

ÉCOLE WATERFORD SPRINGS SCHOOL

September & October 2023 Newsletter

Back to School



MANUEL SILVA

Directeur / Principal

MARIA MANZANO

Directrice Adjointe / Vice Principal



PRINCIPAL AND VICE-PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

Welcome back everyone! We hope you had a great summer. École Waterford Springs School staff are excited to work with all of our returning students as well as getting to know our many new students. Please take the time to read the information in this newsletter and the attached WSD Code of Conduct which guides our school staff, students and family members.

A lot of communication will happen with parents through email or through Seesaw or Google Classroom with teachers. Please make sure that the office has your updated contact information, including email address and phone number throughout the year.

We welcome Mrs. Maria Manzano who will be our Acting Vice-Principal until the end of December as Ms. Amanda Manness has been asked to be Acting Principal at a different school for the first four months.

Construction:

We are excited about the addition that is being built onto our school that will give us an additional 10 classrooms. The construction is slated to hopefully be done by December 2023. Some classrooms will be housed in other rooms in the school until the addition is complete and we can move the students and teachers into their brand new classrooms. We will have two rooms in the library, one in the MPR and one in the Music room. Music programming will continue but in students' classrooms.

Due to the construction at our school, parking on Jefferson Avenue will continue as 2 hour parking from 7am to 5:30pm September to December.

Student Drop Off & Pick Up Process:

Due to limited parking space, we are strongly encouraging all families to walk or bike to and from school as much as possible.

We have a "Drop and Go" loop between 8:30am and 8:55am. The loop closest to the front entrance of the school will only be used to drop children off. All grade 1-8 students will go to the school field (south side) when they arrive in the morning. School staff will assist in directing students to the field and there will also be staff supervising in the field.

- There will be no supervision before 8:30 am. Students will enter the school at 8:45 am.
- Limited parking is still available in the inside loop where spots are marked for parking.
- Please do not stop at the entrance to the parking lot as that blocks cars from entering and puts the patrols in danger.
- No parking in the daycare parking at anytime unless you have a child in daycare.
- Nursery and Kindergarten students will use the north doors near their classrooms for arrival and dismissal times.

We are looking forward to a great year with you and your children.

ÉCOLE WATERFORD SPRINGS SCHOOL IMPORTANT INFORMATION

School Safety.

Each year we are required to practice elements of our school safety plan. 10 fire drills are practiced, one per month. We also practice 3 lockdown drills, and 3 hold and secure drills, one each in the fall, winter and spring.

A lockdown would be used to secure the interior of the school if a potentially dangerous intruder enters the building.

A hold and secure would be used in case something was happening outside of the school, either on school grounds or in the nearby community. All doors would be locked so that no one would come into the building. Regular routines would continue in the school.



Peanut, Nut & Scent Free

At École Waterford Springs School we are a Peanut and Nut free school. There are students and staff here who have severe allergies. When making lunches for your children please take this into consideration.

Cell Phones



Many students bring cell phones to school. These can be a safety measure for children who walk to and from school on a daily basis. Cell phones are to be turned off during the school hours, including lunch time. If there is an urgency in contacting your child, please call the school office and we will work with you to get the message to your child.

Fox Store Reopening!

This coming October the Fox Store will be up and running if you would like to purchase school merchandise! Last spring we raised \$154.30 towards our digital sign!



Medical Concerns

Please alert the office if your child has any allergies, asthma or any other medical concerns.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION CONTINUED..

Due to limited parking space, we are strongly encouraging all families to walk to and from school as much as possible.

We have a “Drop and Go” loop between **8:30am and 8:55am**.

The loop closest to the front entrance of the school will only be used to drop off children.

Parents are not to park and get out of their cars in this loop as it blocks other cars from dropping off their children.

The visitor parking loop is for those parents who need to get out of the car.

Parents are also not to stop at the entrance to the school property as it blocks traffic on Jefferson Avenue and is dangerous for everyone. Unless dropping off a child at the pre-school daycare, no parking in their parking lot is permitted.

Grade 1-8 students will go to the school field (south side) when they arrive in the morning. School staff will assist in directing students to the field and there will also be staff supervising in the field. There will be no supervision before 8:30 am. Students will enter the school at 8:45 am.

