

WHAT'S UP at DOC?



Dr. F.W.L. Hamilton School e-memo

Date	School Day	
Monday, October 5	1 	Grade 4 & 5 Flag Football Club at 12:30 Grade 5 Minecraft Challenge at 12:30 (Library)
Tuesday, October 6	2 	Grade 4 & 5 Flag Football Club at 12:30
Wednesday, October 7	3 	K-5 Bus Evacuation Practice Mr. Walker's Class Club at 12:30: Mouse Mazes (Library)
Thursday, October 8	4 	K Bus Evacuation Practice POPCORN DAY (moves to Thursday on Hot Lunch weeks)
Friday, October 9	5 	HOT LUNCH Grade 4 & 5 Flag Football Club at 12:30 Grade 4 Minecraft Challenge at 12:30 (Library)

Date	School Day	
Monday, October 12		Thanksgiving Day NO SCHOOL for STUDENTS & STAFF
Tuesday, October 13	6 	Grade 4 & 5 Flag Football Club at 12:30 TERRY FOX ASSEMBLY & WALK/WHEEL/RUN/JOG <i>Terry's story could be a sensitive theme for some students</i> PAC Meeting at 6:00 in the Library: ALL PARENTS are WELCOME to ATTEND
Wednesday, October 14	1 	Grade 4 & 5 Flag Football Club at 12:30 Ms. Anderlic's Class Club at 12:30: Mouse Mazes (Library)
Thursday, October 15	2 	
Friday, October 16	3 	Grade 4 & 5 Flag Football Event @ Eastside Field Grade 3 Minecraft Challenge at 12:30 (Library)

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

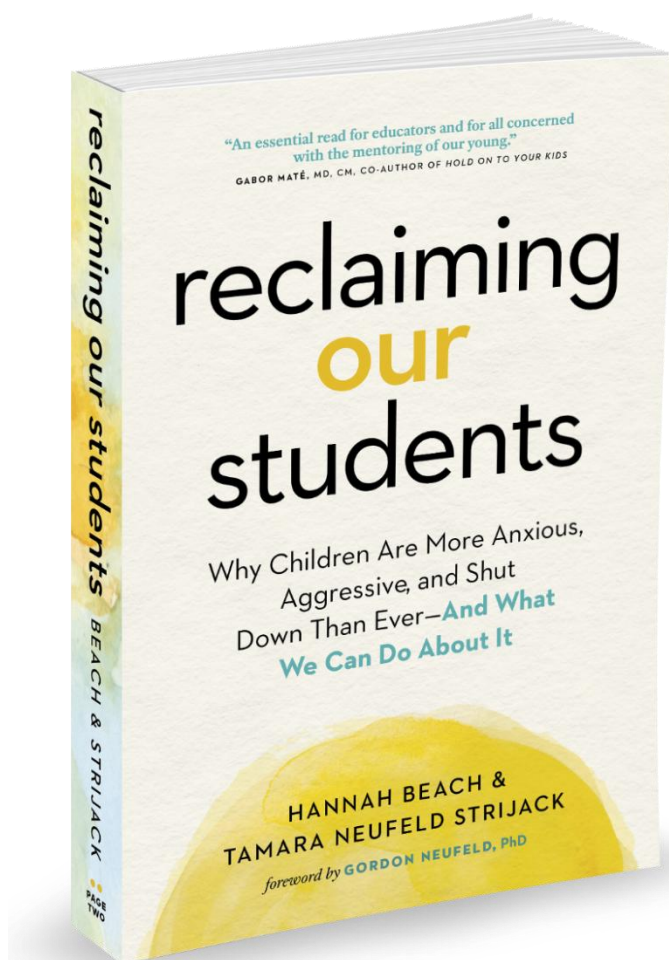
October 22	PAC Halloween Event in the Evening
October 23	MTS PD Day: NO SCHOOL for STUDENTS
October 27	Picture Day Re-Takes and Caterpillar (EVEN Day) Kindergarten Photos
October 28	Coordinated Day: NO SCHOOL for STUDENTS
November 10	PAC MEETING at 6:00 PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE MEETING at 7:00

LEARN WITH US

Dr. F.W.L. Hamilton School staff are committed to continuous learning and development. We are happy to make our learning public so that interested families may get a sense of what we engage in together on Coordinated Professional Learning Days and during before and after school Staff Meetings.

