

RALPH BROWN SCHOOL REVIEW



460 Andrews St. Wpg., MB R2W 4Y1
 Ph:589-7355 Fax:589-0100 www.winnipegsd.ca/schools/ralphbrown
 Principal: T. MacVicar



PLEASE POST THIS CALENDAR ON YOUR FRIDGE.

NOVEMBER 2023



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 DAY 5	2 DAY 6	3 DAY 1	4
5 	6 DAY 2	7 DAY 3	8 DAY 4	9 DAY 5	10 DAY 6 Remembrance Day Assembly	11  REMEMBRANCE DAY
12	13 DAY 1 WORLD KINDNESS DAY Reports Issued	14 DAY 2 Parent Council Meeting 6:00	15 DAY 3 Calendar Draw Fundraiser Sales begins	16 DAY 4 Parent-Teacher Conferences 4:00 - 8:00 pm	17 DAY 5 Parent-Teacher Conferences AM NO CLASSES ALL DAY	18
19	20 DAY 6	21 DAY 1	22 DAY 2	23 DAY 3	24 DAY 4 Holodomor Assembly	25
26	27 DAY 5	28 DAY 6 Hot Lunch Day	29 DAY 1	30		



IMPORTANT ITEMS COMING HOME . . .

PLEASE BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR CHILD'S BACK-PACK 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 ABSENT.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Dec 1 Calendar Draw Kick-Off
- Dec 12 Parent Council Meeting - 6:00 pm
- Dec 22 Last Day of Classes
- Jan 8 Schools reopen after Break
- Jan 16 Parent Council Meeting - 6:00 pm
- Jan 30 Hot Lunch Day
- Feb 2 Inservice Day - NO CLASSES



Principal's Message

Dear Families:

It's November and we are into our third month of learning and almost at the end of our first term. If you like to think about math like I do, you may be interested to know that we are one-fifth of the way through this school year! Only four-fifths left until June 30th.

And here are some more numbers for you. When I started in September 2021, we had 191 students at Ralph Brown. In September 2022, we had 240 students. This year, we currently have 353 students. This is tremendous growth and we are so happy to welcome the many new families who have joined us; both in our English program as well as our English-Ukrainian Bilingual program.

Last month our students engaged in learning about Residential Schools and the impact it had and continues to have on Indigenous people and families. We recognize that hearing these stories is part of recognizing the truth which will help us in our work towards reconciliation. One of the resources we use is the book titled *Secret Path* written by Gord Downie. Classrooms explore the content of the book through read aloud, listen to the songs that go with the book and view it on YouTube. I had the opportunity to listen in on a classroom conversation following the sharing of the text and I am proud of the students and their level of thinking and responding to the text. Great things are happening here!

As a staff, we have highlighted one of our professional learning focus areas for the year will be in mathematics. On October 3rd, teachers met to further our understanding of how to enhance and enrich our teaching methods to support learning. We will be working with your children across the grades on using number lines and parts-whole thinking to solve math questions. I encourage you ask your children what they can tell you about these strategies and how they help to answer math questions.

Once again, Mr. Karpenko transformed the gymnasium into "Halloween Gym" complete with obstacle courses and fun activities. Thanks Mr. Karpenko. 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 24th 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 13th and parent-student-teacher conferences will be 16th and 17th. Teachers are looking forward to having conversations with you in person. More information will be sent home in the coming days.

Please join us for our next Parent Council meeting on Tuesday, November 14th 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! I don't have the final totals for the Pizza Fundraiser but I know there were many orders so thank you families for your support. We are looking forward to the Cash Calendar Fundraiser that will be coming out soon.

The Mobile Vision Clinic will be here the sometime during the week of November 20th. More detailed information was sent home with the student registration verification forms this past week.

We didn't quite make it to November before the snow arrived. Students are reminded to dress for the weather. Students will continue to go outside for recess daily and Phys. Ed. classes as much as possible. Also, if your child is in grades N-3, they engaged in Nature Based Learning which gets them outdoors in all weather, so please be sure to send your child with hats, mittens, scarves, sweaters, jackets, ski pants, and boots. You may wish to send them extra socks to keep in their backpack too.

Respectfully,

Trevor MacVicar



RALPH BROWN SCHOOL CHOIR

Ralph Brown School Choir took part in *Strength in Unity*, a charitable concert which was held at St. John's Cathedral. Funds raised went towards support for Ukraine.

PICTURE DAY

This year Lifetouch is not scheduling "Retake" day. However, if your child was absent from school on Picture Day, you can still get their picture taken.

Parents can book by phone (204-272-3500) or by using this link - https://book.appointment-plus.com/dylrptym/?employee_id=13287

Lifetouch is taking appointments on **December 4th and 5th** when you can bring your child to their studio. They are located at Unit 3 - 1410 Mountain Avenue.

BE THE INSPIRATION

Winnipeg School Division is hiring

When our students see themselves in the people around them, they are inspired to succeed.

Be part of our community of inspiration.

JOIN US



Visit the Winnipeg School Division's Website - Careers Tab for information on how to apply. Now hiring for Clerical, Educational Assistant, Bus Driver, Caretaking and Teaching positions.

PHYS. ED. NEWS

SOCCER

For the first time, Ralph Brown School has joined the Inner City Soccer League at both the Elementary and Junior High levels. All games are played at the Axworthy RecPlex (University of Winnipeg) from October until April. Both teams have been practicing weekly during the lunch hour.



CROSS COUNTRY

The Junior High Boys Cross Country team successfully completed all their divisional races with the last race of the season held on Wednesday, October 4th at Grant Park High School.

Congratulations to all the runners involved on a successful Cross Country season.



VOLLEYBALL

Grade 5/6 boys and girls will be playing in the Winnipeg School Division Co-ed Volleyball Tournament on November 22nd at Machray School from 1:00 - 3:00. Practices will begin in early November.



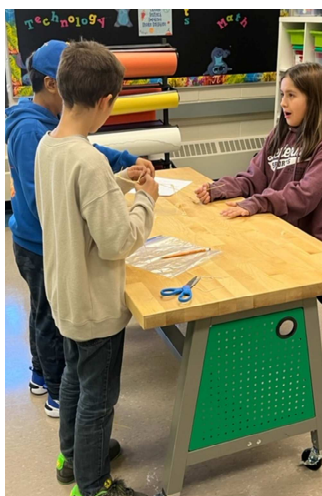
PHYS. ED. CLASSES

During the last week of October, all Phys. Ed classes at Ralph Brown School participated in a variety of Halloween themed gym activities such as the Graveyard Hunt, Monster Maze, Trick or Treat Fitness Bingo and Zombie Tag.

FULL S.T.E.A.M. AHEAD!

This year we introduced **STEAM** classes for all students. Rockets have been exploring Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math through hands-on challenges and coding robots. STEAM activities foster good communication, collaboration, creativity and critical thinking.

Pictured are students completing the great spaghetti challenge.



PARENT COUNCIL NEWS

KITCHEN NORTH PIZZA FUNDRAISER

Thank you to all who supported our first ever Kitchen North Frozen Pizza Fundraiser. Pizzas may be picked up from the school the afternoon of November 2nd. Yum!!

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 14th 6:00 pm**

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

We are glad to be able to offer in-person meeting times for our families again 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. 16 in the evening and
Friday, Nov. 17 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.