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WESTVIEW SCHOOL

**May
2018**

Westview School

Principal's Message

Happy spring! The weather seems to finally be in our favour and I, for one, am enjoying the extended daylight and the warmer weather ahead. I hope that everyone had an enjoyable spring break and that you took advantage of the days off school to get outside with family and friends to play! As the weather warms up, we encourage all of our families to get outside and away from the television and video games; head to the local park and start a game of soccer or touch football, or just take a brisk walk in the neighbourhood and re-acquaint yourselves with your neighbours.

Thank-you to all of our families who came out to support your children during our student-led conferences. If you did not get the opportunity to meet with your child's teacher and would like to know more about their progress, please contact them by phone or email.

Congratulations to all of our students who participated in the many activities we had going on at Westview during the second term! Students took part in the Westview Cup, the Divisional Tumbling Rally, and robot-building. April and May will see our students participate in divisional events such as team handball and the folk dance festival. A big thank-you goes out to our many staff members who volunteer their time to enhance our students' school experience. We could not do it without your support!

April is school planning month. During this month, our staff will be looking at the data and evidence collected to date, reviewing our current goals and priorities and establishing new ones for the 2018-2019 school year in conjunction with divisional and provincial priorities. School planning is a collaborative process and we will be looking for input from all of our stakeholders: staff, students, parents. Please join us at our Community Schools Association meeting on May 8th to learn about our process and to help us in establishing future goals.

As we head into the last term of the school year, we encourage all of our students to continue to make school a priority by coming to school every day and arriving on time. Establishing good learning routines will help to support your child throughout their entire school career and well into their future.

Warm Regards,
 C. Chartier

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Mrs. Rempel's PM Kindergarten Class

Throughout the month of April, the afternoon kindergarten class has spent time learning about community. We explored the community around our school and brainstormed places that we see in our community of Transcona! We have enjoyed some community walks and are very happy to see that the weather is getting warmer so that we can experience recess time next month!

With Earth Day being celebrated on April 22nd, we talked about the 3 R's: Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. On our field trip to the Children's Museum, we had the opportunity to experience making our own piece of recycled paper! We are very thankful for our Earth and we know that we can do the following things to help:

- Reuse plastic water bottles
- Turn off the lights when we are not using them
- Recycle paper, plastic and our empty juice boxes

We have also been spending some time with Mrs. Card in the library. She is teaching us how to use the school laptops, which has been very exciting. Thank you for helping us, Mrs. Card!

We are looking forward to more learning and celebrating throughout the final two months of kindergarten!

- Mrs. Rempel



In the Gym

On Friday, March 23rd, the Westview gym was filled with the energy of fun competition as the Westview Cup was about to take place. The Westview Floor Hockey League consisted of seven different teams with participants from Grades 3, 4 and 5. Teams had been battling throughout January and February for a chance to compete in the Westview Cup. In the end, the Winnipeg Jets were set to face the Montreal Canadiens. The game was fast and furious as the players from both teams demonstrated their team passing and puck-handling skills; however, the Winnipeg Jets proved to be an unstoppable force as they were able to come out on top. Thank-you to all the fans for your cheering and support for both teams and to everyone for a great game played!

Another show-stopping performance was given by the members of the Gymnastics Club. They practiced their individual gymnastics skills, choreographed a warm-up routine and a creative routine to prepare for the Divisional Tumbling Rally on Wednesday March 21nd at Bernie Wolfe School. Congratulations to all of the gymnasts for their outstanding performance and the presentation of their skills! A special thank-you to Ms. Crabb, Ms. Soroko, Mrs. Gordillo and everyone who supported the club members throughout their journey.

The members of the Grade 4 and 5 Handball Club have been working hard practicing not only during gym class, but also at lunchtime practices to prepare for the Divisional Handball Tournament at Bernie Wolfe School. Our teams represented Westview school well! Participants demonstrated excellence in their catching, throwing and shooting skills and promoted fair play on the courts. Congratulations to all members!

