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Fall Newsletter

Please note there is no school on Nov 8—PM Only



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Principal's Message

Dear Families,
Our school is growing and changing! Welcome to all new staff and students who've joined our community! As we settle into the learning, we encourage everyone to get involved in school activities.

Our building underwent some changes over the summer! Thanks to the RETSD Maintenance department, our foods room was completely renovated. We now have 5 new kitchen areas with an accessible kitchen. You may have also noticed the new windows that were installed in classrooms at the front of the school. This new addition has brought the outside in with natural light and a fresh breeze in warmer weather. Finally, three of our grade 8 classrooms were renovated from the old science labs to new classrooms with more space for our students. If you'd like to see these renovations, please join us for our monthly Community Schools Association (Parent Advisory Council) meetings. I would be happy to show off our newly renovated spaces and share upcoming news about our school.

At Salisbury Morse Place School, we are always working to **be safe, be respectful and be responsible.**

Parents and guardians can support our school by practicing the following:

Be Safe by obeying the traffic and parking rules around the school:

- Do not use the school parking lots, back alley or front street for pick up and drop off. Instead, drop off on Besant or further away from the school and encourage your child to walk. Fresh air and exercise are good for everyone! **Please choose safety over convenience!**

Be Respectful by treating all school staff and community members with patience and kindness:

- If there is a concern with your child, please contact the teacher by agenda, note, telephone or email to discuss your concern or to arrange a meeting.
- Encourage your child to be respectful to the adults at school and remind them that all school personnel are there to support them.





Principal's Message Continued

Be Responsible by making sure to communicate with us:

- Give the school the telephone numbers where you can be reached in case of emergency and let us know if those numbers change
- Make sure you have a reliable emergency contact person listed who can be reached in case of emergency
- Notify the school if your child is going to be away
- Send in permission slips on time and check your child's agenda daily for notes and information

You are your child's first teacher and they are watching and learning from you. We thank you for your support in helping to create a safe and inclusive school environment for our children.

Warm regards,

M. Millman



Snack Cart is up and Running at SMP!

Through a grant from the Child Nutrition Council of Manitoba and the PC Children's Charity, we are able to ensure that our students are offered healthy snacks throughout the school year.

SMP also receives monthly donations of ham, turkey, and chicken from Maple Leaf Foods. We are very grateful for their generosity and support!

Thank you to our program facilitator Mrs. Peters who is a super hero and makes 100 - 120 snacks every morning for our students!

The program runs daily at 8:50 am. It is for students who have not eaten breakfast and do not have a snack with them at school.

The purpose of the program is to ensure that our students are getting a healthy start to their day. If families would like to donate to the program, we welcome donations of cereals and granola bars that are peanut-free, as well as fresh fruit donations. Any donations can be dropped off at the office. Thank you in advance for your support.



Child Nutrition
Council of Manitoba



Welcome



It looks like the students and teachers were busy on the first days of school creating all these wonderful bulletin boards to welcome everyone into the school with splashes of color and uplifting words.

Walking down the halls and seeing all the amazing bulletin boards really brings a feeling of community to Salisbury Morse Place School.



Thanks to Mme. Dunford-Verrill for the images



Early Years Music Notes

We've had a great start to our music program!

We welcomed Ms. K. Nicholson to the SMP music team. While she is primarily responsible for Grade 5 students this year she is also co-conducting the Grade 4 & 5 choirs. Nine of our Grade 5 students performed at the Centennial Concert Hall on October 29th with the River-East Transcona Divisional Choir and the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra. What a show! Congratulations to all of our performers for your hard work and dedication!

