



ÉCOLE STANLEY KNOWLES SCHOOL HOME OF THE *Sonics*

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JANUARY 2024 NEWSLETTER



Administrators' Message

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Dear ÉSKS Families,

January is on the horizon! What adventures lie ahead for 2024? What goals will our students set and how will we continue to build community both within and outside of the school? 2024 is the year of the Wood Dragon on the Chinese Zodiac, which will begin with the Lunar New Year on February 10, 2024. We are promised a year to foster growth, progress and abundance. We wish you a year of good health and happiness.

December featured a series of beautiful holiday performances by our Nursery/ Kindergarten and Grades 1-6 classrooms. We enjoyed some staff versus Students volleyball and dodgeball games and raised over 1200 items for Manitoba Harvest with our annual push to support our community. Our Parent Council (PAC) had two successful fundraising initiatives; we thank you for your ongoing support.

Looking forward we will celebrate the spoken word through the French Speech Contest (concours d'art oratoire) and science will be front and centre as many classrooms work on projects for Science Fair. Our basketball season will really get going in January - go Sonics!

It is a pleasure to get to work with your children each day - all the best in the coming year!

Warmest Regards,
A. Powell ~ A. Hinthier-Janus



Safe Arrival



Before the bell time of the current day, and when you know that your child is going to be absent 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 up something 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 snacks, lunch, water bottle and binder/homework.



Winnipeg Harvest



École Stanley Knowles School staff and students went deep into their pantry and proved once again that they are experts at helping others. Over 1200 food items were collected to give to Harvest Manitoba in a time where they need it most. Leadership students helped move the food drive along by giving daily announcements, boxing up food items and tracking process. Together we make huge difference thanks to all that were able to help out in this season of giving.

~ Together, ÉSKS made a huge difference to those that need it most.



Parent Advisory Council

The Parent Advisory Council is the collective voice of parents in our school that meet regularly to discuss matters affecting our school and the education of our children.

*** Meetings take place at 6:00pm in the school library ***

- Join us to voice your opinions and concerns
- Ask questions about what is happening in our school
- Discuss ideas for fundraisers to support our local economy and how to use the money raised
- Discuss traffic awareness and safety for improved safe access to school on streets and sidewalks

If you have any questions or concerns, please email the PAC (Parent Advisory Council) at eskspac@outlook.com



The next PAC meeting is scheduled for:
Tuesday, February 7, 2024 @ 6:00 pm



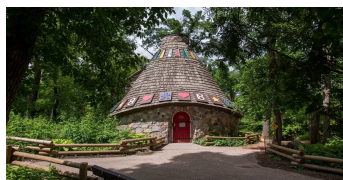
Save the Dates!

Grade 8 Farewell

This year, the Grade 8 Farewell Ceremony will be held on **Wednesday, June 26th** at Tec Voc High School.

All parents and guardians are welcome to attend. Car pooling is recommended as there is limited amount of street parking.

The event will begin at **10:00 am sharp** and will conclude at approximately **12:00 pm**.



Grade 8 Kildonan Park Fun Day

The Kildonan Park Fun Day will take place on Thursday, June 27th from 10:00 am—2:30 pm. Students must arrange their own transportation to and from Kildonan Park.

Students will enjoy a complimentary lunch with the option to purchase additional food. Games and classroom activities will be arranged by the Grade 8 teaching staff.



Cold Weather Reminders



When bus transportation is cancelled in the morning, it will not resume later in the day even if weather conditions improve.

SCHOOL BUS CANCELLATIONS

During the school year there may be times when school bus transportation is cancelled due to inclement weather or poor driving conditions, but schools will remain open.

School bus transportation for all school divisions in the City of Winnipeg is cancelled when the wind chill reaches -45° Celsius by 6:15 a.m. based on the Environment Canada readings at the Winnipeg Airport. The temperature readings can be found at the Environment Canada website (<http://www.weatheroffice.gc.ca>).

The following media outlets are contacted in the early morning to ask that they broadcast and/or post the information:

89.3 CBC FM; 990 CBC AM; CKSB 89.9 FM (French); CJOB-680 AM; Power 97-FM; 1290 CFRW; 99.9 BOB-FM; Q94-FM; 92 CITI FM; 102.3 CLEAR FM; CKMM Hot 103; QX 04 FM; CTV News; City TV; Winnipeg Free Press Website.

Please note: Some media outlets will broadcast and post the information to their websites.

Parents/Guardians can also phone the Transportation Department at 204-789-0442 for information.

Severe weather conditions and poor roads may extend the running time of some buses, resulting in late arrival and departure.

Parents/Guardians should make sure that children are suitably clothed until picked up and that they have a place to go in the event the bus does not arrive or is late. Parents/Guardians must also ensure that children have a place to go after the return trip.



Indoor recess

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° Celsius. When the wind chill is between -25° to -27° , 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. It is our school's belief that if a student is too sick to go outdoors at recess, then he or she is too sick to be at school.