- Ms. Spitula

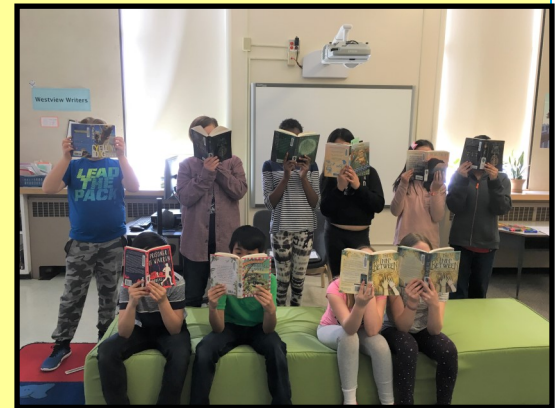


Library News

It was wonderful to have so many families come by the library during March conferences! Some classes were highlighting special projects and many came by to admire the recently-installed mural; it is an amazing addition to our space and a great celebration of our community! (There were lots of giggles over the inclusion of those pink flamingos!) If you missed seeing it, feel free to stop by the library the next time you are in the school.

At Spring Break we welcomed back Mrs. Maynard, our Library Technician, who returned to us after her year-long maternity leave. Ms Borys will continue to work at another school in the division—we wish her well and hope to see her again soon!

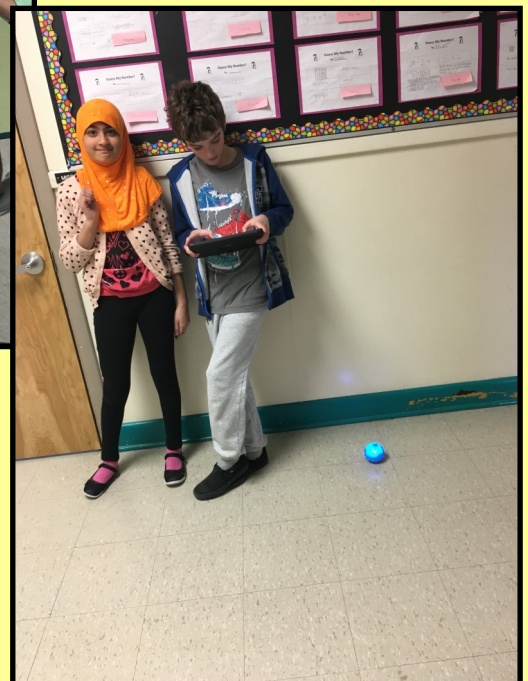
Our Grade 5's wrapped up their Manitoba Young Readers' Choice Award (MYRCA) Club right after spring break. Students who had read the required number of novels from the MYRCA list met for a small celebration and cast their votes for their favourite book; 'OCDaniel' was their top pick, and it turns out other students in Manitoba agreed! 'OCDaniel' won this year's MYRCA award. We're so proud of all our MYRCA voters for their dedication and excitement! Next year the MYRCA list/club will expand to include Grade 4 students as well, so those currently in Grades 3 and 4 can look forward to being a part of the MYRCA fun next year!



Through a special school division initiative, our library has received some new technology for students to learn with. Students in Grade 5 have been learning more about coding using iPads, Spheros and Scratch. The Grade 2's have also been exploring fun tools, including Ozobots, a small programmable robotic ball, through Little Coders Club, held at specific lunch times in the library. These opportunities have created a lot of excitement and it is amazing to watch all the students (and staff!) dive in to learn in this way!

Happy Reading!

