

RALPH BROWN SCHOOL REVIEW



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PLEASE POST THIS CALENDAR ON YOUR FRIDGE.

March 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 DAY 3	2
3	4 DAY 4	5 DAY 5	6 DAY 6	7 DAY 1	8 DAY 2	9
10 SPRING AHEAD 	11 DAY 3 Report Cards Issued	12 DAY 4 Parent Council Meeting 6:00 pm	13 DAY 5	14 DAY 6 Student-Led Conferences 4:00-8:00 pm	15 DAY 1 Student-Led Conf. 9-11:30 NO CLASSES ALL DAY	16
17 	18 DAY 2 Pajama Day Wear your comfiest pj's all day	19 DAY 3 Hot Lunch Day Twisted Tuesday Backwards or inside out . . .	20 DAY 4 Wacky Wednesday Weird hairdo, wacky colours, go all out	21 DAY 5 Sporty Thursday Jerseys or Rocket Wear - show your spirit	22 DAY 6 Blue & Yellow Day Show support for Ukraine	23
24	25	26	27	28	29 Good Friday	30



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 1 Classes resume after Spring Break
- April 3 Family Literacy Night 6:00-7:00 pm
- April 8 Picture Day
- April 9 Parent Council Meeting - 6:00 pm
- April 19 Inservice Day - NO CLASSES
- April 30 Hot Lunch Day
- May 6 Inservice Day - NO CLASSES



Principal's Message

Dear Families,

Spring is coming! With our warmer weather coming we will see the clocks “springing ahead” on March 10th. As we look forward to the Spring Equinox on March 20, we will see the Goose Moon this month. At the end of March schools will be closed for one week during Spring Break from March 25-29. There is still a lot of teaching and learning to do until the end of June, but we have already started planning for next year. 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 last week of February, we celebrated I Love to Read with a “Leap in to Reading” leap year theme, inspired by the extra day that happens every four years. Classrooms participated in different activities to promote reading, and enjoyed guest speakers, book and snacks that went with the week’s theme. Thank you to the I Love to Read committee for the great events!

As we enter March, student assessment and reporting is underway. Report cards will be shared with families on Monday, March 11. March is the time for students to share their creative hard work at our conferences. Family Conferences take place in the evening on Thursday, March 14 and in the morning on Friday, March 15. We are so proud of the learning happening in our building and we want to celebrate that with you and your child (ren). Look for the conference forms that will be coming home soon.

At Ralph Brown School, we are fortunate to have our students involved in many clubs, including sports clubs, lunch clubs such as Destination Imagination, practices and after school activities. We are proud to have our Ralph Brown Rockets represent our school at the various tournaments. Thank you to all staff for coaching and mentoring and devoting time and dedication to ensuring student engagement.

Planning for next year is already under way. Our programming, classes and staffing relies on student enrolment we are expecting for next year. The more information we have available for planning is greatly appreciated. We kindly ask that you fill in the Google Survey that was sent to all families. A hard copy was also sent home. If it is easier for you, feel free to call our office or email us to let us know if your child/ren 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. The half-day program is play-based and helps develop early literacy and numeracy skills. If you have any questions about this program, please call the school office. We would love to share more information with you.

We are so thankful for the continued support of our small but hard-working Parent Council. Their annual Kovbasa fundraiser has just wrapped up and money raised will go towards supporting our school and students in the classroom. Thank you to families for their continued support.

Our next Parent Advisory Committee meeting will be on Tuesday, March 12 at 6:00 pm 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,

Monica Sim
Vice-Principal

REMEMBER THE RALPH BROWN COUNTDOWN...

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

REGISTRATION for 2024/25

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! Proceeds will be put towards the school's technology needs.

*Tenderloin
Meat Sausage*

Orders will be delivered to the school for pickup on Thursday, March 14th.

**Next Parent Council Meeting
TUESDAY, March 12th 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 14th in the evening and **Friday, March 15th** in the morning when their child will share their learning and accomplishments to date.



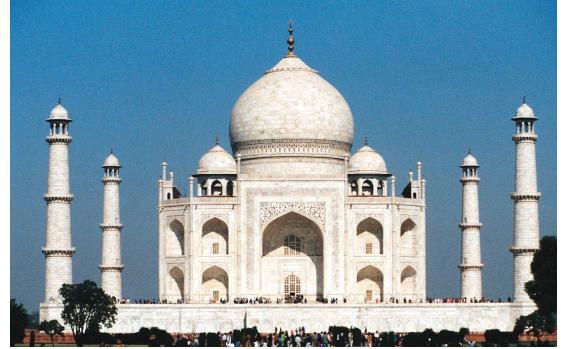
Watch for more information about report cards and appointment times coming home.

*Note that Report Cards will be sent to parents via e-mail; and the conferences will be held in person.
Show your child that you value their education.*

IN THE CLASSROOM . . .

P3 PLANS 7 DAY TRIP TO INDIA

We planned a 7- Day trip from Canada to India. We prepared our Canadian passports and researched various websites to book our flights from Winnipeg to India.