The Remembrance Day assembly is coming up and will involve our Grade 4 & 5 choir as well as the Middle Years vocal ensemble. Plan to attend this assembly on **November 8th at 10:30 am.**

All students in grades 4 and are learning recorder as well as developing their vocal and instrumental skills. If your child has not yet purchased a recorder – they are available from the school for \$7.00. We have several used ones that are available for \$2.00



CLUBS

There will be a Grade 4 & 5 music club starting late October during lunch recess. Bucket drumming club will occur during morning recess for Grade 3&4 students. Start date: TBA

Submitted by Mrs. E. Neufeld
Music Specialist

Early Years Phys. Ed

Things were off to a quick start in the SMP early years gym! Our first club of the year is already completed with over 100 students from grade 3-5 participating in the divisional Turkey Trot race at Bird's Hill Park. These students made a commitment to practice at lunchtime every Monday, Wednesday and Friday to prepare for their race. The hard work paid off with students having great performances. Congratulations to Mackenzie L, Vanessa A, Jemimah G-O, Moses G, Jazz H, Annieza L, Trey L, Maria P, Emily R, Zane T, Micah T, Katherine P, Deborah A, Ali A, Thyab A, Caleb V, Karek W, Fatmeh A, Aleah B, Kaleb B, Abrielle M, Sinuola O, Zion A, Zack B, Maya F, Adriel GM, Jeadon J, Miel S, Therese S, Yuvrag S, Timi A, Alex A, Julian B, Gavin B, Kara de J, Enzo F, Brielle G, Harley L, Savannah Mc C, Pauline M, Daniel N, David N, Duane O, Louise O, Dmitri P, Elainna R, Darnell S, Sophia S, Connor W, Mohamed C, Jen J, Sebastian M, Baonam T, Acelyn A, Brettyn B, Maya B, Mohammad B, Gabriel C, Remy F, Jaidynn F, Jago G, Emilie L, Denekrish M, Rahma M, Hayden M, Naome M, Sage M, Eghosa O, Yup P, Trinity W, Hannah F, James L, Fifi M, Drei de R, Aylah D, Jordan H, Danika H, Michael L, Oaklin H, Ezekiel N, Nicole U, Ashely W, Zen B, Amaro CD, Eliane G, Bianca A, Damian C, Madden D, Abigail D, Finn F, Madison K, Ciara M, Allyson S, and Sean V. Many thanks to all the teachers who helped to coach these students including madame Krawchenko-Chaput, Mme Lebleu, Miss Dejong, Miss Kuran, Mme Ross, Mme Dunford-Verrill, Mrs. Sobie, Mrs Tryon, Mr. Glowacki and Mme Glufka.



Early Years Phys. Ed

The 29th annual Terry Fox Run took place at SMP on Thursday, October 3 in the afternoon. Over 1000.00 was raised and sent to the Terry Fox Foundation in Manitoba. That money will surely help researchers get one step closer to finding a cure for cancer. The buddy group that raised the largest amount of money was the dynamic duo of Mme Sara and Mme Glufka. All together they donated 175.00, which also gave them the right to challenge Mrs. Evans and Mr. Klassen, our new vice-principals to a school-wide challenge. They were very good sports and were very gracious in their attempt.

The flag football tournament took place on Wednesday, October 9 at East Side Eagles field. Congratulations to the following students who will be represented SMP: Abigail, Ciara, Michael, Oaklin, Yohan, Jonathan, Jeremy, Drei, Finn, Madden, Joseph, Alexis, Damian, Sara, Eliane, Gabby, Juliana, Mateo, Drayden, Alex, Abdullahi, Isabella, Madison and Zion.



New clubs will be starting soon as the weather continues to get chillier outside. Until then, keep warm.

Mme Gagnon





Band First Note Clinic

The grade 6 and some new Gr. 7 students started their instruments on Tuesday, Sept. 24th at the First Note Clinic after school. It was an exciting event of learning to assemble instruments, correct hand position, and using air support to play their first notes. Almost 60 students received training from several guest musicians that day. Thank you to all the parents who supplied snacks, and to Mrs. Osadchuk for handing out the snacks. Thank you to the Band Parents Association for providing juice.

Garage Sale was a success!

The **Band Parents Association** would like to thank everyone for their support for the GARAGE SALE held on Oct. 18th & 19th. We had many band families and other community members help with our set up and sale, as well as our Bake Sale and BBQ. The shoppers were pleased and left with arm loads of bargains. Thanks for making this community event a success!

Perogies & Sausage Sale

The band students are now beginning their annual Perogies and Sausage sale. They are selling potato/cheese filled perogies made by Selkirk United Church and fine garlic sausage and coarse ham sausage from Interlake Packers. All order forms are due to Ms. Giese by Friday, Nov. 8th, with a pick up date on Wed. Dec. 4th. Get them while you can!

