

RALPH BROWN SCHOOL REVIEW



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PLEASE POST THIS CALENDAR ON YOUR FRIDGE.

March 2023

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| | | | 1 DAY 5 | 2 DAY 6 | 3 DAY 1 | 4 |
| 5 | 6 DAY 2 Gr. 4 Swimming | 7 DAY 3 | 8 DAY 4 | 9 DAY 5 | 10 DAY 6 | 11 |
| 12 SPRING AHEAD | 13 DAY 1 Gr. 4 Swimming | 14 DAY 2 Report Cards Issued Parent Council Meeting 6:00 pm | 15 DAY 3 DI Provincial Tournament | 16 DAY 4 Student-Led Conferences 4:00-8:00 pm | 17 DAY 5 Student-Led Conf. 9-11:30 NO CLASSES ALL DAY | 18 Happy St. Patrick's Day! |
| 19 | 20 DAY 6 Gr. 4 Swimming Pajama Day Wear your comfiest pj's all day | 21 DAY 1 Hot Lunch Day Twisted Tuesday Backwards or inside out . . . | 22 DAY 2 Wacky Wednesday Weird hairdo, wacky colours, go all out | 23 DAY 3 Sporty Thursday Jerseys or Rocket Wear - show your spirit | 24 DAY 4 Blue & Yellow Day Show support for Ukraine | 25 |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | |
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IMPORTANT ITEMS COMING HOME . . .
PLEASE BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR CHILD'S BACKPACK DAILY FOR NOTICES, PERMISSION SLIPS, 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:
 April 3 Classes resume after Spring Break
 April 10 Picture Day
 April 11 Parent Council Meeting - 6:00 pm
 April 12 Pink Shirt Day
 April 14 Inservice Day - NO CLASSES
 April 20 Math Night - 6:00 pm
 April 25 Hot Lunch Day
 May 1 Inservice Day - NO CLASSES

Principal's Message

Dear Families,

Spring is coming! Getting to March causes excitement for Spring Break and warmer weather but it also causes anxiety as there is still lots of teaching and learning to do and we start the process of planning for next year at this time! It makes the point that despite everything we need to do, it is important to be present and be thankful for each day.

During the month of February, we celebrated I Love to Read Month. Classrooms participated in different activities this month to promote reading including having Ace Burpee as a guest reader and creating a reading lounge in the gym with snacks! Thanks to our Literacy Committee of teachers who organized this great experience.

We are now accepting registrations for the next school year. If you have a child who is nursery age or new to kindergarten, please visit our website or call the office to pick up a registration form. We are also accepting applications for our N-6 English program and our Kindergarten & Grade 1 English Ukrainian Bilingual program for students who are interested in this language program.

Planning for next year is already underway. Earlier this month, I sent out an email with a google form survey asking about your families' intentions for next year indicating where your child will be attending school next year. A hard copy was also sent home. Our enrolment is a crucial number that we use to establish classes, programming and staffing. The more information we have available for planning is greatly appreciated. If it is easier for you, feel free to call our office or email us to let us know if your child will be returning to Ralph Brown School next year.

We are also interested to know if you have a Nursery or Kindergarten age child that you might consider enrolling in our half-day program. Our N/K program is a play-based learning program to develop early literacy and numeracy skills. This free program helps children get used to being away from family

for a little bit of the day and to let them see what school is like before attending for the full day in grade 1. If you have any questions about this program, please call the school office. We would love to share more information with you.

As we enter March, student assessment and reporting is underway. Report cards will be shared with families on Tuesday, March 14th. Family conferences will take place on Thursday, March 16th in the evening and Friday, March 17th in the morning. We are so proud of the learning happening here and we want to celebrate that with you and your child(ren).

We are so thankful for the continued support of our small but hard-working Parent Council. Their annual Kovbasa fundraiser was a great success again. Money raised will help our school purchase additional technology for students. Thank you to families for their continued support to the school.

Our next Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) meeting will be Tuesday, March 7th at 6:00pm in our library. We hope to see you there!

I hope that March is filled with many sunny days and I wish you all an enjoyable spring break.

Respectfully,

Trevor McVicar



REMEMBER THE RALPH BROWN COUNTDOWN...

- 3 BE RESPECTFUL**
- 2 BE SAFE**
- 1 BE THE BEST YOU CAN BE!**

REGISTRATION for 2023/24

REGISTRATION for SCHOOL

We are currently accepting registrations for next fall. If you have a child who will be nursery or kindergarten age, please visit our website for information and a registration form, or call the school at 589-7355.

NURSERY: Children must be 4 years old by December 31st.

KINDERGARTEN: Children must be 5 years old by December 31st.

Please share this with family, friends or neighbours who have school-aged children.

ENGLISH UKRAINIAN BILINGUAL PROGRAM

BITAEMO! WELCOME!

The English-Ukrainian Bilingual Program at Ralph Brown School is looking forward to welcoming new children into the program. Students entering Nursery, Kindergarten or Gr. 1 may be accepted into the program, regardless of their cultural background.

Children study the same subjects as children in English classes, in addition to learning Ukrainian with the opportunity to take part in many cultural activities (Ukrainian Christmas Eve Dinner, Carolling, Easter Breakfast, Pysanky (Easter Egg) Decorating and culturally rich field trips).



