



# ÉCOLE STANLEY KNOWLES SCHOOL HOME OF THE *Soonties*

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## MAY 2024 NEWSLETTER



### Administrators' Message

Greetings to our ÉSKS parents and guardians,

Welcome to May!

Planning is well underway for the upcoming school year. Teachers and Educational Assistants will be meeting on May 6th to discuss our school goals and priority areas as we set new targets for the upcoming year. We will begin our conversations around classroom compositions very shortly and will create classrooms based on detailed criteria. Should you have any specific concerns around your child's learning for next year, please contact one of the administrators to share any important information.

We continue to register students that are eligible for Nursery and Kindergarten for September of 2024. For Nursery, students must be *four* years of age by December 31, 2020; for Kindergarten, students must be five by then. To register, bring along a birth certificate, Manitoba Health Card and Proof of Residency (a Property Tax Bill). We are also accepting registrations for Grades 1-8. Along with the Birth Certificate, Manitoba Medical Card and Proof of Residency, please bring a copy of the most recent report card at the time of registration.

On Tuesday, May 30th we will be having a "Welcome to Kindergarten" event for all incoming Kindergarten students. We look forward to welcoming parent into the school for many exciting activities. If you are available, we look forward to seeing you at 6:00pm on Tuesday, May 7th in our school library for our last PAC meeting of the year!

Yours in Education,

A. Powell ~ A. Hinthier-Janus



# 2024 - 2025 LUNCH PROGRAM REGISTRATION

Spring is again upon us and we are beginning to plan for next year. We sent out the Stanley Knowles Lunch Program information for the 2024-2025 school year to all our current, and hopefully future students.

Registrations can be submitted by email to [eskslunchprogram@gmail.com](mailto:eskslunchprogram@gmail.com). Alternatively, completed registration forms, as well as any payments other than e-transfer can be dropped off (in a sealed envelope with your child's full name on it) into the Stanley Knowles Lunch Program safe, located in the ÉSKS school office.

If you are unable to register online, or prefer to bring your payment for processing in person, we will be holding two registration evenings in May on **Thursday, May 17th and Wednesday, May 22nd from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm**. If possible, please bring the completed registration form as we hope to avoid long lineups. Tax receipts will **NOT** be issued at this time (please see registration form for more information). Please enter the school through the front doors.

If you have any questions, please email us and we will respond as soon as possible between the hours of 10:30 am and 1:30 pm, Monday to Friday when school is in session.

Looking forward to another great year with our students.



## 2024- 2025 Nursery & Kindergarten Registrations

**Registrations for Nursery and Kindergarten are now being accepted for the upcoming 2024-2025 school year**

Children registering for **Nursery** must have been born by December 31st, 2020

Children registering for **Kindergarten** must have been born by December 31st, 2019

### **Please bring the following with your application:**

- ◆ Birth Certificate, Treaty Card, or Canadian Passport
- ◆ Proof of Address: which can be a copy of title of house, purchase agreement, rental agreement, or current property tax statement or assessment
- ◆ Manitoba Health Card

If you have any questions, please call the school 204-694-0483 or drop by the office anytime between 9:00 am & 3:30 pm.

# GRADE 8 FAREWELL



This year, the Grade 8 Farewell Ceremony will be held on **Wednesday, June 26th** at **Tec Voc High School** located at 1555 Wall Street. The event will begin at **10:00 am sharp** and will conclude at approximately **12:00 pm**.

Admission is free and family members are invited to attend this special event. We expect the ceremony to last approximately 2 hours. All students will be receiving a certificate for the completion of Grade 8.

Families are asked to make arrangements for their child to arrive at Tec Voc no later than **9:15am**. Students will be given instructions as to where to meet their homeroom teacher prior to the start of the ceremony. Families are also responsible for arranging transportation, home for their child after the ceremony.

There is **NO** parking in the Tec Voc parking lot. Car pooling is recommended as there is limited amount of street parking available.



