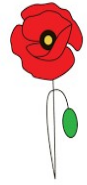




# École Robert H. Smith School



WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION

NOVEMBER/NOVEMBRE 2023

## ADMINISTRATOR'S MESSAGE

It looks like Winter may be here earlier than we would all like. It may be cooler outside but it is just heating up for the school year. Our students continue to show us every day what great citizens they are in the school and in the community. We would like to recognize our Phys. Ed. leaders, the Hand Washing monitors who help the younger students before lunch, and others who are in training to re-shelve books as library helpers. Thanks to the Grade four students who have been doing announcements as part of the communication crew, and the previous announcers who are helping out with their training. And thank you to our patrol crews who have been on duty keeping our community safe. Way to go student leaders!

We would also like to thank the RHS Parent Council, and their organizing committee, who worked hard to put together the Halloween Family Dance. And a big thank you to all the parent volunteers who helped out in many different ways to make the evening a success. There were so many wonderful costumes and it was great to see the kids having so much fun.

Teachers are assessing students on an ongoing basis. Classroom data (reading levels, where students' writing is developing on a continuum, understanding in math) is reviewed and programming for learning is further developed and modified/differentiated. The provincial report card will be sent home electronically on Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, for nursery to Grade 6. Our reporting to you this month will include evidence of learning for your child, in relation to curricular outcomes. You can expect to read about what your child is currently able to do (their strengths); what they are not yet demonstrating on a consistent basis (their challenges); and next steps for their learning. It may also highlight what extension opportunities may be available for areas they are excelling in. Your child's development will be further discussed during in-person parent-teacher conferences on Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup> in the evening and Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon. Information will come out shortly regarding scheduling your appointment(s) through School Interviews. Please remember that if, at any time during the year, you have concerns regarding your child's progress, you can contact your child's teacher.

We are happy to announce that our Scholastic Book Fair will be returning to the in-person format with books for sale in the school library during the evening and afternoon of parent-teacher conferences. Books make wonderful gifts for the holiday season, and any time! All book purchases continue to support our school library. More information is inside the newsletter and please watch for more information coming out in the near future.

We are ever grateful to our community for your ongoing support. Please reach out at any time, with a phone call or email, to share an idea or provide us with some feedback.

Adam Dyck, Sarah Arnold,  
Principal Vice Principal

## PICTURE RETAKE DAY REMINDER

Ecole Robert H Smith School will be having picture retakes on **Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup>** in the morning only.

Please notify the school office if you would like for your child to have a retake.

### Why Do We Wear A Poppy?

In celebrating and showing our respect on Remembrance Day, we wear a poppy. The poppy is the flower that was prevalent in the fields where many Canadian Soldiers lost their lives so that we today may live in a safe and peaceful country.

Students will take part in a Remembrance Day Ceremony at the School on November 10<sup>th</sup>

If parents would like to send a small donation with your child on this day, a donation box for the poppies will be circulated to each classroom.

### FALL BACK

Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour on Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>.

Hello from the music room!

October has been a great month of music making at RHS! Students have been hard at work creating their own ideas, learning new chords on various instruments, and jamming in small groups and as a class.

We had our first Halloween Concert in the new music room where some students in grade 5 and 6 could choose to perform for the school. We had two concerts (one for N-3 and one for 4-6) this allowed students to have multiple opportunities to perform their songs. It's exciting to see our students taking on challenges and following through with their commitments even if they get a bit nervous! They learn so much by taking risks. Our community continues to improve on supporting each other in taking risks and making mistakes!

Another group of students in grades 5/6 is busy preparing two songs for Remembrance Day. They will perform Highway of Heroes by the Trews and The Lost Boy by Greg Holden. The whole school is working on learning the chorus to these two songs to participate as a whole school community.

Grades 2-6 have been busy working on Flowers Need Rain for the CBC Music Class Challenge. Each class will record individually and submit to this Canada wide competition to celebrate music learning in schools. Permission slips will come home in the next week or two for permission to be in the class video.

In November grades 1-3 will be choosing songs for their Winter Concert in February!

Recess jams continue at morning recesses and clubs continue at lunch. We are looking at ways to get our Music Leaders involved with our younger grades. Our younger students are always excited to see what the older students are up to.

Students have been working hard to take care of the music room these first couple months. Cleaning up and taking care of the instruments helps promote community within the music room.

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](mailto:jossachuk@wsd1.org).

