

ÉCOLE ROBERT H. SMITH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



JANUARY/JANVIER 2024

ADMINISTRATOR'S GREETING



Happy New Year! Bonne Année! On behalf of the entire École Robert H Smith School staff, welcome back everyone. Hopefully you all had a wonderful holiday filled with fun, laughter, family time, as well as some rest. As we begin 2024, we can recognize how fortunate we are to live in a city and country where we celebrate and embrace diversity and care for others. We can reflect on how we are fortunate to have a school where we know one another and where we work together to not only ensure the safety of all the children, but where we encourage and foster their sense of belonging, independence and caring for one another. Working together enhances the education of all the children. We look forward to another successful school term.

What an amazing community we are a part of! We can't say thank you enough to everyone who generously donated food and money to our Christmas Cheer Board Hamper collection. We had students, staff and families help with shopping for gifts, putting together hampers and making deliveries for the **31 hampers** that we were able to provide this year. Thank you again to Mme Edgar for her time and efforts organizing this large project. MERCI!

As we move into the month of January, please ensure that your children dress appropriately for all weather conditions. Also, please ensure that all of your child's clothing is labeled so that, should they be misplaced, we can return it to the rightful owner.

Our annual Open House, for new families, will be Wednesday, January 31st at 5:30 pm. If you have family, friends or neighbors with children who will be 4 years old for nursery (born in 2020) or 5 years old for kindergarten (born in 2019) by December 31, 2024, please let them know.

Registration will start at the beginning of February with Nursery/Kindergarten registration day on Wednesday, February 7th at 8:00 am. Registrations for Grades 1-6 students will be accepted after January 31, 2023. If your child is already registered in the school, you do not need to register for the following year. Our enrolment projections come up very soon as well. If you know already that you will not be returning for the 2024-2025 school year, please let the office know.

Mark your calendars because we are happy to announce that there will be a Winter Concert on Thursday, February 8th for students in Nursery to Grade 3. Please watch for more information coming in the weeks ahead. For parents of students in Grades 4-6, you will have the opportunity to see your child perform later in the year at the third annual RHS StreetFest.

Things are always hopping here at RHS and we look forward to the rest of the year!

Adam Dyck, Principal & Sarah Arnold, Vice Principal



PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS - C. Donato, Phys. Ed. Teacher

Throughout the month of January, physical education learning for grades 4 to 6 students will focus on striking skills and net/wall games. Students will learn about the games of badminton and pickleball. Grade 1 to 3 students will work to develop manipulative skills, with a focus on striking, throwing and catching.

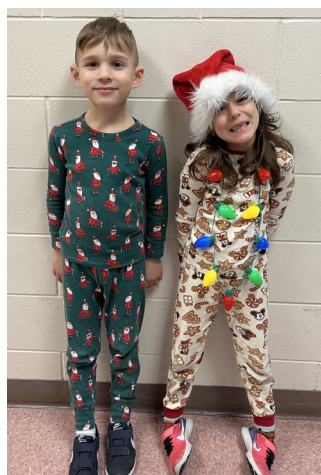
Grade 4 to 6 Track (Elementary Relays)

Beginning in January, students in grades 4 to 6 will have the opportunity to participate in track and field. Through this opportunity, students will learn the basics of the track and field world as they experience some running events and some field events (standing long jump and shot put). Students who attend practices are eligible to attend the Athletics Manitoba Elementary Relays on February 27th, 2024 at the University of Manitoba. Please watch for additional information regarding track and field and the Athletics Manitoba Elementary Relays.

Intramurals

Intramural programming will continue throughout the month of January for grades 1 to 6 students. Grades 1 to 3 will continue on a rotating basis with activity stations/jungle gym. Grades 4 to 6 will have the opportunity to play badminton in intramurals throughout the month.

The staff and students at RHS took advantage of the chance to get creative over the last few days of the 2023 school year and had some fun dressing up for spirit week.



PERFORMING ARTS NEWS -J. Ossachuk

Hello from the music room!

December has been a great month of music making at RHS! Students have been hard at work. The 4s, 5s, and 6s have worked on songs in small groups. Some groups shared their work with the school at our first Spirit Week concert, and some students chose to share with their classes or record a video. The 1-3/4s have been busy working on songs that they will share in the upcoming winter concert. The 5/6s have been helping their buddies learn their songs. It has been a great chance for leadership. The younger students love learning from their buddies and the older students love sharing their knowledge and skills with the younger students. It has been exciting to see the community across the grades! Our older students are so enthusiastic in helping! They bring a positive, supportive, and kind attitude to our young ones. It's great to see how our older students are giving back to their community here at RHS!



