

RALPH BROWN SCHOOL REVIEW






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PLEASE POST THIS CALENDAR ON YOUR FRIDGE.

NOVEMBER 2022



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 DAY 3	2 DAY 4	3 DAY 5 Picture Retakes - am only	4 DAY 6	5
6 	7 DAY 1	8 DAY 2 Parent Council Meeting 6:00	9 DAY 3	10 DAY 4 Remembrance Day Assembly	11  REMEMBRANCE DAY No Classes	12
13 WORLD KINDNESS DAY	14 DAY 5 Reports Issued	15 DAY 6	16 DAY 1 Calendar Draw Fundraiser Sales begins	17 DAY 2 Parent-Teacher Conferences 4:00 - 8:00 pm	18 DAY 3 Parent-Teacher Conferences AM NO CLASSES ALL DAY	19
20	21 DAY 4	22 DAY 5	23 DAY 6	24 DAY 1 Gr. 5/6 Volleyball	25 DAY 2 Holodomor Assembly	26
27	28 DAY 3 Inservice Day NO CLASSES	29 DAY 4 Hot Lunch Day	30 DAY 5	<p><i>Be kind whenever possible. It is always possible.</i> Dalai Lama</p>  <p><i>How do we change the world? One random act of kindness at a time.</i> Morgan Freeman</p>		

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 ABSENT.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Dec 1 Calendar Draw Kick-Off
- Dec 13 Parent Council Meeting - 6:00 pm
- Dec 21 Last Day of Classes
- Jan 5 Schools reopen after Break
- Jan 17 Parent Council Meeting - 6:00 pm
- Jan 31 Hot Lunch Day
- Feb 3 Inservice Day - NO CLASSES



Principal's Message

Dear Families:

What an exciting time at Ralph Brown School. We are so happy to continue to welcome new families. Last September, our enrolment was 191 students compared to this September which was 240. As of November 2nd we have 247 students. This shows how much we are growing and thriving as a school community. When families come to register, they often share that they are hearing great things about us and that reputation is a collective effort by yourselves as families for trusting us with your children, the students themselves who come to school everyday with a curiosity and desire to learn, the staff who work hard to plan engaging learning experiences, our Educational Assistants who support learning in the classroom, and the dedicated support teams (Office, Custodial, Student Support, and Clinicians) who take care a variety of things to help the teachers and the students to be able to do their best.

With it being the beginning of my second year at Ralph Brown, I am encouraged by the growth I am seeing in students. Learning is happening and new friendships are being developed.

The highlight of the month was our Secret Path Week. As a Gord Downie & Chanie Wenjack Fund Legacy School, we are committed to organizing reconciliATIONS throughout the school year. Staff and students have been learning about Chanie's story and his experience at a residential school. One of the activities students and staff participated in was the Walk for Wenjack. We walked through our community to honour Chanie Wenjack and his family. Thank you to our neighbours who stepped outside to wave and show your support.

The staff are also learning too! On October 21st staff participated in a learning session about Self-Regulation and Co-Regulation strategies and supporting neurodiverse

students. The presenters from our Inclusion Support Services Team. Staff from Faraday School joined us as well for this great learning experience.

Once again, Mr. Karpenko transformed the gymnasium into "Halloween Gym" complete with obstacle courses and fun activities. Thanks Mr. Karpenko. Students and staff were also treated to another spooky experience in the decorated library. Thanks to our custodial team and Ms. Lobban for setting that up. Our Halloween fun day wouldn't be complete without our traditional parade to show off all of our costumes.

Looking forward into November, on November 10th we will gather to acknowledge the courage and sacrifice of those who served our country. It is also a day when we are reminded of our own responsibility to work for the peace they fought hard to achieve. Ralph Brown School also remembers Holodomor. We will gather again on November 25th to remember the great famine that killed millions of Ukrainians caused by Soviet policies. We can not forget either of these dark parts of our history.

Report cards will be issued electronically on November 14th and parent teacher interviews will be coming up this month on the 17th and 18th. Teachers are looking forward to having conversations with you. We will be offering in-person conferences or telephone conferences to best suit your family needs. We want to make it as easy as possible to be making as many connections with families as we can. More information will be sent home in the coming days.