Nursery and Kindergarten students will use the north doors near their classrooms for arrival and dismissal times (if any N/K are late, or arrive after 9:00AM, please come to the front doors.)



School Supply Lists for 2023-2024



Nursery & Kindergarten Supply List

Grades 1 & 2 Supply List

Grades 3 & 4 Supply List

Grades 5 & 6 Supply List

Grades 5-8 French Immersion Supply List

Grades 7 & 8 Supply List



REPORTING YOUR CHILD'S ABSENCE: SAFE ARRIVAL

SafeArrival is a student absence reporting system that:

- makes it easy for you to report your child's absence
- increases student safety by allowing staff to respond to unexplained absences more efficiently

You are asked to report your child's absence using one of the following convenient methods:

All methods are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Phone: 1-855-278-4513

Call the toll-free, interactive telephone system

Website: <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>

Set up your Parent Portal account then log in

Mobile App: SafeArrival

Set up your Parent Portal account, download the Apple or Android app, then log in

If you report an absence in advance or before the morning bell time you will not receive a call. We will be using the Safe Arrival automated notification system to contact parents/guardians if a child is absent and the absence was not reported in advance. Safe Arrival attempts to contact parents/guardians at multiple contact numbers until the designated contact(s) is/are reached.

Please see École Waterford Springs School website for further details.

<https://www.winnipegssd.ca/waterfordsprings>

What is a Split Classroom?

BY PRINCIPAL MANUEL SILVA

Split Classes: A split class, for example, Grade 5/6, is created when there are either many students or not enough students registered for those grade levels. Split classes help to balance the number of students in each grade. The teacher still teaches grade 5 students their curriculum and grade 6 students their curriculum. They are not set up as advanced classes and students do not skip the next grade level the following year. Grade 5 students in a split class will go to grade 6 the next school year, and so on. We hope this helps to clarify any confusion as split classes are common in most schools.



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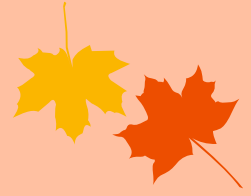
ਸਾਨੂੰ ਸਾਡੇ ਕੁਝ ਪਰਿਵਾਰਾਂ ਨੇ ਸਪਲਿਟ ਕਲਾਸਾਂ ਬਾਰੇ ਸਵਾਲ ਪੁੱਛੇ ਹਨ, ਕਿਉਂਕਿ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦਾ ਮਤਲਬ ਇੰਡੀਆ ਵਿੱਚ ਕੁਝ ਵੱਖਰਾ ਹੈ। ਕਨੇਡਾ ਵਿੱਚ, ਇੱਕ ਸਪਲਿਟ ਕਲਾਸ ਉਦਾਹਰਣ ਵਜੋਂ, (ਗ੍ਰੇਡ 5/6) ਉਦੋਂ ਬਣਾਈ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ ਜਦੋਂ ਕਿਸੇ ਕਲਾਸ ਵਿੱਚ ਜਾਂ ਤਾਂ ਬਹੁਤ ਜ਼ਿਆਦਾ ਵਿਦਿਆਰਥੀ ਹੁੰਦੇ ਹਨ ਜਾਂ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਗ੍ਰੇਡ ਪੱਧਰਾਂ ਲਈ ਰਜਿਸਟਰਡ ਵਿਦਿਆਰਥੀਆਂ ਦੀ ਗਿਣਤੀ ਘੱਟ ਹੁੰਦੀ ਹੈ। ਸਪਲਿਟ ਕਲਾਸਾਂ ਹਰੇਕ ਗ੍ਰੇਡ ਵਿੱਚ ਵਿਦਿਆਰਥੀਆਂ ਦੀ ਸੰਖਿਆ ਨੂੰ ਸੰਤੁਲਿਤ ਕਰਨ ਵਿੱਚ ਮੱਦਦ ਕਰਦੀਆਂ ਹਨ। ਸਪਲਿਟ ਕਲਾਸ ਵਿੱਚ ਅਧਿਆਪਕ ਗ੍ਰੇਡ 5 ਦੇ ਵਿਦਿਆਰਥੀਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦਾ ਸਿਲੇਬਸ ਅਤੇ ਗ੍ਰੇਡ 6 ਦੇ ਵਿਦਿਆਰਥੀਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦਾ ਸਿਲੇਬਸ ਪੜ੍ਹਾਉਂਦਾ ਹੈ। ਇਹ ਕਲਾਸਾਂ ਐਡਵਾਂਸ ਕਲਾਸਾਂ ਵਜੋਂ ਸਥਾਪਤ ਨਹੀਂ ਕੀਤੀਆਂ ਗਈਆਂ ਹਨ ਅਤੇ ਨਾਂ ਹੀ ਵਿਦਿਆਰਥੀ ਇੱਕ ਸਾਲ ਵਿੱਚ ਦੋ ਕਲਾਸਾਂ ਕਰਨਗੇ। ਇੱਕ ਸਪਲਿਟ ਕਲਾਸ ਵਿੱਚ ਗ੍ਰੇਡ 5 ਦੇ ਵਿਦਿਆਰਥੀ ਅਗਲੇ ਸਕੂਲੀ ਸਾਲ ਵਿੱਚ ਗ੍ਰੇਡ 6 ਵਿੱਚ ਜਾਣਗੇ ਅਤੇ ਗਰੇਡ 6 ਦੇ ਵਿਦਿਆਰਥੀ ਗਰੇਡ 7 ਵਿੱਚ ਜਾਣਗੇ। ਸਾਨੂੰ ਉਮੀਦ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਅਸੀਂ ਤੁਹਾਡੇ ਸਵਾਲ ਦੇ ਜਵਾਬ ਨੂੰ ਸਪਸ਼ਟ ਕਰਨ ਵਿੱਚ ਕਾਮਯਾਬ ਹੋਏ ਹਾਂ ਕਿਉਂਕਿ ਕੈਨੇਡਾ ਦੇ ਸਕੂਲਾਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਸਪਲਿਟ ਕਲਾਸਾਂ ਆਮ ਹਨ।