Students in N-3/4 will be holding winter concerts in the new year on February 8th. Our students have been hard at work preparing covers of songs that they know and love as well as french originals that they are creating. Ms. Daniels and Mme. Tucker have been busy preparing the N/Ks for the concert.

In the new year we will get excited for our 3rd Annual RHS StreetFest and look to build on the success from last year and make some changes to continue improving the format. We will limit students in grades 4-6 to two songs with their bands in order to run a tighter event. This is a chance for students to showcase their best work to their families and our community.

Recess jams continue at morning recess and afternoon recess. Students in grades 4-6 are always welcome to come down and work on their projects or get a jam started in the morning and/or afternoon recess. In January we will dedicate some lunch hours to prepare for our upcoming Open House.

This year we are looking at starting a "Be an Upstander" Song Writing Club. The Be an Upstander program is run by the Human Rights Museum. This year they are running a Beyond the Beat exhibition. Here is some info about the program.

"The school programming for Beyond the Beat runs parallel to our Be an Upstander program. An upstander is someone who recognizes injustice and uses their strengths, gifts and abilities to create change. The Beyond the Beat exhibition features upstanders who used and continue to use their musical abilities to help raise awareness and take a stand against injustices.

The Be an Upstander Showcase is an annual event which amplifies students' voices and work for human rights. Students are invited to share their work in the Museum galleries and talk with visitors about how they are taking action to turn injustice into justice. Inspired by the Beyond the Beat exhibition, this year the showcase will expand to include a music element allowing students who have been working on music projects for human rights to perform what they have prepared. This year's showcase will be May 23, 2024 at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights."

This will be our first go with a music club like this so we will dive in and see what happens! This club will be open to students in grades 4-6.

Thanks for the continued support! Our music community is always growing and developing. Our students at RHS work hard and it's paying off. Keep it up!

Any questions, ideas, or concerns please reach me at jossachuk@wsd1.org.

Take care, Mr. Ossachuk, N-6 Modern Band

Morning Recess: Grades 4-6 Open Jam Time
Afternoon Recess: Grades 4-6 Open Jam Time
Lunch Club Schedule:
Monday: Be an Upstander Song Writing Club
Tuesday: Be an Upstander Song Writing Club
Wednesday: Open Jam/Grades 2/3 Drum Club
Thursday: Grades 4-6 Open Jam
Friday: Students can come & perform a song if they would like (Weekly sign up will be available) (If no one signs up it will be Open Jam that week.)

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE LEARNING LAB - Mme Zurrin

Term 2 is off to an exciting start! There is so much learning to celebrate! This month, I would like to highlight learning that is taking place in three areas.

Historical Thinking and Inquiry - Grade 4 French and English

(Room 113 and Room 114 (Grades 3 and 4), and Room 117)

Students and Teachers are collaborating with Ms. Clara Kusumoto, a Division Program Support Teacher with Professional Support Services (PSS). The focus will be on the Inquiry process and historical thinking concepts.

Inquiry is the dynamic process of being open to wonder and coming to know and understand the world. *Inquiry-based learning* is the process where students are involved in their learning, create essential questions, investigate widely, and then build new understanding, meaning, and knowledge. (Source: *Inquiry Mindset*, 2019, by Trevor McKenzie with Rebecca Bathurst-Hunt)

Students will learn about the Question Formulation Technique (QFT) and will learn and apply the QFT to deepen their knowledge, produce rich questions, and investigate topics related. (Sources: <https://rightquestion.org/what-is-the-qft/> and *Make Just One Change: Teaching Students to Ask Their Own Questions*, 2011, by Dan Rothstein and Luz Santana)

