

# RALPH BROWN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

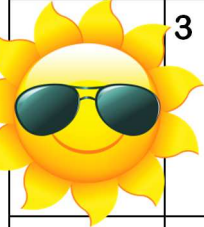





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PLEASE POST THIS CALENDAR ON YOUR FRIDGE.

## JUNE 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	3 DAY 3	4 DAY 4	5 DAY 5	6 Rec Centre Closed today Pow Wow at Tec Voc School	7 DAY 6  Water Day	8
9	10 DAY 2 Grades 5 - 8 at Camp Manitou	11 DAY 3 WSD STEAM Fair at MB Museum	12 DAY 4	13 DAY 5	14 DAY 6 P4 & P6 to Kildonan Park	15
16 	17 DAY 1	18 DAY 2 P4 & P6 to Birds Hill Park	19 DAY 3 Summer Solstice Celebrations	20 DAY 4 Family Event & BBQ 5:00-7:00 pm	21 DAY 5 Inservice Day NO CLASSES	22 
23	24 DAY 6 P1, P2, 128 to Fort Whyte	25 DAY 1 Gr. 6 & 8 Farewell 1:30 pm	26 DAY 2 Awards Assembly 1:30 pm Reports Issued	27 DAY 3 P3 to Peanut Park	28 DAY 4 Last Day of School Canada Day Parade 11:30 Dismissal	29
30	<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 3 SCHOOLS REOPEN - NO CLASSES  
Meet the Staff - 2:30-4:30 pm
- Sept 4 First Day of Classes for Grades 1-8
- Sept 9 First Day of Classes for N & K
- Sept 30 Truth & Reconciliation Day - NO CLASS
- Oct 9 Inservice Day - NO CLASSES
- Oct 14 Thanksgiving Day - NO CLASSES



## *Principal's Message*

Dear Families,

*This is it! June is here and that means we are in the final 20 days of school. What a year it has been. Our primary classes have engaged in nature based learning throughout the year. P4 and P6 students were engaged in inquiry learning about woodpeckers. Room 104 worked on their Minecraft neighbourhood project. We were able to have several sport teams in Grades 4-8 participating in different tournaments. Our winter concerts were a success and very enjoyable. We also celebrated Ms Demko who won the Manitoba Excellence award from Manitoba Education. We are very pleased to see all that our students, staff and community were able to learn, experience and accomplish this school year.*

*As we look forward to next year, planning is well underway. As a staff, we spent our first planning day in May discussing how to improve in creating a safe and caring school for our students. We looked at our current P.B.I.S. (Positive Behaviour Intervention and Supports) model and code of conduct to see how we will manage and support student behaviours next year. We will share this with families in the fall. Our second planning day in June will look at our school goals and priorities. Again we will share this in the fall with families.*

*Students in our Grade 6 English program and Grade 8 English-Ukrainian program should be 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 Grade 6 & 8 Farewell is being planned for Tuesday, June 25th at 1:30 pm. 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 leaving us. Thank you Ms Malabanan, Ms Meenakshi, Ms Blyth, Ms Concepcion, Ms Semchuk and Ms Hartley for being a part of the Ralph Brown teaching staff. We wish you all the best! Special acknowledgement to Mr. Charambura who will be retiring after many years of service with the Winnipeg School Division - Congratulations!*

*It has been a pleasure to be here and see your children grow and learn these last three years. To the many new families that joined our 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 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*

# IN THE CLASSROOMS



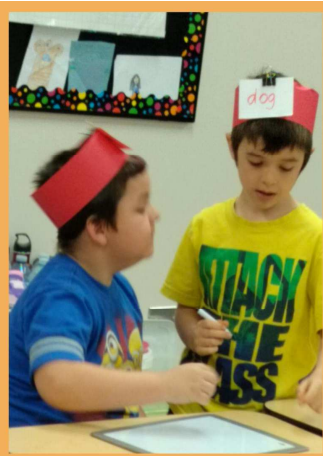
## SMUDGING

In April and May, all students and staff took part in the teachings of the 4 medicines and learned about smudging. Each class spent time in the lodgeroom where they learned the meanings behind smudging and had an opportunity to take part in it, if they chose. Beginning in May, students from grades 1-8 are invited each morning to smudge in the lodgeroom before beginning their day.