DATES TO REMEMBER FOR 2023

September

- Sept 6th - First day of classes for Grades 1-8
- Sept 6th, 7th & 8th - Nursery & Kindergarten Interviews
- Sept 11th - First day of classes for Nursery & Kindergarten
- Sept 27th-28th - Life Touch Picture Days
- Sept 29th - Orange Shirt Day
- Sept 30th - Truth and Reconciliation



OCTOBER



- Oct 3rd - No Classes - Non-Instructional Day - Provincial Election
- Oct 9th - School Closed - Happy Thanksgiving!
- Oct 11th - Grade 6 Immunizations 9:00AM - 12:00PM
- Oct 20th - No Classes - PD Day
- Oct 24th-26th - Kindergarten Hearing Screening
- Oct 31st - Happy Halloween!

November

- Nov 6th - Life Touch Picture Retakes
- Nov 17th - No Classes - Non-Instructional Day
- Nov 27th - Report Cards go home
- Nov 30th - Parent Teacher Interviews 3:50-8:00



Battery Recycling at École Waterford Springs School

Hello EWSS families,

Don't throw out your batteries—recycle them! Improper battery disposal can hurt wildlife and the environment, and put your family at risk too.



Recycling your batteries helps protect your community and wildlife from materials that may harm the environment if they end up in landfills. Also, metals reclaimed from recycled batteries can be used to make new products which helps in the development of a circular economy for a more sustainable future.

(adapted from call2recycle program)

To help our community recycle their used household batteries, EWSS will collect your used batteries.

Follow these simple instructions for battery recycling:

1. Gather

Collect any used household batteries* in your house, office, garage, drawers and in old electronics such as toys, remote controls, game consoles, cordless power tools and more.

2. Tape

For safe handling, we recommend you tape the ends of your used batteries before you send them to prevent batteries from touching and possibly causing a spark.

3. Send

Send your used batteries to school with your child. Your child can drop them off in the containers located at the designated spots in the school (1st floor in the office or 2nd floor room 2W02)

*Please no car batteries or batteries weighing over 5 kg each.

Then what?

The Teachers in charge will safely transport the batteries to a recycling depot.

Thank you for your support in helping us to make our planet sustainable.

