

# SALISBURY MORSE PLACE SCHOOL

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## February Newsletter



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happening in the division.*





## Principal's Message:

January has finally ended in a wintry blast and we can now look forward to all of the activities we have planned for February including I Love to Read and our annual Festival du Voyageur activities.

Thank you to all of our students and staff who had to endure two cold weather evacuations! I was so proud of our school community! Our students knew the expectations and acted quickly and safely.

We continue to have difficulty keeping our students safe before and after school with the traffic situation in the back alley. A reminder that the staff parking lot and back alley should not be used for drop off and pick up. These are very unsafe places as cars are coming and going regularly from this area. Sometimes, when we are in a rush, it is easy to convince ourselves to take a shortcut. It is important at these times that we do what is right over what is convenient to keep our children safe. Did you know that you are a member of the SMP Community School Association (Parent Council)? All families who have children registered at SMP are welcome. The CSA is an important part of our school community. Through their fundraising and volunteering efforts, all students benefit from the extras they provide. These extras include:

- the purchase of special items for classrooms and specialty areas
- subsidized field trips
- playground equipment and friendship benches
- guest speakers
- performances
- contributions to the breakfast snack program and holiday hampers
- craft sales
- bake sales
- many other initiatives that contribute to a positive school culture.

Without the CSA, the above list would not be possible. The CSA is always looking for members and volunteers. We are a large school. Please consider volunteering for one or two events. Getting involved with the CSA is a great way to learn more about our school plans and initiatives and get to know your school community. Our next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, February 19 at 6:30 p.m.** in the middle years library.

Kind Regards,

M. Millman

## 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.



### *Tabs for Wheelchairs*

Salisbury Morse Place School along with 98 other schools and 91 companies are saving pop tabs in order to donate a wheelchair!

You can drop off your pop tabs in Ms. May's room (Room 46) or the office.

Thanks for all your support!

## KINDERLINKS

### FREE DROP-IN STAY & PLAY

Starting back on Tuesday January 22 Stay and Play has a new time 9:15—11:15am. Stick around after dropping off the older kids and pop in with your preschoolers for a play, songs, craft and a snack.


Salisbury Morse Place School  
Jan. 22 – Mar. 12  
Every Tuesday  
9:15–11:15 a.m.



**All student absences are required to 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 informed.

## 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.



**NUT FREE ZONE!**

# 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](https://retsd.mb.ca/community)**

**GOING IN TO GRADE 6 AND LOOKING FOR A  
NEW CHALLENGE?  
EXPLORE THE  
LATE ENTRY FRENCH IMMERSION PROGRAM  
AT  
MUNROE JUNIOR HIGH  
405 Munroe Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba**

*Available to all RETSD students*

**Parent Information Evening  
February 6, 2019 @ 6:00p.m.**

**For more information, contact: 204-661-4451**

***Celebrating Canada's Diversity***

THESE EVENTS ARE FREE BUT YOU MUST REGISTER – SEE OTHER SIDE FOR DATES

# Countdown to Kindergarten Preschool Growing & Learning Days

Is kindergarten just around the bend for your child? If so, we can help you stay ahead of the curve, learn a thing or two about what to expect, and have fun at the same time!

If your child will be attending kindergarten in our division in the year 2019, you are invited to attend one of our free Preschool Growing & Learning events this spring.

Get a taste of school and meet the friendly, helpful people you'll find in it. Kindergarten, resource and gym teachers will be on hand with all kinds of games and activities for you to enjoy.

Meet principals, vice-principals and student support staff, as well as clinicians, public health nurses and other community service providers who have helpful information for you. You can even get your child's hearing and vision screened. The activities/screening stations take approximately 90 minutes to complete.

Registration begins March 4, 2019

Call: 204.669.4043

E-mail: [kinderlinks@retsd.mb.ca](mailto:kinderlinks@retsd.mb.ca)

Visit: [www.retsd.mb.ca](http://www.retsd.mb.ca)

Dates and locations are listed on the reverse side of this handout.