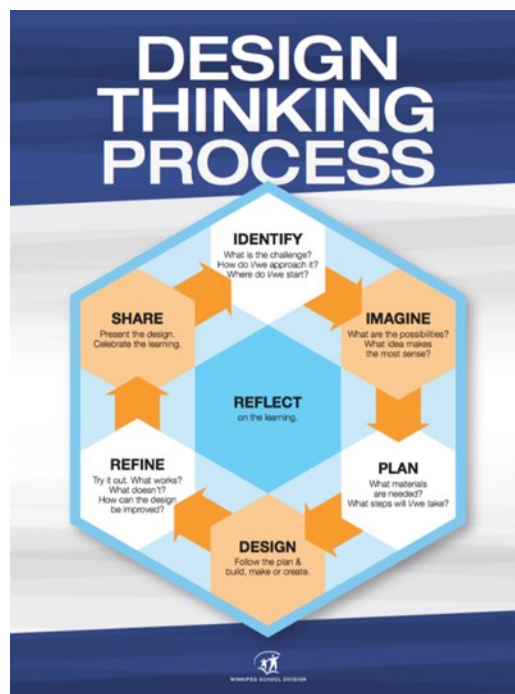
Looking forward with the end goal in mind, students will apply their skills to create and develop an inquiry project/presentation that will showcase their learning by the end of Term 2.

Language and Writing - Grade 1 (Rooms 120 and P5)

Students and Teachers are collaborating with Ms. Lori Brinkman, a Division Program Lead with Professional Support Services (PSS). We look forward to working on developing language and writing skills in the classroom. More information will be forthcoming.

Design Thinking and STEAM - Grade 5/6 Team French and English

All Grade 5 and 6 students will be collaborating with Mme Tina Hellmuth, a Division STEAM Support Teacher (French Immersion and English). Students will use the Design Thinking Process as well as their communication and problem-solving skills to engage in creative, collaborative, and critical thinking challenges. As their learning evolves, students look forward to showcasing their skills and talents at the end of Term 2.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE LEARNING LAB - Mme Zurrin continued.....

As the Literacy and Numeracy Support Teacher, I look forward to working with staff and students in various capacities to support the learning around these projects.

"The World is but a Canvas to our Imagination."

Henry David Thoreau

Stay tuned for more exciting news and updates from the Learning Lab.

QUIET RECESS

Many of the skills that students engage in everyday, such as learning, socializing, communicating, and listening, are rigorous tasks. Most students need moments in their day to reset their nervous system and take a break from the stimulation of a classroom environment. Typically, this break occurs several times a day during outdoor recess (if our winter permits 😊). Students get an opportunity to burn some energy, play, make connections with others, and regroup. However, not all students need to regulate their bodies with movement. Many children need a quiet moment and a calm space where they can re-charge their social battery and re-connect with themselves. This is why at Robert H. Smith we have restarted **Quiet Recess**. Students who choose to participate enter the dimmed library in silence with a quiet, independent activity to do (drawing, colouring, reading, writing, meditating). We have roughly 70 students who participate each recess which validates the decision to offer this choice to our students. We want to teach kids to respect their own needs and the needs of others, as well as begin to understand how their body works, and what they can do to be the best learner in the classroom.



REGISTRATION FOR 2024/2025

NURSERY

Students registering to begin Nursery in September 2024 must be four years of age by December 31, 2024. A **Birth Certificate, Manitoba Medical Card** and **Proof of Residency (Property Tax Bill)** must be presented at time of registration.

Nursery is considered part of the English track program and, therefore, priority will be given to those within the English catchment area. Those students outside the catchment area will be placed on a waiting list.

KINDERGARTEN

Students registering to begin Kindergarten in September 2024 must be five years of age by December 31, 2024. A **Birth Certificate, Manitoba Medical Card** and **Proof of Residency (Property Tax Bill)** must be presented at time of registration.

Please keep in mind that there are two separate, yet overlapping, catchment areas for French Immersion and English Kindergarten. Priority will be given to those within the catchment area and others will be placed on a waiting list.

Parents of students who are **presently** attending the École Robert H. Smith School Nursery Program and who wish to enroll their child in one of the École Robert H. Smith School Kindergarten programs for the fall **do NOT need to attend** the regular registration session for Kindergarten in 2024. They will receive a letter asking them to indicate their intentions for the next year at the beginning of January 2024.

COMMUNITY NEWS ON THE HAMPER DRIVE - Mme Edgar

Wow! What a community we have here at RHS! I am very happy to report that we were able to provide hampers to 31 families. A huge thank you to all of our students, staff and families for your support with your donations of food, money, and time. This wouldn't have been possible without all of you. Thank you for helping us show our students what real generosity looks like and feels like. Wishing you all the best in 2024!