Our current book study is ***Reclaiming our Students*** by Hannah Beach & Tamara Neufeld-Strijack. This read reminds us that children thrive when we prioritize relationships, movement, creativity, and hands-on experiences rather than excessive screen time. It calls on us to provide our kids with more opportunities for unstructured play, face-to-face connection, and real-world exploration—helping them to rediscover curiosity, independence, and joy in learning.

In this 3 minute video, author Hannah Beach introduces key themes of the book. Please reach out if you are interested in borrowing a copy! [Hannah Beach Bestselling Author | Educator – Speaker Reel](#)



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OUR ACCESSIBLE PARKING SPACE

We kindly ask that families keep our one and only accessible parking spot open for those who require it. Thank you so much for your understanding and cooperation.

VOLUNTEER WITH US

When our families can join us in the volunteer role, it creates a special connection between home and school that is valued and important to us. We invite the support of volunteers at various times throughout the school year to assist in the classroom, join field trips, and help out at school-based events. Our Parent Advisory Council (PAC) also appreciates the support of volunteers at school events!

RETSD has implemented a 3-step screening process for our volunteers to ensure that the safety of our students is always at the forefront.

Here are the 3 screening requirements for all RETSD volunteers:

1. **Child Abuse Registry (CAR) checks are required annually (free – come to the school)**
2. **Criminal Record Checks (CRC) with Vulnerable Sector Check are required every two (2) years (come to the school for a letter to waive fees if completing via rural RCMP detachments)**
3. **Completion of the Commit 2 Kids online training session. We provide the access via email, you bring the certificate here to the school**

We collect hard copies of the 3 items and submit the information on your behalf. There are some signatures required, so please connect with Carly or Hannah face-to-face in the Main Office. 😊

We appreciate all parents, caregivers and family members who volunteer at Dr. F.W.L. Hamilton School, and we thank you for your continued support of our school community!

VISION & HEARING SCREENING for KINDERGARTEN and GRADE 1, 3 & 5

Families with students in Kindergarten, Grade 1, 3 and 5 will have received emails about Vision and Hearing Screening. We conduct the screenings here at school and require your consent to do so.

Consent can be granted on the Parent Portal. Instructions were shared for accessing the portal.

If you need any assistance at all accessing the Parent Portal, we're here to help! Just phone Carly or Hannah in the Office who will help you every step of the way. The Parent Portal will be an ongoing and important tool throughout your child's time in RETSD, so please do not wait to get set up.

CELLPHONE GUIDELINES: a REMINDER from RETSD

This note is a reminder of the cell phone guidelines established by the Manitoba Government. These guidelines refer to any personal devices that can be used to connect to the internet (e.g., smartwatches, tablets, cell phones, laptops, smart glasses).

Appropriate use of technology is also outlined in the RETSD Code of Conduct [RETSD - Code of Conduct](#) and RETSD Policies:

[IJND - Instructional Technology Use](#)

[IJND-E1 - Instructional Technology Use Form](#)

[JICJ - Student Use of Student Supplied Personal Electronic Devices](#)

[JICJ-R Student Use of Student Supplied Personal Electronic Devices Procedure](#)

As a reminder:

- Schools with Kindergarten to Grade 8 students are personal electronic device-free zones.
- Students in Grades 9-12 are able to use their personal electronic devices for instructional purposes in class when directed by a teacher, and during breaks and lunch.
- Staff model responsible personal electronic device use for students by thoughtfully limiting personal electronic device use in the learning environment to school-related matters.