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# Countdown to Kindergarten Preschool Growing & Learning Days

**Event schedule:** The activities/screening stations take approximately 90 minutes to complete.

Lord Wolseley, Polson,  
Princess Margaret, Neil  
Campbell, Angus McKay,  
Springfield Heights,  
Prince Edward

**Lord Wolseley**  
939 Henderson Hwy.  
Thursday, April 11, 2019  
2–6 p.m.

Harold Hatcher, Radisson,  
Wayoata, École Margaret  
Underhill

**Harold Hatcher**  
500 Redonda St.  
Wednesday, April 17, 2019  
2–6 p.m.

John Pritchard, Maple Leaf,  
Sun Valley, Donwood, Emerson,  
Dr. Hamilton, Bird's Hill

**John Pritchard**  
1490 Henderson Hwy.  
Wednesday, April 24, 2019  
2–6 p.m.

Westview, Joseph Teres,  
Bernie Wolfe, École Centrale

**Westview**  
600 Hoka St.  
Wednesday, May 1, 2019  
2–6 p.m.

Salisbury Morse Place, Sherwood,  
Hampstead, John de Graff,  
Bertrun E. Glavin

**Salisbury Morse Place**  
795 Prince Rupert Ave.  
Thursday, May 9, 2019  
2–6 p.m.

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# Snack Cart

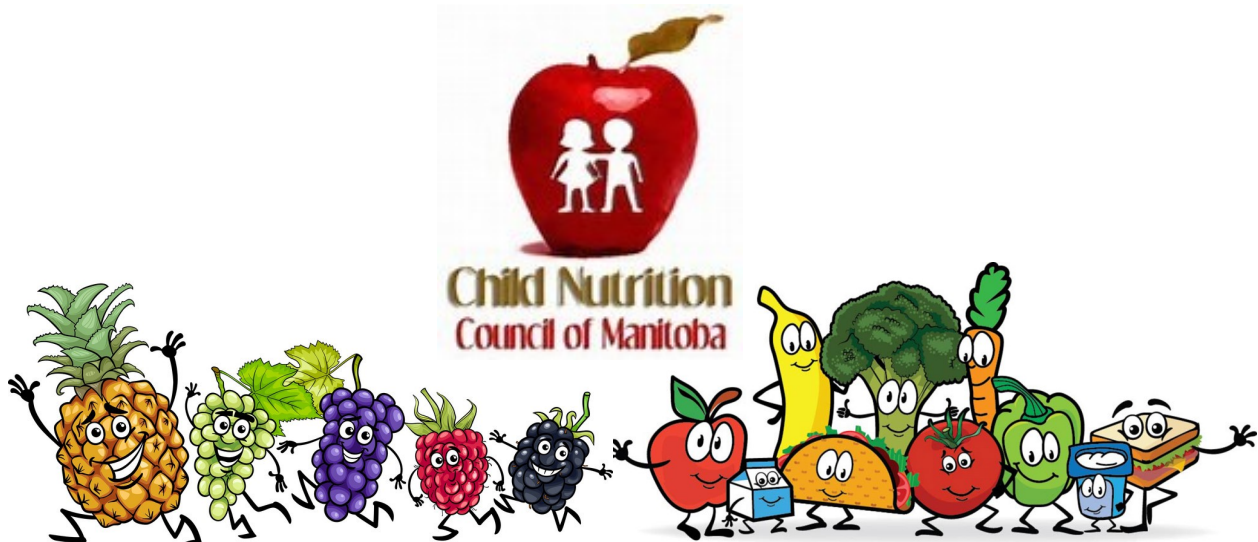
We have begun our snack cart at SMP with the support of the Child Nutrition Council of Manitoba.

The Child Nutrition Council of Manitoba thanks you for making sure that every child at Salisbury Morse Place School is offered healthy snacks this year. Thank you also to Mrs. Peters who is a super hero and makes 90 snacks every morning for our students!

The program runs daily at 8:50 am.  
It is for those 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.







Dear SMP Families,

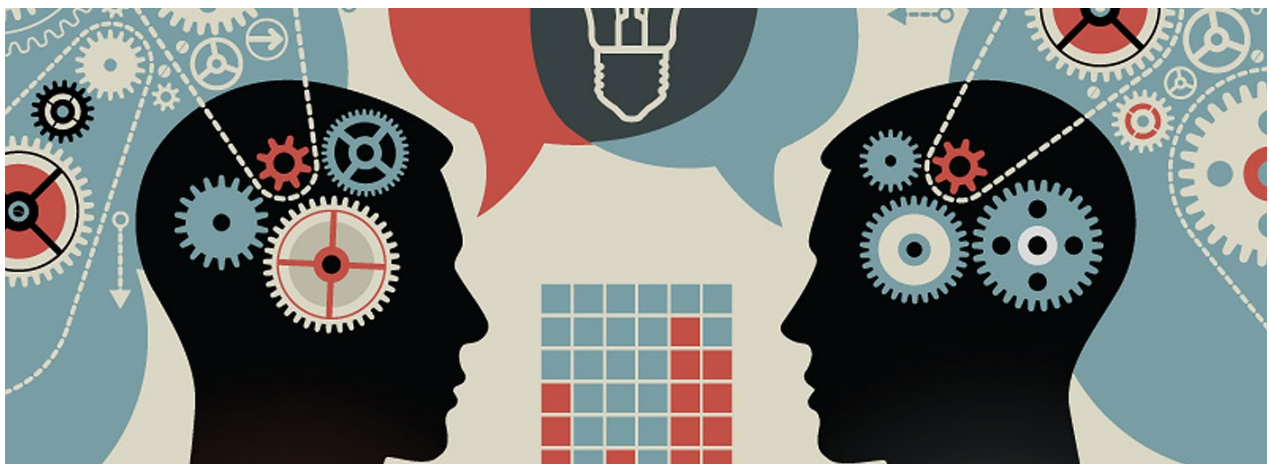
We are in the process of creating two "makerspace" learning environments with outreaches to all classrooms. What is a makerspace you may ask? In simple terms, it is a place that allows for creativity and innovation to occur as students engage in learning through hands on experiences. Students will be 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.