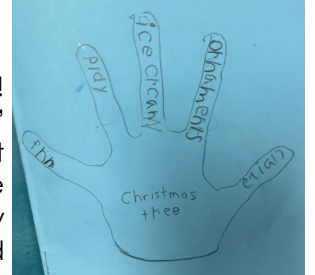




CLASSROOM NEWS

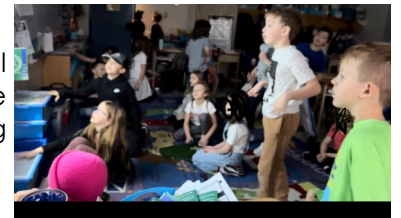
CLASSROOM NEWS FROM ROOM 120 - GRADE 1 (Mme McMurray)

We have a lot to celebrate after a successful first term of school in room 120! Recently, students learned about writing stories. We worked on “five finger stories” where students pick a topic, trace their hands, and then write down five ideas about that topic in the “finger” part of their handprint. Then, students put one of the five topics on a page in their book. We worked on these books for a week, and each day students would add a little more detail to their writing, and poof! We have created our first books! We are looking forward to creating many more books in room 120.



CLASSROOM NEWS FROM ROOM P4 - GRADES 2/3 (Mlle. Saunders)

Students in P4 have been learning French songs every week since the first full week of school in September! Some are by popular groups and other are themed based on what is happening in class. Here the students are singing and dancing along to the song *Pere Noël Frappe À La Porte!*



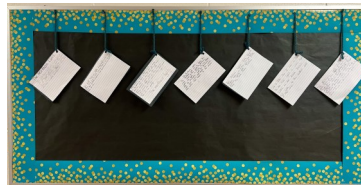
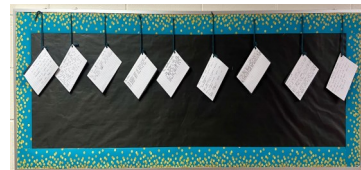
CLASSROOM NEWS FROM ROOM 203 - GRADES 5/6 (Mme Malapad)

In 203 we are working on using our communication and cooperation skills in French. In this activity students are using a sentence starter card to practice their French vocabulary and ability to discuss their thinking. This supports their ability to flexibly create and solve a multiplication problems in multiple ways and support each other in doing so. Recently, there has been a great deal of growth in the student's capacity for speaking in French and keeping each other accountable.



CLASSROOM NEWS FROM ROOM 113 - GRADE 4 (Mlle Tollenaar)

The grade 4 students in room 113 have been learning about light in Natural Sciences and poetry writing in English Language Arts. Therefore, they created a Northern Lights postcard using chalk pastels and construction paper. Bravo les amis!





CLASSROOM NEWS continued.....

CLASSROOM NEWS FROM ROOM 128 - GRADES NURSERY/KINDERGARTEN (Mrs. Daniels)

Mrs. Daniels' morning N/K class and Mme. Malapad's Grade 5/6 students have been busy engaging in STEM challenges. The most recent challenge had the students working together to create a structure for little gingerbread people using only toothpicks and mini marshmallows. The students were so engaged and demonstrated incredible cooperative learning skills. Learning Buddies is always a highlight for all of the students and teachers involved!



CLASSROOM NEWS FROM ROOM 210 - GRADES 5/6 (M. Jobin)

This past month was an exciting month in room 210. In addition to working hard in all their subjects the students also created their own original children's book in French. The students not only wrote their stories they also worked hard with monsieur to edit them and illustrate them. Once their stories were done they then read their stories to their reading buddies in room 120.

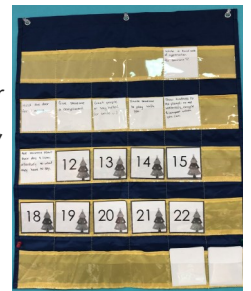
I hope that all the students and their families have a wonderful winter break and they the come back in January rested and relaxed and ready to learn.

CLASSROOM NEWS FROM ROOM P2 - GRADES 2/3 (Mme Bacosa)

Students in P2 have been enjoying learning new vocabulary and expressions through song. They have been singing songs in French and doing actions to demonstrate their understanding. This month we've been singing songs related to winter.

CLASSROOM NEWS FROM ROOM 117 - GRADE 4 (Mme Carstens)

Room 117 has been sprinkling kindness throughout the month of December with our advent calendar for kindness. Every school day, we are reading a challenge, prompt, quote or thought to help us spread some kindness at school and in the community.



