

STRATHCONA SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

April 2024

Dear Strathcona Families,

Welcome back Spring!

April is a month at Strathcona filled with warmer weather, and fresh new learning opportunities. Our classroom teachers will continue working on daily literacy intervention with our reading groups. We will also continue with daily writing, math, and exciting ways to tie in social studies and science learning outcomes.

Our teachers are also always looking for ways to make Indigenous Education a part of our daily learning at Strathcona. On April 19th, all staff will be participating in Treaty Education, which is important training that supports the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. The intent is to understand the original spirit and intent of the treaties and the treaty relationship by balancing oral history with the written word, including an understanding of shared history. All of our teachers, educational assistants, clerical staff and custodians are excited for this day of learning, and it's impact on improving learning outcomes for Strathcona students!

Take care and see you soon!

Jeremy Midford

Principal

Helen Sabater-Fixe

Vice Principal



Is your child turning 4 or 5 by Dec. 31st this year?

**Strathcona
Nursery Kindergarten
Open House and Registration**

**Wednesday
April 17th
5-6pm**

Join us
for
Pizza



**Strathcona
233 McKenzie
204-586-8493**

Registration now open for 2024-2025



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Arrival at School

Supervision outdoors in the morning starts at 8:40 am.

At lunch, please bring students no earlier than 12:50 pm, as supervision is limited due to our lunch program.

Student Pick Up: Important Info

*Students will be walked outside with their teacher into their pick up and drop off line on the hard top. Parents/guardians and older siblings will pick up students from their designated line. **Please do not double park or stop along Alfred Avenue for pickup. Students will not be dismissed from their line to a parent in a vehicle. This is for safety! Please park, exit your vehicle, and pick up your child from their classroom line. Thank you for keeping everyone safe!***

Thank you for your continued support in making our entry and exit times safe for all of our Strathcona families!

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

In lieu of a Strathcona Parent Council meeting this month, we will be joining the Inner City Advisory Meeting which takes place on Tuesday April 23rd, 6:30 pm at Mulvey School.

Please call Lee Tavares at 204-586-8493 if you would like to join our parent representation at the meeting.

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.

APRIL 2024

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 Day 1 School Reopens	2 Day 2	3 Day 3	4 Day 4	5 Day 5
8 Day 6	9 Day 1 Fiddle Club @ Lunch	10 Day 2 International Day of Pink	11 Day 3 Grade 4 Swimming Gr 5/6 Floor Hockey @ lunch	12 Day 4
15 Day 5	16 Day 6 Fiddle Club @ Lunch	17 Day 1 Nursery/Kindergarten Open House 5:00—6:00 pm	18 Day 2 Grade 4 Swimming Gr 5/6 Floor Hockey @ lunch	19 Day 3 No School Non-Instructional Day
22 Day 4	23 Day 5 Fiddle Club @ lunch Inner City Advisory Meeting 6:30 pm @ Mulvey School	24 Day 6	25 Day 1 Grade 4 Swimming Gr 5/6 Floor Hockey @ lunch	26 Day 2
29 Day 3	30 Day 4 Fiddle Club @ Lunch			