



# ÉCOLE STANLEY KNOWLES SCHOOL

## HOME OF THE *Stanleys*

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## NOVEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER



### Administrator's Message

Dear ÉSKS Families,

Welcome to November! With an early snow, looks like we are fully into winter!

As we move into a reporting period, teachers are busy working with groups of students to assess student understanding. As much as possible students are involved in talking about their own learning and we are building their skill-set of reflection and goal-setting. There has been a slight shift in some areas of the report card that will go out mid-month; a separate email will go out to families to explain what you will see that is a little different. Teachers continue to assess your child's understanding in relation to provincial curricular outcomes and will comment on your child's strengths, what they haven't yet mastered, and how they will support your child with their next steps. We strongly encourage all parents to attend the tri-conference with their child - again, so that all of our students play an active role in hearing about and talking about their own learning.

One of our school-wide goals is providing ongoing opportunities for student TALK. Why talk? Are you thinking that you already hear lots of talking at your place? Well here is what research tells us about guiding opportunities for student talk - it allows students to:

- Organize their thoughts
- Express thoughts, questions, ideas & points of view
- Gather and process information (plan a project, conduct an interview...)
- Collaborate to solve problems and make decisions
- Make connections to prior knowledge and experiences
- Expand on their own thinking and the thinking of others
- Present their findings and express their ideas ([literacytoday.ca](http://literacytoday.ca))

We have two Remembrance Day Ceremonies planned for November 10th. Our elementary students will assemble at 9:30am and our students in Grade 7 & 8 will assemble at 10:30am. We find ways to make these assemblies meaningful to students of all ages. If you or a family member have served in the military and would be willing to share some of your experiences with students, we would love to hear from you.

With sports teams and clubs in full swing, we again thank our teachers for their ongoing support of our students. Staff are working very hard to ensure that your children have a wide variety of experiences and opportunities. We thank our Parent Advisory Council (PAC) for their recent work to provide Halloween dances. Students and families greatly enjoyed these events.

As always, our classroom/home partnership is important to all of us. Please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher if ever you have a question or a concern. We look forward to seeing you at the conferences on November 16th or 17th!

Warm regards,  
Andrea Powell (Principal) and Andrea Hinthier-Janus (Vice Principal)

## Lunch Program

A few friendly reminders to all Stanley Knowles Lunch Program Families:

- ◆ As the weather is getting colder, please make sure your children are dressed appropriately for the weather. Grades 1 to 8 students will continue going outdoors during the lunch hour, unless the temperature is below  $-25^{\circ}$  with the wind chill.
- ◆ There are limited spaces remaining for new Lunch Program registrations, students will be placed on a waitlist if there are no more spaces available. Students who are **NOT** registered with the Lunch Program must make other plans and leave school property over the lunch hour as there is no supervision provided by the school. Be sure to register as soon as possible if you need a space. In case of an emergency, we do offer a drop in program for \$4.00 a day/per child.

*If you are taking your child out for lunch, or giving them permission to leave school property, please send a note, email the Lunch Program at ([eskslunchprogram@gmail.com](mailto:eskslunchprogram@gmail.com)) or call the school and leave a message to give your child permission to leave the building.*



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### *In Flanders Field*

*~ By John McCrae (1872-1918)*

*In Flanders Fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the Dead, Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders Fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders Fields*



### *Why the Poppy?*

*The association between the poppy and war dates back to the Napoleonic wars, when a writer saw a field of poppies growing over the graves of fallen soldiers. During the battle of Ypres in 1915, Canadian Lt.-Col. John McCrae was inspired to write the poem *In Flanders Fields* on sighting the poppies growing beside a grave of a close friend who had died in battle.*



Before 9:00 am of the current day, and when you know your child is going to be absent, leaving early or has an appointment, please call the Safe Arrival System at: **1-855-278-4513** to let the school know. You can also use the website at: <http://go.schoolmessenger.ca> or the mobile app.

Calling students out of class during the school hours to phone home, or pick something up from the office is very disruptive to the class. Unless it is an emergency, it would be appreciated if you could make prior arrangements with your child and ensure that your child arrives at school prepared for the school day with all his/her belongings, including lunch, snacks, water bottle and binder/homework.



# Report Cards Emailed Wednesday, November 15th

## Parent Teacher Conferences

Thursday, November 16, 2023		Friday, November 17, 2023
4:00 pm - 8:00 pm In Person Only		9:00 am - 11:30 am In Person Only



## ÉSKS PAC News!

Our November PAC Meeting will be on Tuesday, November 7, 2023  
at 6:00pm in the library

This will be the last one for this year, no meeting will be in December or January, but will resume in February.

- ◆ A Huge thank you for all that came out to the Halloween Dance, it was a huge success.
- ◆ A Huge thank you from all our donators with the auction baskets.
- ◆ A Huge thank you to the parents, teachers, custodians, lunch program, admin and leadership students that helped volunteer at the dance.

