



École Regent Park

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Dear ERP families,

December has arrived! This means two and a half weeks left of school before the winter break.

Please find enclosed some upcoming exciting events at ERP!

Giving Generosity to others: Coats for Kids and Hampers of Generosity

Koats for Kids & Hampers of Generosity

In the spirit of generosity, this month ERP students are working together to help families of our local community through 2 initiatives: Koats of Kids and Hampers of generosity. Acts of service, such as this, allow our students to understand the value of offering our help and support to members of our community. No matter how big or how small our act of kindness may be, it can make a world of a difference for someone else.

For Koats for Kids we are looking for donations of warm, outdoor winter clothing such as:
Jackets, snow pants, tuques, mittens/gloves, boots.

For the hampers, each grade level is collecting food, gifts, and clothing for a specific family

The hampers will include:

- Food items (protein, fruits, veggies, grains)
- Gifts (toys, gift cards, books)
- Clothing (new or like-new)

*Monetary donations will also be accepted and will go directly towards purchasing items for the hamper.

Donations will be collected until December 19th.

Please contact your student's teacher directly for more info on specific items.

A special thank you to our Grade 8 Leadership team for their work and dedication to organize Koats for Kids and the hampers of generosity!



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Raffle Tickets

Our PAC PLAYGROUND handed out raffle tickets to our families as they continue to work towards raising enough funds for a playground structure at ERP next year! We need everyone's support to make this goal a reality. They have some awesome prizes once again! Deadline to hand in money or unsold tickets will be **December 7th**. Draw date is December 14th!

Grade 5-6 Patrol Celebration- In recognition of all the hard work our patrols do each day to keep our school community safe, we will be having a field trip to Château Lanes for a fun day of bowling and lunch on Thursday, December 8th!

Grade 8 Leadership Breakfast- In recognition of all the time, commitment, and engagement our leaders have demonstrated this year, we will be offering them a hot breakfast celebration on Wednesday, December 14th at 8:00 a.m.

Grade 6 Volleyball tournament- The grade 6 students will be joining John W. Gunn school on Friday, December 9th at ERP and at JWG, for an afternoon of volleyball skill development and fun!

RETLife

Programming is now available to book online at [Home – RETLife](#) and it promises to be an exciting season! The Rainbow Harmony Project is facilitating Sing Out Choir Project For LGBTQ+ youth and their allies, Chef Jeremy Senaris is facilitating two evenings dedicated to Celebrating Filipino Food in April for Filipino Food Month, Chef Don Pattie is facilitating a Gluten Free Baking workshop which promises some tasty treats! We've also added several new programs such as Introduction to Bhangra, Dungeons and Dragons for Young Adventurers, and Modern Board Games. We've also continued with our classics such as sports programs for kids, such as Basketball, Volleyball, Badminton, and Indoor Soccer, Yoga classes, Babysitting, Stay Safe (for kids), Food Handler's Certificate program, Ballroom Dancing, Art Classes for kids and adults, First Aid, Get Your Drum On (for kids), Nature Journaling, Gentle Movement and Meditation, Spanish, kids' cooking programs, and much more!

More programs will be added over the next couple of weeks, so please visit RETLife to see if there is a program of interest to them. Who knows? One of our classes might be the perfect gift for someone special!

Mark your Calendars- Winter Concerts at ERP:



Dec. 6th-

All Grade 4 and 5 students -6h00 p.m.

Please note the following change:

Dress Rehearsal for grade 4 students -9:30 a.m. to 10:20 a.m.

Dress Rehearsal for grade 5 students-10:40 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

(We encourage families to help reduce the number of people attending the evening concert, by attending the day concert. Thank you for your understanding).

Dec. 7th-

All Grade 6 (6h00-6h30 pm)

Grade 7 Band (7h00-7h30 pm)

Grade 8 Band (8h15-8h45 pm)

We will be sending TEAMS links on Monday for those who wish to view the evening performances from home.





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French Literacy-

Our literacy committee has been promoting French Songs to our students. Please take the time to go over these rich cultural activities with your kids. They are to vote on their favorite one this month! Enjoy integrating some fun family time with the goal of engaging with the French language! We will be sharing songs every month. Merci!

1. **Stromae Alors on Danse-** [\(83\) Stromae - Alors On Danse \(Lyrics\) - YouTube](#)
2. **Yann Perreau- J'aime les oiseaux-** [\(83\) Yann Perreau - J'aime les oiseaux - YouTube](#)

Vote on your favourite song of the month as a family!

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1fwbahRwE9fHNb7NsuXDKXraDZ7LGQisuZVEeu19pu4E/edit>

Please ensure your student (s) are dressed for the Winnipeg weather. Attached, you will find the weather guidelines for the division for your reference.

TIME TO BUNDLE UP!

RETSD Cold Weather Guidelines

Sometimes, severe weather requires us to make changes to busing, outdoor recess, and safety patrolling to keep your children safe.

School Closures
Schools very rarely close due to winter weather.

Winter Clothing
Please ensure that your child comes dressed appropriately for the weather each day. When the temperature or wind chill is between -27°C and -34°C, warm winter clothing is essential, and facial protection is recommended. When it is below -34°C, facial protection is essential, and it's recommended that children avoid going outdoors unaccompanied—skin will freeze in less than 10 minutes.

Busing
When the temperature is -35°C and/or wind chill is -45°C or colder at The Forks, metro Winnipeg school divisions (RETSD included) cancel buses for the entire day—but schools usually remain open.
We will post a cancellation alert on the RETSD website home page if buses are cancelled, and alert the media. If we have not posted a cancellation alert by 6:45 a.m., buses are running.

School Patrols
When the temperature or wind chill is between -27°C and -34°C, patrols will remain on post for 10 minutes. When it is -35°C to -39°C, patrols will remain on post for five minutes. When it is -40°C and below, no patrols will be on duty.

Recess
When the temperature or wind chill is between -25°C and -27°C, a shortened recess period may be warranted. When it is below -27°C, recess is usually moved indoors. This is at the discretion of the principal. *with the exception of Polar Bear Club students

Polar Bear Club Recess
For schools participating in Polar Bear Club Recess:

- Participation is voluntary.
- Parental consent is required.
- Students who have consent can participate in all or none of the recess breaks.
- Students must be dressed appropriately, including a warm toque/hat; snow pants; face covering; warm, insulated jacket; mittens; and snow boots.
- Students can go back inside at any time.
- Staff supervision will be provided.

All students will remain inside when the temperature/ windchill is -40°C or below. If you have any questions not addressed by these guidelines, please contact your child's school.

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Have a wonderful weekend,
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