Mrs. Card
Teacher-Librarian



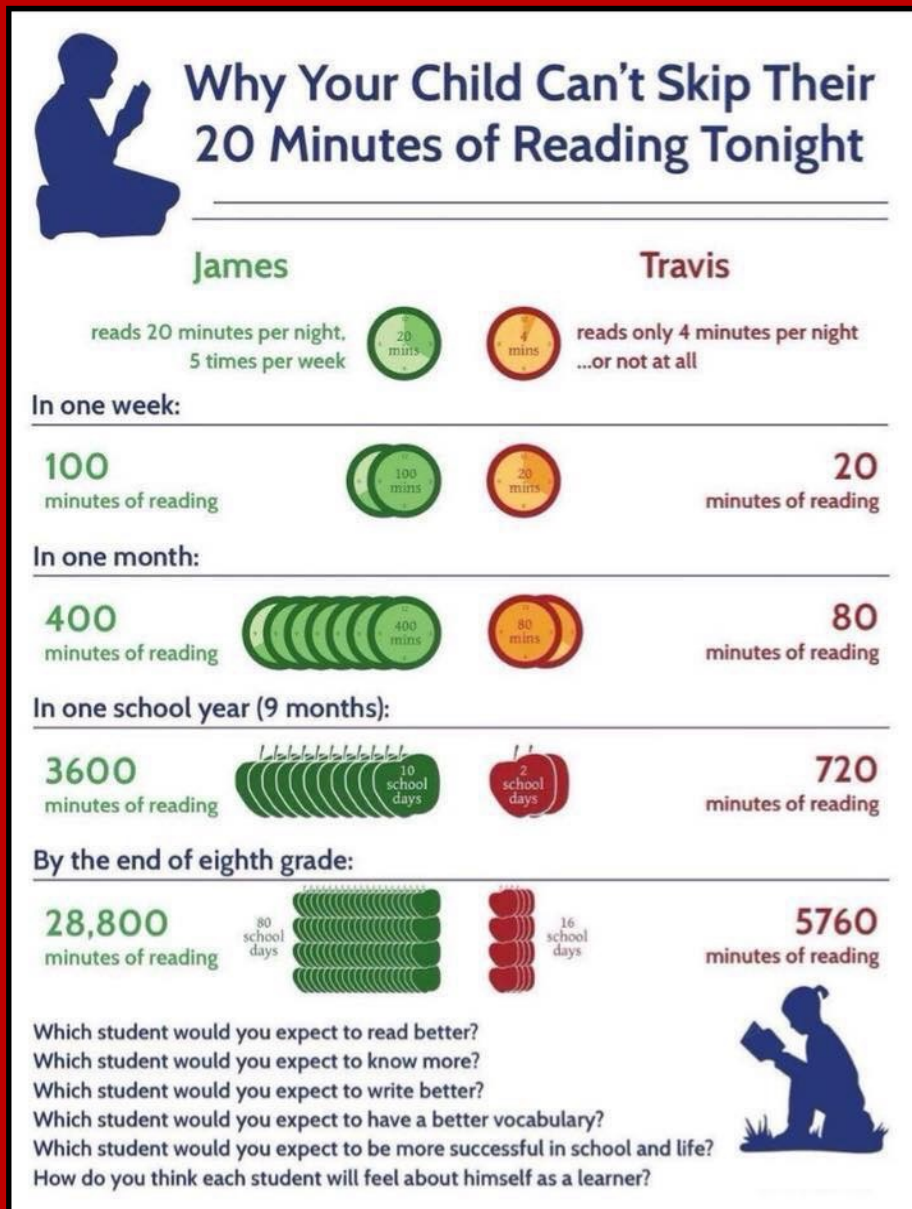
Home - Work

In order to help with student success, there needs to be a strong school-home connection. Home reading is one of those connections that can help support student learning. A recent article in the New York Times suggests that reading with parents can help students not only with their literacy skills, but also with behaviour and attention:

<https://mobile.nytimes.com/2018/04/16/well/family/reading-aloud-to-young-children-has-benefits-for-behavior-and-attention.html>

Please take time to read this article as it offers some interesting insights into the powerful connection that exists between a parent and their child and to the importance of regular reading and play. In addition to this, the home-school connection is further emphasized by the importance of daily home reading. The graphic below demonstrates the importance of daily home reading for children and how just 20 minutes a day can add up over time.

- Mr. Chartier



Girls' Indigenous Drum Group

Westview is once again proud to have a mentorship program with the students from John G Stewart. Under the guidance of staff and students from John G Stewart, a group of students have started studying the Seven Sacred Teachings through song. Once a week the staff and students get together to explore a different aspect of indigenous culture. This is the second year we have had this mentorship program, and so far the girls seem to love it! We hope to have the drumming group perform at an assembly later in the year.

- Mr. Chartier



Stay & Play

Stay and Play is a preschool drop-in program offered at Westview. Monday's group meets from 9:15-11:15 am through till June 11th with no class May 21st. Wednesday's group meets from 1:00-3:00 pm through till June 13th (cancelled May 30).

Please feel free to drop in with your preschool child(ren)!



Nut-Free School

May is Food Allergy Awareness Month in Canada. Some of our students and staff have severe allergies to nuts and will get very sick if they eat or are exposed to food containing even small amounts of nuts. To ensure the safety of these students and staff, the school division has a 'nut-free' policy. Please do not send any food containing nut products to school with your child.

For more information on food allergies, check out <http://foodallergycanada.ca/2018/05/food-allergy-awareness-month-2018/> online.