Take care,

Mr. Ossachuk, N-6 Modern Band



#### **Lunch Club Schedule:**

Day 1: Grade 4-6 Single String Tab Club

Day 2: Grade 4-6 Drum Beats Club

Day 3: Grade 4-6 Piano Comping/ Singing Club

Day 4: Grade 4-6 Bass Club

Day 5: Grade 3 Drum Beats Club

CLASSROOM NEWS FROM ROOM 114

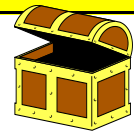
Throughout October the students in Room 114 embarked on an exciting project to bring the magic of Halloween to life through collaborative murals. Students worked together to brainstorm imaginative ideas and sketched out their visions for the murals. With a shared sense of enthusiasm and a sprinkle of spooky inspiration, they collectively determined the criteria and decided to turn the murals into a search and find activity for the whole school to enjoy! Each student volunteered for predetermined tasks, be it painting eerie backgrounds, crafting spooky ghosts or bringing grinning pumpkins to life. Through a collective effort our Halloweentown and Halloween House murals were created. Throughout the project the students in Room 114 demonstrated the power of teamwork, creativity and the enchanting spirit of the season!



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.



LEARNING BUDDIES NEWS

Rooms 203 and P4 get together once a cycle for Learning Buddies. The intention is to create community between grade levels, foster inclusion and promote leadership. The students shared after the first meet up how good it felt "for everybody to have someBUDDY." They are looking forward to the rest of the year learning and collaborating with their Buddies. Stay tuned for more!



## PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS - C. Donato

### SOCCER TOURNAMENT

Congratulations to all of our grade 5 and 6 students who participated in a Soccer Tournament at River Heights on October 11th! Robert H. Smith students had the opportunity to play against Brock Corydon, Sir William Osler and Queenston Schools. Our students did an excellent job representing Robert H. Smith!

### PHYSICAL EDUCATION LEARNING

During the month of October, learning in Physical Education for grades 1 to 3 focused on building transport skills (run, jump, hop, skip, and gallop) through a variety of games and activities. In addition, learning was focused around following the rules of a game in order to maintain safety. Grade 4 to 6 students focused on the fitness management portion of the Physical Education curriculum, working to build stamina through a variety of games. The focus was on maintaining a moderate to vigorous-intensity level for the duration of an activity. Students also worked to build knowledge of why it is important to maintain a moderate to vigorous-intensity level over a longer period of time.

### INTRAMURALS

Intramural programming is underway at Robert H. Smith! Intramurals are offered to all students from grades 1 to 6. Our grade 6 Physical Education Leaders have started assisting our younger students with their intramural times. Throughout the month of November, grade 4 to 6 intramurals will focus on volleyball and volleyball lead-up games. Grade 1 to 3 intramurals will include activity stations/jungle gym. The intramural calendar, including the intramural activity can be found at <https://goo.gl/Mqd42K>. If you have not yet signed your child up for intramurals, it is not too late! To sign up, follow the links:

- **Grades 1 to 3:** <https://permission.click/KPnrw/ca>
- **Grades 4 to 6:** <https://permission.click/w1kby/ca>

### GRADE 6 VOLLEYBALL CLUB

Grade 6 Volleyball Club will begin in November, this club is open to all grade 6 students. Students can expect to build volleyball-specific skills through a variety of skill-building activities and games. Volleyball club will conclude with an inter school tournament hosted at Robert H. Smith on November 29th. Additional information and a sign-up will be sent home via email.



#### TERRY FOX RUN 2023

Special thanks to our RHS families for the generous donations to the Terry Fox Foundation. We raised \$1 295.55 in support of the 2023 Terry Fox School Run.

Thank you for your generosity.

<https://schools.terryfox.ca/RobertHSmith>

## CLASSROOM NEWS FROM ROOM 128

Students in Room 128 displayed their handprints for National Day of Truth & Reconciliation.

## PICTURE DAY IS

Monday, November 06, 2023

After Picture Day, order on  
[mylifetouch.ca](http://mylifetouch.ca)



## DATE DE LA JOURNÉE DES PHOTOS

Monday, November 06, 2023

Après la journée photos,  
commandez au

[mylifetouch.ca](http://mylifetouch.ca)

**Lifetouch.**

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

November 16 - 17, 2023

Just in time for Holiday Shopping.

We will be holding the Scholastic Book Fair in the Library on Thursday, November 16th in the evening and Friday, November 17th during the day. All proceeds from the Book Fair will be used to buy new books and resources for our school.

The students will have an opportunity to view the books during the day on Tuesday and Wednesday. At this time they can write up their wish lists as well as make purchases.



### BOOK FAIR HOURS:

Thursday, November 16th from 4:00 - 8:00 pm

Friday, November 17th from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

The Book Fair will close on Friday, November 17th at 2:00 pm to allow for all draws and packing up of the fair.

See you at the fair!!

### 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](http://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

## HALLOWEEN ESTIMATION STATION

Students had an opportunity to stop by the Halloween Estimation Station to estimate how many Halloween items were in each container. The students whose estimation was the closest received the contents of the container.

*Congratulations to the following winning estimators:*

- Mini Halloween Candy - Hazel (room 210)
- Eyeballs - Daniel (room 117)
- Gummy Bats - Joe (room P5)
- Jelly Beans - Elle (room 210)
- Pumpkin Balls - Jack (room 201)



## CLASSROOM TRI-CONFERENCES

Once again we will be using an online booking application (Schoolinterviews.com) to arrange Conference times. You will be able to select the exact times that you would like to meet with teachers, arranging either back to back appointments or staggered times. The time slots are 10 minutes in length in order to allow for transitions to the next conference.