## What is your child's plan for lunch?



Even though the weather is warming up, **ALL** students must have a plan for the lunch hour.

Since **ÉSKS does not provide any formal supervision over the lunch hour**, all students who are **NOT** part of the paid Lunch Program **are expected to leave the building and the school grounds over the lunch hour**.

Information regarding the Elementary & Junior High Lunch Program is available in the school office.



**The last meeting this fiscal year for PAC is their annual AGM Meeting, that is scheduled for:**

**Tuesday, May 7, 2024 @ 6:00 pm in the school library  
Refreshments and light snacks will be served.**

The Parent Advisory Committee is always looking for new members. Be informed about what is going on in the school, voice your opinions, ask questions about what is happening, meet new parents and join in the fun.

Thank you for another great year and support. Have a fun and safe summer holiday!

**There will be no PAC Meeting for the month of June.**

# ESKS Bikebus Initiative

Dear École Stanley Knowles School Community,

We are thrilled to introduce a new and exciting initiative to promote safe and active transportation to and from school: the École Stanley Knowles School Bikebus!

## What is a Bikebus?

A Bikebus operates much like a traditional school bus, but with a twist. Instead of boarding a bus, students and their families join together for a group bike ride to school. Led by a designated adult “bus driver” on a bike, the Bikebus follows a predetermined route, picking up participants along the way. Our pilot Bikebus rides will take place on May 22nd and June 4th.

## Why a Bikebus?

Bikebuses offer a fun, convenient and safe way for students and families to travel to school together. By promoting cycling, we aim to enhance the health and independence of our students while reducing traffic congestion and pollution around the school.

## How can I help?

We are seeking enthusiastic volunteers, known as Ride Marshalls to assist with the Bikebus. Ride Marshalls will help guide the group and block intersections to ensure a smooth and safe ride for all participants. If you’re interested in supporting this initiative, please contact Mr. Barr at lbarr@wsd1.org.

## Where will our Bikebus go?

Our route will be designed to accommodate as many students as possible, although we cannot guarantee it will pass directly by your home. Parents/guardians may need to bike a few blocks to meet up with the Bikebus along the route. The specific route will be communicated to families in mid-May.

## Bikebus Expectations & Safety

Safety is our top priority. All participants must wear helmets, and children must have signed permission to join the Bikebus. We will adhere to safe group riding practices recommended by Bike Winnipeg, and volunteers will assist with traffic management at intersections. Additionally, a designed “sweeper” will ensure no one is left behind.

## Bike Parking

For those cycling to school independently, bike racks and bike cages are available on the school grounds. While the school cannot be held responsible for any theft or vandalism, we encourage students to use sturdy locks to secure their bikes.

## Interested in participating?

If you’re excited about the Bikebus and want to join the fun with your family, please fill out a permission form available in the office or room 221.














Let’s pedal towards a healthier, greener future together!

