



ÉCOLE STANLEY KNOWLES SCHOOL HOME OF THE *Sonics*

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OCTOBER 2023 NEWSLETTER



ADMINISTRATION NEWS...

Greetings Stanley Knowles Families,

We are well underway as October begins at School. Our classrooms are bustling with learning and some of our older students are involved in extra-curricular sports, such as cross country running and volleyball. Our runners have their meets on Wednesday afternoons at different divisional locations.

At École Stanley Knowles School our first priority is to ensure the safety and well-being of your children while they are in school. We will be practicing safety drills: fire evacuations, lock downs and hold and secure drills.

Here at École Stanley Knowles, we believe in being pro-active in creating a positive learning environment. All PBIS expectations at ÉSKS are based on the following anchors: Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Learners and Be Safe. For example, when students are entering the building, we believe that to be respectful, we use a quiet voice and allows visitors to enter and exit. To be safe, we keep entrances and doorways clear and keep our hands and feet to ourselves. Our entire school has revisited what these behaviours look like through the common areas of the school and while we are outdoors.

We continue to look for ways to infuse Indigenous perspectives into the work that we do at school each day. We had a memorable week leading up to the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation. Classrooms listened to stories, did research into residential schools, had conversations and reflected about reconciliation, listened to teachings about local plants and how they are used traditionally by Indigenous communities, and a gallery walk. We also met for a school assembly with traditional dancing and shared stories. All staff and students were encouraged to wear orange shirts on Wednesday, September 27th. It promises to be a wonderful month!

Warm regards,
A. Powell ~ A. Hinthier-Janus



**Remember that King Edward Street in front of the school
Is a designated School Zone.**

Motorists must reduce their speed to 30 km/h

**School zone speed limits are enforced
Monday - Friday between 7:00 am and 5:30 pm.**

The ÉSKS Parent Advisory Council Needs You!

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 once a month at 6:00 pm in the school library and typically last one hour.

- Join us and you can voice your opinions and concerns
- Ask questions about what is happening in our school
- Get to know other parents who are committed to helping our school
- Organize and/or volunteer at school dances
- 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
- Discuss ideas on how we can help our teachers, staff, students and families
- Playground improvements and long term goal setting

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

The next Parent Advisory Council (PAC) meeting is scheduled for:

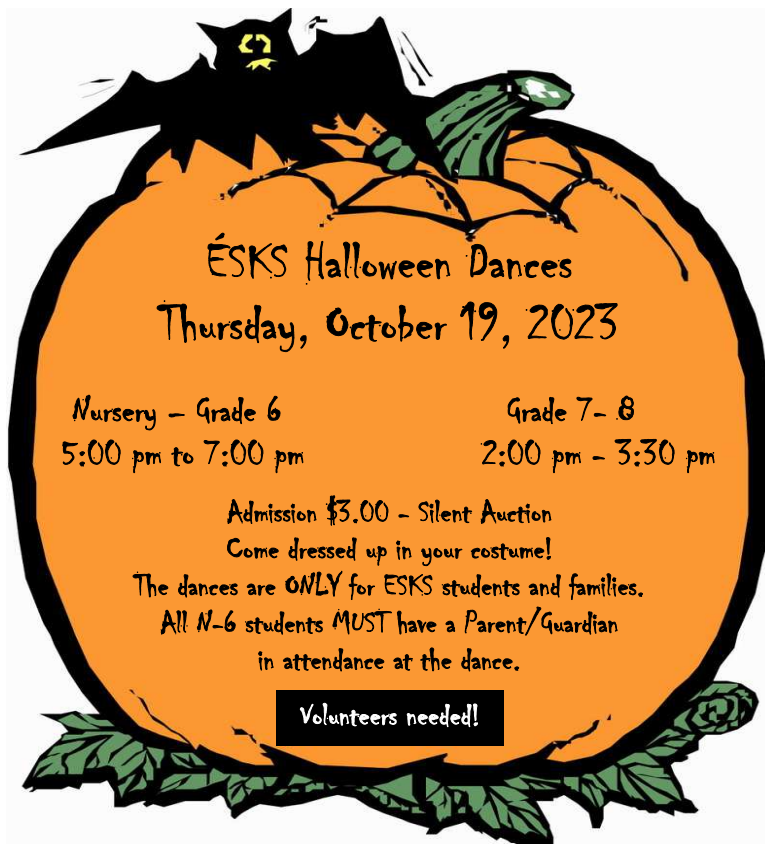
Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at 6:00 pm

in the school Library. Pizza and drinks will be provided, everyone is welcome!

