a special guest from the Winnipeg School Division, Brenda Lapointe joining the meeting to answer any questions relating to PAC and the school.

UP COMING PAC MEETINGS:

NO MEETING IN DECEMBER
Tuesday, February 5, 2019
Tuesday, April 2, 2019
Tuesday, June 4, 2018 - LAST ONE FOR THE YEAR!

Wednesday, January, 9, 2019
Wednesday, March 6, 2019
Wednesday, May 1, 2019



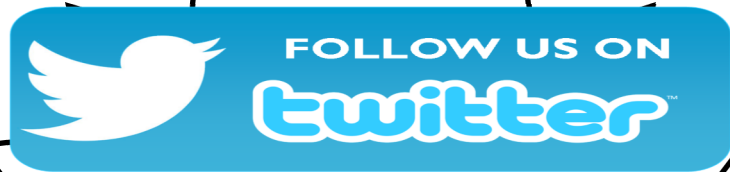
Grade 7 & 8 Honour Roll

As we begin the 2018 - 2019 academic school year, we want to remind you of our academic opportunities for all students. Each term, we look to honour those students that received an overall grade point average of 80% or better in all their academic and specialty areas. Selected honourees, who receive between the following percentage points below, will be highlighted on our "Honour Roll Wall." Students will also receive a certificate of accomplishment.

Honour Roll Stages of Success:

Gold Status	95% - 100%
Silver Status	90% - 94%
Bronze Status	85% - 89%
Honourable Mention	80% - 84%

Please review your child's progress and set academic goals that may spirit their effort to meet the above stages of success. Thank you in advance for your support with our academic initiatives.



**École Stanley Knowles School
is now on Twitter!!!**

**Please follow us at
@esk_school
to see the amazing things
we are doing**



A special thank you to our families for supporting the school's Chocolate Bar Fundraiser for making it a great success! We appreciate the hard work of our staff and students who made it all possible.



If you haven't already done so, please turn in any money or unsold chocolate bars to the office as soon as possible.



Koats for Kids has been a Winnipeg institution since 1989. Every year, from October to February, the program distributes winter outerwear to families – **for some children, having a warm coat means attending school on a cold day, instead of staying home.** It's part of United Way's commitment to helping children and youth be all they can be.

If your child is in need of warm winter clothing, please connect with his/her classroom teacher who will place an order for you. Unfortunately, The Koats for Kids Volunteer Centre is not open to the public, so all requests must go to your child's classroom teacher.



Cold Weather Reminders

Students Arrival At School

When the cold weather has truly arrived, we remind parents, guardians and students that they should arrive at school **NO EARLIER** than 8:50 am and 12:35 pm.

Students arriving before the above times will have to wait outside in the cold weather.

Indoor Recess Policy

During the winter months, the wind chill is checked before morning recess, lunch time and afternoon recess.

Students are expected to dress appropriately for the weather at all times. As per WSD policy, students will be kept indoors only on inclement days when the wind chill reaches -28° Celsius. When the wind chill is between -25° to -27° , students may go out for a shortened 10 minute recess.



At times, parents and guardians have requested by a note to the classroom teacher or a phone call to the school, to have their child remain indoors at recess time. It is our school's belief that if a student is too sick to go outdoors at recess, then he or she is too sick to be at school.

We would ask parents and guardians to send children to school only when they are well enough to participate in all activities, including recess.

Emergency School Closing

In the event of an emergency school closing, our first concern is the safety of our students. The decision to close the school is made by the Chief Superintendent and media outlets will be contacted to ask that they broadcast and/or post school cancellation information.

Parents and guardians should instruct their children where they are to go in the case of an emergency closure. (Either home if a parent/guardian is available or to an alternate address the parents have arranged.) Children need to be reminded of this procedure regularly.

In case our school needs to be evacuated on short notice, an alternate shelter is required. Tyndall Park School will serve as our alternate shelter. The school is located at 2221 King Edward Street and their phone number is 204-633-0065.

It is our sincere hope that a threatening emergency will never occur. However, instructing your children as to your expectations will assist in ensuring their health and safety under emergency conditions.

What's Happening In Art ...

Ms. N. Kmet



Congratulations to the following students who are November's Artists of the Month: Arabella and Alexis from 210 and Jimmy and AJ from P8. Students are still on their journey learning about Indigenous art and culture. These unique pieces are student's interpretation of a dream catcher. These students did an outstanding job creating their textured slabs which are quite delicate and light. Why is there a hole in the middle? That's a very good question. Students are weaving wool to close up the centers. There is much more work to be done. Stay tuned for the final product!