CLASSROOM NEWS FROM ROOM 201 - GRADES 5/6 (Mme Edgar)

"Real generosity hurts, real generosity has to cost." - Dr. Martin Brokenleg

Over the past few weeks the students in Room 202 have been learning about generosity and what it means to be truly generous. They have been helping collect and organize community donations, as well as, pack a few hampers. They also helped prepare hampers and gifts for delivery. They were generous with their time, treasures and talent and were a large part of the success of the RHS Hamper drive.



EARL GREY SCHOOL

Parents and Students are invited to attend an **OPEN HOUSE**

Join us in person! on

Thursday, February 8th, 2024

Time TBD

Come tour the school and learn about our 7/8 Programs for students

Come Learn About Our:

Academic Program

Genius Hour

Creativity Hour

Sports, Arts & Language Programs

Call: (204) 474-1441

Email: earlgrey@wsd1.org

Earl Grey School is located at:
340 Cockburn Street North,
corner of Fleet

Website:

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

GRANT PARK HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

"Showcase 2024"

450 Nathaniel Street, Tel: (204) 452-3112

Email: grantpark@wsd1.org

Thursday, February 22nd, 2024 time TBD

Middle School Program Presentations (Grades 7 & 8)

Greetings

Middle School Programs Overview:

- Middle School General Program
- Middle School Advanced Program
- Middle School Flex Learning Program

Break-out/Q & A Sessions

(locations to be announced)

High School Advanced/AP Program

High School General Program

Department displays throughout the school 7:00 - 8:30 pm self-guided tours throughout the school.

Highlights**Displays/Programs**

- Athletics
- English
- English as an Additional Language
- Football
- Practical Arts
- Science
- Social Studies
- Visual Arts

Students in Action

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Churchill High School & College Churchill Open House



Tuesday, February 6, 2024 at 6:30 pm

We invite you to our Open House to learn about the many exciting academic, athletic and visual and performing arts programs offered at Churchill High School/College Churchill. You will have an opportunity to talk with staff members and students about the school and why it is an excellent choice for you and your child.

Come to see what Pride and Tradition looks and feels like!

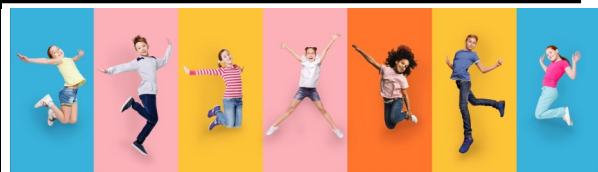
510 Hay Street

Tel: (204) 474-1301

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www.winnipegssd.ca/schools/churchill



OPEN HOUSE

THURSDAY FEB 8, 2024 6:00PM

GYMNASIUM

ÉCOLE RIVER HEIGHTS SCHOOL

1350 GROSVENOR AVE

204 488-7090



École Robert H Smith School Online Magazine Fundraiser



We love this fundraiser because it's a great way to get kids reading!

Tons of great magazines to choose from for all ages and interests, and many available as ebooks. Check out the attached catalogue for hundreds of available titles.

New this year is TEXTURE - Offers unlimited access to over 200 digital magazines with one app.

Here's How to Order:

Go to www.qsp.ca by following this link to shop:

<https://shop.qsp.ca/collections/ecole-robert-h-smith-school>

and follow the on-line instructions to pay with credit card and complete your order. **Please share the website with family members who may want to order!**

Renewal subscriptions accepted as well. Just complete your name and address information exactly as it appears on the address label of your most current issue, and indicate "renewal".

There is NO DEADLINE on this fundraiser. You can order online all year round.

Tracy Mason QSP Customer Service 1-800-443-5353 ext. 108

Thank you for helping support our students and school!



École Robert H. Smith School

Nursery to Grade 6 Open House

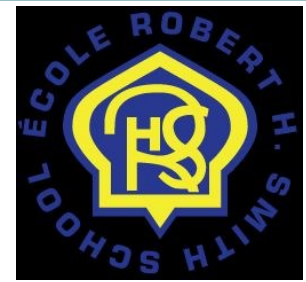
When:

Wednesday, January 31, 2024
at 5:30 pm

WHERE:

École Robert H. Smith School
In the Library
315 Oak Street

WEBSITE INFO: [https://
www.winnipegssd.ca/roberthsmith/
page/12317/school-registration-
information](https://www.winnipegssd.ca/roberthsmith/page/12317/school-registration-information)



École Robert H. Smith School invites you to discover your neighbourhood school. Find out about the strong Academic Programs available in both English & French Immersion. Discover the uniqueness and quality of our Physical Education & Performing Arts Programmes.