Manitoba Education and Training has published Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) regarding the Cell Phone Guidelines. The link can be found [here](#).

Teaching and learning about being a responsible digital citizen continue in all grades and classes. Our schools have access to a variety of technology that supports students in being creators, designers, and critical thinkers. As partners in your children's education, the conversations that you have at home are crucial in that teaching and learning. Here are some resources that may be helpful:

[MediaSmarts: Helping Kids Get a Healthy Start with Phones](#)

[MediaSmarts: Helping Young Kids Get a Healthy Start with Devices](#)

[RETSD TV Healthy Cellphone Use](#)

Please contact the school if you have any questions about the guidelines.

TOYS & OTHER PERSONAL ITEMS FROM HOME

We are noticing an uptick in the number of toys, fidgets, Pokémon Cards, "squishies" and other personal items being brought to school from home. Teachers are spending valuable learning time organizing searches for lost items, as well as helping students navigate complications around trades and the corresponding emotions.

Please remind students to leave personal items at home. Consistent messaging from home and school helps us immensely! If your child benefits from a particular tool to support attention and focus during learning, do not hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher. We will work together to formulate a plan.

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IMPORTANT DATES

Please note these important dates on your calendars. More dates will be shared throughout the year!

Any off-site sport/club event dates are subject to change.

OCTOBER

- 1 Grade 3-5 X-Country Run Event at BHP
- 7 Bus Evacuation K - 5
- 8 Bus Evacuation K
- 12 Thanksgiving (NO SCHOOL)**
- 13 Terry Fox Walk/Wheel/Jog/Run
- 13 PAC Meeting at 6:00 & PLAYGROUND MEETING at 7:00
- 16 Grade 4 & 5 Flag Football Event
- 22 PAC Halloween Event (evening)
- 23 MTS PD Day (NO SCHOOL for Students)**
- 27 Picture Re-Takes and K Pictures
- 28 Coordinated Day (NO SCHOOL for Students)**

NOVEMBER

- 10 PAC Meeting at 6:00 & PLAYGROUND Meeting at 7:00
- 12 Vision & Hearing Screening
- 13 Vision & Hearing Screening
- 16 School Based PD Day (NO SCHOOL for Students)**
- 26 Report Cards Published
- 26 Celebration of Learning 4:30 – 8:00 (Scholastic Book Fair)
- 27 Coordinated Day (NO SCHOOL for Students)**
- 27 Celebration of Learning a.m. (Scholastic Book Fair)

DECEMBER

- 16 Winter Concerts (afternoon & evening)
- 18 Last Day of Classes before Winter Break (2:55 Dismissal)

JANUARY

- 4 Welcome Back to School!
- 12 PAC Meeting at 6:00 & PLAYGROUND Meeting at 7:00

FEBRUARY

- 5 Coordinated Day (NO SCHOOL for Students)**
- 9 PAC Meeting at 6:00 & PLAYGROUND Meeting at 7:00
- 15 Louis Riel Day (NO SCHOOL)**

MARCH

- 9 PAC Meeting at 6:00
- 18 Report Cards Published
- 18 Celebration of Learning 4:30 – 8:00
- 19 Coordinated Day (NO SCHOOL for Students)**
- 19 Celebration of Learning a.m.
- 25 Last Day of Classes before Spring Break
- 26 Good Friday (NO SCHOOL)

APRIL

- 5 Welcome Back to School!
- 13 PAC Meeting at 6:00 & PLAYGROUND Meeting at 7:00
- 16 Coordinated Day (NO SCHOOL for Students)**
- 27 Grade 4 Handball Event
- 28 Grade 5 Handball Event

MAY

- 7 Coordinated Day (NO SCHOOL for STUDENTS)**
- 11 PAC Meeting at 6:00 & PLAYGROUND Meeting at 7:00
- 21 Dance Day at DH
- 24 Victoria Day (NO SCHOOL)**
- 28 Grade 5 Track & Field Event

