

RALPH BROWN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER







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PLEASE POST THIS CALENDAR ON YOUR FRIDGE.

JUNE 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 DAY 4 Pow Wow at Tec Voc School P2, P3, P5, 107, 125	2 DAY 5	3
4	5 DAY 6	6 DAY 1 Soccer Play-off 3:45 at Ralph Brown	7 DAY 2 WSD Fit Run	8 DAY 3	9 DAY 4  Water Day	10
11	12 DAY 5	13 DAY 6 Indigenous Summer Solstice Celebrations Parent Council Meeting 6:00 pm	14 DAY 1 Immunization Clinic Gr 6, 7, 8	15 DAY 2 Family BBQ 5:30 pm	16 DAY 3 Inservice Day NO CLASSES	17 
18 	19 DAY 4 P1, P2, 128 to Fort Whyte	20 DAY 5 106 & P3 to the Zoo	21 DAY 6	22 DAY 1 N/K Picnic in Peanut Park	23 DAY 2	24
25	26 DAY 3 MPUE Sponsored Family Event 5:00	27 DAY 4 Gr. 6 & 8 Farewell 10:30 am	28 DAY 5 Awards Assembly Reports Issued	29 DAY 6	30 Last Day of School 11:30 Dismissal for all students	<i>Have an enjoyable and safe summer!</i>

IMPORTANT ITEMS COMING HOME . . .

PLEASE BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR CHILD'S BACKPACK DAILY FOR NOTICES, PERMISSION SLIPS, HOMEWORK, ETC.

REMINDER TO PLEASE CALL BEFORE 8:45 am WHENEVER YOUR CHILD WILL BE LATE OR ABSENT:
1-855-278-4513

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Sept 5 SCHOOLS REOPEN - NO CLASSES
Meet the Staff BBQ - 2:00-4:00 pm
- Sept 6 First Day of Classes for Grades 1-8
- Sept 11 First Day of Classes for N & K
- Oct 3 Inservice Day - NO CLASSES
- Oct 18 Picture Day
- Oct 10 Thanksgiving Day - NO CLASSES



Principal's Message

Dear Families,

And just like that it is now June! Last month at our School Planning Day, we met to review and reflect on the school year. We were very pleased to see all that our students, staff and community were able to learn, experience and accomplish this school year. Last year we developed our comprehensive Literacy Plan and Mathematics Plan to guide us in ensuring our students get the best learning experience possible. We have also created two additional plans that reflect our school priorities. The first plan is our Cultural Awareness and Community Connection Plan. This plan embraces our work we do to learn and grow in our understanding and appreciation for our own cultures and others'. It also reflects our commitment to making strong connections with the students, families and community members. We also created our Citizenship, Wellness and Engagement Plan. This encompasses our aim to promote positive behaviours and support students socially, emotionally, physically with positive mental health strategies. We also believe learning is greater when students are actively engaged. In this regard, we aim to improve student attendance, and provide engaging learning experiences for students. We hope you will partner with us on the journey in the fall.

May was a full and busy month with school planning, school clubs happening in the mornings, lunch and after school, soccer teams and ultimate football teams, Vyshyvanka Day and field trips. Thank you to all those teachers and staff members who gave of their free time to provide these opportunities for our students. We also had our Parent Advisory Council (PAC) elections for next year.

We are entering our final stretch and teachers have already begun to complete all the year end assessments and preparing for sharing your child's progress with the report cards. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact your child's teacher. For student in our grade 6 English program and our grade 8 English-Ukrainian students should registered in their next school to ensure a smooth transition. English students have already toured St. John's and received registration forms. Be sure to get the registrations in as soon as possible so your child can get the option classes they want.

The Gr. 6 & 8 Farewell is being planned for Tuesday, June 27 at 10:30 am. More information will be shared with you once the plans are finalized. This is a time we recognize the students who have finished their respective programs at Ralph Brown School which are the English Program ending in Grade 6 and English-Ukrainian Bilingual Program ending in Grade 8. We understand that there may be some students in other grades that may be leaving Ralph Brown this year and we want to say 'farewell' to them too. We will be sure to recognize those students we know who are leaving at the Awards Day Assembly the following day.

As the school year comes to an end, I would like to acknowledge members of our teaching staff who will be completing their term placements with us. Thank you Ms. Sulyma, Mr. Milidrag, and Ms. Hartley for being a part of the Ralph Brown teaching staff. We wish you all the best!

Finally, I would like to share how grateful I am to be officially appointed as the Principal of Ralph Brown School. It has been a pleasure to be here and see your children grow and learn these last two years. To the many new Ukrainian families that joined the community, it has been a pleasure to welcome you. I am thankful for the many parents, grandparents and caregivers I have met this year and look forward to meeting more in the fall. On behalf of all Ralph Brown staff, I wish every one of our students continued success! I wish you all a safe, healthy and happy summer!

Miigwetch, dyakuyu, thank you, for your part in contributing to a successful year of learning at Ralph Brown School!

Trevor MacVicar



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SOCCER

Congratulations to our Boys' Soccer Team on an excellent season! The season is not over just yet though and Ralph Brown is thrilled to host our first ever playoff game. The game will take place on Tuesday, June 6th at 3:45. Please come out this day and wear your Rocket Gear or Blue and Yellow to support our Rockets!



RUN CLUB

The Ralph Brown Run Club has been practicing very hard for the Divisional Fit Run. We currently have over 50 runners coming out to run/walk around the block. This includes students, staff, parents, and former Ralph Brown students. There is still one Run Club left on Tuesday, June 6th. It is never too late to come out, join the club, and run/walk for fun. Run Club will resume next school year in early September. The Divisional Fit Run will be on Wednesday, June 7th (9:00-11:30) at Old Exhibition Park. Congratulations to all the Grade 4, 5, and 6 students who qualified for this event!