LOST and FOUND

Our Lost & Found bin runneth over! Items will be laid out during parent-teacher conferences; parents are encouraged to check the table for any items that belong to their child - mitts, jackets, ski pants, hoodies, toques, etc.

PARENT COUNCIL NEWS

KOVBASA FUNDRAISER

Thank you so much to those who participated in our Kovbasa Fundraiser!

Our anticipated profits is over \$1,200, with proceeds being put towards the school's technology needs.

*Tenderloin
Meat & Sausage*

Orders will be delivered to the school for pickup on Wednesday, March 8th.

**Next Parent Council Meeting
TUESDAY, March 14th at 6:00 pm**

STUDENT-LED CONFERENCES

Parents are invited to take part in student-parent-teacher conferences which will be held on

Thursday, March 16th in the evening and **Friday, March 17th** in the morning when their child will share their learning and accomplishments to date.



Watch for more information about report cards and appointment times coming home.

Note that Report Cards will be sent to parents via e-mail going forward; and the conferences may be held in person or over the telephone.

**INVITATION to PARENTS from
INCLUSIVE EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

The Inclusive Education Advisory Committee is an Advisory Committee to the Board of Trustees which will be comprised of parents/guardians of students with inclusive needs in the Division. Inclusive Education includes any students with exceptional learning needs including social/emotional, behavioural, sensory, physical, cognitive/intellectual, communication, academic or special health-care needs that affect a student's ability to meet learning outcomes.

In accordance with the Terms of Reference for the Committee, the Inclusive Education Committee will provide an opportunity for any parents/guardians of a student with inclusive needs to provide feedback to the Board of Trustees on programs and services as well as networking with other parents with similar advocacy needs. The Committee will also be providing information on supports and programs offered by the Division and community.

The first meeting will be held at Tec Voc High School on Wednesday, April 12, 2023 from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. An agenda will be distributed one week prior to the meeting. Parents/Guardians who are interested in participating as a member of this Committee please contact the Board Office at 204-789-0469 or email Board@wsd1.org.



WSD Annual Report to the Community 2021/2022

The division is pleased to share with you their Annual Report to the Community.

Please visit their website or copy and paste the following link:

<https://www.winnipegssd.ca/page/12021/annual-report-to-the-community>

The report features messages from the Chair of the Board and the Chief Superintendent, 150 Year Anniversary Overview, highlighted activities and a financial overview.

BREAKFAST PROGRAM and HEALTHY SNACK



Mornings can be hectic, especially with children to get up and out the door. Save the preparation and clean-up time, not to mention a few extra dollars, by taking advantage of the breakfast program. The breakfast program runs every school day from 8:30 to 9:00 am. A variety of cold cereals with milk and fruit are always available, as well as toast and sometimes eggs, hot cereal and other breakfast items. Students are to enter through the Rec Centre doors, and after eating will be dismissed into the playground.

Ralph Brown School is grateful to received funding from the *Child Nutrition Council of MB* and *Breakfast Club of Canada* which enables us to offer breakfast as well as a healthy snack every day.



"I LOVE TO READ" MONTH

Theme for 2023: **"Stories Connect Us: We Are More Alike Than Different"**

There are many links that can be made to this open-ended theme from Kindergarten to Grade 12. Diverse perspectives through "mirrors, windows and sliding glass doors" should be at the forefront of the stories we share with students. Story is powerful, but there are dangers in hearing only a single story. We should all be encouraged to share our own stories – all people, Indigenous peoples, settlers and immigrants alike. We should also be open to hearing others' stories as a way of becoming a more peaceful, understanding world.

Manitoba Reading Association

<http://www.readingmanitoba.org/i-love-to-read-month.html>



At Ralph Brown School we held an "I Love to Read Week" from February 21st - 24th. Our theme was *Cozy Up to Reading*. We read books from around the world, did "Stop, Drop and Read", and made book covers. We started our week with guest speaker *Ace Burpee* from Virgin Radio. He was lots of fun and an excellent reader! We ended our week with a gathering in the gym in our pajamas to listen to a story and sit around a virtual campfire to read with our classmates.



PHYS. ED. NEWS

BOWLING

During the month of February, Ralph Brown students participated in Ten Pin Bowling activities. The Manitoba Tenpin Federation provided Ralph Brown School with weighted bowling balls and indoor bowling lanes for a unique in-school bowling experience. In addition, the Manitoba Tenpin Federation provided every Grade 1-8 student a complimentary game of ten pin bowling. Congratulations to all the Strike and Rhino Club (two strikes in a row) members who bowled the most strikes during the month of February. Special congratulations to (P2) Zoe (104) Jaiden, Javen (105) Adrianna, Jerri Lee (106) Damien (107) Artur, DeAndre and Liza who were the only students in the school to roll three strikes in a row and join the prestigious **TURKEY CLUB!**



SKATE 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. Congratulations to the entire Rocket Skate Club!

COMMUNITY SKATE NIGHT

On February 23rd, Ralph Brown Community Centre hosted a community Skate Night. Several of our Skate Club members came out on this night to display their skating skills to family and friends.