JUNE

- 7 School Based PD Day (NO SCHOOL for Students)**
- 18 Field Day at DH
- 23 Grade 4 & 5 Soccer Event at DH
- 24 Report Cards Published
- 30 Last Day of Classes (2:55 Dismissal)



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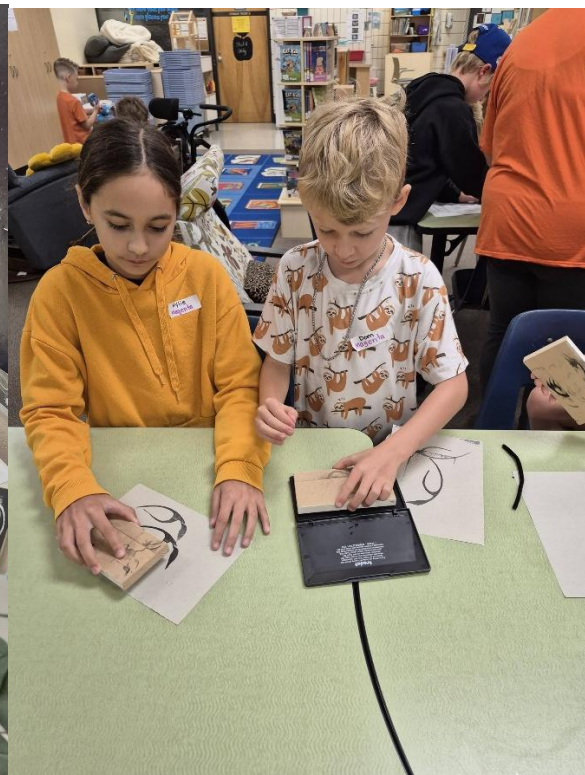
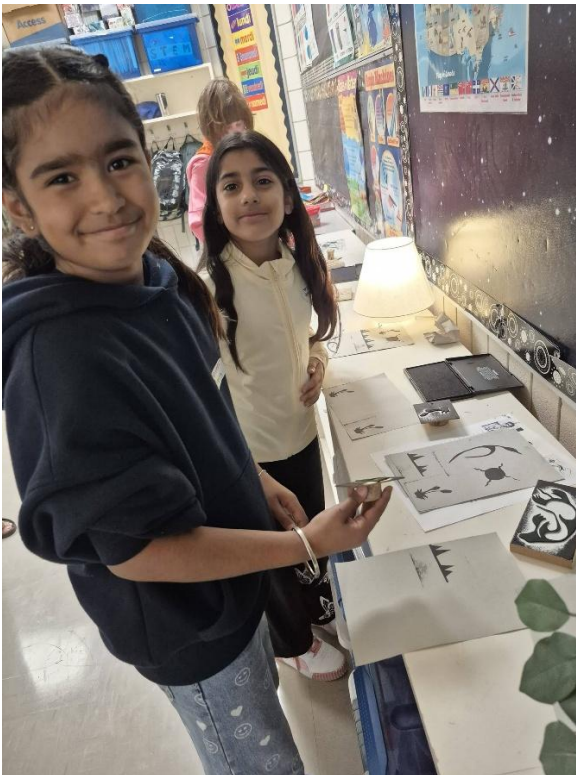
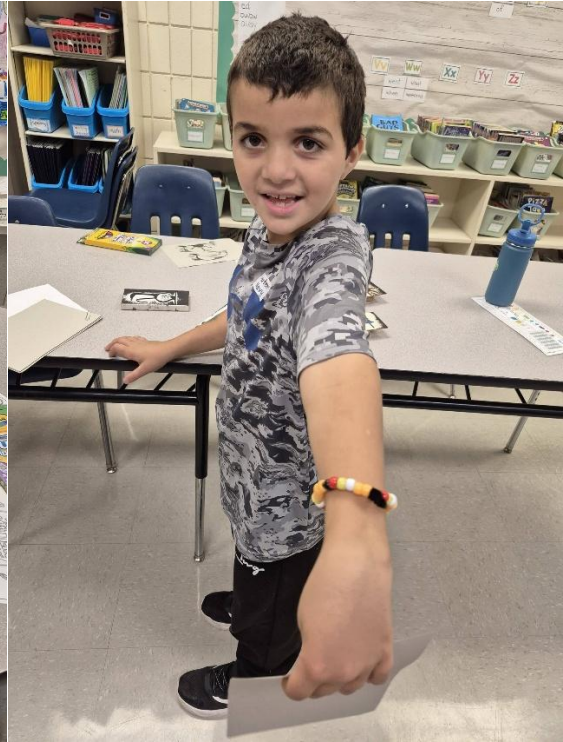
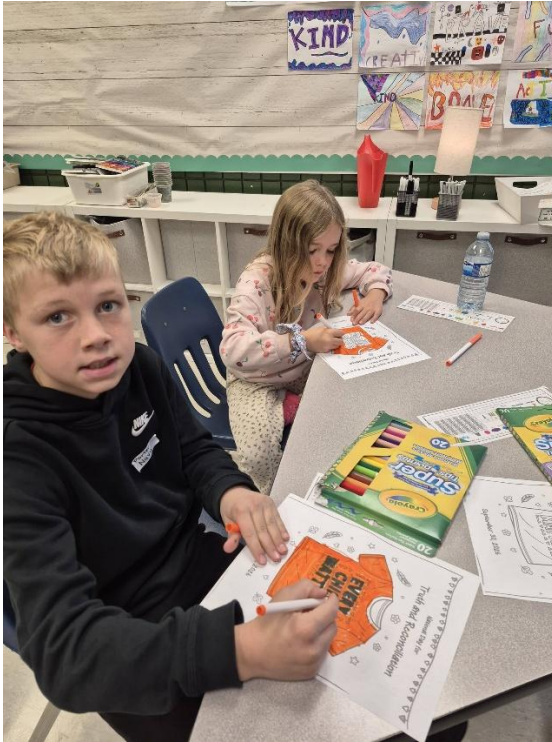