ULTIMATE FOOTBALL

A special shout out to our Grade 5 and 6 Ultimate Football team who played in the Winnipeg School Division tournament on Friday, May 26th at Chalmers Field. Way to go Rockets!

RALPH BROWN WATER DAY

On Friday, June 9th, Ralph Brown School will be having a Water themed activity day. There will be several activities where students will get wet and parents/guardians are asked to supply their child with the appropriate clothing for this event. In the event of poor weather, the alternate date will be on Monday, June 12th.

Recommended items include:

- Sunscreen and a hat
- Shoes that are easy to remove (flip flops or sandals would be best)
- Clothing that is ok to get wet (Swim shorts and a T-shirt)
- Towel



PARENT COUNCIL NEWS

Thank you to the following for stepping up to serve on our PAC for the coming school year:

- President - *Kate Cote*
- Vice-President - *Vacant*
- Treasurer - *Felicia Harrison*
- Fundraising Coordinator - *Karrie Phillips*
- Ukrainian Program Rep - *Svetlana Bganka*
- Past President - *Cameron Patrick*

Thank you to those parents who took an active part in the life of our school; participated in our fundraisers or served on Parent Council. We hope to see more involvement next year so Ralph Brown School can be the best it can be!

**Next Parent Council meeting
TUESDAY, JUNE 13th at 6:00 pm**

LUNCH PROGRAM

Lunch Program Registration Forms for next year will be sent home later this month. Note that a registration form **must be on file** before a student can stay in the lunch program.

All are welcome to attend our

FAMILY B B Q

to be held on

Thursday, June 15th

5:30 - 7:00 pm

on the Ralph Brown School Grounds.

Indigenous Games in the Field

Hot Dog BBQ

Learn to dance Pow Wow

Please bring lawn chairs or blankets

Join our school community and enjoy!



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WASAC SUMMER CAMP August 21 - 25

The Winnipeg Aboriginal Sport Achievement Centre is offering a free Summer Kids Camp for children ages 7 - 12. Join us for sports, recreation, arts & crafts, coding, cultural activities and so much more. WASAC's day camp runs from 10 am - 3 pm for 1 week. Pick up and drop off will be at your school. Lunch and snacks are provided. Children will swim each day at Sergeant Tommy Prince Place.

STEP by STEP REGISTRATION:

1. Go to our website at www.wasac.ca
2. Click on **register for camp** in the top right hand corner
3. Type in **camp2023** (all lower case)
4. Select **camp location**
5. Select your **school name**
6. Fill in the **waiver form**
7. Click on **submit**

Following registration you will receive:

- a registration submission confirmation email
- a camp acceptance confirmation email
- a camp reminder email 1 week prior to camp with necessary info
- a phone call 1 week prior to confirm your child's attendance

Please let us know if your plans change. Registration will remain open until all spaces have been filled or the week prior to each camp. Registration can be done from any phone or computer with an internet connection.

If you have any questions or cancellations please email kidscamp@wasac.ca call or text **Michelle** at **(204) 890-3992** Monday to Friday between 10 am and 3 pm with child's name and school's name.

CANADA DENTAL BENEFIT

The Canadian Govt. has implemented the interim Canada Dental Benefit, which is designed to provide financial support to help Canadian families access dental care. The plan provides payments up to \$650 per eligible child per year for two years.

**For more information visit
Canada.ca/dental or 1-800-715-8836**

MESSAGE FROM PUBLIC HEALTH

Hello - My name is Vicki Charski. I am the public health nurse who will be leading the upcoming **immunization clinic** at Ralph Brown school on June 14th in the morning. This clinic is for students who are in grade 6 to grade 8. We will be providing immunizations to children whose legal guardian returned a signed consent form at the start of the school year. The immunizations that are being offered at this clinic include the following:

- Hepatitis-B vaccine (HBV)
- Human papillomavirus virus vaccine (HPV)
- Meningococcal -C-ACYW-135 vaccine
- Tdap/Tdap-IPV

Please call me if you have any questions or if you would like to complete a consent form over the phone (204) 803-8019.

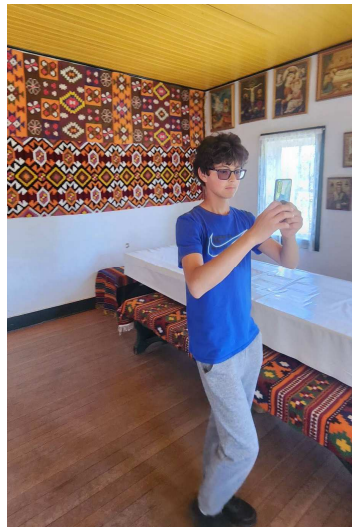
Pictured left and below: A number of our classrooms had the opportunity to attend the Winnipeg School Division's Annual Pow Wow. Students took part in "teaching tents", and enjoyed crafts, snacks and some fantastic entertainment. They even had a photo op with our MLA Nahanni Fontaine.



UKRAINIAN BILINGUAL PROGRAM UPDATE



Each year MPUE hosts a trip for English-Ukrainian Bilingual Schools. Here are some highlights of our Grade 7 & 8 students' recent **"Venture to Vegreville"**. A visit to the Ukrainian Heritage Village included a church built in 1901, a classroom circa 1930, horse drawn wagon ride, a giant pysanka (Ukrainian Easter Egg), as well as stops at the Saskatchewan Legislature and West Edmonton Mall.



"The Vegreville trip is one of the best trips I have gone on. I have never left Manitoba and I had so much fun! I hope I can go again."