We will send a link to the online booking system to your email on:

Friday, November 10th at 9:00am it will be active until

Wednesday, November 15 at 4:00 pm.

## 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

### November 17th

No Classes - Tri-Conferences

### 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 8th

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

# 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

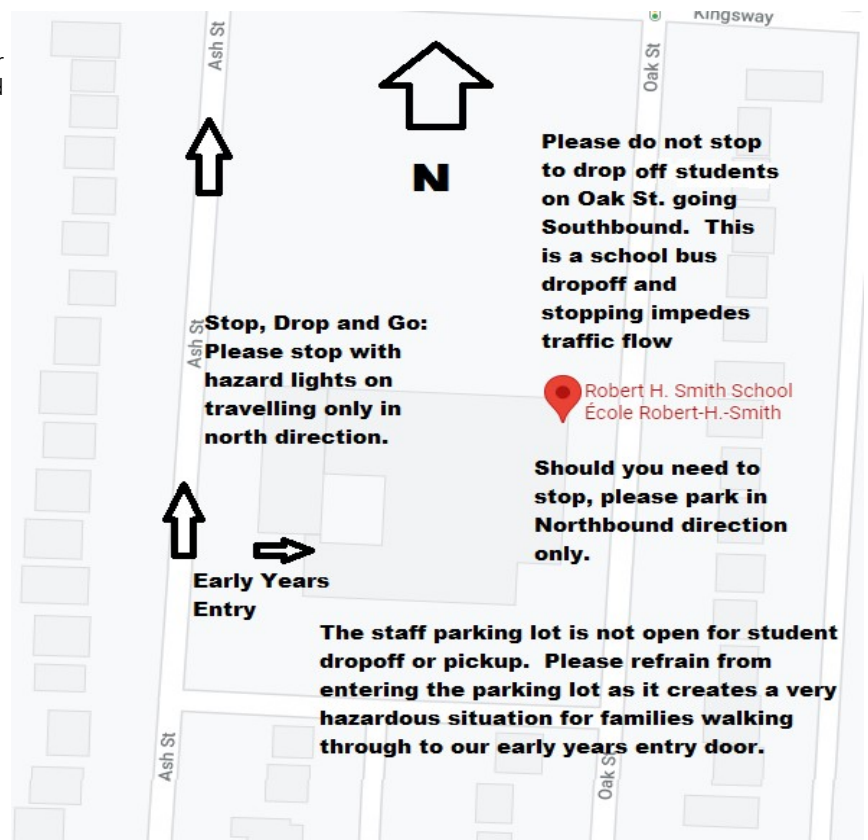
- The staff parking lot is not to be used for student drop off or pick up. Many families walk through the parking lot to access the early years entry door and having vehicles pull in and back out creates a very dangerous situation.

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.



# NOVEMBER/NOVEMBRE 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>LOOKING AHEAD IN DECEMBER</b>			1 Day 5	2 Day 6	3 Day 1	4
Dec. 22nd	Last Day of School			3:30 - 4:45 pm Mad Science #3	Final Fun Lunch Today! (for students who ordered)	
Dec. 25th-Jan. 7th	Winter Break (School Closed)					
5	6 Day 2	7 Day 3	8 Day 4	9 Day 5	10 Day 6	11
	Lifetouch Picture RETAKES <u>AM ONLY</u>  <b>PHOTO RETAKE DAY</b>	Parent Council Meeting 6:00 pm In the Library  		3:30 - 4:45 pm Mad Science #4  	Remembrance Day Assembly   <b>LEST WE FORGET</b> <small>REMEMBRANCE DAY</small>	 REMEMBRANCE DAY <small>Labour Day</small>
12	13 Day 1	14 Day 2	15 Day 3	16 Day 4	17 Day 5	18
		Reports Go Home (Grds. N-6)  	4pm Deadline to schedule Conference Appointments via School Interviews  	4-8 pm Scholastic Book Fair   4:30 - 8:00pm N-6 Tri Conferences	 11:00 am - 2:00 pm Scholastic Book Fair <b>(CLOSES AT 2:00 PM)</b>  1 - 3pm N-6 Tri Conference Day School Closed	
19	20 Day 6	21 Day 1	22 Day 2	23 Day 3	24 Day 4	25
				3:30-4:45 pm Mad Science #5  		
26	27 Day 5	28 Day 6	29 Day 1	30 Day 2	<b>SAFE ARRIVAL</b> <a href="https://go.schoolmessenger.ca">https://go.schoolmessenger.ca</a> or 1-855-278-4513 Remember to use the system if your child will be late or away. Thank you!	
			Inter-School Volleyball Tournament  	3:30-4:45 pm Mad Science #6 (LAST ONE)  