

RALPH BROWN SCHOOL REVIEW



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PLEASE POST THIS CALENDAR ON YOUR FRIDGE.

OCTOBER 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 DAY 2	3 DAY 3 Election Day NO CLASSES	4 DAY 4	5 DAY 5	6 DAY 6	7
8	9 THANKSGIVING DAY	10 DAY 1 Parent Council Mtg. 6:00 pm	11 DAY 2	12 DAY 3	13 DAY 4	14
15	16 DAY 5 Secret Path Week	17 DAY 6	18 DAY 1  Picture Day	19 DAY 2 Walk for Wenjack	20 DAY 3 Inservice Day NO CLASSES	21
22	23 DAY 4	24 DAY 5	25 DAY 6 Bus Ridership Practice	26 DAY 1	27 DAY 2	28
29 	30 DAY 3	31 DAY 4 Hot Lunch Day 				

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:

- Nov 10 Remembrance Day Assembly
- Nov 14 Parent Council Meeting - 6:00 pm
- Nov 13 Report Cards issued
- Nov 16 Triad Conferences (evening)
- Nov 17 Triad Conferences (morning)
- NO CLASSES all day
- Nov 20 Mobile Vision Care Clinic visit



Principal's Message

Dear Families,

September is over and that means we are one tenth of the way done the school year. It may not seem like a lot but it is! Our time with students each year is limited so we plan and program for students with a sense of urgency to maximize the learning time at Ralph Brown School. With that said, regular attendance is so important to your child's academic success. We know from time to time, students are ill or have appointments, so I kindly ask that families call the Safe Arrival System or the office to let us know. When students have unexplained absences for 2 consecutive days, we will request the School Division's Truancy Officer visit the family for a wellness check. If you have any questions about our attendance policy and processes, please call the office.

Ralph Brown School continues to grow! We currently have 351 students attending Ralph Brown. We have 220 students in our English Program and 131 students in our English-Ukrainian Bilingual Program. With the increase in students, we will be opening up another Nursery/Kindergarten classroom in the afternoons only. We are currently in the process of hiring a new teacher and will contact our Nursery /Kindergarten families about the impact it will have in their child's classroom placement.

September's focus was getting to know students, teaching routines and expectations. We completed our Common Area Training with students which reviews behaviour expectations in different areas of the school. This is part of our Positive Behaviour Intervention System to ensure all students, staff and visitors are being respectful, safe and the best that they can be. We remind students of these three pillars daily. As students settle into those routines, teachers will begin their assessments in reading, writing and mathematics to determine the strengths and challenges that students have in these areas to guide their learning. Teachers will be able to share this information with you during Family Conferences in November. However, if you have any concerns about your child's learning or assessment, I encourage you to speak to your child's teacher.

On September 25th, our staff professional development day included a presentation on Trauma Informed. This learning opportunity provided insight on trauma and how we view and respond to those experiencing trauma. It was a great day of learning on how to better serve and support our families.

Once again, our music teacher, Ms. Kharchenko has been inviting students in grades 1-8 to join choir. Choir will be optional for those students interested in singing. They will miss 30 minutes of regular classroom programming to attend. Likewise, students in grades 6-8 are able to join an optional band class. We are in the process of finalizing the list of students who showed interest. We hope that this learning experience will provide the students opportunities to grow in their music abilities and appreciation. We will keep families informed of any performance dates.

On September 29th, we observed the Day of Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day. Staff, students and families could be seen wearing the colour orange in support of those impacted by Residential Schools. Classrooms spent the last week of September learning and discussing about the importance of these two days. We also hope the students enjoyed the bannock that day! We as a staff are committed to continuing the learning conversations throughout the year and look forward to recognizing Indigenous Peoples Day in June 2024.

The contributions by our PAC members are greatly appreciated by the students and staff at Ralph Brown. It was so nice to see more than 20 parents at our first meeting in September. PAC is still looking for a Vice President to fill the final executive position. On behalf of Parent Council, I would like to welcome you to join us for the next PAC meeting on Tuesday, October 10th at 6:00 pm. At these meetings, you will hear information regarding PAC initiatives, fundraising, Lunch Program, and an update from myself and the staff at Ralph Brown.

Finally, a few reminders for families. Our breakfast program begins at 8:30 and operates out of the Rec Centre. This is free and supervised indoors. Outdoor supervision begins at 8:45 am. If your child goes home for lunch, they should return by 12:55 pm. There is no outdoor supervision for students not in the lunch program over the lunch hour. At 3:30, we ask all families to gather on the hardtop and/or by the play structure rather than near the doors on Church Ave. This will help with dismissing all students. Lastly, thank you! Thank you for being apart of this wonderful school community and your commitment to your child's education. We are grateful to partner with you.

Respectfully Yours,

Trevor MacVicar

DENTAL CLINIC

The U of M Dental College students visited Ralph Brown School in late September. All students, unless they have returned a note requesting otherwise, were screened.

Your child would have come home that afternoon with a letter informing you of the results of the screening. If your child requires any kind of dental work **you must complete the attached information and consent form and return it to the school as soon as possible.** Once the college receives the paperwork your child will be accepted into the program.

This is a wonderful opportunity for parents to access **FREE** dental treatments for their children. Appointments will be scheduled during the school day approximately every 6 weeks until treatment is complete.

Transportation to and from the clinic will be provided by the school.



IMMUNIZATIONS

Students in Grades 6 and 8 were provided with a School Immunization Program Fact-sheet from Manitoba Health along with a consent form. These are regarding routine immunizations for Hepatitis B, Human Papillomavirus, Meningococcal Quadrivalent and Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis & Polio.

