



# ÉCOLE STANLEY KNOWLES SCHOOL HOME OF THE *Sonitas*

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## APRIL 2024 NEWSLETTER



### ADMINISTRATOR'S MESSAGE

Hello ÉSKS Parents and Guardians,

A few signs of spring are definitely in the air & with the sunny days we have been having many of us may be quite ready to move forward with warmer temperatures and drier streets. In the meantime, continue to stay safe and well.

This is a very special month, given that on April 8th, we will get to experience a total **Solar Eclipse** that is expected to pass through North America, giving stargazers across the country the opportunity to view the celestial phenomenon in which the sun is completely covered by the moon. The next total **Solar Eclipse** that can be seen, won't be until Aug 23, 2044!

We look forward to recognizing two important days this month. On April 10th, we will be celebrating the International Day of Pink. This is an anti-bullying event held annually around the world, during the second week of April. The event was started after two high school students saw another student, who was wearing pink being bullied in their high school in Nova Scotia. They decided to show support for the student by purchasing and handing out pink shirts for other students to wear the following day. The day remains one of action for communities across the world to be united in celebrating diversity while raising greater awareness in stopping all forms of bullying. Please join us in wearing **PINK** on April 10th.

As always, we value your input and feedback. Please don't hesitate to reach out by phone or email to speak with one of our administrators.

Warmest regards,

A. Powell ~ A. Hinthor-Janus





## 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.



## 2024 - 2025 Lunch Program Registration

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

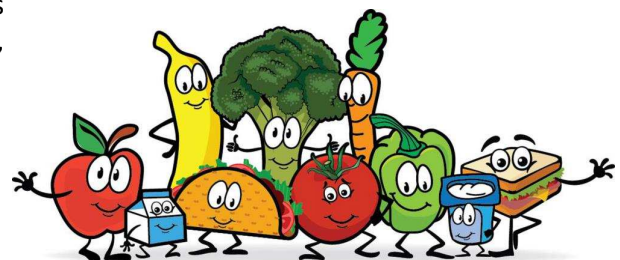
Registrations can be submitted by email to [eskslunchprogram@gmail.com](mailto:eskslunchprogram@gmail.com). Alternatively, completed registration forms, as well as any payments other than e-transfer can be dropped off (in a sealed envelope with your child's full name on it) into the Stanley Knowles Lunch 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 at Stanley Knowles School in May on **Thursday, May 16th and Wednesday, May 22nd from 3:00pm to 6:00pm**. Please enter through the main school doors. 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).

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

Looking forward to another great year with our students.

Christine Klajncar  
ÉSKS Lunch Program Coordinator



# SOLAR ECLIPSE

## Safety Measures and Viewing Guidance



### What are the hazards of viewing a solar eclipse?

Looking at the sun, including during a solar eclipse, can cause **solar retinopathy**, which can permanently damage the retina's light-sensitive cells at the back of the eye. Even a brief look at the sun during an eclipse can cause **permanent harm** to the eyes. A person may not experience any pain or discomfort while watching the event and still suffer **severe damage** as a result.

Symptoms may not surface until 12 to 48 hours after the event and could involve retinal burns, temporary or permanent vision loss and blurred vision. Once symptoms start, it is usually too late to reverse any resulting damage. If someone experiences any changes in their vision from watching the solar eclipse, they should immediately have someone else drive them to a hospital or to their optometrist to be assessed.



### Additional resources

Additional resources are available through the [Royal Astronomical Society of Canada](#), the [American Astronomical Society](#) and the [Canadian Association of Optometrists](#).

### What is a solar eclipse?

During a solar eclipse, the moon moves between the sun and the Earth, partially or completely blocking the sun's rays. This means that the sun will appear less bright, and people will be able to look at it directly without turning away.




**Schools and child care facilities are encouraged to have a basic plan to ensure that children, students and staff will be safe.**

**Keep a close eye on children during a solar eclipse. Their eyes are still developing and let in more light to the retina than adult eyes, so they are at higher risk of harm if they look at the sun without proper eye protection.**

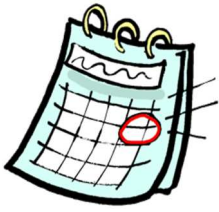
### How can I safely observe a solar eclipse?

**Indirect observation** through a recording (for example, watching on television or streaming online) is the safest way to view an eclipse. **Direct observation** requires appropriate safety measures, including internationally-certified eclipse glasses. Sunglasses, camera lenses (including smart phone cameras), binoculars, telescopes or anything else that is not specifically made for viewing an eclipse are not safe.

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## 2023 - 2024 School Calendar



Monday, April 1, 2024  
Friday, April 19, 2024

School Re-Opens after Spring Break  
Non-Instructional Day - No School



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

## Parent Council Advisory News

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



**Our next PAC Meeting will be on**

**Tuesday, April 2nd at 6:00 pm in the school library**



The last meeting for the school year is Tuesday, May 7, 2024 with the AGM wind up

## Grade 8 Farewell

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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 along with games and classroom activities will be arranged by the Grade 8 teaching staff.

We hope to see all our Grade 8 students in attendance!

## International Day of Pink



**Help us celebrate International Day of Pink by wearing a pink shirt to school on April 10th!**

This is a day of action for communities across the world to remain united in celebrating equity, diversity and inclusion while raising greater awareness of the need to stop homophobic, transphobic and all forms of bullying.






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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
 <b>SPRING BREAK</b>				
<p>1 Day 1</p> <p>SCHOOL RE-OPENS AFTER SPRING BREAK</p>	<p>2 Day 2</p> <p>PAC Meeting @ 6:00 pm in Library</p>	<p>3 Day 3</p> <p>Bus Ridership</p> 	<p>4 Day 4</p>	<p>5 Day 5</p>
<p>8 Day 6</p>  <p>SOLAR ECLIPSE</p>	<p>9 Day 1</p>	<p>10 Day 2</p> <p>International Pink Shirt Day</p> 	<p>11 Day 3</p>	<p>12 Day 4</p>
<p>15 Day 5</p>	<p>16 Day 6</p>	<p>17 Day 1</p>	<p>18 Day 2</p>	<p>19 Day 3</p> <p>Non-Instructional Day No School</p>
<p>22 Day 4</p> <hr/> <p>29 Day 3</p>	<p>23 Day 5</p> <hr/> <p>30 Day 4</p>	<p>24 Day 6</p>	<p>25 Day 1</p> <p>Grade 8 Life Touch Photos</p> 	<p>26 Day 2</p>

## Spring Ice Safety



With the warmer weather finally here, spring thaw has started, making all ice, particularly on the area retention ponds **UNSAFE**.

All ÉSKS families (and their pets) should stay off the ice. Even though the ice on the retention ponds may appear thick enough to walk on, it is extremely hazardous.