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

Lunch Program News ...

We would like to wish all parents and students a Happy New Year and a big thank you for all their support year round!

A couple of reminders, please be certain that your child has an adequate lunch, and just as importantly, proper utensils as single-use cutlery is no longer cheaply or easily accessible, so we are no longer able to provide multiple spoons and forks daily. During the colder months, elementary students will continue to go outside during the lunch hour, so it is essential that all children dress for the weather.

The safety and well being of all our students at ESKS is of the utmost importance. Therefore, if you are picking up your child, or giving them permission to leave the school, please send a note, call the school or email the lunch program at eskslunchprogram@gmail.com

If you would like your child to stay at the school during the lunch hour, the lunch program is available on a full-time basis at a cost of **\$280.00** for the year.



~ C. Klajncar



Student Safety

At École Stanley Knowles School, our first priority is to ensure the safety of your children while they are in school.

With safety in mind, The Winnipeg School Division and the Province of Manitoba require that each school have procedures in place to use in situations where students' safety could be compromised.

Patrols and Adult Crossing Guards

Adult crossing guards are on duty at the following times:

Morning:	Afternoon:
8:30 am – 9:00 am	12:30 pm – 12:45 pm
11:45 am – 12:00 noon	3:30 pm – 3:45 pm

It is extremely important that children who cross busy streets to get to school do so at specified corners where patrols are on duty.

In order to protect the safety and welfare of the children, we emphasize the following:

- ✓ Please arrange for your children to arrive at school during the times that there are Patrols/Crossing Guards and Teachers/EAs on duty.
- ✓ We ask that parents/guardians who walk and pick up their children from school, use the crosswalks at the intersections, and not cross where there are no crosswalks. Modelling safe crossing will teach the children pedestrian safety.

Especially during the winter months, we have a more challenging time crossing the children, so we ask your co-operation in being respectful to our Crossing Guards.

Crossing Guards have been instructed to take the license plate number of any vehicle who is not showing respect or courtesy to them. If this happens, you can expect a visit by the Winnipeg Police Service.

Students' Arrival at School

Students are to arrive at school **No Earlier** than 8:50 a.m. and 12:40 p.m.

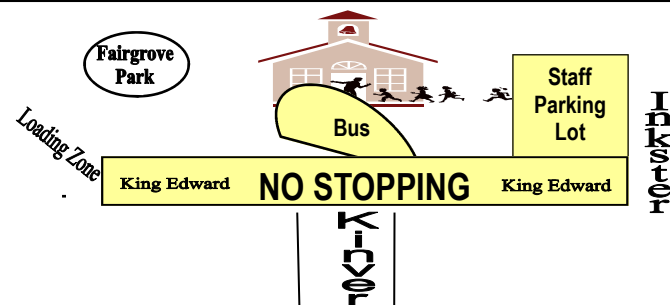
This becomes particularly important in the winter months when the cold weather has arrived and it is not safe for students to remain outside. Students will not be allowed in until adult supervision is available at 8:45 a.m.

There is NO supervision at the school until 8:50 a.m. and 12:40 p.m.

Students must exit the school and grounds for their own safety promptly at 3:30 pm as there is NO supervision after school hours.

Loading Zones and Dropping Off Children

- ✓ **DO NOT** enter the Bus Loop when picking up or dropping off students. Vehicles found parked in the Bus Loop or in the Staff Parking lot are subject to being ticketed and towed at the owner's expense.
- ✓ Children are dismissed onto the playground. Parents/guardians are asked to wait for their children on the playground and then walk to their parked vehicle or walk home together.
- ✓ **PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL.**
- ✓ **DO NOT MAKE U-TURNS AT INKSTER OR KINVER OFF OF KING EDWARD.**
- ✓ **DO NOT USE THE TYNDALL GREENS PRIVATE PARKING LOT ON KING EDWARD AND KINVER TO DROP OFF, PICK UP, OR TURN AROUND IN.**
- ✓ **PLEASE DRIVE SLOWLY AND BE PATIENT.**





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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	2	3	4	5
Winter Break—Monday, December 25, 2023 to Friday, January 5, 2024				
8 Day 1 School Reopens after Winter Break 	9 Day 2	10 Day 3	11 Day 4	12 Day 5
15 Day 6 HEARING SCREENING FOR KINDERGARTEN AND NEWCOMERS	16 Day 1 HEARING SCREENING FOR KINDERGARTEN AND NEWCOMERS	17 Day 2 HEARING SCREENING FOR KINDERGARTEN AND NEWCOMERS	18 Day 3 HEARING SCREENING FOR KINDERGARTEN AND NEWCOMERS	19 Day 4 ÉSKS PD DAY NO SCHOOL
22 Day 5 Tec Voc High School Presentation for Grade 8's (pm)	23 Day 6	24 Day 1	25 Day 2	26 Day 3
29 Day 4	30 Day 5	31 Day 6 Rms 201 & 205 @ Canadian Museum For Human Right	