If you have any questions regarding the school immunization program you can visit the Manitoba Health websites or contact our Winnipeg Regional Health Authority Community Office at 204-940-2025 and speak with a Public Health Nurse.



Please note that the consent forms are to be returned to the school whether you wish your child to be immunized or not: indicating Yes, I do consent **OR** No, I do not consent.

Early detection and prevention are key ingredients for maintaining a healthy, happy learner!

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Dial **2 1 1** to find services related to:

- Mental Health Support
- Home Health Care for an Aging Parent
- Domestic Violence Shelters
- Addictions Treatment
- Parenting Resources
- Food and Clothing
- Income Tax Clinics
- and so much more!

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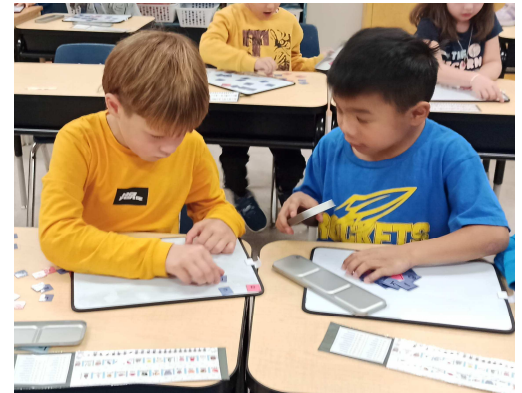
Koats for Kids

It is inevitable that we will experience winter weather sooner or later. 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 in early November with "Koats for Kids". for any families in need of outdoor clothing. Let us know as soon as possible if you would like us to place an order on your behalf.

IN THE CLASSROOM . . .



Room P1 students playing with magnetic letters and spelling new words.



Room P4 students received Tobacco Teachings with Ms. Goring and her class. As a sign of great respect, we offered tobacco and said “Miigwetch” (Thank you) to Mother Earth for all items from nature that we can find around our school yard. With the help of the older P3 students, we collected rocks, sticks, leaves, grass stems and flowers. We designed our name tags using all collected items. After that, we returned all items to the land. Miigwetch Mother



Students heading out for our **Terry Fox Run**, some carrying flags from across our country.



Room 107 students tried their hand at cooking and created fabulous fajitas.

PARENT COUNCIL NEWS

Lunch Program: All students who stay at school over the noon hour must have a completed Lunch Program Application on file. Lunch Program fees are due the first week of each month - we appreciate your promptness. Reminder that you can now pay for Lunch Program Fees through e-transfer to ralphbrown.lunch@gmail.com.

We are always looking for adults to work in our Lunch Program - drop by the school for an application or call for more information.

Note: All Parents/Guardians and Students

Ralph Brown students will participate in Bus Ridership drills on October 25th and again in the spring as per division policy.

School Bus Evacuation Drills

Manitoba Regulation 465/88R –

“The school board shall ensure that at least twice in each school year each pupil is instructed in safe school bus riding practices and participates in emergency school bus evacuation drills which shall be conducted at least once during the Fall term and at least once during the Spring term of each school year”

The Transportation Department strives to have an excellent safety record. To achieve this we must carry out School Bus Evacuation Exercises at all schools in the early Fall and late Spring of each school year.

These practice drills are required so that in the event of an emergency, students can evacuate the bus as safely and as quickly as possible. “The safety of our children is of the utmost importance and must be given first consideration...Please assist us by reviewing the school bus rules and regulations with your child.” The rules and regulations are located on the Winnipeg School Division website (www.wsd1.org/parents/studenttransport.htm).

Next Parent Council meeting will be held Tuesday, Oct. 11th at 6:00 pm

Fundraising: We are planning to sell December Cash Calendars - stay tuned for details coming out in the next few weeks.

Pizza Hot Lunch: We are once again offering the very popular pizza hot lunch on the last Tuesday of every month.



Plan to come out to our next meeting and share your ideas, get information, etc.

BE THE INSPIRATION

Winnipeg School Division is hiring:

- School clerks
- Educational Assistants
- 5th Class Power Engineers
- Bus Drivers

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RUN CLUB

Several Ralph Brown students have been meeting in front of the school doors at 8:00 am to participate in the school Run Club. This fall we had several student runners, family members, and former students join the club. Run club will resume in the spring. All friends and family are welcome to join our runners!

JUNIOR HIGH CROSS COUNTRY

Our Junior High Cross Country team has participated in the divisional races held throughout the month of September. Our last race will be held on Wednesday, October 4th at Grant Park High School.

TERRY FOX

On September 22, students and staff at Ralph Brown School participated in the 39th annual Terry Fox run. The students brought in donations throughout the week. Students went out into the neighborhood and ran/walked approximately 1 mile.

Ralph Brown raised \$200. The funds will be forwarded to the Terry Fox Foundation to further the cause of cancer research. Congratulations to all students and staff for participating in this worthwhile event!



SOCCER

The Winnipeg School division is returning to their annual soccer tournaments at Chalmers community center. The Grade 5 and 6 boys played on *September 27 from 12:30-3:00*, while the girls will played on *September 28 from 12:30-3:00*. Both teams have been practicing hard over the lunch hour in preparation for the tournament.

INTRAMURALS

In the upcoming weeks, Ralph Brown will be participants in the indoor soccer intramural program for our Gr. 4-8 students. This program will take place over the lunch hour, starting at 12:30. The intramural program will emphasize mass participation, activity and fun!

GO ROCKETS!

Mr. Karpenko