Our Open House will be held in person on Wednesday, January 31, 2024 at 5:30 pm in our school Library. We hope that you can join us.

Can't make it? No problem. Simply call the school to make alternate contact arrangements. Mr. Dyck, Principal & Mme Arnold, Vice Principal at (204) 488-1137 or email the school at rsmith@wsd1.org.

VACATION PLANNING

We are entering a time of year when many of our families are able to get away for a winter holiday. We ask that you let both the office and your child's teacher know of any anticipated travel with as much advance warning as possible. Teachers often work to ensure that specific project times are avoided or try to manage their ongoing assessments of learning around any such extended absences. We are often asked about student homework while children are away and recommend that children continue to read and write daily if possible (keeping a journal, or writing postcards, for example). As most classroom work is closely tied to the teaching of a concept or an ongoing learning outcome, it is very difficult for teachers to plan work for your child in advance. Upon return to the classroom, every effort is made to get children back on track, and in some cases, missed learning experiences may be shared. We appreciate the value of time spent together, and encourage families to get into the outdoors, explore a new culture, play games together, and enjoy this time away! Please let us know if you have any questions.

DRESS FOR THE WEATHER

As we look ahead to the thick of winter, please remember that children need to come to school dressed for colder temperatures. Children will play outside until the temperature is colder than -27 degrees Celsius.

**KOATS FOR KIDS**

For more information, visit:

<https://unitedwaywinnipeg.ca/our-impact/koats-for-kids/>

Have winter outerwear to share?

Donate your new and gently used kid's winter gear now. All Kid sizes needed. Winnipeg kids need your help!

**LOOKING AHEAD IN**

2023 - 2024

CLOSURES/PD DAYS**December 23rd - January 7th**

No Classes - Winter Break

January 8th

School Reopens (Day 1)

January 19th

No Classes - Inservice Day

February 2nd

No Classes - Inservice Day

February 19th

No Classes - Louis Riel Day

March 15th

No Classes - Conferences

March 23rd - 31st

No Classes - Spring Break

April 1st

School Reopens (Day 6)

April 19th

No Classes - Inservice Day

May 6th

No Classes - Inservice Day

May 20th

No Classes - Victoria Day

June 7th

No Classes - Inservice Day

June 27th

Last Day of School for PM N & K

June 28th

Last Day of School (N-6) - 11:30 am Dismissal

IMPORTANT
dates to remember

MABEL'S LABELS FUNDRAISING

Our school is fundraising with Mabel's Labels! If you're not familiar with Mabel's Labels, they are personalized, durable, waterproof labels. They are great for everything from shoes, clothing tags, water bottles and backpacks. You can customize them with your name and a design, and they are dishwasher, laundry and microwave safe. Mabel's Labels also offers clothing stamps, silicone bands for water bottles and face masks for both adult and children! This is a great way to ensure your items don't end up in the lost & found or mixed up. To reduce the spread of germs, we highly recommend labelling but they are also useful for everyday life. To support our fundraiser, visit campaigns.mabelslabels.com and select Ecole Robert H. Smith School. You can pick out whatever labels or product you want, and it will ship for free directly to your house! All fundraising will go towards offsetting the cost of field trips. Thank you for supporting us!



mabel's labels

Dropping Students Off and Picking Students Up

The morning and afternoon routines of dropping students off and picking them up from school has created some safety concerns for our students. We hope to mitigate these concerns with your support.

Morning Drop-Off and Afternoon Pick-Up:

Ash Street:

- If you are stopping on the street without parking to drop off or pick up your children, please use the Stop, Drop and Go Zone on **Ash St. heading northbound.**
- When you arrive at the Stop, Drop and Go Zone, please turn your hazard lights on to indicate you are dropping off a child and pull to the side of the street. Have your child/children exit on the curbside.
- Please do not use the Stop, Drop and Go Zone if heading southbound on Ash St. We would like to discourage southbound traffic on Ash St. as much as possible, but should you find yourself heading southbound on Ash St. please pull over to park and ensure your child is safely able to cross the street.