We need your help to make a difference in our school!

Have a voice

Have a vote



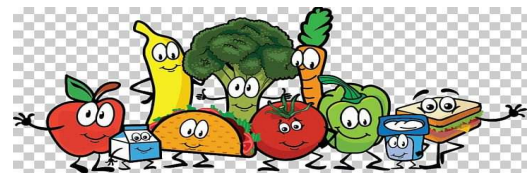
What is your child's plan for lunch?

With the cold weather fast approaching, it becomes more important than ever that **ALL students** have a plan for their lunch hour.

As the school division does not provide any formal supervision over the lunch hour, all students who are not part of the paid Lunch Program must leave the building and school grounds over the lunch hour.

If you need a place for your child to be during the lunch hour, please be sure to register for the Lunch Program. It is available FULL-TIME at a cost of \$28/month or DROP-IN* at a cost of \$4/day (registration forms should be filled out for both)

*** Please note that effective October 1st our registration grace period has ended and students will not be able to stay in the drop-in without bringing their payment.**



**MOVED FROM
OCTOBER 3RD TO
OCTOBER 10TH**

PARENT COUNCIL MEETING

**Come join us for pizza in
the Library at 6:00PM!**

**A CHANCE TO MEET
NEIGHBOURS, SCHOOL
ADMIN, AND LEARN MORE
ABOUT THE SCHOOL!**





Did you know...

It's okay to leave those piles of leaves on the ground all winter long. In fact, it can be really beneficial to leave them in place. The Nature Conservancy of Canada recommends leaving all those beautiful leaves in place because they provide an important winter habitat for many small creatures to survive the winter months. Beneficial insects that pollinate our gardens, like butterflies, moths and other insects use the leaves as a winter hideout. They also contain fallen fruits and seeds that birds rely on for a food source.

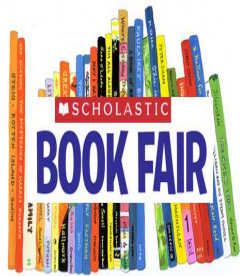
If you prefer to keep your grass free from leaves, please make sure you are putting the leaves in a compost bin or leaving them on the curb, in a paper bag or pail, for the city to pick up and compost.

Did you know?

In addition to having regular Fire Drills, we will also be practicing Lock Down and Hold and Secure Procedures. These drills are not intended to alarm students, but rather ensure that they are aware of what to do should an emergency situation arise. It's imperative that all drills happen quickly and effectively.

In a **Lock Down** drill, an unwanted intruder has entered the school building. All classrooms in the school are secured, and the students are kept inside the classroom with the lights off and away from the windows until classroom teachers are advised by School Administrators that the threat is over.

In a **Hold and Secure** drill, unwanted individuals are outside the building trying to get in. All entrances to the school are secured and no one is allowed to enter or exit the building until the threat is over. During a Hold and Secure drill, signs will be posted at each outside entrance alerting anyone trying to enter the school, but classes inside the building will carry on as usual.



The Scholastic Book Fair will be held in the library on **Thursday, November 16th** from 3:30 pm to 7:30 pm and **Friday, November 17th** from 9:00 am – 10:30 am.

The books are supplied by the Scholastic book company and will be on display for the children on November, 13th. There is a family book draw. The entry form is found on the student bulletin that will be handed out before the Book Fair. This sale is a fundraiser for the ÉSKS library.

What's Happening In Art

Ms. Kennelly

Welcome back to the Art Room!

We are starting our year off with drawing for the Grade 7 and 8's going over hatching techniques and starting our spooky Halloween still life studies. Please follow the ÉSKS art room on Instagram to stay up to date [@ESKSartroom](#).

Meanwhile, for the elementary students, they are following the art enrichment blocks of art. We are all working on our first ceramic work - pinch pots! Students are learning the history of ceramics and learning the techniques to start getting their hands dirty.

Reminder: Art Fees are \$15

All work and grades are given and graded on Google Classroom.