Sincerely,

Students of 2W02 and 2W03

Mme Frederique and Ms. Ambaram



Terry Fox Run

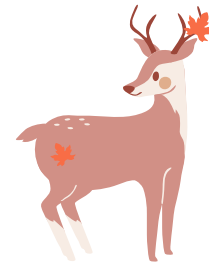
This year École Waterford Springs School ranked 33rd in the "Top 50 Terry Fox School Run Fundraisers of 2023"! Together we raised \$2,837.15



STUDENTS DAILY SCHEDULE

8:45 A.M.

Students enter building from south doors
(back of school by the field)



9:00 A.M.

Announcements/O'Canada begin and
morning classes start

9:05 A.M.

Students are marked late after this time
and are to report to the office for
attendance

11:30 A.M.

Nursery/Kindergarten AM dismissal

12:00 P.M.

Grades 1-8 Lunch time starts



12:50 P.M.

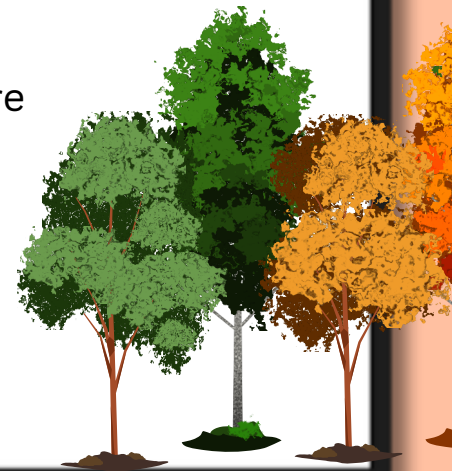
Students enter building for afternoon
classes

1:00 P.M.

Afternoon classes start and students are
marked late after this time and are to
report to the office for attendance

3:30 P.M.

Dismissal of all classes



ÉWSS VOLUNTEERS



Welcome back!

We are excited to be preparing for a new school year. We would love to see you return as one of our valued volunteers for the 2023-2024 school year or start new this year.

If you volunteered last year, your application is valid for 2 years. If you are new and would like to volunteer, please reach out and contact me. If you are a parent or grandparent, you will need to complete a Volunteer Services Registration form and a Child Abuse Registry form. If you are a community member, you will also need a Child Abuse Registry. Child Abuse Registry's dated within the last 3 months are valid. All forms need to be dropped off at the school office where the office staff will verify your two pieces of identification.

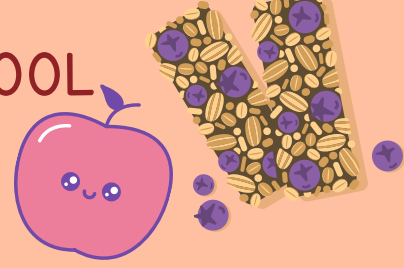
Thank you for your continued commitment and dedication to EWSS students and staff. Please reach out should you have any questions. Please know you are greatly appreciated!

With respect,
Odette Cerqueira
Resource / IERT
204-694-9690
ocerqueira@wsd1.org





ÉCOLE WATERFORD SPRINGS SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM



Welcome back Parents/Guardians, here's an update for the Lunch Program for the 2023/2024 school year:

- This a reminder that there is no microwave available for heating.
- Please send your child(ren) the appropriate cutlery(no knives).
- Please dress for the weather, as students will still go outside if it rains lightly.
- Online Registration is at the following link:
 - [Elementary Lunch Program Online Registration Form](#)
 - [Junior High Lunch Program Online Registration Form](#)
- As a reminder Junior High Lunch Program has changed, if your child doesn't meet the distance criteria, they have to go home for lunch.
- Families can print the paper version of the registration from the school's website and return it to their child's teacher or the office:
<https://www.winnipeg.ca/waterfordsprings/page/12544/lunch-program>
- Payments are due September 8th.
 - Please include your child(ren)'s name and room number with the payment.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email me.

Thanks,

Robyn Whitney

Lunch Program Coordinator

ewsslunchprogram@gmail.com

BUMPER CROP EARLY LEARNING CENTRE

ANNA MAE CLARK, DIRECTOR

Daycare parking lot is for Daycare parents only.