Please join us for our next Parent Council meeting on Tuesday, November 8th at 6pm in the library. Childcare will be available. We have a full board of executives and parents regularly attending these meetings to discuss and share ideas, hear reports from the lunch program and my Principal's report about what's happening in the school and in the division. Thank you to all PAC

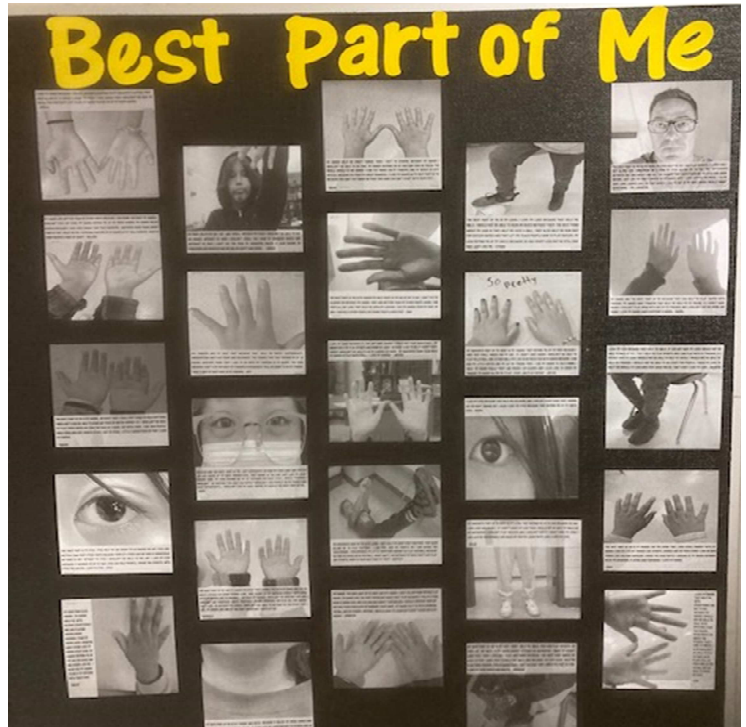
members for their ongoing support! We are looking forward to the Cash Calendar Fundraiser that will be coming out soon.

The Mobile Vision Clinic will be here on November 22nd. More information will be sent out soon.

We have been enjoying great weather recently but we know winter will be coming. Remember to start dressing for the weather. Students will continue to go outside for recess daily and Phys. Ed. classes as much as possible.

Respectfully,

Trevor MacVicar

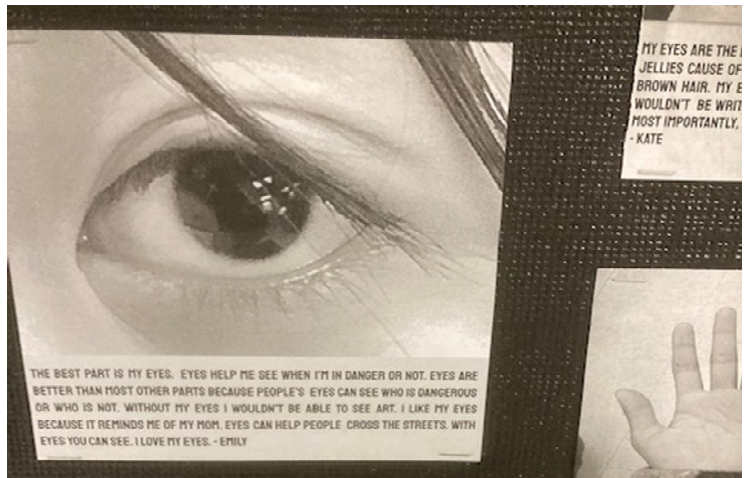


IN THE SPOTLIGHT



A representative from Lions Club came to Ralph Brown School to congratulate Peaches and Duane, who placed 1st and 2nd in this year's **Peace Poster Contest**.