Grade 6 Band First Performance Demonstration

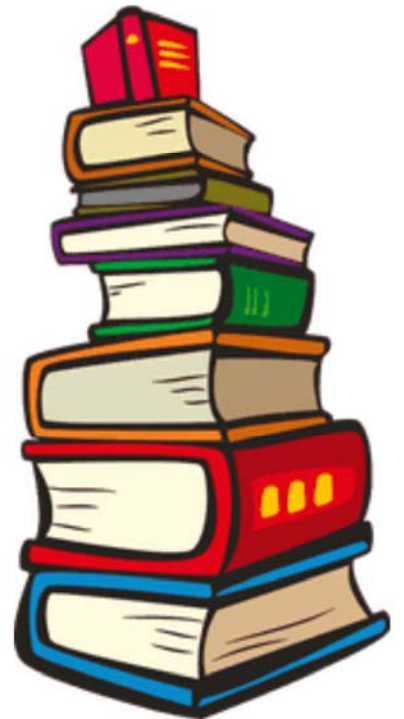
The Grade 6 Band will perform a brief demonstration on their instruments on **Tuesday, November 26th at 5:30 pm** in the MY Gym. Families are invited to come out to support them and join in our ice cream celebration afterwards. This event is mandatory for Grade 6 students to attend. It will end at approximately 6:00 pm.

Library News

The library is always a very busy place! This year Ms. Blanchette is working in the Middle Years Library on days 2, 4, 6. She will be helping classrooms with RBL (resource-based learning).

In October, early years classes will be started their Inquiry Based Learning projects with Ms. Blanchette. Ms. Warkentin's class will be learning about our community, and Ms. McMahon's class will be learning about coding!

Just a reminder that the Scholastic book fair will be held during student conferences at the end of November.



MAKERSPACE

Dear SMP Families,

What is a makerspace you may ask? In simple terms, it is a place that allows for creativity and innovation to occur as students engage in learning through hands on experiences. Students will be given time to design, create, build and collaborate. We are so excited to bring this opportunity to our students at SMP, but in order to have spaces that are useful, we are in need of some general household, craft and miscellaneous items. Thank you in advance for any donations that you are willing/able to provide.

ITEMS THAT MAY BE OF USE WOULD INCLUDE...

Legos (new or used)

K'NEX

Used Toy Cars

Popsicle Sticks

Velcro

Masking Tape

Yarn

String

Pipe Cleaners

Rubber Bands

Coffee Filters

Feathers

Felt

Paper Clips

Balloons

Plastic Spoons

Straws

Glue Sticks

Dominos

Paper plates

Toothpicks

Donations can be dropped off in the office



Parent Council (CSA)



Welcome to all new and returning SMP families!

Thank you to everyone who attended the Meet-the-Teacher barbecue. It was so great to see familiar faces, and to connect with new members of the SMP family.

Your Parent Council (CSA) is back, and we've got a surprise...you get two awesome Co-Chairs this year, for the price of one! Last year I joined the CSA as secretary, and this year I'm thrilled to be working alongside Christa, as Co-Chair.

We had our first CSA meeting of the year on September 17th and our second on October 15th. Both were very well attended. We LOVE seeing new faces at our meetings, and encourage anyone who is curious, wants to stay informed, or who wants to get involved, to attend our meetings. I promise, we don't bite!

The CSA has planned some amazing fundraisers for the 2019-2020 school year and we're always looking for volunteers to help out. Thank you to everyone who participated in the Show N Save fundraiser. Our current fundraiser is the Pizza Hotline Cards. They're an incredible value since the card pays for itself in the first use by giving you a free XL pizza. The bonus is that the school makes 50% profit off of each card sold!

In December we will begin our super successful, Super Bowl 2020 Scratch N' Win Community Raffle, which will run until the game, on February 2nd. Also in December, we will once again host a bake sale at the Winter Concert, and will be selling Purdy's chocolates, and raffle tickets to win a Costco gift card as well. Who doesn't love cookies, chocolate, and Costco? The best part is that you don't need to be a member at Costco to use their gift card!