Oak Street:

- Please do not stop to drop off or pick up your children on Oak St. as this is our school bus zone.
- If you need drop off or pick up your children on Oak St. please enter Oak St. from the Grosvenor intersection, park your vehicle in the direction of parked traffic and walk your child across the street.
- Please avoid using the staff parking lot and alley as a turn-around spot. Again, backing up in these spots creates a dangerous situation for young children crossing the street.

Staff Parking Lot

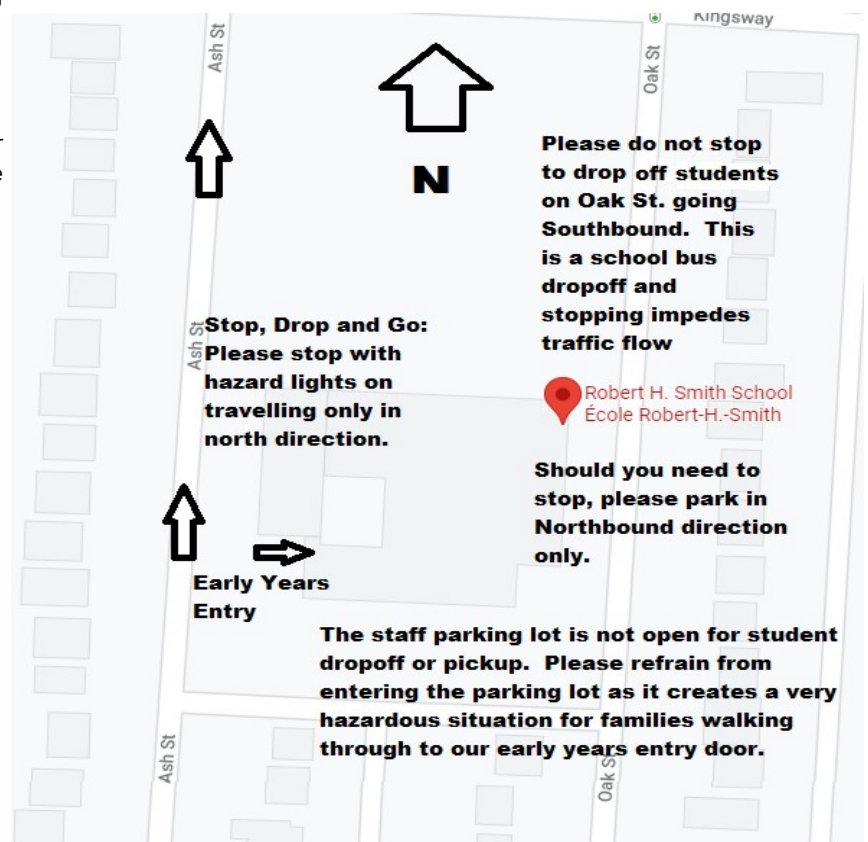
- The staff parking lot is not to be used for student drop off or pick up. Many families walk through the parking lot to access the early years entry door and having vehicles pull in and back out creates a very dangerous situation.

We thank you for your cooperation and your continued support in keeping our students safe in and around the school.

Did you know...

That we collect pop tabs at Robert H. Smith?

You can drop them off at the school office.



COLD WEATHER GUIDELINES FOR ÉCOLE ROBERT H. SMITH SCHOOL

Please see the Winnipeg School Division guidelines for recess periods and/or patrol duties during inclement weather. The windchill reading used will be that of Environment Canada at The Forks https://weather.gc.ca/city/pages/mb-36_metric_e.html.

Please become familiar with the Cold Weather Guidelines. You may want to place these guidelines somewhere visible for the winter months, it explains when we have indoor recess and when our patrols can and cannot go outside.

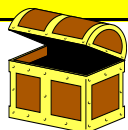
In the event we have no patrols going outside due to the windchill indicated, we will have staff members go out and assist us at 8:30 am and/or 3:25 pm. Thank you for your support and understanding.

