

RALPH BROWN SCHOOL REVIEW



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PLEASE POST THIS CALENDAR ON YOUR FRIDGE.

FEBRUARY 2024

I LOVE TO READ MONTH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 DAY 1	2 DAY 2 Inservice Day NO CLASSES	3
4	5 DAY 3	6 DAY 4	7 DAY 5 Hearing Screening Feb 8 - 10	8 DAY 6	9 DAY 1 Dental Clinic Visit AM	10
11	12 DAY 2 Kovbasa Fundraiser Begins!	13 DAY 3 Parent Council Meeting 6:00 pm	14 DAY 4 100 Days Smarter	15 Day 5	16 DAY 6	17
18	19 Louis Riel Day NO CLASSES	20 DAY 1	21 DAY 2 Virtual OPEN HOUSE 6:00 - 7:00 pm	22 DAY 3	23 DAY 4	24
25	26 DAY 5	27 DAY 6 Hot Lunch Day	28 DAY 1 Kovbasa Orders DUE Pink Shirt Day	29 DAY 2		



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
 WHENEVER YOUR CHILD WILL BE LATE OR ABSENT.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- March 11 Report Cards Issued
- March 12 Parent Council Meeting 6:00 pm
- March 14 Kovbasa Orders to be picked up
Student-Led Conferences 3:45-7:30
- March 15 NO CLASSES
Student-Led Conferences 9:00-12:00
Staff Prof. Development 1:00-3:30
- Mar 25-29 Spring Break



Principal's Message

Dear Families,

What a joy it is to be part of this school community. There are so many great opportunities for students, staff and families here and we have much to be thankful for. We continue to provide Nature Based Learning for our primary students which means they get to learn from and in nature to support their learning of math, science, literacy and social studies. Staff continue to work with our division Literacy Mentor Coach and Math Mental Coach to develop their knowledge and skills in these subject areas. Mr. Karpenko has been working hard to provide sport based extra-curricular activities for students including the inner-city soccer league, basketball teams and hosting games at the school as well as the skate club. A special shout out to Mr. Fraser for volunteering to coach the boys' basketball team. On that note, we also want to thank the dozen or so parents, grandparents and guardians who responded to an email to help PAC with the pizza lunch. We appreciate you and hope to find more ways to volunteer here because you are part of this school community. The English-Ukrainian Bilingual program continues to grow. We welcomed about 200 students, family members and special guests involved in the program to the annual Ukrainian Christmas 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 as well as the parents who donated baked goods. Students in grades 4-8 were also invited to take part in DI (Destination Imagination) both on a competitive level or a lunch hour club experience. This is part of our STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) programming. This is led by our fabulous staff who give their own time to provide this great opportunity for students.

As previously shared earlier this month, we welcomed Monica Sim as the new Vice Principal of Ralph Brown. This time last year, I reported that we had 280 students and now we currently have 358! This is incredible as it is not just our bilingual program that is growing. Our English program is growing too and we are glad to welcome new students and families that want to be a part of this amazing school community. 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 Wednesday, February 21st from 6:00 – 7:00 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). This would be a great opportunity for students new to Kindergarten or grade 1 to take advantage of learning Ukrainian among current newcomers as they work at learning English. 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 or via a teams meeting link for those who wish to join us virtually. Please join us on Tuesday, February 13^h at 6:00 pm.

With the warmer temperatures here at this unusual time, we want to remind families 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. 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/gloves that have been donated for students who are in need is getting very low. If you have any gently used mittens/gloves that you would like to donate to the school, you can drop them off at the office.

We are still in need of a few parent volunteers to help operate the breakfast programming. We

have the space, the food, and the need but need people resources. If you are able to donate your time from 8:15 to 9:00 in the morning, we would love to hear from you. When this is able to be supported by volunteers, students would be welcome to come into the Rec Centre from 8:30-8:50 am. Students will be offered cereal, toast, or fruit and be supervised by the parent volunteers. Students are expected to behave appropriately and clean up after themselves.