Please don't hesitate to get in touch with the CSA directly with any questions, concerns, ideas, or to help out with fundraisers by sending an email to smp.pac@gmail.com

We look forward to seeing you at our monthly meetings.

Sincerely,
Samantha Kuzyk, Co-Chair
SMP Parent Council (CSA)



SUNRISE SUNSET CHILD CARE

(Located in the school)

Sunrise Sunset Child Care (a government licensed center for 55 children) located in Salisbury Morse Place school currently has openings for children in grades 1-6 effective immediately.

Here is what we offer:

- Child care from 7:00 am - 9:00 am & 3:15 pm - 6:00 pm Monday to Friday.
- Child care on all school in-service days from 7:00 am - 6:00 pm
- A morning and afternoon snack
- Hot lunch on all in-service days
- Subsidy through Manitoba Early Learning and Child Care
- A variety of activities: gym, outside, science, art, drama, music, library, building areas.
- Fees are \$8.60/day school days and \$20.80 on in-service days

For more information or registration for a child care space please contact the Director - Lisa Harakal at 204-415-2866.
or e-mail at Sunrisesunsetchildcare@shaw.ca

Lisa Harakal



All student absences must be reported to the school office.

Messages regarding absences can be left at 204-668-9304 at any time.

Please state clearly your child's first and last name, grade, teacher and reason for absence.



HAVE YOU MOVED? CHANGE OF TELEPHONE NUMBERS?

If you have moved, had a change to any of your telephone numbers (home, work, cell), or your e-mail address or if any of your emergency contacts' information has changed, please let the office know. We need to have current information on file in order to communicate with you if your child becomes ill or is injured during the school day. Thank you for keeping us

Allergies

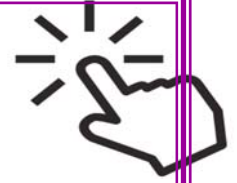
There are several students with life threatening allergies in our school. We work very hard to provide a safe environment for all students. We ask that all families consider the following in the interest of safety:

- Contact with even a tiny amount of an allergen can cause a severe reaction.
- Nuts are the most common allergen in the school (especially peanuts). **Please do not send nuts or tree nuts in your child's lunch**
- Check the labels on food products that are sent to school and avoid all nut products

Thank you for helping to keep the school safe as possible for all of our students.



THE PARENT PORTAL



1. The Parent Portal site: [https://tyler.retsd.mb.ca/TSI Live 360/](https://tyler.retsd.mb.ca/TSI_Live_360/)
2. RETSD introductory videos: <http://retsdb.ca/Pages/Parent-Portal-Videos.aspx>
3. Your computer will need to have Adobe Acrobat installed to view the report card documents. This can be downloaded for free from: <https://get.adobe.com/reader/>
4. Instructions for access from your mobile device: [Mobile Application Instructions.pdf](#).
5. Password Reset
 - a. The portal login screen does have a "Forgot your password" link.
 - b. Users should be able to have their account reset if they have an email address on file.
 - c. If the user has forgotten their password and doesn't have an email address on file, they will need to contact the school.
6. Data Errors - If student contacts find any errors in the data (attendance, report cards, etc.) please notify the school office.

KINDERLINKS

FREE DROP-IN STAY & PLAY

Stick around after dropping off the older kids and pop in with your preschoolers (Kindergartens welcome on their days off) for a play, songs, craft and a snack.

SALISBURY MORSE PLACE SCHOOL

EVERY TUESDAY ~ 9:15–11:15 A.M.

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**For more information please contact
Kinderlinks at 204.669.4043 or kinderlinks@retsdb.ca**

Dates to Remember Fall

- Nov 1 Grade 6 Bowling **Field Trip**
- Nov 6 Grade 6 Immunization
- Nov 8 Remembrance Day Ceremony
- Nov 8 No School—PM Only
- Nov 11 Remembrance Day (No School)
- Nov 12 BPA Meeting (6:30pm)
- Nov 13 Grade 8 attending KEC Theater
- Nov 13 Picture Retake Day
- Nov 19 Parent Council (CSA) Meeting (6:30pm)
- Nov 25 Report Cards Posted to Parent Portal
- Nov 25 Book Fair (till Nov 29)
- Nov 26 Band Demo Concert
- Nov 28 My Pizza Sale
- Nov 28 Student Conferences
- Nov 29 Co-Ordinated Day (No Classes)
- Nov 29 Student Conferences