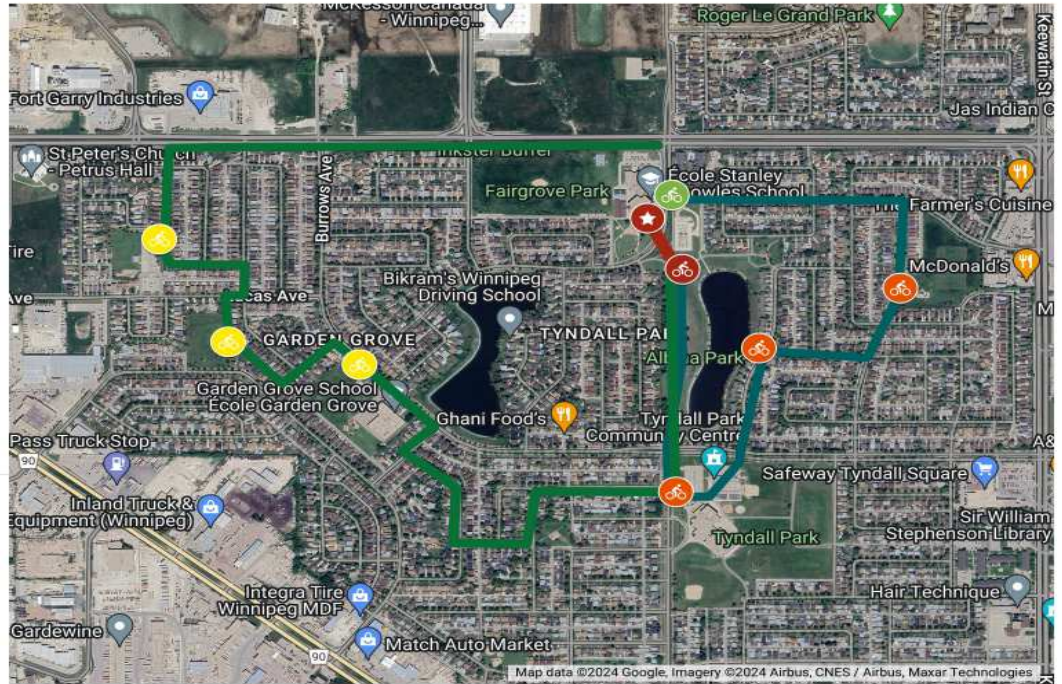
(Please see page 5 for tentative Bikebus routes)...



# ESKS Bike Bus

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-  Bike Stop 1
-  Bike Stop 2
-  Bike Stop 3
-  Start Tyndall Loop
-  End Tyndall & G.G. P.R. Loops
-  G.G. and P.R. Loop
-  P.R. Stop
-  Egesz Stop
-  G.G. Stop
-  Tyndall Loop
-  G.G. & P.R. loop final
-  Joint Final
-  Final Stop both loops



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# RESOURCE FAIR

**KEYNOTE: DR. LINDSAY WOODS, C. PSYCH**

Understanding Self-Harm in Children and Adolescents: An Evening of Insight and Resources



**REGISTER TODAY!**

**THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2024**

**Time:** 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

**Location:** Sisler High School, 1360 Redwood Ave, Winnipeg

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**TO REGISTER:**

Please scan the QR Code or visit [www.kidthink.ca/resource-fair/](http://www.kidthink.ca/resource-fair/)

# WSD Divisional Science Fair



Many congratulations to our ÉSKS Grade 8 students that flexed their scientific minds at the Winnipeg School Division Science Fair in April.

## Grade 8:

Claire K. - **Ralph: The Ultrasonic Sensation** - PLATINUM - BEST IN CATEGORY

Zoe B. - **Do Shooter Games Affect a Person's Real Life Aim?** - GOLD

Leyah S. - **The Five Second Rule** - SILVER

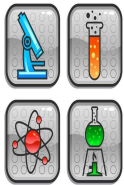
Nathan M. & Ella Q. - **Est-ce que le mouvement perpétuel fonctionne?** - SILVER

Djanina R. - **How Does Sight Affect Food Consumption?** - BRONZE

Bella R. & Mathieu S. - **Est-ce que les humains peuvent reconnaître le texte généré par l'IA de Chat GPT** - BRONZE

Manseerat D. - **How Does Ice Melting in the North and South Poles Affect Sea Levels?** - HONORABLE MENTION

Aidan A. & Noah R. - **Comment est-ce que les craintes changent avec l'âge?** - HONORABLE MENTION



ALL LIBRARY BOOKS MUST BE RETURNED BY **FRIDAY, JUNE 7, 2024**

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS A **\$10 FEE** FOR ANY LOST OR DAMAGED BOOKS

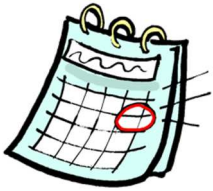
## ÉSKS Soccer

**A rainbow has taken over the halls and fields of Stanley Knowles.  
Oh wait - that's just the jerseys of this year's soccer players!**

Gather your team, showcase your footwork and compete on the soccer field in a fast pace game of skill and strategy. Games will be run for the most part during the lunch hour and will be dependent on the weather. We look forward to an exciting season once again as well as students coming out to the fields at lunch to cheer on their favourite team to victory. Players are encouraged to sign up for the ESKS Soccer Google Classroom so they can keep up to date with all soccer information. The code can be found on the white board in the gym. Permission slips and information forms have been sent home and need to be returned to Ms. Wakshinski in P13 before the season starts.