-17°C to -25°C Windchill Included In All Temperatures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Normal winter clothing generally adequate • Pleasant conditions for most outdoors activities • Regular recess • Regular patrol duty (8:40 - 8:55 am) • Regular patrol duty (3:25 - 3:40 pm)
-26°C to -27°C Windchill Included In All Temperatures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warm winter clothing recommended • Most outdoors activities unpleasant without facial protection • Early entry permitted in the morning and afternoon • Shortened recess • Regular patrol duty (8:40 - 8:55 am) • Regular patrol duty (3:25 - 3:40 pm)
-28°C and colder Windchill Included In All Temperatures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warm winter clothing essential • Outdoor activities not recommended • Indoor recess • Regular patrol duty (8:40 - 8:55 am) • Regular patrol duty (3:25 - 3:40 pm)
-30°C to -34°C Windchill Included In All Temperatures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shortened patrol duty (8:45 - 8:55 am) • Shortened patrol duty (3:25 - 3:35 pm)
-35°C and Colder	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patrols cancelled (Adults required).
-35 Regardless of Windchill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School buses cancelled <p>(If the actual temperature is -35 (regardless of windchill) based on the 6:00 am Environment Canada reading at The Forks, Winnipeg)</p>
-45°C Regardless of Air Temperature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School buses cancelled. <p>(If the actual temperature is -45 (regardless of air temperature) based on the 6:00 am Environment Canada reading at The Forks, Winnipeg)</p>
- School Closure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Determined by the Chief Superintendent. • Broadcast by major Winnipeg media outlets well as the School Division website (www.winnipeg.sdsd.ca).

OFFICE ENTRANCE LOST & FOUND

Every year we have numerous articles which are placed in our Lost and Found and never claimed. All unclaimed articles are donated, at the end of each month. It would help us to return lost articles if outer wear (footwear in particular) and lunch kits were labeled with your child's name.

Please come by the school office to see if any of the items in the Lost & Found belong to your child.



WINTER SAFETY

Winter can be a wonderful time for outdoor play. Participating in winter sports will help keep the whole family healthy, but injuries can spoil the fun. Here are a few ideas from PARACHUTE (a website that has the goal of keeping Canada safe by preventing injuries and saving lives) to help you and your family stay safe this winter season.

- ◆ What is safe weather for outdoor play
- ◆ What to wear to stay warm
- ◆ Ice Factors, Ice Colour, Ice Thickness
- ◆ Sledding and Tobogganing
- ◆ Snowmobiles
- ◆ Please consult their website for more details pertaining to the above points.

<http://www.parachutecanada.org/injury-topics/item/winter-safety>





Do not Walk, Skate, or Play on Frozen Retention Ponds

Retention ponds are never safe to use for winter recreation activities. Ice conditions can change quickly without warning, and falling through the ice can be deadly. Remind your children to stay away from frozen retention ponds. Keep dogs on leashes when walking near a retention pond so they don't run onto the ice.



Do not walk, skate, or play on frozen retention ponds. Talk to your children about staying away from the ice.



Do not place hockey nets, benches, light structures, or any other items on a frozen retention pond. To report a structure or item on a retention pond, contact 311.



If you see someone on a retention pond, call 911.

Water from snowmelt or nearby water main breaks can drain into retention ponds. This water is often mixed with street salts, which can cause ice to melt and thin unevenly. This water enters retention ponds from underneath the ice, resulting in thinning of ice that can't be seen from the surface.

winnipeg.ca/retentionponds



JANUARY/ JANVIER 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
LOOKING AHEAD IN FEBRUARY Feb. 2nd Non-Instruction Day - Classes Closed Feb. 19th Louis Riel Day - Classes Closed December 22nd thru January 4th - Winter Break (School Closed)			SAFE ARRIVAL http://go.schoolmessenger.ca or 1-855-278-4513 Remember to call before 9:00 a.m. if your child will be late or away. Thank you!		5 	6
7	8 Day 1 WELCOME BACK STUDENTS 	9 Day 2	10 Day 3	11 Day 4	12 Day 5	13
14	15 Day 6	16 Day 1 6:00 pm Parent Council Meeting in the Library 	17 Day 2	18 Day 3	19 Day 4 NON - INSTRUCTIONAL DAY NO CLASSES	20
21	22 Day 5	23 Day 6	24 Day 1	25 Day 2	26 Day 3 Fun Lunch Today! (FOR STUDENTS WHO ORDERED FUN LUNCH) 	27
28	29 Day 4	30 Day 5	31 Day 6 5:30 pm RHS N-6 OPEN HOUSE INFORMATION EVENING 	1 Day 1	2 Day 2 NON - INSTRUCTIONAL DAY NO CLASSES	3