Winter Concerts are closer than you think - Save the date!



The Elementary Winter Concerts this year will be held on
Tuesday, December 11th & Thursday, December 13th at 6:30 pm
 (Rooms: 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 143, 145, 146, 148, and 203 will take part in the concert)

The Nursery/Kindergarten Concert will be on **Wednesday, December 12th at 5:30 pm**

Please note, the Grade 4 & 5 students **WILL NOT** be performing in December.
 Instead, they will be performing in April (date to be announced). As per usual, the grades rotate concert times because there is not enough space in our school gym to accommodate the entire school population.

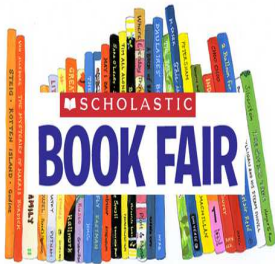
More detailed information will be sent home in a letter regarding timelines etc.



See you soon!



Library News!



The Scholastic Book Fair will be held in the library on Thursday, November 15th from 3:30 pm to 7:00 pm and Friday, November 16th from 9:00 am – 10:30 am.

The books are supplied by the Scholastic book company and will be on display for the children on Wednesday, November, 14th. There is a family book draw. The entry form is found on the student bulletin that will be handed out before the Book Fair. This sale is a fundraiser for the ÉSKS library.

Band Room

Mr. Oberheu



Grade 5/6 Music: We have been playing a lot of recorder and learning new songs and new tones. We have even been adding some percussion to our songs once we get good at them. Coming up soon, students will have a chance to flex their recorder skills as we start Recorder Karate. Students will have a chance to earn their belts as they improve their music-reading skills and perform progressively more challenging pieces while improving things like their breath control, articulation, and tone.

Grade 7 Band: Four of our Grade 7 classes have wrapped up their first month in band and have made the switch to art, and vice-versa. We have just finished our band instruments testing and students have chosen their instruments for the next month. We will be learning all the basics of being in band, how to put the instruments together, how to hold them, and how to make a sound. We will work on learning our first 5 notes between now and the end of the month, at which point students will declare for art or band for the rest of the year. It's always an exciting time when students get to try instruments for the first time!

Grade 8 Band: We have spent a lot of time reviewing fundamentals of our instruments and playing lots of tunes from our method books. Several students have been learning new instruments and are doing a fantastic job making the sound of the band better. We will be introducing more challenging pieces of music and exercises to help students become more familiar with their instruments and to sharpen their skills.

Grade 7/8 Choir: It's been a fun start to the year! We have been singing a lot of round songs and tunes in canon to help develop our ability to sing in harmony. We have also introduced several stretches and vocal warm-ups to help us sing our best. We have a couple of songs that have even challenged us rhythmically. We are starting to learn the song "Roar" by Katy Perry, which we will perform later in the year.



Intramurals:

Intramurals are now underway! Intramurals are a fun way to stay active over the lunch hour, and this year we had over 160 students sign up. Great participation! The following is our Intramural schedule:

Day 2 - Grade 3/4

Day 4 - Grade 5

Day 6 - Grade 6

Remember students **MUST** have been given permission via Permission Click or hand in a paper copy of the permission slip to Mr. Buchanan in order to participate!



GRADE 5 - 8 Volleyball Clubs



The next club for grade 5 and 6 will be volleyball. Volleyball clubs will start in late November or early December. Watch for more information coming soon!

Cross Country:

Congratulations to the Grade 7 and 8 Cross Country teams for a great season! Their hard work and dedication really paid off as the boys team finished 2nd overall and the girl's team finished 3rd. Well done runners!



Volleyball:

Volleyball season is in full swing here at École Stanley Knowles. You can watch games, Monday - Thursday starting at 4:00 pm. Come and cheer on the black and silver! Go Sonics!!!



Fitness Testing:

During the month of October, students have completed a number of assessments that measure their personal fitness. The assessments measure the fitness components of cardiovascular endurance, muscular strength, muscular endurance and flexibility. Students will create a plan to help them improve on their baseline scores and will complete these assessments again in the spring. They will then be able to compare their results to track their personal growth.