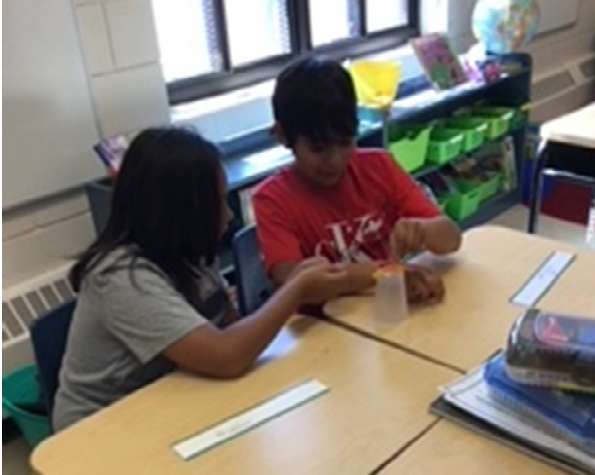
Right: A Room 105 student is featured in "Before and After" pictures of our **Three Sisters Garden**.



Students in Room 104 took part in a writing exercise celebrating "**The Best Part of Me**", based on the book by Wendy Ewald.



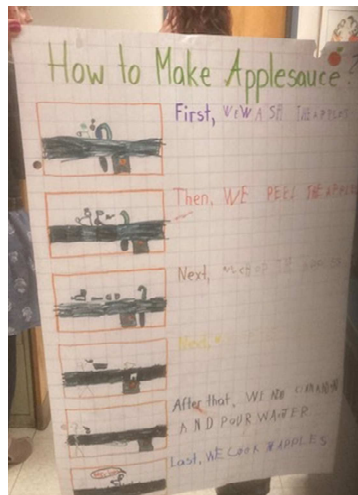
Room 105 took part in **STEM Challenges** (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) All challenges were about design and team work!



First was "Save Freddy" - a challenge to move a worm around the top of a cup without touching him. Second was the international spaghetti challenge and third was a paper chain challenge.



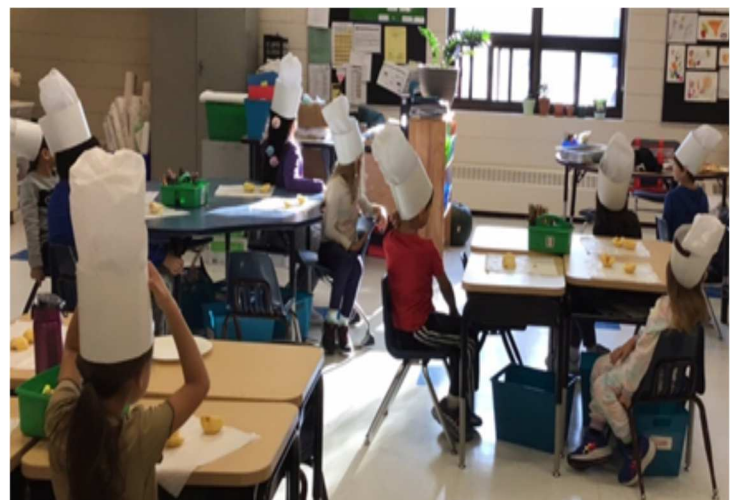
Students in Room 128 learned about putting things in order and next steps; they then donned their chef hats and proceeded to make applesauce following the recipe.



This year Room P2 will be participating in the **Roots of Empathy** program. Roots of Empathy is a program that has shown dramatic effect in reducing levels of aggression among children while raising social/emotional competence and increasing empathy.

Throughout the year, we will watch Baby Penny grow and develop from newborn to 1 year of age. Each monthly visit is based on a different theme. They are: Meeting the Baby; Crying; Caring and Planning for Baby; Emotions; Sleep; Safety; Communicating; Who am I?; Goodbye and Good wishes.

We can't wait to see what the year has in store - Stay tuned!



PARENT COUNCIL NEWS

CALENDAR DRAW FUNDRAISER

We are excited to once again be holding our Cash Calendar Draw fundraiser. Watch for calendars coming home with your child **mid-November**.

Each family will be given a "sample" which they can use to collect orders. Once payment is received you will receive the actual calendars in time for the December draws.

Daily cash prizes - don't miss out!

