

# RALPH BROWN SCHOOL REVIEW

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PLEASE POST THIS CALENDAR ON YOUR FRIDGE.

## OCTOBER 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 DAY 2 Terry Fox Run	2 DAY 3 Bus Ridership Cross Country Meet	3 DAY 4	4 DAY 5  Picture Day	5
		6	7 DAY 6	8 DAY 1 Parent Council Mtg. 6:00 pm	9 DAY 2 Inservice Day <b>NO CLASSES</b>	10 DAY 3
13	14 DAY 5 THANKSGIVING DAY NO CLASSES	15 DAY 6	16 DAY 1	17 DAY 2	18 DAY 3	19
20	21 DAY 4	22 DAY 5 P3 Field Trip to the Zoo	23 DAY 6	24 DAY 1	25 DAY 2 Inservice Day <b>NO CLASSES</b>	26
27	28 DAY 3	29 DAY 4 Hot Lunch Day 	30	31 Happy Halloween 		

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](http://go.schoolmessenger.ca) WHENEVER YOUR CHILD WILL BE ABSENT.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Nov 1 Inservice Day - NO CLASSES
- Nov 8 Remembrance Day Assembly
- Nov 8 Picture Retake day
- Nov 12 Parent Council Meeting - 6:00 pm
- Nov 18 Report Cards issued
- Nov 21 Triad Conferences (evening)
- Nov 22 Triad Conferences (morning)  
- NO CLASSES all day



## *Principal's Message*

Dear Families,

It is hard to believe that September has come and gone! It was wonderful to see families at our Meet the Staff BBQ. What a great way for staff, students, and families to have the opportunity to celebrate being part of the Ralph Brown School community.

Ralph Brown School continues to grow! We currently have 335 students attending our school: 202 students in the English Program and 133 students in the English-Ukrainian Bilingual Program. Our 17 classes have been full of excitement and engaged in their learning this past month. September's focus was getting to know students and teaching routines and expectations. We completed our Common Area Training with students which reviewed 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 and the best they can be. In addition, Skills of the Week are part of morning announcements and posted in classrooms. So far, students have reviewed the steps to being a good listener, following directions and being respectful towards yourself, others and school. 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. Students are setting their own personal learning goals for learning and becoming familiar with identifying a growth mindset when things don't go as planned. Teachers will be able to share more information during Family Conferences on November 21-22. However, if you have any concerns about your child's learning or assessment, I encourage you to speak to your child's teacher.

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 we kindly ask that families call the Safe Arrival System or the office to let us know.

Our school nutrition program provides free healthy food to all students in every classroom.

Snack is delivered each morning to classrooms and students are benefiting from having 'brain power' food to support their learning.

On September 27<sup>th</sup>, 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 spend the last week of September learning and discussing about the importance of these two days. We offer smudging in the mornings which allows all participants a chance to become mindful, centred, and move forward with positive intentions by cleansing the mind, body and spirit. We as a staff are committed to continuing the learning conversations throughout the year. All staff will be trained this year on implementing Treaty Education, to understand the importance of the original spirit and intent of the Treaties and of the Treaty relationship.

The contributions of our PAC (Parent Advisory Council) members are greatly appreciated by the students and staff at Ralph Brown. On behalf of Parent Council, I would like to welcome you to join us on Tuesday, October 8, 2024 at 6:00 pm. At these meetings you will hear information regarding PAC initiatives, fundraising, and an update from the Administration team. As was voted upon last year, there will be a total of 5 PAC meetings throughout the year. Mark your calendars for the remaining dates: November 12, 2024, February 11, 2025, April 8, 2025 and May 13, 2025.

Finally, a few reminders for families. Outdoor supervision begins at 8:45 am. If your child goes home for lunch, they should return by 12:55 pm. Teachers dismiss students at 3:30 and will walk them outside to meet you. We ask all families to gather and wait on the hardtop to pick up your child/ren. Lastly, thank you! Thank you for being a part of this wonderful school community and your commitment to your child's education. We are grateful to partner with you.

Respectfully Yours,

*Monica Sim*

## DENTAL CLINIC

The U of M Dental College students visited Ralph Brown School in 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!*

**211 Manitoba**

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!