- Dec 05 Band Marathon Day
- Dec 06 Band Marathon Day
- Dec 18 Winter Concert (gr 3-5) @ 6:30pm
- Dec 19 MY Pizza Sale
- Dec 19 Winter Concert (gr K-2/3) @ 6:30pm
- Dec 20 Last day of classes before Winter break



COMMUNITY

Bulletin Board

**Check out our new digital
Community Bulletin Board to
learn more about events, camps,
and special offers for RETSD
students and their families.**

retsd.mb.ca/community

Lockdown & Hold/Secure Information

Dear Families,

Your son/daughter's safety is very important to us. We have policies and procedures in place at both the divisional and school level to support their safety. In the past, our school division has worked with the Winnipeg Police Service, (as well as referencing materials from the RCMP and Manitoba Education and Advanced Learning), to review and strengthen the procedures we have in place to protect students and staff in the event of a safety threat at school. We would like to share details of these updated procedures with you now.

Safety procedures now fall into two categories: Hold and Secure, and Lockdown. Hold and Secure will be activated if there is a potential threat outside the school. In these situations, the police typically contact the school and direct the school to go into Hold and Secure. When there is no longer a threat outside the school building, the police inform us that we can resume regular activities.

If our school is in Hold and Secure, the following procedures will apply:

- All exterior doors will be locked.
- NO ENTRY signs will be placed on each door.
- No one will be permitted to leave or enter the school until school administration announces that Hold and Secure is over.

Lockdown will be activated if there is a potential threat inside the school building. If the school is in Lockdown, the following procedures will apply:

- All students and staff will proceed to the nearest classroom or office.
- All doors to classrooms and offices will be locked and/or barricaded by the supervising adult.
- Students will be kept away from windows and doors and instructed to remain silent and still.
- No one will be permitted to leave their room until the Lockdown is over.

All schools in RETSD are required to hold at least two Lockdown and one Hold and Secure practice drill each school year. The purpose of the drills is to provide training for staff and students so everyone knows what to do in the event of a safety threat. Everyone in the school building will participate in these drills. Students, staff and parents will be informed in advance of these practice drills.

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Lockdown & Hold/Secure Information

If your son/daughter arrives at school during a Hold and Secure or Lockdown procedure, he or she must proceed to the school evacuation site, sign in and remain there until directed otherwise by administration or police. The evacuation site for your son/daughter's school is: **Kildonan East Collegiate**.

If you arrive at the school during a Hold and Secure or Lockdown, DO NOT ATTEMPT TO ENTER THE SCHOOL. For serious situations, please proceed to the parent/guardian information site where divisional personnel will arrive as soon as possible to assist you. The parent information site for your son/daughter's school is: **Sherwood School – 509 Grey Street**

If you hear about a serious emergency at your son/daughter's school through media reports or other means, DO NOT PROCEED TO THE SCHOOL. Instead, proceed to the parent information site identified above.

Please **DO NOT CALL YOUR SON/DAUGHTER'S S CELL PHONE** during an emergency, particularly in a Lockdown situation where it is critical to remain silent and still and not draw attention from any threat makers that may be in the building.

In closing, our purpose in sending this letter is to reassure you that we regularly review our divisional safety procedures to ensure that we are doing our best to maintain the safety of your son/daughter's learning environment. We do this through proactive planning and practise of emergency procedures in all of our schools.

If you would like to read more information about safety policies in RETSD, please visit www.retsd.mb.ca/YourRETSD/Policies and scroll to Section E: Support Services.

If you have any questions about the procedures described above, please feel free to contact me, Mrs. Evans, or Mr. Klassen at 204-668-9304.