**P1 STUDENTS AT WORK**  
Playing "Guess the Word" game/

Learning about measurement.



# 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*

Secretary - *Nataliia Babenko*

Treasurer - *Felicia Harrison*

Fundraising Coordinator - *Nathan Wild*

Ukrainian Program Rep - *Svetlana Bganka*

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 even more involvement next year so Ralph Brown can be the best it can be!

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**Next Parent Council meeting . . .**

**SEE YOU NEXT SEPTEMBER . . .**

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*All are welcome to attend our*

## **FAMILY EVENT**

*to be held on*

**Thursday, June 20th**

**5:00 - 7:00 pm**

at Ralph Brown School

*BBQ*

*Metis Dancers*

*Tipi Teachings*

*and much more . . .*

*Please bring lawn chairs or blankets*



*Join our school community and enjoy!*

*Miquetch*

## **SUMMER SOLSTICE WEEK AT RALPH BROWN SCHOOL**

During the week of June 17-21, students and staff are thankful to have some guests in the school to share their gifts and teach about Indigenous cultures and practices. Students will take part in learning some Ojibwe language with Weston Sutherland, some will learn to bead with Jenna Leszkovics, others will spend an afternoon with David Robertson, an Indigenous author from Winnipeg, and others will take part in Tipi teachings. On June 20<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 pm, Ralph Brown School invites students and their families to join us for a BBQ, Indigenous games, Ojibwe cartoons and entertainment from Dean Davis and the Metis Jiggers. We hope to see everyone there to celebrate June 21st - Our Summer Solstice.

## **BEWARE OF THE "SUMMER SLIDE"**

Often referred to as summer setback, summer learning loss is when students return to school at a lower academic level than the end of the last school year. This happens when your child doesn't use or practise the skills he or she learned at school during summer vacation.

Of course summer is a time to be out of doors and enjoying "fun" things! But with a little creativity, learning can be enjoyable too.

Reading just 15 to 30 minutes can easily be worked into your child's day. Crossword puzzles, "mad minutes" and brain teasers are fun challenges. Helping out in the kitchen by reading a recipe and measuring out ingredients wouldn't feel like "school work".

Summer break is a time when students can relax and rejuvenate; and by keeping their minds active over the summer they will experience a less stressful return to classes in the fall.

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## **FAREWELL**

*to be held on*

**Tuesday, June 25th**

**1:30 pm**

at Ralph Brown School

Join us as we celebrate our departing Grade 6 English Program and our Grade 8 Ukrainian-Bilingual Program students.

## WASAC SUMMER CAMP August 19 - 23

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 the 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](http://www.wasac.ca)
2. Click on **register for camp** (top right hand corner)
3. Type in **camp2024** (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 the 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 email [kidscamp@wasac.ca](mailto:kidscamp@wasac.ca) call or text **Michelle** at (204) 890-3992 Monday to Friday between 10 am and 3 pm with your child's name and the school's name.

# WHAT HAS P2 BEEN UP TO?



Students from P2, along with all of the other students in the English-Ukrainian Bilingual Program, enjoyed a traditional Easter Breakfast in May. Special guests were entertained by the choir as well as a dance performance; *Hahilky* - a dance performed solely by females "aiming to chase away winter and entice spring".

Students from P2 and 111 attended a field trip to the Manitoba Museum where they had presentations on Dinosaurs and The Inuit, and then enjoyed some hands on activities in the Science Gallery.



# PHYS. ED. NEWS



## **SOCCER**

The Junior High Boys' Soccer Team competed another season in the Junior High Boys' Developmental league. Congratulations to our boys on a great season!

## **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, former Ralph Brown students and Dash the dog! There is still one run left on **Tuesday, June 4<sup>th</sup>**. 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 5<sup>th</sup> (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 May 30<sup>th</sup> at Chalmers Field. Way to go Rockets!

## **WATER DAY**

On **Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup>**, 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 appropriate clothing for this event. Recommended items for this day include:  
Sunscreen and a hat  
Shoes that are easy to remove - flip flops and sandals are best  
Clothing that is ok to get wet – Swim shorts and a T-shirt  
Towel



In the event of poor weather, the alternate date will be will Monday, June 10th.