Next fundraiser will be the Show and Save Books for \$25, just in time for the Holiday season. Please watch out for the fundraiser information to be sent home soon and watch the outside digital sign for more information.

**SHOW & SAVE**



# Cold Weather Reminders

## Students Arrival At School

When the cold weather has truly arrived, we remind parents, guardians and students that they should arrive at school **NO EARLIER** than 8:45 am and 12:40 pm, as there is **NO** supervision provided earlier than 8:40am, students are expected to wait outside .

Students arriving before the above times will have to wait outside in the cold weather.

## Indoor Recess Policy

During the winter months, the wind chill is checked before morning recess, lunch time and afternoon recess.

Students are expected to dress appropriately for the weather at all times. As per WSD policy, students will be kept indoors only on inclement days when the wind chill reaches  $-28^{\circ}$  Celsius. When the wind chill is between  $-25^{\circ}$  to  $-27^{\circ}$ , students may go out for a shortened 10 minute recess.



At times, parents and guardians have requested by a note to the classroom teacher or a phone call to the school, to have their child remain indoors at recess time. Please keep children who are ill at home and follow Public Health guidelines.

We would ask parents and guardians to send children to school only when they are well enough to participate in all activities, including recess.

## Emergency School Closing

In the event of an emergency school closing, our first concern is the safety of our students. The decision to close the school is made by the Chief Superintendent and media outlets will be contacted so they broadcast and/or post school cancellation information.

In case our school needs to be evacuated on short notice, an alternate shelter is required. Tyndall Park School will serve as our alternate shelter. The school is located at 2221 King Edward Street and their phone number is 204-633-0065.

It is our sincere hope that a threatening emergency will never occur. However, instructing your children as to your expectations will assist in ensuring their health and safety under emergency conditions.



## Elementary Music

Ms. Chapman



The Elementary Winter Concerts this year will be held on:

**Tuesday, December 12th at 6:30 pm**

(Rooms: 134, 138, 148, 203, 204, 205, and 212 will take part in the concert)

**Wednesday, December 13th at 6:30pm**

(Rooms: 135, 139, 201, 202, 210, 213 and 214 will take part in the concert)

**The Nursery/Kindergarten Concert will be on Thursday, December 14th  
At 11:00am**

**\*both AM and PM classes will perform\***

More detailed information will be sent home in a letter in the coming weeks





If you are 12-18 years of age



## **The Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps John Travers Cornwell VC**

Offers you the opportunity to experience  
**The Sea Cadet Challenge**  
while making lasting friendships, having fun and earning  
high school credits!

We are a co-educational, non-profit community organization sponsored by  
the Navy League of Canada Cornwell (Winnipeg) Branch and  
the Department of National Defence.

**This makes us a FREE-TO-JOIN program for young Canadians!**

You can be a part of the tradition and the ceremony of the Guard of Honour,  
Marching Band, Colour Party, or Drill Team!

Training includes: Sailing, Marksmanship, Communications, Seamanship, First  
Aid, Marine Navigation, Basic and Advanced Boat Handling, Biathlon, Rope  
Work, Sports, Snorkeling, Leadership, and MUCH, MUCH MORE!

Sea Cadets have the opportunity to cruise to foreign ports aboard  
His Majesty's Canadian Ships, Canadian Coast Guard Vessels, and tall ships!  
Summer camps across Canada offer Sea Cadets a variety of one, three, and  
six week courses in Music, Sailing, Athletics and MORE! International  
Exchanges are also available through the Sea Cadet Program, as are  
opportunities for full-time, paid summer employment.

**BE A ROYAL CANADIAN SEA CADET!**

**BUILD FITNESS, LEADERSHIP AND CITIZENSHIP!**

**Come check us out!**

**Monday Evenings from 6:45 – 9:30 p.m.**

**H.M.C.S CHIPPAWA  
1 Navy Way  
Winnipeg, Manitoba**

**Accepting new Cadets from September to April**

**For more information,  
email us at [49sea@cadets.gc.ca](mailto:49sea@cadets.gc.ca)**



**Cross Country**

Congratulations to the Grade 7 and 8 Cross Country teams for a great season. Their hard work and dedication paid off with both the Junior High Boys and Girls teams finishing 2nd place and bringing home Runner’s Up banners! A big thank you to the staff who helped coach and manage the teams as well as to the students for their commitment to the early morning practices. Job well done by all!

**Volleyball**

Volleyball season is in full swing here at Stanley Knowles. Grade 8 games are played Mondays and Wednesdays, and Grade 7 games are Tuesdays and Thursdays. All games start at 4:00pm. Go Sonics!