Looking forward we will be having student led conferences in March and we are starting to plan for an overnight camp experience for our students in grades 5-8. More information will be sent out soon. It is never a dull moment here at Ralph Brown. I encourage you to talk with your child about their day at school and learning experiences. If you have questions, wonderings or suggestions, please feel free to contact your child's teacher, Mrs. Sim or myself. 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.

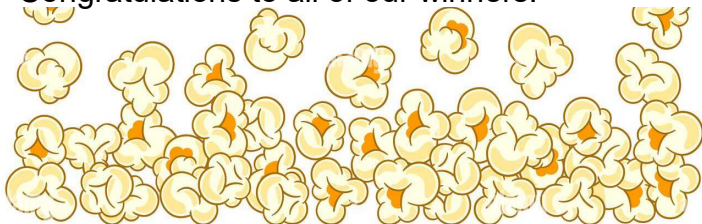
Respectfully,

Trevor MacVicar

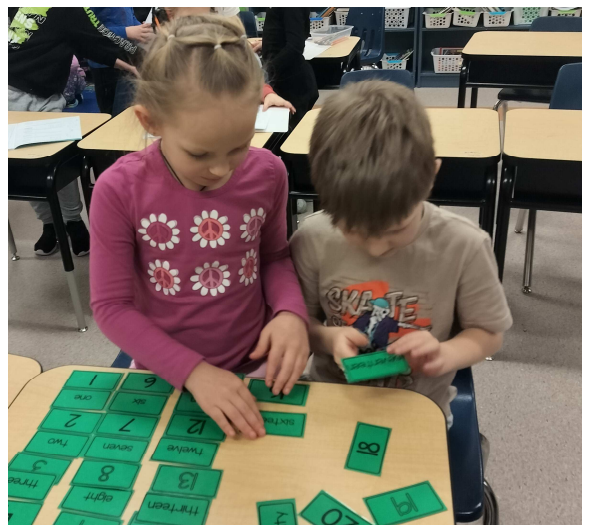
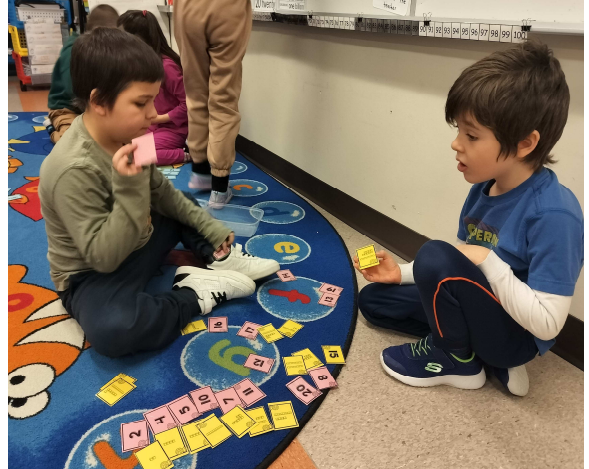
RALPH BROWN ROCKETS SOAR WITH RESPECTFUL BEHAVIOUR

Students at Ralph Brown School are always improving on ways to make our school a safe and welcoming place to learn. Each morning, 2 students from grades 5/6 and 7 read the rules and expectations about one of the areas of the school. There will be a new skill highlighted regularly. Last week's focus was on reviewing and practicing hallway behaviours. Throughout the week, many students in all classes earned a Ralph Brown Rocket Slip to have their name entered for a Popcorn Party at the end of the week. On Friday, January 26, Mrs. Sim held this year's first Rocket Slip draw. One name from each classroom's Rocket Slip bin was drawn, and those students were called down to the library for a popcorn snack.

Congratulations to all of our winners!



P1 students had fun playing with (and learning about) numbers. All classrooms will be doing activities to mark "100 Days" of school this month, as well as celebrating "I Love to Read" month.