I wish all of our students a wonderful art making adventure ahead!





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WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION

Elementary Music

Mrs. Chapman



We have had an excellent start to our year. We are engaged and enthusiastic about Music.

The Grade 1 and 2 students are working on Melody and Beat skills as well as learning about Music in everyday life. The Grade 3, 3/4 and 4/5 students are learning more challenging and fun Rhythm patterns and singing new songs. The Grade 5 and 6 students learning very challenging Rhythm patterns and songs with wider ranges between sounds to continue improving their vocal skills.

All children are enjoying playing a variety of musical games which help them develop various musical skills even further. Above all, we are continuing to have fun sharing the joy of music!

Performing Arts

Ms. Nikkel

Grade 7 & 8 Performing Arts

This September, the Grade 7 & 8 students have been introduced to the fantastic world of Performing Arts! In addition to the music of last year, performing arts brings opportunities for students to explore drama and dance as well. Students have explored movement and acting through many drama games, warm up activities and Shakespearean dramatic scenes.

The École Stanley Knowles Performing Arts program is excited to announce we have received 20 new electric pianos and 20 new acoustic guitars that are already being used this school year. Students have explored using chords on both piano and guitar to play along to some of their favourite songs and are excited to continue to develop their skills on these instruments as the year progresses.

My name is Ms. Emily, and I'm in my 3rd year of teaching and have studied instrumental performance, drama and dance for the past 10 years. I am very excited to get to know students and create personalized performances that are meaningful to them this school year!



Elementary Physical Education

Mr. Miller

Grade 5 & 6 Soccer

In September students in Grade 5 and 6 had been practicing their soccer skills during lunch time practices. Our soccer teams will have the opportunity to play against other schools and represent École Stanley Knowles at the annual divisional outdoor soccer tournament on October 4, 5 or 6th (more info to come). Students will need to attend practice, display safe, respectful and responsible behavior to attend the divisional tournament.

Grade 4, 5 & 6 Intramurals

Intramurals will be starting in October for students in Grade 4, 5 & 6. Intramurals will run from 12:00-12:30pm in the gym. Students who go home for lunch are asked to bring a lunch to school and then eat lunch in the gym with Mr. Miller. More information and permission slips will be sent home in October.

K - Grade 5 Phys Ed.

In September elementary students have been getting to know each other and myself while participating in low organized game throughout the month. Students have been practicing their skipping, galloping, jumping and hopping while displaying respect to the adults, each other and the equipment.

Mr. Miller
K - Grade 5 Phys Ed.





EVERY CHILD MATTERS

September 30th was the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. At École Stanley Knowles School, we have an obligation to work towards reconciliation and engage students in Canada's past, present and future. During the week leading up to the 30th we had many events and activities at the school.



On Monday morning, students were welcomed to take part in a smudge as they arrived at school. That afternoon, we welcomed guests from Sioux Valley First Nation to speak about Truth and Reconciliation and perform traditional dances. Tim Bone left the students with a powerful message reminding them that we all need to care for one another.



On Tuesday, Matt Mousseau, our Indigenous Way of Life teacher for the Winnipeg School Division, joined our school community to provide some teachings about local plants and how they are used traditionally by Indigenous communities.



Thanks to the beautiful weather last Wednesday, all students came together to walk through the community, spreading awareness and hope. It was amazing to see the students in a sea of orange shirts and the support from the community was a beautiful sight to see.



In addition to these activities, our school hosted the Indigenous People's Atlas of Canada floor map where classes were able to interact with different aspects of Indigenous history and geography in Canada, from residential schools to Treaties, in an interactive way. They also had the opportunity to view powerful images relating to Indigenous history, prompting important class discussions about social justice.



At the end of the week, we invited students to share their personal commitments to Truth and Reconciliation and we invite you to continue these important conversations at home.





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Junior High Physical Education

Ms. Bradshaw & Mr. Smoke



CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to the Grade 7 and 8 Cross Country teams for their excellent representation of École Stanley Knowles School. We are off to a great start and our numbers keep growing!

*Coaches: Mr. Smoke, Ms. Bradshaw & Mme. Michalik,
Mr. Thullner & Mr. Miller*

VOLLEYBALL SEASON IS WELL UNDER WAY AT ÉSKS!