**FREE CONFIDENTIAL 24/7**



## 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.

# **SAFETY RULES FOR STUDENTS RIDING THE SCHOOL BUS**

## **Arriving at the Pick-up Point**

1. Be on time. Leave home in time to get to the bus stop before the school bus arrives.
2. If other students are waiting at the bus stop, get in line without crowding or pushing and stay off the road.

## **Crossing a Road To Get To Your Bus Stop**

1. If you have to cross the road to reach your bus stop, stand on the opposite side of the road from the bus stop and wait for the bus to arrive.
2. Watch for the bus driver's signal that it's safe, check for traffic, then cross the road at least 3 metres/10 feet in front of the bus and ahead of the extended crossing arm.
3. Look left and right as you cross the road. At an intersection, look in all directions.
4. Always cross the road at right angles; don't cut across on an angle.
5. Walk quickly across the road, but don't run.
6. NEVER cross the road BEHIND the school bus.

## **Getting On the Bus**

1. Line up in single file with younger students in the front so they can board first.
2. Wait in line until the bus has stopped and the entrance door is fully open.
3. Board the bus quickly, but don't crowd or push other students.
4. Never run onto the bus as the steps may be slippery, especially in winter. Place your foot squarely on the steps, not the edges. Use the handrail.
5. Be careful getting on the bus if you are carrying books or other items because it's harder to see the steps and hold the handrail.
6. Go directly to your seat, face forward, and sit well to the back of the seat.

## **Conduct on the Bus**

1. Stay in your seat for the entire trip.
2. Keep the aisle clear by placing books and other items on your lap or under the seat.
3. Avoid unnecessary discussion with the driver.
4. Avoid doing anything that might distract the driver or interfere with his or her driving.
5. Don't yell or talk loudly.
6. Don't open windows without the driver's permission.
7. Never stick your head, arms, hands, or feet out the windows.
8. Don't throw anything inside the bus or out the window. You could hurt another passenger or a pedestrian, or create a dangerous situation for another driver.
9. Except in an emergency, don't touch the emergency door or exits or any part of the bus equipment.
10. Don't eat on the bus.
11. Obey the bus driver's instructions promptly. Remember: Your cooperation will help everyone stay safe.
12. If there are school bus captains on your bus, obey their instructions. They're there to help the driver and keep you safe.

## **Getting Off the Bus**

1. Stay in your seat until the bus has stopped and the entrance door is fully open.
2. Use the handrail when exiting the bus.
3. Be extra careful around the danger zones of the bus.
4. Move quickly away from the school bus to a safe location.

# PARENT COUNCIL NEWS

## FUNDRAISING

We are planning to sell Kitchen North Pizza as a fundraiser in October - watch for information and order forms coming home with your child.

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

**Next Parent Council meeting will be held  
Tuesday, Oct. 8th at 6:00 pm**

Note: All Parents/Guardians and Students

Ralph Brown students will participate in Bus Ridership drills in October 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](http://www.wsd1.org/parents/studenttransport.htm)).

NATIONAL DAY FOR  
TRUTH AND  
RECONCILIATION



# PHYS. ED. NEWS



## **RUN CLUB**

Several Ralph Brown students have been meeting in front of the school doors at 8:15 am to participate in the school Run Club. This fall we had several student runners, family members, former students and even family pets 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 2<sup>nd</sup> at Grant Park High School.



## **SOCCER**

Both the Grade 5/6 Boys' and Girls' soccer teams participated in the Divisional Northeast District Soccer Tournament during the last week of September. For the first time in school history, both soccer teams won their district tournament and will receive a championship banner for Ralph Brown School. Congratulations to both the boys' and girls' soccer teams that have been practicing hard over the lunch hours throughout the month in preparation for this tournament. WAY TO GO ROCKETS!



## **TERRY FOX RUN**

On October 1st, students and staff at Ralph Brown School will participate in the 40<sup>th</sup> annual Terry Fox Run. Students are encouraged to bring in \$1 donations throughout our fundraising week, which will be from October 1 – 4.

