

# RALPH BROWN SCHOOL REVIEW



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PLEASE POST THIS CALENDAR ON YOUR FRIDGE.

## FEBRUARY 2023

## I LOVE TO READ MONTH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 DAY 4	2 DAY 5	3 DAY 6 Inservice Day NO CLASSES	4
5	6 DAY 1 Kovbasa Fundraiser Begins!	7 DAY 2 Parent Council Meeting 6:00 pm	8 DAY 3 Hearing Screening Feb 8 - 10	9 DAY 4	10 DAY 5	11
12 	13 DAY 6	14 DAY 1 	15 DAY 2	16 Day 3	17 DAY 4	18
19	20 Louis Riel Day NO CLASSES	21 DAY 5	22 DAY 6 Kovbasa Orders DUE	23 DAY 1 Family Skate Night 4:00 pm VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE 6:30 - 7:30 pm	24 DAY 2	25
26	27 DAY 3	28 DAY 4 Hot Lunch Day				

**IMPORTANT ITEMS COMING HOME . . .**  
 PLEASE BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR CHILD'S BACKPACK DAILY FOR NOTICES, PERMISSION SLIPS, HOMEWORK, ETC.  
 REMINDER TO PLEASE CALL THE SAFE ARRIVAL ABSENCE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (1-855-278-4513) or [go.schoolmessenger.ca](http://go.schoolmessenger.ca) WHENEVER YOUR CHILD WILL BE LATE OR ABSENT.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**  
 March 8 Parent Council Meeting 6:00 pm  
 March 13 Report Cards Issued  
 March 8 Kovbasa Orders to be picked up  
 Student-Led Conferences 3:45-7:30  
 March 17 NO CLASSES  
 Student-Led Conferences 9:00-12:00  
 Staff Prof. Development 1:00-3:30  
 Mar 27-31 Spring Break



## *Principal's Message*

*Dear Families,*

What an exciting time it is to be at Ralph Brown School. Normally January is this very cold month and seems to last forever, however, we enjoyed the milder temperatures we had this year. More exciting than the weather was welcoming our English-Ukrainian Bilingual Program families to join us for our traditional Ukrainian Christmas Dinner. We had about 200 students, family members and special guests as well as about 20 staff at the dinner. This would not have been possible without the support of parent volunteers and our dedicated staff. We also want to acknowledge the food donations from No Frills on Main Street and Gunn's Bakery. I had the honour of continuing the tradition of tossing the Kutia, a traditional Ukrainian dish made of wheat, poppy seeds and honey. Depending on how much Kutia sticks to the ceiling, we will be granted that much good luck for the year. I'm pleased to say that my portion stuck and continues to stick so I believe we will have a very lucky year here at Ralph Brown School!

In October, I reported to you that we had 231 students at Ralph Brown. As of the end of January, we have 280! Since October our English-Ukrainian Bilingual program enrolment increased from 40 to 79. We have recently opened up another classroom for the program. Our English program is also growing and has just crossed the 200 mark at 201 students. This is amazing! Thank you to all the families for making Ralph Brown School the place to be and learn. We still have more space to grow yet!

With that said, we will be hosting our annual Open House on Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6:30 – 7:30 pm. Families interested in knowing more about the programming available at Ralph Brown can join us virtually for a Question and Response format. Please call the school office for a virtual invite and link to the meeting. If you know of a family interested in attending Ralph Brown for the next school year, please have them call us for more information. We are now accepting registrations for new Nursery, Kindergarten, and Grade 1 students who have not attended school yet. Parents/guardians have the option to enroll their children in the English program (N-6) or take advantage of the benefits of learning a second language by enrolling them in the Ukrainian Bilingual Program (K-8). New registrations for all grade levels are also being accepted at this time. Please call the school or visit our website for more information.

This is also the time of year we start to look at planning for next year. This includes school priorities, goals, programming, enrolment, and budget. As a member of the school community, we welcome families to share their thoughts, concerns and questions with us as we strive to meet the needs of our students, families and community the best way we can. One way to do this is to join our Parent Council meetings each month. We meet in person in our library. Please join us on Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.

