

RALPH BROWN SCHOOL REVIEW



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PLEASE POST THIS CALENDAR ON YOUR FRIDGE.

NOVEMBER 2024



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 DAY 6 Inservice Day NO CLASSES	2
3 	4 DAY 1	5 DAY 2	6 DAY 3	7 DAY 4	8 DAY 5 Picture Retakes (am only) Dental Clinic Visit Remembrance Day Assembly	9
10	11  REMEMBRANCE DAY NO CLASSES	12 DAY 6 Parent Council Mtg. 6:00 pm	13 DAY 1 Calendar Draw Fundraiser Sales begins	14 DAY 2	15 DAY 3	16
17	18 DAY 4 Reports Issued	19 DAY 5 Scholastic Book Fair set up in the Library all week	20 DAY 6 Mobile Vision Clinic Visit	21 DAY 1 Parent-Teacher Conferences 4:00 - 8:00 pm	22 DAY 2 Parent-Teacher Conferences AM NO CLASSES ALL DAY	23
24	25 DAY 3	26 DAY 4 Hot Lunch Day	27 DAY 5	28 DAY 6 Holodomor Assembly	29 DAY 1	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 ABSENT.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Dec 2 Calendar Draw Kick-Off
- Dec 20 Last Day of Classes
- Jan 6 Schools Reopen after Break
- Jan 14 Ukrainian Caroling Event
- Jan 16 Ukrainian Concert
- Jan 28 Hot Lunch Day
- Jan 31 Inservice Day - NO CLASSES



Principal's Message

Dear Families:

Its hard to believe we are approaching the end of our first term. Be sure to look out for the Parent-Student-Teacher Conference letters so we can talk about your child's learning and progress in school.

Staff and Students recognized Truth and Reconciliation Day with a community walk in addition to their classroom discussions and learning about the Calls to Action. In October, students engaged in learning about Residential Schools and the impact it had and continues to have on Indigenous people and families. We acknowledge that hearing these stories is part of recognizing the truth which will help us in our work towards reconciliation. Did you know that we begin each day with the Land Acknowledgement statement in English and Ukrainian? We strive to have students think deeply about the land acknowledge so it is more than just something we say and do.

For the first time in a very long time, staff across the division engaged in professional learning. In addition to the main speaker, three different high schools had students share their learning with us. One of the groups preformed drumming in circle sharing the Bear Song with us. In the afternoon, the teaching staff returned to Ralph Brown to continue our learning about mathematics and how to improve our practice to support student learning.

On November 1st, all staff of Ralph Brown will attend more professional development related to Treaty Education. This will be a school closure day for Ralph Brown. This is mandatory professional development for all staff. In January, the teaching staff will participate in a second day of learning as a follow up.

Once again, Mr. Karpenko transformed the gymnasium into "Halloween Gym" complete with obstacle courses and fun activities. For the first time ever, Mr. Karpenko had help from our second Phys. Ed. teacher, Mr. Thomson. Our Halloween fun day wouldn't

be complete without our traditional parade to show off all our costumes.

Looking forward into November, on November 8th 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 28th 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.

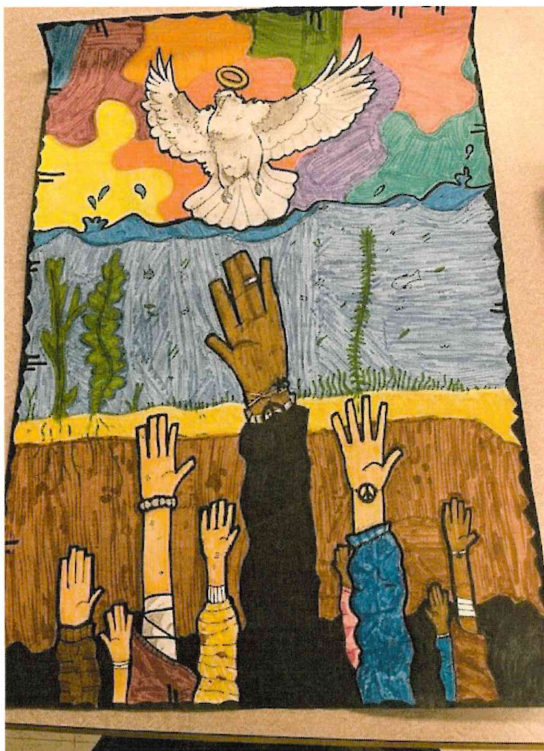
Report cards will be issued electronically on November 18th and parent-student-teacher conferences will be 21st and 22nd. Teachers are looking forward to having conversations with you in person. More information will be sent home in the coming days.

The Mobile Vision Clinic will be here on November 20th. More detailed information was sent home. Be sure not to miss this day. Don't forget to check out Mr. Karpenko's Phys. Ed. news. There are lots happening throughout the month.