Sincerely,
Mrs. M. Millman

River East Transcona School Division
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**NOTE TO ALL PARENTS/GUARDIANS AND STUDENTS IN THE
RIVER EAST TRANSCONA SCHOOL DIVISION**

BUS EVACUATION DRILLS

The Public Schools Act, P250-R.M. 465/88 R - Pupil Instruction, states the following:

"The school board shall ensure that at least twice in each school year each pupil is instructed in safe school bus riding practices and participates in emergency school bus evacuation drills which shall be conducted at least once during the fall term and at least once during the spring term of each school year."

The River East Transcona Transportation Department has an excellent safety record. In maintaining this record, we carry out Bus Evacuation programs in all of our schools in the early fall and late spring of each school year.

These practice drills are carried out so that in the event of an emergency, our students can evacuate the bus as quickly and safely as possible.

The safety of our children is of the utmost importance and must be given first consideration. Thank you for your co-operation.



Cliff Fuhr
Director of Transportation

CONCERN PROTOCOL

The River East Transcona School Division has established this policy to ensure effective steps in communication of concerns and/or questions between parents/guardians, adult students, members of the community and divisional staff and between staff members. Each member of the division's staff and the board of trustees should follow these steps.

If a parent/guardian, adult student, a member of the community or a staff member has a concern or question they should follow this sequence:

- (1) Contact the employee's work place and request to speak to the person. The employee may be unavailable, so leave a message with telephone numbers where you can be reached during the day as well as the evening.
- (2) If you are not satisfied with the employee's response to your concern, contact their supervisor. If you contact the supervisor first, s/he will refer you to step one.
- (3) If your concern is not resolved to your satisfaction, contact the superintendent. If you contact the superintendent first, s/he will refer you to step one or two.
- (4) In the event that you believe that your concern has not been addressed, you may write a letter to the chair of the board of trustees. If you contact the chair or any trustee without going through steps one to three, they will refer you back to step one. A trustee may assist you in making the appropriate contacts in steps one through three.
 - When a written concern about a staff member is received, the individual named will be notified and provided with a copy of the written concern and given an opportunity for explanation and written response.
 - At any point in the complaint process, the individual named has the right to have an advocate present.
- (5) All correspondence to the chair of the board of trustees is reviewed at a board meeting. However, all personnel matters must be dealt with in-camera.
- (6) At all steps in the process, you are requested to tell each level that you are not satisfied and are going up to the next level.

CONCERN PROTOCOL

This policy does not supercede:

- The Child and Family Act of Manitoba
- Student Welfare (Reporting Child Abuse)
- Harassment Policy
- Contractual Agreements with the Division
- Codes of Professional Practice of Staff Members

Effective Date:	June 30, 2003	Review Date: May 8, 2018
Amended Date:		
Board Motion(s):	288/03 JLEB - Children in Need of Protection; JLEB-E – Report of Suspected Child Abuse;	
Legal/Cross Reference:	GBAA/R – Respectful Schools and Workplaces *Harassment (Employees); The Child and Family Services Act, C.C.S.M. c. C80	



CONCERNS AND COMPLAINTS PROCEDURES

The formal procedures for managing a concern or complaint are as follows:

- (1) Contact the person who is most directly involved and ask to speak to the person. If the individual is not available, leave a message including daytime and evening telephone numbers.
- (2) If the concern has not been resolved, contact the individual's supervisor. Complaints that are brought directly to the supervisor will be redirected to step one.
- (3) If the concern still has not been resolved, contact the superintendent or designate. If contact begins at the superintendent's department, it will be referred to step one.
- (4) In the event that the concern has not been addressed, an appeal of the superintendent's decision shall be handled by the board of trustees through written correspondence to the chair. Neither the board, a committee of the board, nor a trustee shall consider or act on a complaint that has not been explored at the appropriate administrative level, nor shall they contact staff directly in a personal attempt to resolve the problem. A member of the board of trustees may assist the complainant in making the appropriate contacts required to complete steps one to three.
 - (a) When a written concern is received that names a staff member, the individual named will be notified and provided with a copy of the written concern and given an opportunity for explanation and written response.
 - (b) At any point in the complaint process, the individual named has the right to have an advocate present.
- (5) All correspondence to the chair of the board of trustees is reviewed at a board meeting. All personnel matters shall be dealt with in camera.
- (6) Written response of the board of trustees' decision will be provided to the parties involved in the complaint.

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