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SKATE CLUB

Over 100 Ralph Brown students have signed up for the lunch hour Skate Club offered to Grades 4-8 students. Some of our skates had to be cancelled due to cold weather and more recently, Skate Club has been cancelled because of warm weather and the ice conditions. Weather/ice conditions permitting, Skate Club will continue throughout the month of February and early March.

Thursday, February 1 st	Grade 6/7/8
Tuesday, February 6 th	Grade 4/5
Thursday, February 8 th	Grade 6/7/8
Wednesday, February 14 th	Grade 4/5
Thursday, February 15 th	Grade 6/7/8
Tuesday, February 20 th	Grade 4/5
Wednesday, February 21 st	Grade 6/7/8
Tuesday, February 27 th	Grade 4/5
Thursday, February 29 th	Grade 6/7/8



BASKETBALL

Congratulations to the Junior High Boy's Basketball Team who are off to an excellent start to the 2024 season. The team even captured their first ever home victory against Lansdowne School. All the hard practice is paying off and best of the luck to our Basketball Team for the remainder of the season.



The remaining games for the season are:

Mon, Feb 5 th	Ralph Brown @ Shaughnessy Park	4:00 pm
Wed, Feb 14 th	Issac Newton @ Ralph Brown	4:00 pm
Wed, Feb 28 th	Ralph Brown @ Sacre Coeur	4:00 pm
Mon, March 4 th	Earl Grey @ Ralph Brown	4:00 pm
Mon, March 11	Gordon Bell @ Ralph Brown	4:00 pm

SOCCER

The WSD Inner City Soccer League has resumed for 2024. Both the Grade 5/6 and Grade 7/8 coed teams have been working hard to improve their soccer skills.

BOWLING

During the month of February, 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.





Thank-You

Thank you to all those who helped make our Annual Ukrainian Christmas Eve Dinner a resounding 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

REGISTRATION for 2024 - 2025 SCHOOL YEAR NOW OPEN

We are now accepting registrations for September 2023 for **NEW** students to Ralph Brown School in our English Program Nursery to Grade 6 and our English Ukrainian Bilingual Program Kindergarten to Grade 8.

Check out the Registration tab on our website for more information and application forms; and watch for our virtual "Open House" video coming soon.

Please share this information with any families in your neighbourhood who may have school aged children.

Note that the English Ukrainian Bilingual Program in our school is open to all children, regardless of cultural background. Children in this program study the same subjects as children in regular classes, but they also learn to understand, speak, read and write in Ukrainian and take part in a variety of culturally rich activities throughout the year.

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 12th. Deadline for orders to be handed in is February 2th, with the kovbasa being at the school for pick up on Thursday, March 14th.

Next Parent Council Meeting - - TUESDAY, February 13th at 6:00 pm

The Manitoba Advocate for Children and Youth (MACY)



Manitoba Advocate for Children and Youth

The Manitoba Advocate for Children and Youth (MACY) is an independent, non-partisan office of the Manitoba Legislative Assembly. The office represents the rights, interests, and viewpoints of children, youth, and young adults throughout Manitoba who are receiving, or should be receiving, provincial public services.

Information Session

Hosted in partnership by Community Living Manitoba, Continuity Care, Inclusion Winnipeg, and Innovative LIFE Options



What you'll learn:

In this presentation, we will provide an overview of the legislation that guides our work, a brief account of our history and evolution, and the services and supports we offer through our program areas. Our team will also be available for questions following the presentation.

Where: 120 Maryland Street

When: February 7, 2024

6:30-8:00pm

Who: The Manitoba Advocate for Children and Youth (MACY)

Speakers: Sarah Benson, Serious Injury Investigator and

Sonia Babyak, Advocacy Officer

Cost: FREE

Please Register by February 2, 2024

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Register here



Questions? Call us at
204.789.9850



Register online here:
<https://forms.office.com/r/vLxsvT5SEt>