NEXT PARENT COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, November 8th 6:00 pm

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

We are glad to be able to offer both in-person *and* virtual meeting times for our families this year.



We are looking forward to sharing your child's learning and accomplishments to date; and to address any concerns you may have.

Thursday, Nov. 17 in the evening and
Friday, Nov. 18 in the morning.

Watch for more information coming home with report cards.

SEVERE WEATHER CONDITIONS - EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

The School Board Chairperson, in conjunction with the Chief Superintendent, makes the decision when emergency school closures are needed. The following radio stations will announce closures: CBC, 92 CITI FM, 99.9 BOB FM, CBC French, CJOB, 1290 CFRW, QX 104 FM, CKJR Power 97, 102.3 Clear FM, Q94 FM, Hot 103 FM, City TV, CTV News or check the Winnipeg School Division website for notices.



Note that when *school buses are cancelled* the *school remains open* and holds classes as usual.

COLD WEATHER



We wish to remind parents to check before their children leave the house to see that they are properly dressed for the cold weather (mitts, toques, boots and warm jackets). All children from Grades 1-6 go out for recess unless the temperature with the wind chill is below -27°C .

Koats for Kids

Please take a few minutes to check the size/condition of your children's winter clothing (jacket, ski pants, boots, mitts, toque, etc.) to ensure they have adequate clothing for the winter.

Ralph Brown School will be placing an order the first week of November with "Koats for Kids"; let us know as soon as possible if you would like us to place an order on your behalf.



STUDENT SAFETY!

We are once again asking for parents' help in supporting the school rules regarding

Entry/Exit Doors.

Students are expected to be entering and exiting the school through their own doors (i.e. off of the playground).

The front doors are reserved for adults, deliveries, late arrivals, etc. We find this practice keeps the school running much more smoothly. Unless students are with an adult, we ask them to go around to the playground and not "cut" through the school

"No Drop" Zone

Parents are asked NOT to drop off/pick up their child in a vehicle at the front of the school. We have had problems in the past with this area getting very congested. The onset of slippery roads and high snowbanks will make this practice even more hazardous.

Parents are directed to use Church Avenue as their drop off point; with the students going directly into the playground. Alternatively, the school parking lot (in front of the Rec Centre) is an ideal place for dropping off or waiting to pick up students.

SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

In addition to sending home paper copies of the newsletter, permission slips, etc. we are making use of School Messenger more and more to send emails to families.

It is very important that we have current contact information for all our students (both phone numbers and email), not only in case of illness or emergencies regarding your child, but to communicate all upcoming school closures, events and reminders.

Absences/Lates

Parents are encouraged to enter their child's absence (for whatever reason) or that they will be arriving late into the

Safe Arrival

Absence Management System
instead of calling into the school.

The office can get quite hectic with substitutes arriving and requiring assistance, opening exercises and announcements, late students arriving, etc. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

1-855-278-4513 or
go.schoolmessenger.ca

SCHOOL SAFETY

Each year we practice elements of our school safety plan. In addition to monthly fire drills and one evacuation practice, we also rehearse our Lockdown and Hold & Secure procedures.

A **Lockdown** is a critical incident response that secures students and staff to prevent access or harm to the occupants of a location. This may also involve quickly moving students and staff from unsecured locations to secure locations. Students and staff have been taught to follow specific protocols when a lockdown is activated. A lockdown drill will be practiced 3 times annually.

A **Hold and Secure** is used when it is desirable to secure the school due to an emergency situation occurring outside in the community. In this situation, all exterior doors are locked and monitored. They will remain locked until the Hold and Secure is cleared. Classes and movement within the building will continue to function normally. **When a Hold and Secure is activated, signage will be posted on the exterior doors notifying parents/guardians, other visitors to the school that doors will remain locked until the Hold and Secure is cleared. Until such time, there is no entry into or exit out of the building.** Parents/Guardians who happen to arrive during a Hold and Secure will need to take shelter in a safe space away from the building. This drill is practiced 3 times annually.

STUDENT SUPERVISION

Just a reminder that students should *not* be arriving to school prior to 8:50 am or 12:50 pm as there is no playground supervision. In the event of severe weather, students will be allowed into the school at that time.