## 2023 - 2024 School Calendar



**Monday, May 6, 2024**  
Monday, May 20, 2024

**Non-Instructional Day - No School**  
Victoria Day - No School

**Monday, June 24, 2024**  
**Wednesday, June 26, 2024**  
Friday, June 28, 2024

**ÉSKS PD Day - No School**  
**Grade 8 Farewell - Tec Voc High School (am)**  
Last Day of School - 11:30 am Dismissal



### The Spring Fling is coming back!

Only a month away and the Spring Fling (music and art extravaganza) will be here! Mark your calendars for **Tuesday, June 11th** (or Wednesday, June 12th just in case of weather delays)

Come and enjoy our outdoor music performances from the Elementary students as well as the Grade 6-8 performing arts. Pull up a lawn chair or blanket on the grass, soak up the sun and enjoys some tunes. Don't forget to head inside to the large gym for the art gallery. Amazing art from the whole school will be on display!

We can't wait to see everyone there! Be on the look out for a note sent home with more details.

## 2024 - 2025 School Calendar

Wednesday, September 4, 2024	First day of school for students Gr 1 - 8
Monday, September 30, 2024	Truth and Reconciliation Day - No School
Wednesday, October 9, 2024	Non-Instructional Day - No School
<b>Monday, October 14, 2024</b>	<b>Thanksgiving - No School</b>
Friday, October 25, 2024	Non-Instructional Day - No School
<b>Monday, November 11, 2024</b>	<b>Remembrance Day - No School</b>
Friday, November 22, 2024	Non-Instructional Day - No School

### **WINTER BREAK - Monday, December 23 to Friday, January 3, 2025**

Monday, January 6, 2025	School re-opens after Winter Break
Friday, January 31, 2025	Non-Instructional Day - No School
<b>Monday, February 17, 2025</b>	<b>Louis Riel Day - No School</b>
Friday, March 14, 2025	Non-Instructional Day - No School

### **SPRING BREAK - Monday, March 31 to Friday, April 4, 2025**

Monday, April 7, 2025	School re-opens after Spring Break
Friday, April 11, 2025	Non-Instructional Day - No School
<b>Friday, April 18, 2025</b>	<b>Good Friday - No School</b>
Friday, May 9, 2025	Non-Instructional Day - No School
<b>Monday, May 19, 2025</b>	<b>Victoria Day - No School</b>
Friday, June 27, 2025	Last Day of School - 11:30 Dismissal

\*\*Plus two additional dates To Be Determined by ÉSKS\*\*





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### May 2024



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
		1 Day 5	2 Day 6	3 Day 1  MMIWG Community Walk
6 Day 2 <b>Non-Instructional Day No School</b>	7 Day 3 <b>PIZZA LUNCH</b> 	8 Day 4	9 Day 5 Rm P27 & P31 @ Manitoba Museum of Human Rights	10 Day 6
13 Day 1	14 Day 2	15 Day 3 <b>JUNIOR HIGH DIVISIONAL TRACK MEET</b>	16 Day 4	17 Day 5
20 <b>VICTORIA DAY NO SCHOOL</b>	21 Day 6	22 Day 1	23 Day 2 <b>JUNIOR HIGH DIVISIONAL TRACK MEET</b>	24 Day 3
27 Day 4	28 Day 5	29 Day 6	30 Day 1 <b>GRADE 6 &amp; 8 IMMUNIZATIONS</b>	31 Day 2
			Grade 7 & 8 - Birds Hill Bike Trip	