

RALPH BROWN SCHOOL REVIEW



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PLEASE POST THIS CALENDAR ON YOUR FRIDGE.

JANUARY 2025



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3 Winter Break Ends	4
5	6 DAY 5 Schools Reopen	7 DAY 6	8 DAY 1 Hearing Screening January 7 - 9	9 DAY 2	10 DAY 3	11
12	13 DAY 4	14 DAY 5	15 DAY 6	16 DAY 1 Ukrainian Concert 6:30 pm	17 DAY 2	18
19	20 DAY 3	21 DAY 4 P3 Field Trip to the Zoo	22 DAY 5	23 DAY 6	24 DAY 1	25
26	27 DAY 2	28 DAY 3 FREE! Pizza Hot Lunch	29 DAY 4	30 DAY 5	31 DAY 6 Inservice Day NO CLASSES	



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:

- Feb 11 Parent Council Meeting - 6:00 pm
- Feb 17 Louis Riel Day - NO CLASSES
- Feb 25 Hot Lunch Day
- March 10 Report Cards Issued
- March 13 Student-Led Conferences 3:45-7:30
- March 14 Student-Led Conferences AM
 Inservice PM
 NO CLASSES all day

Principal's Message

Щасливого Нового року! Happy New Year!

It's the beginning of 2025 and we want to welcome everyone back! I hope you enjoyed the break whether it was a period of rest or celebrations.

We hope you enjoyed our winter concerts. Thank you to Pani Kharchenko, our music teacher for working with our students to learn the music and the speaking parts. Last year Ms Goring and several students gifted us with The Bear Song and it was so well received that Ms Sydney continued it on. The students and staff did an amazing job planning, preparing and performing! It was so great to see so many families in the audience enjoying the performance and celebrating their child.

On December 6th, we recognized St. Nicholas Day, a Ukrainian tradition with a visit from St. Nicholas himself! We treated him to some music and holiday cheer. In return, he visited each classroom to gift each child with some treats. We also provided students with a free perogy lunch.

Mr. Karpenko and Mr. Thomson continued the traditional Christmas Gym week. It is a fun filled centred based experience for students. It is a favourite and the students really enjoyed it. Our Spirit week continued with various special dress up days to celebrate the coming holidays. This year, the staff had secret spirit days where we all dressed similar or drank out of anything but our mugs and water bottles. It was fun to see the students look at us with curiosity and then realize it was all planned. Classroom teachers also held special activities and celebrations with their students.

Our Calendar Fundraiser was a success! We sold over 350 calendars!! Thank you to our PAC for organizing this fundraiser. Thank you to our families who supported us by purchasing these calendars and congratulations to all our winners! Thank you to our office clerks for their help with the distribution of calendars and contacting families.

Our next Parent Council meeting will be Tuesday, February 11th. Please note, we will not be meeting in January. A reminder email will be sent out in February. This is a great opportunity to hear more about what is happening in the school, hear from other families and be in community with each other. We look forward to see-

ing more parents join our meetings! We want your voice and help in making Ralph Brown School even better than it is already. We also want to acknowledge and share our support for our Ukrainian students and families as many still have relatives in Ukraine during this time of war. Victory for Ukraine. Щасливого Різдва і Перемоги Україні! Wishing you all the best in 2025!

HOW SICK IS TOO SICK FOR SCHOOL?

Cold and flu season is here.
See our tips for parents and caregivers:

KEEP ME HOME:

- Fever (higher than 38°C or 100° F)
- Sore Throat
- Persistent Cough
- Strep Throat
- Vomiting or Diarrhea
- Abdominal Pain (severe or long-lasting)
- Illness (prevents from participating comfortably in activities)

SEND ME TO SCHOOL:

- No Fever (without fever-reducing medicine for 24 hours)
- Occasional Cough (but no other symptoms)
- Strep Throat (after 24 hours of treatment)
- No Vomiting or Diarrhea (for 48 hours)

Express Medical Care

Express Medical Care, located at 359 Johnson Avenue, has reopened its x-ray services to provide fast and accessible diagnostic support for injured students. Their goal is to support students' healthcare needs and provide convenient access to healthcare. Besides x-ray services, they also offer walk-in services for non-urgent cases.

Should you have questions or require additional information, please contact:

204-306-2100 for x-ray

204-306-4259 for clinic

info@emcare.ca for general inquiries.

PARENT COUNCIL NEWS

CALENDAR DRAW FUNDRAISER

Our Calendar Fundraiser was a resounding success once again! We raised \$1,195.00! Money raised will be put towards supporting playground upgrades and outdoor classroom initiatives.

Thank you to those families who supported this fundraiser.

See below for names of the lucky winners. Note that there will *not* be a PAC meeting in the month of January. See you at our next

**Next Parent Council Meeting
TUESDAY, February 11th at 6:00 pm**



Ralph Brown Parent Council Fundraiser

WINTER CALENDAR December 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 \$50 Raffy Macaranas	3 \$25 Artem Markin	4 \$25 Iryna Nesterenko	5 \$25 Evan Eguilos	6 \$50 Aaron Espino	7
8	9 \$25 Sharon Dobson	10 \$25 April Sanderson	11 \$25 Stuart Schoenberger	12 \$25 Chasity Thomas	13 \$50 Chasity Thomas	14
15	16 \$25 April Sanderson	17 \$25 Percy Villafana	18 \$25 Dawn Slater	19 \$25 Halyna Zhuk	20 \$200 Anita Koziura	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

UKRAINIAN BILINGUAL PROGRAM UPDATE



ST. NICHOLAS VISIT

St. Nicholas visited all of the students at Ralph Brown School and was greeted with a lovely program full of songs and poems directed by Mrs. Kharchenko and presented by all EUBP students. After the concert St. Nicholas visited each classroom and handed out the traditional treat of candy canes and mandarin oranges with the help of his angels.



UKRAINIAN CAROLING and CONCERT

In the new year students of the EUBP will be participating in two very important events. The Ukrainian Choir

will be caroling and bringing joy to various locations in the community on January 14th. Later in the week on the evening of January 16th all students of the EUBP will be presenting a **Koliada** (Caroling) Concert with coffee, tea and baked goods to follow. We invite you all to join us!

HUMAN RIGHTS MUSEUM

On December 4th Grade 7 students had the opportunity to visit the Museum for Human Rights and participate in an Indigenous art master-class. In the morning students learned about traditional clay vessels local to our community and their importance to daily life. Afterwards students got to make their own clay vessels and stamp them with designs.

In the afternoon students visited the Holodomor exhibit at the Museum for Human Rights, listened to first-hand accounts of survivors and engaged with the interactive table with maps and images from the Holodomor.

FREE PEROGY LUNCH

Ralph Brown School was pleased to be able to offer ALL students in the school a free perogy lunch complete with sour cream, kulbasa and chocolate milk on December 6th.

THANK YOU!

for the generous donations from

Save On Foods

Tenderloin Meats & Sausage

and *Hellard's No Frills,*

without whose support this lunch would not have been possible.

ROOM P6 EXPLORES The LEAF

Grade 2 and 3 students had the opportunity to explore "The Leaf" at Assiniboine Park, complete with indoor waterfalls and butterfly gardens. Students took part in programming connected to winter celebrations, bird migration and nature based learning.