Day1 - Flights: We took the Air Canada flight # 777 Boeing from James Armstrong Richardson Airport, Winnipeg (YWG) to Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi (DEL).

Day2 - Exploration fantasy: We explored the trips to the Top 4 Indian metro cities; New Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai. We watched different dresses worn by Indian people, and saw various modes of transportation.

Day3 - Festivals and Celebrations: We learnt about prominent festivals of India such as Holi and Diwali and ceremonies related to them.

Day4 - The magnificent Taj Mahal: We explored the beauty of Taj Mahal (one of 7 wonders of the world) on full moon night.

Day 5 - Bollywood and Cricket: We watched 'All Time Favorite Children's songs' of Bollywood (Indian film industry). We saw the cricket match in Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai.

Day 6 - Indian wedding ceremony: We attended the virtual marriage ceremony of an Indian couple. The bride and groom were wearing lots of gold jewellery and beautiful dresses. We were excited to watch the Ring ceremony, Mehndi ceremony, Haldi ceremony, Sangeet ceremony and Marriage ceremony.

Day 7 - On the way back to Canada, we felt that we could have spent more time in India to explore some more places. But it's ok. Maybe next time!

HEY KIDS!! SOLVE THIS PUZZLE for a PRIZE!!

Using the information key to the left, fill in the blanks.

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Spring break is coming and a great time to spend some time with your kids in the kitchen. Have them make a simple breakfast or snack with you, or show them how to pack their own lunches. Teaching kids to cook is vital for them to develop a lifelong healthy relationship with food. Here is a super easy recipe to start with:

Fruit Smoothie

- 1 cup fresh or frozen fruit
- 1 cup milk 1/2 cup yogurt

Blend until smooth. Adjust thickness with extra milk if needed. Experiment with different fruits or even vegetables.



It can be expensive to file your income tax return at a tax preparation office, and if you do it yourself you could easily miss out on deductions and tax credits that you are entitled to receive such as Canada Child Benefit, GST rebate, Climate Action Incentive, or Old Age Security.

Harvest Manitoba’s Income Tax Return Program can help you to prepare and file your income tax and benefit return. If you have a modest income and a simple tax situation you may qualify for this program.* Contact us and trained Harvest volunteers will file your tax return for **FREE** between February 26th and May 30th, 2024.

Modest Income: Single household income under \$35,000 or Couple household income under \$45,000 (+\$2,500 per dependent). Simple tax situation *excludes*:

- Professional or business income
- Capital gains or losses
- Farming or fishing income
- Pre and post bankruptcy return
- Rental income and expenses
- Investment income over \$1,000
- Deceased returns
- Foreign property

Ways you can contact us to access the Tax Return Program:

- Visit harvestmanitoba.ca / Harvest Programs / Need Tax Help?
- Register online and drop off your tax documents at Harvest Manitoba, 1085 Winnipeg Ave, anytime Monday – Saturday, 9:00 – 3:00 pm. We will mail your documents once your tax return is completed.
- Book a phone call appointment. Phone number and email address are required. Come in person to Harvest Manitoba, 1085 Winnipeg Ave, Monday – Friday, 9:00 – 3:00 pm. Bring all 2023 T4s and T5s forms, all 2023 rent receipts, and any other 2023 tax related documentation.

*The CVITP volunteer will determine whether your tax situation is simple or complex.

PHYS. ED. NEWS

BOWLING

During the month of February, Ralph Brown students participated in Ten Pin Bowling activities during Phys. Ed. classes. The MB 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. Special congratulations to *Thorsten (P6)*, *Abdul (104)*, *Bentley (104)*, *Clark (104)*, *Magnus (105)*, *Joey (105)*, *Taylor (105)*, *Patricia (105)*, *Narissa (107)*, *Gabriel (107)*, *Tymur (107)*, *Makar P. (111)*, *Lillia (111)* and *Grace (111)* who were the only students in the school to roll three strikes in a row and join the prestigious **TURKEY CLUB!**



SPEED SKATING

Ralph Brown School will be participating in the 103rd Annual Speed Skating Races which will be hosted by Speed Skating Manitoba on **Wednesday, March 6th @ 5:00**. The event will be held at the Cindy Klassen Recreation Complex. Good luck to all our skaters.



ELEMENATRY BASKETBALL

Congratulations to the Grade 5/6 Basketball Team who competed in a 3 on 3 tournament held at Machray School on Friday, February 24th. The team showcased their dribbling and shooting skills and played against several schools throughout the division.

JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL

The Ralph Brown Junior High Basketball Team continues to practice weekly and are improving every single game. There are still two home games left this season. **Monday, March 4th - 4:00** vs. Earl Grey and **Monday, March 11th - 4:00** vs. Gordon Bell.

INNER CITY SOCCER LEAGUE

The Inner City Soccer League will continue for our Grade 5/6 and 7/8 teams. There are still two game left this season. The Grade 5/6 team will play on **Tuesday, March 5th @ 12:00** and the Grade 7/8 team will play on **Monday, March 11th @ 12:00**. Both games will be played at the Axworthy RecPlex at the U of W.