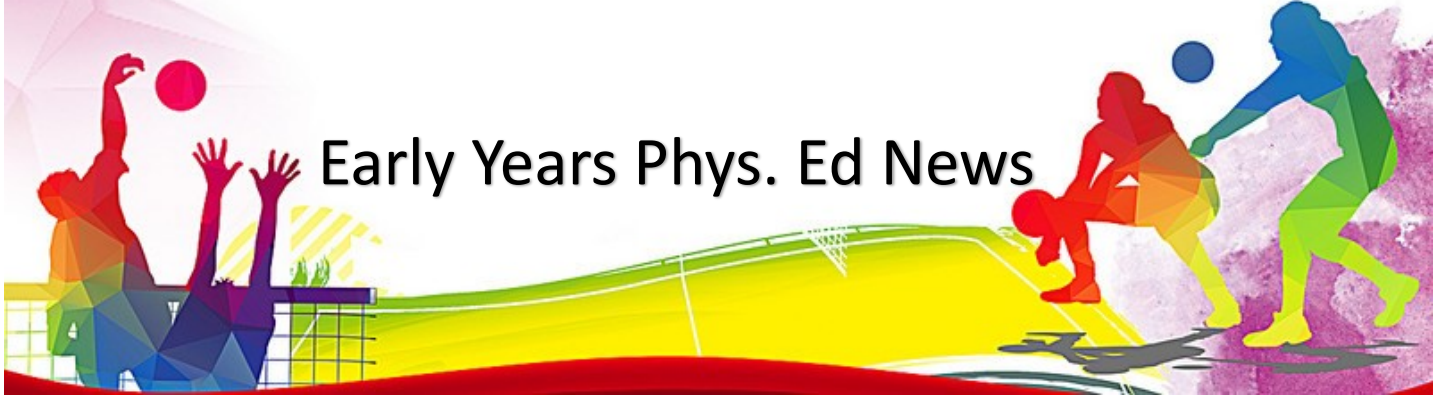
#### ITEMS THAT MAY BE OF USE WOULD INCLUDE...

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





Welcome back to the gym!! Since the New Year began, things have been quite busy, starting with the Basketball Club for grade 4 and 5 students. The first practice was so well attended that the grade 4 and 5 students each received their own practice times. The grade 5 students will get the chance to put their skills to the test when they play against Bertrun E Glavin students on Thursday, February 7 in the afternoon. Games will begin at 1PM and continue until 3PM. Good luck to Carson, Mehyar, Julien, Lyndin, Toria, Lex, Arianna, Arvalee, Emily, Kiara, Rachele, Miley, Lazar, Haulu, Seth, Maya, Kevin and Salah.

The Gymnastics Club is also up and running. This club is for grade 3, 4, and 5 students to develop their skills and to prepare for an evening of amazing performances. More information will follow regarding the Extravaganza evening, but please note a CHANGE in the date. The evening WILL NOT take place on Tuesday, March 12 as previously stated in the information letter. The new date will be WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20 at 6PM. We look forward to seeing you all in the gym that night to see your child's amazing talents.

With the cold weather, the students have been staying warm not only in class time, but also at recess times. We have a variety of new clubs that will be starting for the students including floor hockey, climbing club and drumming club. I encourage all your children to come out and play!!

Madame Gagnon



## Gr. 7 & 8 Band Camp

Camp is fast approaching for all grade 7 & 8 band students. We will be leaving for camp on Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup> and returning on Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>.

If you have not yet handed in your forms, please do so as soon as possible. We encourage ALL band students in these grades to attend.