**FITNESS**

**Fitness Testing**



During the month of October, students have completed a number of assessments that measure their personal fitness. The assessments measure the fitness components of cardiovascular endurance, muscular strength, muscular endurance and flexibility. Students will create a plan to help improve on their baseline scores and will complete these assessments again in the spring. They will then be able to compare their results and track their personal growth.

**Elementary Physical Education**

**Grade 5 & 6 Soccer**

Unfortunately, due to rain the Grade 5 & 6 North-West District Soccer tournament was cancelled. However, students from Stanley Knowles that had practiced in preparation for the tournament were able to play mini games against their teammates. All of our players demonstrated great teamwork and fair play in making the best out of the weather.



**Intramurals**

Intramurals are a great way for students to have an additional opportunity to be active during the school day. Our next intramural will be low organized games for students in Grade 4, 5 & 6. Permission forms were sent home in late October. Intramurals will run in the large gym from 12:00-12:40pm. Students who go home for lunch should bring a lunch to school and will eat in the gym with Mr. Miller. Stay tuned for more details.

**Performing Arts**



October has been a busy month of drama and music for our Grade 7 & 8 students!

In drama we have been exploring writing Shakespearean stage combat scenes! Grab anything resembling a sword and ask your Grade 7 & 8 students how to perform a cut, thrust, parry or bind. I’m sure you’ll be amazed. Students have been working hard on their guitar skills. We have been playing fun pop songs like Riptide, Perfect and Best Part. We look forward to next month when students will form small groups to perform a song of their choice!

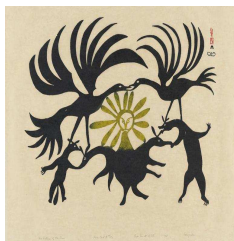


## 2023 - 2024 School Closures

Friday, November 17, 2023	Tri-Conferences - No School
<b>WINTER BREAK - Monday, December 25 to Friday, January 5, 2024</b>	
Monday, January 8, 2024	School Re-opens after Winter Break
<b>Friday, January 19, 2024</b>	<b>ÉSKS PD DAY - No School</b>
Friday, February 2, 2024	Non-Instructional Day - No School
<b>Monday, February 19, 2024</b>	<b>Louis Riel Day - No School</b>
Friday, March 15, 2024	Student-Led Conferences - No School
Friday, March 22, 2024	Last day of school before Spring Break
<b>SPRING BREAK - Monday, March 25 to Friday, March 29, 2024</b>	
Monday, April 1, 2024	School Re-opens after Spring Break
Friday, April 19, 2024	Non-Instructional Day - No School
Monday, May 6, 2024	Non-Instructional Day - No School
<b>Monday, May 20, 2024</b>	<b>Victoria Day - No School</b>
<b>Monday, June 24, 2024</b>	<b>ÉSKS PD Day - No School</b>
<b>Wednesday, June 26, 2024</b>	<b>Grade 8 Farewell - at Tec Voc High School (am)</b>
Friday, June 28, 2024	Last Day of School - 11:30 am Dismissal

## What's Happening in Art...

Ms. Kennelly



Visiting an Art Gallery is the best way for families not only to spend time together but to gain new experiences together.

Qaumajuq the Inuit art center part of the Winnipeg Art Gallery is an innovative new museum, home of the largest public collection of contemporary Inuit art in the world. The first-of-its-kind multi-level cultural campus in the heart of downtown Winnipeg spans 188,000 square feet.



Qaumajuq bridges Canada's North and South through exhibitions, research, education and art making. A community of artists, Indigenous advisors, partners and stakeholders have collaborated to envision and build a vibrant gathering place where all are welcome and where everyone's stories are told and heard in a true spirit of reconciliation.

Visit the Gallery for **FREE** on the second Sunday of each month, family-friendly programming in the afternoon. Sunday hours are from 11:00 am—5:00 pm.



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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
		1 Day 5	2 Day 6	3 Day 1  Grade 8 Boys Volleyball Tournament 3:30 - 9:00pm
6 Day 2	7 Day 3	8 Day 4	9 Day 5  <b>PICTURE RETAKES</b>  <small>PICTURE RETAKE DAY!</small>	10 Day 6  <b>Remembrance Day Assemblies</b> @ 9:30am & 10:45 am  
13 Day 1	14 Day 2	15 Day 3  <b>HOT LUNCH</b> Grades 1 - 8  <b>REPORT CARDS EMAILED OUT</b> 	16 Day 4  <b>Parent/Child/Teacher Conferences</b> @ 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm	17 Day 5  <b>NO SCHOOL - ALL DAY</b> <b>Parent/Child/Teacher Conferences</b> 9:00 am - 11:30am
20 Day 6	21 Day 1	22 Day 2	23 Day 3	24 Day 4
27 Day 5	28 Day 6	29 Day 1	30 Day 2	