FREE PARENT SESSION

Winnipeg School Division presents:

TALKING WITH YOUTH ABOUT CANNABIS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2018

7:00 – 8:30 p.m

Technical Vocational High School Theatre, 1555 Wall Street
Tec Voc High School Parking lot open to all guests



Tina Leclair
Manager, Youth Addiction Centralized Intake
Provincial Coordinator, Youth Drug Stabilization

Tina has worked in the youth addiction field for 20 years, many of those years with the Addiction Foundation of Manitoba as a Rehabilitation Counsellor and Prevention and Education Consultant. She has served as the Executive Director of the Addiction Policy Branch in Manitoba Health for many years and has experience with policy and program development.

Tina participated in the Fentanyl Task Force and worked directly on the Cannabis file with federal counterparts. She also attended The United Nations Commission on Narcotic Substances as part of the Canadian Delegation, and held a seat on the Federal/Provincial/Territorial Problematic Substance Use Working Group. Tina is currently the Program Manager of Youth Addiction Centralized Intake at MATC.

We are pleased to offer this free session for parents. Please join us to learn helpful tips for discussing the Cannabis question.

This session will include the following:

- What is Cannabis
- Common myths about Cannabis
- What are the effects
- What are the risks
- Why adolescents use Cannabis
- Are there links between Cannabis and mental health for adolescents
- Why do adolescents use Cannabis
- Legalization - Manitoba Laws
- Strategies for talking with youth

For additional information please contact:
Nori Korsunsky, Healthy Schools Facilitator
at korsunsky@wsd1.org

To register and request a child minding space,
please contact:
Mala Carriere at carriere@wsd1.org
or 204 788-0203



Year at a Glance

2018 - 2019 School Calendar

Friday, November 16	Non-Instructional Day
Friday, December 21	Last day of school before Winter Break
DECEMBER BREAK - Monday, December 24 to Friday, January 4, 2019	
Monday, January 7	School Re-opens after Winter Break
Friday, January 18	ÉSKS PD Day - No School
Friday, February 1	Non-Instructional Day
Monday, February 18	Louis Riel Day - No School
Friday, March 15	Non-Instructional Day
Thursday, March 22	Last day of school before Spring Break
SPRING BREAK - Monday, March 25 to Friday, March 29, 2019	
Monday, April 1	School Re-opens
Friday, April 19	Good Friday - No School
Friday, April 26	Non-Instructional Day
Monday, May 6	Non-Instructional Day
Monday, May 20	Victoria Day - No School
Monday, June 24	ÉSKS PD Day - No School
Thursday, June 28	Last Day of School - 11:30 am Dismissal

Recycling at ÉSKS!



Can you help us with a very important task of teaching our children to recycle?

We are collecting a number of items that can be recycled, reducing waste in landfills and helping the planet! We are recycling paper in our classrooms. As well we have several initiatives at our school:

Mitts: If you have extra mitts at your house, please bring them to Room 148.

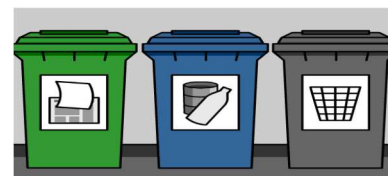
Batteries: USED batteries. Don't throw them out, bring them to our recycling box, all year round.

Plastic Bags: used grocery bags, ziploc bags, cereal bags. Send them with your child until Nov 9th in Room P4.

Used Markers: There will be a recycling box set up all year round.

Aluminum Drink Tab: There will be a collection box set up all year round.

MAIN recycling location will be by the doors to the gym, just outside the graphics lab!





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November 2018



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
			1 Day 6 Patrol Lunch 	2 Day 1
5 Day 2 Rm 213 @ The Legislative Building	6 Day 3 PAC Meeting @ 6:30 in the Library	7 Day 4	8 Day 5	9 Day 6 Remembrance Day Ceremony (am) Rm 202 & 220 @ The Legislative Building
12 Day 1	13 Day 2 Elementary & Junior High Photo Retakes 	14 Day 3 Grade 1-4 Hot Lunch  Report Cards go home 	15 Day 4 Parent/Child/Teacher Conferences 3:45 pm - 8:00 pm	16 Day 5 WSD Non-Instructional Day Parent/Child/Teacher Conferences 9:00 am - 11:45 am
19 Day 6	20 Day 1	21 Day 2	22 Day 3 Grade 5-8 Hot Lunch 	23 Day 4 Variety Dental Outreach Program (U of M Dental School - AM) 
26 Day 5	27 Day 6	28 Day 1	29 Day 2	30 Day