



École Regent Park

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Dear Families,

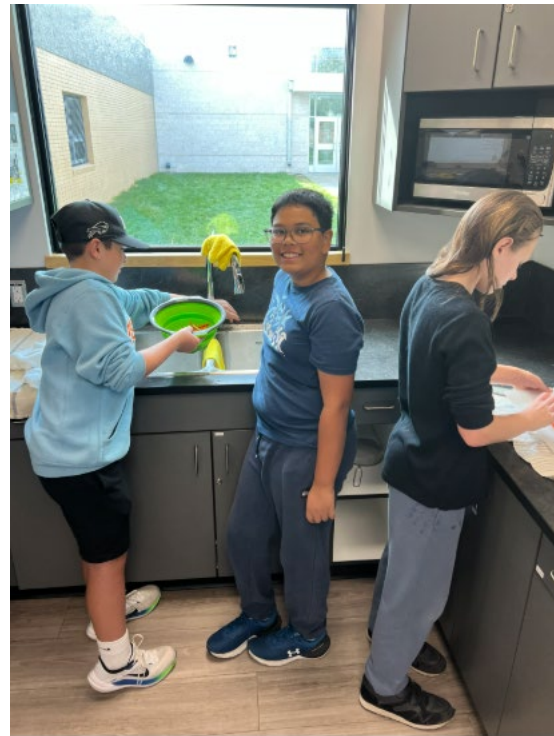
It has been an exciting first few weeks of school! Students and staff have been settling into their new routines, and the energy throughout the building is vibrant and positive. Classrooms are buzzing with activity as teachers and learners work together to build strong, inclusive communities where everyone feels welcomed and supported.



Our Nutrition Program is now up and running, ensuring students have access to healthy snacks to fuel their learning. Applied Technology classes have launched for our students in Grades 6-8, offering hands-on opportunities for creativity and innovation. On the athletic front, our cross country and volleyball teams are off to a great start, showing dedication and school spirit. Throughout the school, students are proudly collecting Scorpion Tickets for demonstrating positive behaviours that reflect our core values—Excellence, Responsibility, Participation, and Service. It's been a joyful and purposeful beginning to the year!



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In our Foods and Nutrition classes, students have been learning how to cook a variety of foods including Goi Cuon, Vietnamese spring rolls.





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*Outdoor Education class
'Interview with a Tree'*



Hands-on learning about forces in Science class





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Math games – Ono 99





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Learning with 'Loose Parts'





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Grade 8 Quebec Trip Meeting

We are pleased to once again be offering the Québec and Montréal French cultural trip for our Grade 8 students in the spring of 2026. Families of Grade 8 students are invited to our first meeting on **September 22 from 6:15-7:15 p.m.**, which will be held in our **multi-purpose room**. This is the room near the **south entrance** of the building. Please aim to arrive no earlier than 5 minutes before the start of the meeting, as the multi-purpose room is used by our daycare program this year. At this meeting, we will provide you with all the information necessary to make a decision about your child's participation in the trip. A reminder that participation in this trip will be on a first come, first served basis and **families will be able to register for the trip at the end of the meeting**.

Fundraising

Our Grade 7 & 8 teams have begun fundraising for upcoming school trips. The first fundraiser of the year is through Mom's Pantry, which will be running from September 22 to October 10, 2025. Please see the attached letter for more information.

Bicycle and scooter safety

A reminder to families that if students are riding their bicycles or scooters to school, they must wear a helmet. All bicycles and scooters should be locked in bike racks outside – they will not be allowed to be stored in the school.

Traffic around the school

A reminder to please limit driving on Moroz Street, Ravelston Ave. W. and Victoria Ave W. at the beginning and end of the school day. We have many buses dropping off and picking up students at these times. Your assistance in reducing traffic congestion around the school will make the beginning and end of day safer and smoother for all students.

Healthy Hunger

This week, we will be having our first hot lunches from Subway for students who have ordered through the Healthy Hunger online ordering program. Monday, September 22 is for students in Grade 4 & 7, Tuesday, September 23 will be for students in Grades 2 & 6 and Wednesday, September 24 will be for students in Grades 3, 5 & 8. Our next Healthy Hunger lunches will be during the week of October 20th. Please note that online ordering closes 5 days before the scheduled hot lunch date. Please use this link to make an order: [Healthy Hunger](#)



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Community programming

Please see the attached information sheets for upcoming programming at the Transcona Public Library.

Student absences

When your child needs to be away from school, please send an email to erp@retsd.mb.ca or call the school at 204-958-6830.

Upcoming Events

Celebrating Terry Fox

This year marks the 45th anniversary of Terry Fox's Marathon of Hope, and our school is proud to honour his legacy of courage, determination, and hope. Students will be engaging in classroom learning and activities that explore Terry's story and the impact of his journey across Canada. On September 25th, to culminate our celebration, we will come together for a school-wide assembly and walk, showing our support for cancer research and continuing Terry's mission to make a difference. Students are encouraged to bring a "Toonie for Terry" with all funds being donated to the Terry Fox Foundation.

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day

As we approach the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, our school community is committed to engaging in meaningful learning about Indigenous ways of knowing and being. Throughout the week, students will participate in classroom activities and discussions that foster understanding, respect, and reflection. On September 29, we encourage all students and staff to wear an orange shirt as a symbol of remembrance and support, and to honour the experiences of residential school survivors and their families. We will come together for a school-wide assembly to honour the day, recognize the importance of truth and reconciliation, and stand in solidarity with Indigenous communities.



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Cross Country Meets

This week, students on our Cross-Country teams will be participating in our divisional Cross Country Meets. Our Grades 2-5 team will be at Birds Hill Park on September 23rd, and our Grades 6-8 team will be at Harbourview on September 25th. Good luck to all students!

ÉRP School Spirit

In order to encourage school spirit, every Friday, we encourage students and staff to wear ÉRP colours (red, black and/or grey) or ÉRP gear. Stay tuned for an upcoming opportunity to purchase ÉRP gear at the beginning of October.

Warm regards from your ÉRP Administration team:

Larissa Thorsteinson, Deanna Pockett and Katherine Ybanez

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