

# STRATHCONA SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER



### September 2023

Dear Strathcona Families,

Welcome back! Strathcona Staff are excited to get things kicked off for the 2023-2024 school year. We will continue our focus this year on providing students engaging and exciting learning opportunities in literacy, mathematics, and Indigenous Education - in addition to other curriculum areas.

We have some new staff we would love to introduce to you, at our annual Meet the Staff gathering on Thursday September 14th from 4:00 - 5:00 pm. Please join us for a tour of your child's classroom, and light refreshments!

Friendly reminder to families that morning drop off takes place starting at 8:40 am on the back hard top, and again at 12:50 pm for afternoon classes. Pick up for lunch is at 12:00 pm, and 3:30 pm at the end of the day. If you work or are in school full time and require the use of our lunch program, please contact our Community Support Worker Lee Tavares at 204-586-8493.

We are very excited to continue to serve our community and provide high quality educational outcomes for your children.

See you soon!

Jeremy Midford

Principal

Helen Sabater-Fixe

Vice Principal

### IMPORTANT DATES

**WEDNESDAY**  
**SEPTEMBER 6**  
FIRST DAY OF  
SCHOOL

**THURSDAY**  
**SEPTEMBER 14**  
MEET THE STAFF  
EVENT

**FRIDAY**  
**SEPTEMBER 29**  
ORANGE SHIRT DAY

**TUESDAY**  
**OCTOBER 3**  
MB ELECTION DAY  
NO CLASSES



# IMPORTANT REMINDERS

## **Arrival at School**

School hours are: 8:50am – 12:00pm (N/K morning program ends at 11:30) and 12:55pm – 3:30pm.

***A friendly reminder to families that students should not arrive at school before 8:40 am (unless supervised by a parent/guardian, as there is no supervision before that time.***

For lunch arrival, please ensure students arrive no earlier than 12:50 pm, as supervision is limited for our lunch program.

## **Attendance Matters at Strathcona**

Please do everything possible to ensure that your child is on time and in attendance at school each and every day.

Attendance is closely linked to academic success in all subject areas.

## **Dismissal**

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.***

## **Picking up Students**

***Only parents/guardians added to the registration forms or through the office will be able to pick up your child from school. This is to ensure the safety of your children. If you need to add a new individual or family member to pick up your child, the parent/guardian will have to visit/call the office in order to have them added.***

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

# COMMUNITY SUPPORT

## **Summer Hamper Program**

We had a very successful summer picking up and delivering food hampers in July and August. Thank you so much to our volunteers who donated their time to help our community in July and August.

## **Food Hampers**

*This fall, if you would like to receive a food hamper from the Community Pantry please contact Ms. Lee Tavares, School/Community Support Worker at 204-586-8493 or [ltavares@wsdl.org](mailto:ltavares@wsdl.org) and Ms. Tavares will connect with you when there is food available to share.*



# PARENT COUNCIL NEWS

## **First Parent Advisory Council Meeting: Thursday September 21st @ 1:15 pm**

*We are looking forward to having new families join us for Parent Advisory Council, no experience necessary! We have snacks. Discuss what's happening in the school. Brainstorm ideas. We would love your input! Please join us for our first meeting.*

*We will alternate between afternoon and evening meeting times this year so that all families have a chance to join us.*

# SCHOOL CLOSURE DATES

***The following dates Strathcona School will be closed for regular classes:***

*Tuesday October 3rd – Manitoba Election Day*

*Friday October 20th – Manitoba Teachers Society Professional Development Day*

*Friday November 3rd – Professional Development*

*Friday November 17th – Student LED Conferences*

*Friday February 2nd – Professional Development*

*Friday March 15th – Student LED Conferences*

*Friday April 19th – Professional Development*

*Monday May 6th – School Planning Day*

*Monday June 10th – Professional Development/Admin Day*



# NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION



*In honour of September 30th and the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation, we invite students and staff to wear orange on Friday September 29th. Last year we hosted a successful community walk which many families attended. Stay tuned for more details regarding the invitation to join us here at Strathcona on September 29th, and if you are able to, please wear orange in support of Residential Schools Survivors.*





# Strathcona School

## MEET THE STAFF

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Thursday September 14th

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

*Meet at the back hard top and head inside  
to meet the teachers!*

# SEPTEMBER 2023

| MONDAY              | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY                              |
|---------------------|---|-------------|--|-------------------------------------|
|                     |   |             |  | 1                                   |
| 4<br><br>Labour Day | 5<br>Day 1<br><br>School Opens<br>Non-Instructional | 6<br>Day 2  | 7<br>Day 3                                       | 8<br>Day 4                          |
| 11<br>Day 5         | 12<br>Day 6   | 13<br>Day 1 | 14<br>Day 2<br><br>Meet the Staff<br>4:00-5:00pm | 15<br>Day 3                         |
| 18<br>Day 4         | 19<br>Day 5   | 20<br>Day 6 | 21<br>Day 1                                      | 22<br>Day 2                         |
| 25<br>Day 3         | 26<br>Day 4   | 27<br>Day 5 | 28<br>Day 6                                      | 29<br>Day 1<br><br>Orange Shirt Day |