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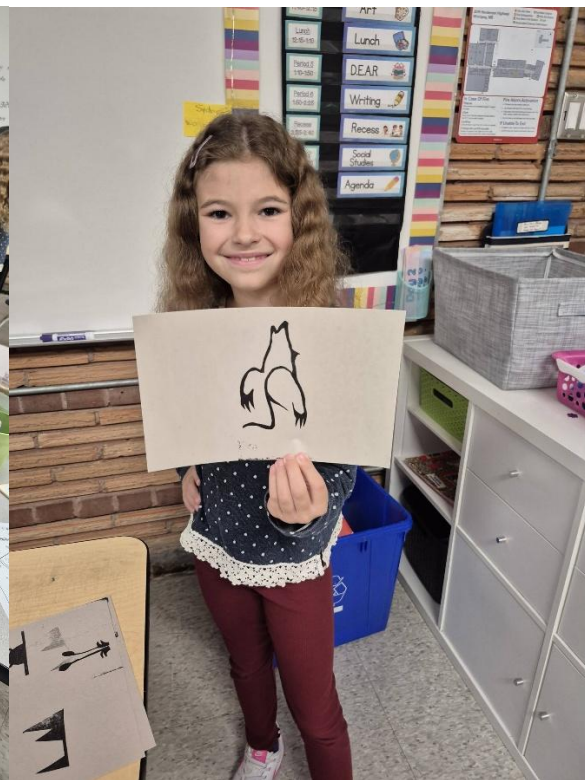
On September 29th, we held our first whole school assembly of the year in observation of the National **Day for Truth and Reconciliation**. The lens we looked through was every child's right to play.

We gathered in **Family Groups**, offered students the choice to do some beading or other types of **art**, and took some time simply to **play**.





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Please phone the school at any time with any questions you may have !