With colder weather on the way, we want to remind families not to send their children too early in the mornings. Please ensure children are coming to school dressed appropriately for the weather. We request that all students come to school with boots, hats and gloves so that they can stay warm during recess times. We remind students daily to wear all of their outdoor clothing items that families have sent them to school in. Our supply of gently used mittens and gloves that have been donated for students who are in need is getting very low. If you have any gently used mittens or gloves that you would like to donate to the school, you can drop them off at the office.

We are planning to start a breakfast program for the students of Ralph Brown School later this month. This will be in addition to the daily healthy snacks all students receive. Students are welcome to come into the Rec Centre from 8:30 – 8:50 am. Students will be offered cereal, toast, or fruit. Students attending the breakfast program will be supervised by an Educational Assistant and a community volunteer. Students can access the program through the main doors of the Rec Centre. Students will be dismissed from the program at 8:45 when school supervision begins. There is no need to register or attend regularly. Students are expected to behave appropriately and clean up after themselves.

I continue to be filled with joy and excitement to be part of this amazing school community. I am grateful for the connections I have made with families. If we have not had a chance to connect, please know you are always welcome to call or email me. I am happy to hear any concerns you may have, but I also encourage you to share any positive feedback about your child's progress, programming or staff.

*Respectfully,*

*Trevor MacVicar*



# Thank You!

Thank you to all those who helped make our Annual Ukrainian Christmas Eve Supper such a success! It was well attended by invited guests, alumni, our Ukrainian program families and staff.

We are very fortunate to have such a committed body of staff and volunteers to keep this tradition going.

We especially wish to recognize the generosity of our community supporters.

Shout out to our community supporters - we would not be able to carry on this tradition without your support.

*Hellard's No Frills*

*Gunn's Bakery*

*Carpathia Credit Union*

*St. Boniface Ukrainian Foundation Inc*



Our staffroom was a buzz of activity as parents and staff gathered to prepare perogies and cabbage rolls for the Ukrainian Dinner.



Student emcees welcomed guests and explained some of the traditions practiced during Ukrainian Christmas Eve.

## PARENT COUNCIL NEWS

### KOVBASA FUNDRAISER

We will once again be running our very popular Kovbasa Fundraiser. Lean (and gluten free) rings of sausage produced by Tenderloin Meats will be sold for \$10 a ring and come vacuum packed.



Watch for order forms coming home with your child on February 6th. Deadline for orders to be handed in is February 22nd, with the kovbasa being at the school for pick up on Thursday, March 8th.

**Next Parent Council Meeting - - TUESDAY, February 7th at 6:00 pm**

# PHYS. ED. NEWS



## SKATING CLUB



Over 60 Ralph Brown students signed up for the lunch hour Skate Club offered to Grade 5 -8 students. Several students worked extremely hard on their skating skills, with many learning how to skate for the first time! Skate Club will continue throughout the month of February. New skate club dates are on the following days: **February – 1, 2, 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, 16, 22, and 23**

## COMMUNITY SKATE NIGHT

On **Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>**, Ralph Brown School and Ralph Brown Community Centre will host a Community Skate Night. This event will begin at 4:00 pm and is open to all Ralph Brown students and family members. A reminder to all who plan to attend that skates and helmets are limited. Families are recommended to bring their own skates and helmets, as equipment use is not guaranteed. Ralph Brown Community Centre requires children 12 and younger to wear a helmet when on the ice. Hot chocolate will also be provided at this event. Be sure to come on out for the fun and show off your skating skills!



## BOWLING

During the month of February, Ralph Brown students will be participating in Ten Pin Bowling activities during Phys. Ed. classes. The **Manitoba Tenpin Federation** will be providing Ralph Brown School with weighted bowling balls and indoor bowling lanes for a unique in-school bowling experience.



**Keep up the great work Rockets!**