

 MARCH 2024 NEWSLETTER 

ADMINISTRATOR'S MESSAGE

Hello all ÉSKS Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to March! We have a short few weeks ahead of us before Spring Break begins on March 25th.

We would like to ask for your support once again in ensuring that our students are safe when travelling to and from school each day. There are families who are using our bus loop right at 3:30 pm to pick up their children. There are times when we have buses arriving and it is very unsafe for our children to be navigating parked cars and school buses. We ask that you please honour the signage that states that there is no entry prior to 4:00 pm. We appreciate the challenges associated with dropping off and picking up around the school and have been meeting to discuss alternative possibilities to alleviate traffic congestion. Stay tuned for more.

February is a busy month in schools. At Stanley Knowles we recognized I Love to Read Month, Black History Month and Festival du Voyageur with French cultural activities. Our basketball teams are working hard and have participated in multiple weekend tournaments. We are grateful to our school staff members who have given so much of their time to build skill and give our students opportunities to play the game of basketball. It has been wonderful to have parents and community members cheering on our students during home (and away) games!

Report cards will be emailed out on Wednesday, March 13th. We will host student-led conferences on Thursday evening, March 14th and Friday morning, March 15th. **There is No School for all students on Friday, March 15th.** We believe that it is important for our students to take ownership of their own learning. They will be leading the student-led conferences with you at school to share their successes, their upcoming goal-setting and their next steps. Should you wish to speak with the classroom teacher more directly, or without your child present, please feel free to set up an additional time to speak with them about your child's learning or any concerns that you may have.

The next few months are sure to fly! We are looking forward to our **Open House Information evening happening on Wednesday, March 6 @ 5:30 - 7:00pm for any new and incoming Grade 7 & 8 students.** Our ongoing partnership is truly important to us; please always feel free to reach out with a question or concern - we value your feedback!

Wishing everyone a fun and relaxing Spring Break!

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





Safety Reminders

Patrols and Adult Crossing Guard

Adult Crossing Guards and/or student Patrols are on duty at the following times:

Morning:

8:30 am – 9:00 am

11:45 am – 12:00 noon

Afternoon:

12:30 pm – 12:45 pm

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 the adult crossing guards and/or 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.

Spring Ice Safety



With the unseasonably warm weather, the snow has been melting and turning to ice when the temperatures drop, making walking on sidewalks, paths or across the school grounds extremely hazardous.

In cold temperatures, approach sidewalks, paths etc. with caution and assume that all wet, dark areas on pavements are slippery and icy. Dew or water vapor can freeze on cold surfaces, forming an extra-thin, nearly invisible layer of ice that can look just like a damp spot on the pavement. Walk in designated walkways as much as possible and avoid taking shortcuts over snow piles and other frozen areas as they can be extremely hazardous.

All ÉSKS families (and their pets) are reminded to stay off the ice on the area retention ponds because even though the ice may appear thick enough to walk on, it is **UNSAFE**.

Stay Safe Everyone!



**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 to 5:30 pm.**



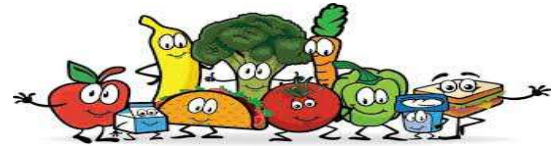
Lunch Program Tax Receipts.....

Tax receipts for January to December 2023 have been printed and sent home with all ESKS Lunch Program students. If you have not received yours, please contact the school to arrange a pick up time.

Registrations for next years' Lunch program will begin after Spring Break on April 1, 2024. Forms and information will be emailed that day to all ESKS families of students currently in Kindergarten to Grade 7. Two in-person registration nights will take place on **May 16th & May 22nd from the hours of 3:00 - 6:00pm, and on August 26th to August 30th from 10:00am - 12:00pm.**

Thank you and have a warm and Happy Spring Break!

Lunch Program - Christine K.



Parent Council Advisory News

The Parent Advisory Committee is looking for new members. All Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend. 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. We need parental support to make a difference in our school! We meet once a month for approximately 1 hour. We discuss fundraising ideas, playground improvements, traffic concerns/parking concerns, plan different events and ways we can help our teachers, staff, students, and families of Stanley Knowles School.



The Next PAC Meeting will be on March 5, 2024 @ 6:00pm in the Library

Up Coming PAC Meetings

April 2 ~ May 7 with AGM wind up ~ No June Meeting



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





WSD NEW STUDENT SCHOOL REGISTRATION STARTS FEBRUARY 26!

If your child is turning four or five by December 31 this year, it's time to register them for Nursery or Kindergarten.

Starting Nursery or Kindergarten is an exciting time and we're here to help.

Find your neighbourhood school on winnipegsd.ca and learn more about your child's school and the special role it has in your community.

Start your child on the journey of a lifetime of joyful and deep learning.

Visit winnipegsd.ca



WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION

2024 School Calendar

Friday, March 15, 2024 Student-Led Conferences - No School
 Friday, March 22, 2024 Last day of school before Spring Break

SPRING BREAK - Monday, March 25 to Friday, March 29, 2024

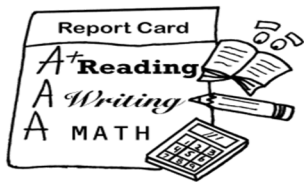
Monday, April 1, 2024 School Re-opens after Spring Break
 Friday, April 19, 2024 Non-Instructional Day - No School

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**
Wednesday, June 26, 2024 **Grade 8 Farewell—Tec Voc High School (am)**
 Friday, June 28, 2024 Last Day of School - 11:30 am Dismissal



**Report Cards emailed out
 Wednesday, March 13th**



Student-Led Conferences	
Thursday, March 14, 2024	Friday, March 15, 2024
4:00 pm - 8:00 pm	9:00 am - 11:30 am



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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
				1 Day 3
4 Day 4 Rm 212 & 214 @ Aviation Museum	5 Day 5 PAC Meeting @ 6:00 pm in the Library	6 Day 6 Grade 7 & 8 New Incoming Families OPEN HOUSE 5:30 - 7:00 pm 	7 Day 1	8 Day 2
11 Day 3	12 Day 4	13 Day 5 LIFE TOUCH SPRING PHOTOS Report Cards Emailed Out 	14 Day 6 Student Led Conferences 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm	15 Day 1 WSD Non-Instructional Day No School Student Led Conferences 9:00 am - 11:30 *Babysitting Course - All Day
18 Day 2	19 Day 3 HOT LUNCH 	20 Day 4 MOBILE VISION CLINIC 	21 Day 5 Rm 134 & 135 @ Children's Museum	22 Day 6 ÉSKS IDOL!
27	28	29	30	31
SPRING BREAK!				