A camp information meeting will be held for parents on Mon. Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

If you require more information about camp, please contact Ms. Giese.

# ***K-5 Music Notes***



*A special thank-you to all staff and students for your excellent participation in our two Winter Concerts this year! Thank-you also to the CSA for your continued support of these events!*



## **Music Clubs**



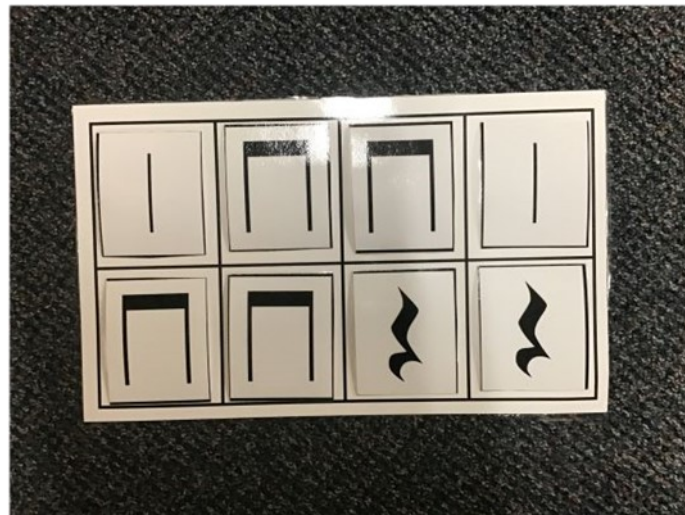
### **Music Club**

Every Tuesday  
(Grade 3, 4, & 5 students)

### **Bucket Drumming Club**

Starting every Thursday until mid-March  
(Grade 3&4 students)

We are working on note reading and rhythm reading in the music room starting in Grade 1. Can you read this? Ask your child if they can!





## PATROL CORNER



***The Patrols of the Month for January were:***

***Chloe M.***

***Triana T.***

***Kalissa R.***

***Renata W.***

***Ciara M***

***Ashley W.***

***Great work all of you! Keep this up!***

The patrols would like to send a huge thank you to Mrs. Gagnon, Mrs. Dunford-Verrill, Mr. Vielfaure, Ms. Burnett, Ms. Gross and And Mrs. Krawchenko-Chaput who generously brought treats for the patrols to enjoy!

**Please note that recruiting for the new team will occur in April with training starting in May. This is for all students in Grade 3-5! However, students in Grade 6-8 are welcome to be a patrol too! Students who are considering need to remember that this is a HUGE, full year commitment and are outside every day in all weather conditions! They also enjoy many incentives for their hard work throughout the year!**

In Safety,  
Ms. Gross



## JOIN THE SMP CSA!

# Community School Association

(AKA: Parent Council)

*This is an opportunity to:*

- Connect with other parents & administration
- Hear about important news and upcoming events at school
- Have a voice in the activities and programs the csa supports
- Make a difference in our school community

**Date: Every 3<sup>rd</sup> TUESDAY of the month**

(Sept 18<sup>th</sup>, Oct 16<sup>th</sup>, Nov 20<sup>th</sup>, Jan 15<sup>th</sup>, Feb 19<sup>th</sup>, March 19<sup>th</sup>, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, May 21<sup>st</sup>)

**Time: 6:30 to 7:30 pm**

**Place: Middle Years Library**

**Bring Your Kids, FREE Child Care Provided!**



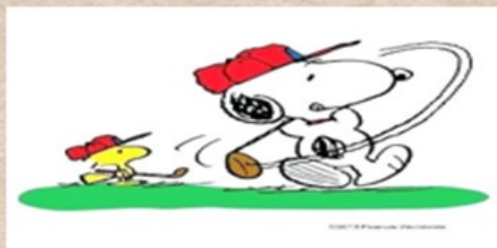
Contact us at: [smp.pac@gmail.com](mailto:smp.pac@gmail.com) or  
Join us on Facebook at "SMP CSA Parent Council"

# WANTED

**Salisbury Morse Place is starting a golf program for Grade 7 and 8 students in January. We are looking for gently used equipment (clubs, bags, shoes, etc.). If you are willing to donate, please contact Mr. Ducharme.**

**[jducharme@retsd.mb.ca](mailto:jducharme@retsd.mb.ca) or**

**204-668-9304**







# 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 am- 9 am and 3:15 pm-6:00pm  
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](mailto:Sunrisesunsetchildcare@shaw.ca)

Lisa Harakal

**Block Parents Needed**  
IT'S SIMPLE - IT'S EFFECTIVE - IT'S FREE



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## Block Parents Are Needed in Winnipeg

The Block Parent Program® of Winnipeg is experiencing a shortage of volunteers in YOUR AREA and is asking for YOUR help.