The Breakfast Program has started. Students can come to the Rec Centre after 8:15 am. Please join us for our next Parent Council meeting on Tuesday, November 12th at 6pm in the library. Childcare will be available. The next PAC meeting will be February 11th. Lastly, the cold weather is coming. 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 engage 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



PEACE POSTER CONTEST WINNERS

Congratulations to Liam M. for coming in First Place in the Lions Club of Canada Peace Poster Contest. Special mention to Sofiiia Z. for Second Place. Their write-ups on what peace means to them and their exceptional art work is very inspiring.



VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT

<https://www.winnipegssd.ca/schools/ralphbrown>

Save as a "favorite" on your home computer and visit often for up-to-date information, calendar of events, newsletters, classroom sites, and more . . .

Also, check out the "links" tab for at home activities and resources.

**PICTURE
RETAKE DAY**

Lifetouch will be back at the school on Friday, Nov. 8th (morning only) for Picture Retakes. If your child was absent from school on Picture Day, you can still get their picture taken.

Note if your child is in afternoon nursery or kindergarten you will have to bring them in in the morning.



OUT and ABOUT

Rooms 106 and 107 enjoyed learning the about the history, art and narrative when they visited the **Royal Canadian Mint**.

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 (unless they are attending Breakfast Program in the Rec) 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.

PARENT COUNCIL NEWS

Parent Council had decided against running the frozen pizza fundraiser this fall but we WILL be holding our annual

CASH CALENDAR DRAW FUNDRAISER

Watch for calendars and information coming home with your child mid-November. Each family will be given order forms to collect orders from friends, family and coworkers. Daily cash prizes will be awarded throughout the month of December!

NEXT PARENT COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, November 12th 6:00 pm

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

The Book Fair will take place in the Library on Nov. 21 and 22 coinciding with Parent-Teacher Conferences. Also, we are looking for volunteers the week of Nov. 19-22 to help in the library in the afternoons when classrooms come to preview the items. Contact the school if you are interested.

Parent
Teacher
Conferences

Behavior
Teamwork
Grades

Progress
Goals
Achieve

Communication
Homework

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

Thursday, Nov. 21 in the evening and
Friday, Nov. 22 in the morning.

Watch for more information coming home along with report cards. Please show your child you value their education and make an effort to connect with their teacher.

Family Ojibwe Language Workshops



Enjoy a meal and learn the Ojibwe language with all of your family!



Tuesdays
5:00pm - 6:30pm
Oct. 22 - Nov. 26
 R.B. Russell Vocational School

RSVP at 204-589-5301 or
Email Lorrie Guilbault at
loguilbault@wsd1.org

Language Teachers: Ellen Jean and Barry Contois

GET IN-PERSON SUPPORT from the CRA & SERVICE CANADA

WHEN: Thursday, November 28th 1:00-5:00 pm
WHERE: West Kildonan Library - 365 Jefferson Ave

Service Canada:

- Social Insurance Number (SIN)*
- Employment Insurance (EI)
- Pension Programs: Retirement, Old Age Security (OAS), Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS), Disability and Survivors
- *For SIN requests, please bring your birth certificate and a secondary piece of Provincial or Federal identification

CRA:

- Help updating information like address, contact information or date of death.
- Help going over forms to apply for the disability tax credit (DTC) & child benefits (CCB)
- Help unlocking and setting up a CRA My Account
- Help with explaining review letters you have received.

PHYS. ED. NEWS

SOCCER

Ralph Brown School has joined the Inner City Soccer League at both the Elementary and Junior High level. 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

VOLLEYBALL

Grade 5/6 boys and girls will be playing in the Winnipeg School Division Co-ed Volleyball Tournament on **November 26th** at **Machray School from 1:00 - 3:00**. Practices will begin in early November.

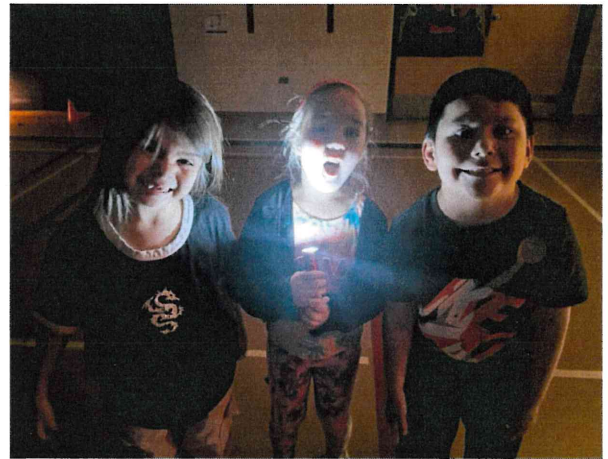
INTRAMURALS

Lunch time Intramurals will continue through the month of November for all grade 4-8 classes.

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.

Keep up the great work Ralph Brown. GO ROCKETS!



BACK PACKS FOR EVERYONE

Shout out to Costco Canada, who chose Ralph Brown School as one of their 2024 Backpack Program recipients.

Every student in the school received a brand new backpack (with supplies) earlier this fall.

A huge THANK YOU to Costo for supporting student learning.