Do you need daycare or before and after school care for your child?

Address: 2090 Jefferson Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba R2R 3A3

Telephone Number: 204-983-1252

Email Address: director@bumpercropelc.ca



MESSAGE FROM THE PARENT COUNCIL

Welcome back to all families of École Waterford Springs School, It is September and our school year has begun. We hope you all enjoyed the summer. We have a brand new executive team to welcome for our 2023-2024 school year. We would like to introduce to you Gurjeet for our chair, Trisha for our vice-chair, Melanie for our secretary and Jonathan for our treasurer. We are excited to have a full team this year to help raise funds for our school sign and any other items we may need. Our first fundraiser for this school year will be Peak of the Market which will come to you at the beginning of September, and arrive in time for Thanksgiving. Please see next page for more information.

We will be fundraising to purchase an electric sign for the school. If you would like to donate directly towards the school signage, please send an email to Winnipeg.ews@gmail.com for further information.

We still appreciate any feedback from you, and would like to invite you to attend our very **first in person meeting on Wednesday, September 20, 2023 at 6:00pm at the school.**

Thank you.

Your friendly 2023-2024 Parent Council,

Gurjeet Kaur – Chair

Trisha Dizor-Tan – Vice-Chair

Melanie Loyola - Secretary

Jonathan Alvaran - Treasurer



MESSAGE FROM THE PARENT COUNCIL CONTINUED

Hello EWSS families.

We are very excited to announce our Fall Fundraiser with Peak of the Market - Farm to school with proceeds going towards our school's electronic sign. The fundraiser will run for 2 weeks from September 8 - 22, 2023.

There will be 2 bundles available for purchase cost per bundle will range from \$15 - \$25 more information can be found online at <http://www.peakfarmtoschool.com/> .

An order form is being sent with students (one per family) and they can order for family and friends using the same order sheet. Please ensure sending the exact cash amount with the order forms because that's the only way for us to ensure your order can be processed. If you would like to pay via e-transfer please send your form in and send payment to winnipeg.ews@gmail.com (in the comments please add student name and room number along with guardian's name).

We have attached the online ordering instructions as well as the paper order form, please make sure to review the information for your order to be accurate and fulfilled. The Parent Council will advise when we receive the orders from Peak of the Market and distribute it to the students. All orders must be back to the school by the end of day on Friday, September 22, 2023.

We look forward to having another exciting and successful fundraiser. Thanks in advance to all the families!!!!

Regards,

EWSS Parent Council

CALENDER OF EVENTS FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

September	
4	Labour Day—School Closed
5	Administrative Day—NO CLASSES
5	Meet the Teacher 2:30PM—5:30PM
6	First Day of Classes for Grades 1-8 Day 2
6-8	Nursery & Kindergarten Interviews All Day
11	First Day of Classes for Nursery/Kindergarten
20	PAC Meeting at 6:00PM
27-28	Life Touch Picture Days
29	Orange Shirt Day
30	Truth and Reconciliation Day
October	
3	Election Day—NO CLASSES
9	Thanksgiving—School Closed
11	Grade 6 Immunizations
20	PD Day—NO CLASSES
24-26	Kindergarten Hearing Screening
31	Halloween
November	
6	Life Touch Retakes
11	Remembrance Day
17	PD Day—NO SCHOOL
27	Report Cards go home
30	Parent Teacher Interviews 3:50PM—8:00PM
December	
1	Parent Teacher Interviews—No Classes
22	Last Day of Classes before Winter Break

January	
8	Classes Resume after Winter Break Day 1
February	
2	PD Day—NO CLASSES
14	Valentine's Day
19	Louis Riel Day—School Closed
March	
11	Report Cards go home
14	Student Led Conferences 3:50PM—8:00PM
15	Student Led Conferences—NO CLASSES
22	Last Day of Classes before Spring Break
April	
1	Classes Resume after Spring Break Day 1
19	PD Day—NO CLASSES
22	Happy Earth Day!
May	
6	PD Day—NO CLASSES
20	Victoria Day—School Closed
June	
21	National Indigenous Peoples Day
25	Report Cards go home
26	Grade 8 Farewell
27	Administrative Day—No Classes
28	Last Day of School—11:30 A.M Dismissal