**BLOCK PARENT® PROGRAM OF WINNIPEG, INC.**

466 CERTRUDE AVENUE  
WINNIPEG, MANITOBA

R3L 0M8

PHONE / FAX

204-284-7562

Email: [bppw@mts.net](mailto:bppw@mts.net)

[www.winnipegblockparents.mb.ca](http://www.winnipegblockparents.mb.ca)

The Block Parent® Program has evolved over the years and now not only focuses on the safety of the children in our community but also seniors and any other citizen that may be in distress. It is here for the safety of all citizens in our community, but it desperately needs your help.

**Did you know that being a Block Parent® in your area can also help to reduce crime?** All just by hanging a sign in your window! In areas where the Block Parent® signs are displayed criminal activity can be deterred by letting everyone know that particular community has an organized program that works in close partnership with the Winnipeg Police Service and is always keeping a watchful eye in the community. We've all seen the posts on the community web pages that are talking about property or auto vandalism occurrences, becoming a Block Parent® is one active way to help to reduce these crimes.

### What does a Block Parent® do?

- Offer help from dangerous or frightening situations (caught in severe weather, strangers)
- Offer assistance to persons in distress (ill, bullied, injured) by telephoning the police or home of the child or citizen in need.
- Assist the police by reporting suspicious or criminal activity in the neighbourhood.
- Remove their BLOCK PARENT® sign when not available. (The sign is an indication to children and adults that someone is available and they will receive immediate help in the event of an emergency.)

### What do Block Parents NOT do?

- Provide food or beverage
- Provide toilet facilities
- Provide transportation
- Administer first aid
- Leave their home to break up fights
- Actively engage with any dangerous person or situation

**It's SO easy to become a Block Parent®** you must be a responsible citizen, aged 18 years and over who:

- Cares about the well being of everyone, especially children and seniors
- Is screened by the Winnipeg Police Service (Forms included in the BP application, no charge)
- Is willing to provide help when available
- Does not HAVE to be a parent

**It's free of charge to join**, there are **no meetings** to attend and if you are only available a couple hours a day that is great! **PLEASE consider joining to help make YOUR AREA a safer community by contacting:**

- Winnipeg Block Parent® web site at [www.winnipegblockparents.mb.ca](http://www.winnipegblockparents.mb.ca) or at 204-284-7562, or by email at [bppw@mts.net](mailto:bppw@mts.net).

# Dates to Remember

## February

- 1 Coordinated Day- No Classes
- 7 Grade 5 Basketball tournament @ 1:00—3:00 pm  
Grade 6 Open House 6:30-7:30 pm
- 11 Band Parent Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.  
MMC IB Tour—Grade 8
- 13 KEC Tours—Grade 8  
MAD Science @ 3:30—4:30 pm
- 15 Patrol Movie Morning
- 18 Louis Riel Day-No Classes
- 19 CSA Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- 20 Early Dismissal @ 2:35 pm  
MAD Science @ 2:40—3:40 pm
- 21 Kindergarten Open House @ 6:30-7:30 pm
- 22 Festival du voyageur Breakfast
- 27 MAD Science @ 3:30—4:30 pm

## Field Trips

- 7 Grade 7 to Fort Whyte



# 2018—2019 School Calendar

## March

- 4 - 6 Band Camp Grade 7-8
- 11 Band Parent Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- 14 Student Led Conferences-evening
- 15 Coordinated Day - No Classes
- 19 CSA meeting 6:30 p.m.
- 22 Last day of classes before Spring Break

## April

- 1 Classes Resume - School Day 1
- 8 Band Parent Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- 10 Early Dismissal - 2:35 p.m.
- 16 CSA Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- 19 Good Friday - No Classes
- 25 CSA Family Movie Night
- 26 Coordinated Day - No Classes

## May

- 8 Early Dismissal @ 2:35 pm
- 8 A Day in the Life of Kindergarten - 6:30 p.m.
- 9 Kindergarten Growing and Learning
- 13 Band Parent Meeting 6:30p.m.
- 20 Victoria Day-No School

## June

- 5 Final Band Concert 7:00 p.m.
- 26 Grade 8 Farewell
- 28 Last Day of classes  
Reports are Posted on Parent Portal  
Early Dismissal @ 2:20 p.m.

Have a great summer!

## CONCERN PROTOCOL

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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

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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

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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.

Effective Date: June 19, 2007  
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Board Motion(s): 218/07; 172/18  
Legal/Cross Reference:

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