We have Grade 7 & Grade 8 Intramurals as well as the following teams:

Grade 7 Boys (*coaches: Mr. Ness & Ms. Nikkel*)

Grade 7 Girls (*coaches: Mr. Smoke & Ms. Long*)

Grade 8 Boys (*coaches: Mr. Clark and Mme. Richer*)

Grade 8 Girls (*coaches: Ms. Bradshaw*)

Stay tuned by following us on Instagram @sks.athletics



HEALTH EDUCATION

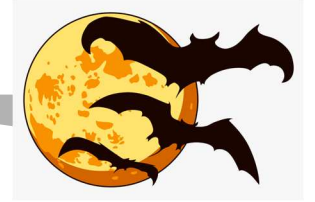
Attention: Parents/Guardians of Grade 7 & 8 students:

Young people need the knowledge, skills and guidance to make responsible and health enhancing decisions. Health Education involves the teaching of facts as well as skills such as the decision making process, problem solving, and refusal skills. It encourages the development of attitudes that lead to self-understanding and healthy interpersonal relationships. There is an emphasis on developing attitudes, skills and behaviours, which promote healthy lifestyle practices.

Manitoba Education and Training identifies various topics in the Health Education Curriculum. Some of the student learning outcomes may contain potentially sensitive content. The Physical Education teachers will be delivering the health units and have received training to deliver the content with respect, sensitivity and thoughtfulness. Some of the health units may include the following topics:

- 1) Substance Use and Abuse Prevention
- 2) Family Life Education
- 3) Personal Safety

Should you require more information concerning the above content please contact your child's teacher.



2023 - 2024 School Calendar

Tuesday, October 3, 2023	Non-Instructional Day - No School
Monday, October 9, 2023	Thanksgiving Day - No School
Friday, October 20, 2023	Non-Instructional Day - No School
Friday, November 17, 2023	Tri-Conferences - No School
Friday, December 22, 2023	Last day of school before Winter Break
WINTER BREAK - Monday, December 25 to Friday, January 5, 2024	
Monday, January 8, 2024	School Re-opens after Winter Break
Friday, January 19, 2024	ÉSKS PD Day - No School
Friday, February 2, 2024	Non-Instructional Day - No School
Monday, February 19, 2024	Louis Riel Day - No School
Friday, March 15, 2024	Student-Led Conferences
Friday, March 22, 2024	Last day of school before Spring Break
SPRING BREAK - Monday, March 25 to Friday, March 29, 2024	
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
Monday, May 20, 2024	Victoria Day - No School
Monday, June 24, 2024	ÉSKS PD Day - No School
Friday, June 28, 2024	Last Day of School - 11:30 am Dismissal





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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
<p>2 Day 2</p>	<p>3 Day 3</p> <p>Non-Instructional Day NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>4 Day 4</p> <p>BUS RIDERSHIP</p>  <p>Cross Country Meet #4 @ Grant Park 3:30 - 5:00pm</p>	<p>5 Day 5</p>	<p>6 Day 6</p> <p>Grade 7 Boys Volleyball Tournament 3:30 - 9:00pm</p>
<p>9</p> <p>Thanksgiving Day</p> 	<p>10 Day 1</p>	<p>11 Day 2</p>	<p>12 Day 3</p>	<p>13 Day 4</p> <p>Grade 7 Girls Volleyball Tournament 3:30 - 9:00pm</p>
<p>16 Day 5</p>	<p>17 Day 6</p>	<p>18 Day 1</p>	<p>19 Day 2</p> <p>PAC HALLOWEEN DANCES Grade 7-8 @ 2:00 - 3:30pm Grade N-6 @ 5:00 - 7:00pm</p> 	<p>20 Day 3</p> <p>Non-Instructional Day NO SCHOOL</p>
<p>23 Day 4</p>	<p>24 Day 5</p>	<p>25 Day 6</p> <p>GRADE 6 IMMUNIZATIONS</p>	<p>26 Day 1</p>	<p>27 Day 2</p> <p>Grade 8 Girls Volleyball Tournament 3:30 - 9:00pm</p>
<p>30 Day</p>	<p>31 Day 4</p> <p>TRICK - OR - TREAT</p> 			