ÉCOLE WATERFORD SPRINGS SCHOOL STAFF LIST 2023-2024

Office

Manuel Silva	Principal
Maria Manzano	Vice-Principal
Corrie Krakalovich	Head Clerk V
Harinder Ghuman	Clerk III
Charissa Pruden	Clerk II
Rachel Olver	Library Tech. (Days 1, 3, 5)

Custodians

Abarca, Sonia - Caretaker
De Melo, Dora - Cleaner

Educational Assistants

Bhattal, Shinderpal
Blanco, Sharon
Cadotte, Tamarra
Dehar, Manminder
Dhaliwal, Harmeet
Dhanoa, Karamjit
Dhillon, Amritpal (Amy)
Ferbrache, Amanda
Gaidhu, Gurpal
Gonzales, Melanie
Helal, Manal
Kaler, Kamaldeep
Kaur, Gagandeep
Kaur, Gursharn
Kaur, Komalpreet
Lampa, Angie
Malkai, Ikvinder
Olenko, Janice
Paul, Basil
Rakhra, Sanbax
Sidhu, Virpal
Walker, Jocelyne

Teachers

Ambaram, Alka
Antonio, Jacintha
Blondeau, Kevin
Bova, Francesca/Manuel, Keyla
Caligiuri, Christine
Cerqueira-Gonçalves, Odette
Chau, Kevin
Chaudhari, Manjit
Ciangalini, Lisa
Coffell, Tamara
DeLeon, Angeli
Fillion, Marc
Foulis, Vanessa
Frederique, Martine
Fredette, Ashley
Gaulin, Olivia
Graustins, Jennifer
Guatam, Chandra
Hughes, Sandra
Iwanicki, Jennifer
Jones, Stefanie
Klan, Shaun
Klueppel, Susanne
Kuyp, Jennifer
Levy, Tanya
Manicom, Chantelle
Moore, Tai
Morris, Rhys
Ngo, Andrew
Noordman, Tabitha
Quinn, Jonathan
Salvador, Roshel
Shafto, Sharon
Singh, Swaran
Smyrski-Yu, Jennifer
Thiessen, Jay
Torchia, Maria
Violy, Evelyne
Walsh, Kristen
Wood, Becky
Young, Mike
Yozenko, Hailey
Zankowski, Evelyn
Zinn, Sandie

Gr 3/4 English – Rm 2W03
Gr 7/8 & Home Ec. – Rm 2A04/1E08
Gr. 5/6 English - Rm 2A06
Gr 1/2 English – Rm 1W05
IERT - Rm 1W18
Resource – Rm 1W18
Gr 7/8 English – Rm 2W24
Gr 7/8 English (D: 1,3,5) - Rm 2A04Gr
7/8 English– Rm 2W28
Gr 7/8 French – Rm 2W21
N/K English AM&PM – Rm 1W31
Gr 1/2 English – Rm 1W17
Gr 1/2 French – Rm 1W08
Gr 3/4 French – Rm 2W02
Music
Gr 5/6 French – Rm 2A03
Gr 3/4 English – Rm 2W04
Intercultural Support Worker
Gr 3/4 English – Rm 1A05
Phys Ed
Gr 5/6 English – Rm 2W29
Gr 5/6 English – Rm 2W07
Gr 5/6 English – Rm 2W25/2A02
Gr 2 English – Rm 1W09
N/K English AM&PM – Rm 1W32
Kindergarten FI AM&PM – Rm 1W28
Guidance Counsellor - Rm 1W16
Gr. 1/2 French - Rm 1A06
Phys Ed
Gr. 3/4 French - Rm 1A04
Band
Gr 3/4 English – Rm 1A03
Gr 1/2 English – Rm 1W06
Gr 2/3 French – Rm 1W27
Gr 3/4 English – Rm 2W05
N/K English AM&PM – Rm 1W29
Support Teacher
Support Teacher
Gr 7/8 English – Rm 2W27
Gr 1/2 English – Rm 1W10
Industrial Arts (Days 1,3,5) – Rm 1E17
Gr 1/2 French – Rm 1W07
Gr 5/6 English – Rm 2W06
Gr 7/8 English – Rm 2W09