School Start Time

As the weather has been warming up, some students are coming to school at an earlier time. Please remember that there is **no supervision in the school yard until 8:45 am**. Parents are asked to send your children to school no earlier than 8:45 am.

Please also remind your child in the mornings to wait outside until the bell rings and then to enter at their class's designated door; everyone should be enjoying our nicer weather until the last possible minute!



Pick-Up and Drop-Off of Students

When picking up and dropping of your child please remain outside and drop your child off at their designated doors. At the end of the day, parents are asked to remain at the doors and have your child come to you so your child can start to become more independent when getting themselves ready for home.



Mrs. Tracey & Mrs. Rempel (Kindergarten) - Daycare entrance

Ms. Crabb, Ms. Forsyth, Mrs. Gordillo, Mrs. Rempel/DeRoo: Ravelston entrance

Ms. Smaczylo, Ms. Cesmystruk, Ms. Buchanan, Ms. Soroko: Rosseau entrance

Parent Council

Meetings...

Our last meeting of the year is Tuesday, May 8th @ 7:00 in Library. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our volunteers and Executive who have assisted us over the past year. Your Executive for the 2018-2019 School year are as follows:

Chairperson: Crystal Honey
Secretary: Nicole Gastl
Treasurer: Tara Mulholland
Fundraising: Dawn Henry
Special Events/Facebook: Becky Parisian
Special Lunch: Lezah Evans

Tracy Olukoya has stepped down from Fundraising and we are so grateful for all her hard work over past years! Thank-you, Tracy!!

Family Night...

We would like to thank all of our volunteers and families for joining us for our Family Beach Dance. There was a lot of laughter and smiles in the gym as our families 'moved and grooved' together. Thank-you to all of our Grade 5's, Ms. Soroko and Ms. Buchanan for their assistance with the event. All proceeds from the dance will be going toward the Grade 5 Farewell activities.



Special Lunch ...

Our next Special Lunch will be on May 25th, hosted by our Grade 5's. All proceeds from the lunch will go towards Grade 5 Farewell activities. More details to come.



On June 13th, there will be a free hot dog lunch provided by Parent Council; this is an annual event that coincides with the school's Field Day. Every Grade 1-5 student will receive a hotdog lunch; please contact the office if your child does not want a hot dog lunch. Please also note that volunteers will be in the classrooms on this day, so students not in the Lunch Program can stay on this day only.

If you would like to volunteer for preparing or serving the hot dog lunch, please contact the office.

Popcorn Day...

Our next popcorn day will be May 4th; the cost is only \$1.00/bag! This will be our last popcorn day of the year (June date cancelled). Thank-you for your support! All proceeds will go toward the annual school Field Day.



Fundraiser...

Thank-you for all your fundraising efforts! We are currently working toward a 'shade structure' for the playground! Your efforts have also enabled the school to complete the mural project and update the Library.

Contact Us...

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer for any of the above events, please contact a Parent Council member via **Facebook** or by leaving a phone message with the school office (**204-958-6412**).

- Crystal Honey, PAC Chairperson



Will your child be turning 5 on or before
December 31, 2018?

If so, they are eligible for Kindergarten
for the 2018-2019 school year

- *Please come to the office with the required documents (see below) for registration.
- *All families must register at their designated (catchment) school.
- *In-division School of Choice applications are accepted at your designated school.

REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

Proof of Residency: (two items are required)

- *Driver's license
- *Manitoba Health Card
- *Tenancy Agreement
- *Offer to purchase documents (completed - signature)
- *(current) Utility bill (name with corresponding address)

Proof of age: (one item is required)

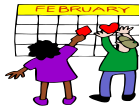
- *Birth Certificate
- *Baptismal Certificate
- *Passport
- *Certificate of Birth Registration, signed by Director of Vital Statistics



All students registered for kindergarten at Westview for
the Fall of 2018 are invited to attend

A Day in the Life of Kindergarten

Wednesday
May 16, 2018
6:00 p.m.



Come and participate in
kindergarten activities and meet
your teachers and your new classmates.

You are invited to attend



2018-2019 Class Lists

In June, staff will meet to determine class lists for the 2018-2019 school year. This is a complex process and we are seeking parental understanding and support of this process. It is our strong belief that the learning atmosphere in the classroom must be the first consideration in the formation of class groupings. Classes are organized to maximize learning and teaching opportunities for students and for teachers. Staff teams strive to create classes that are diverse in character and balanced in all respects.

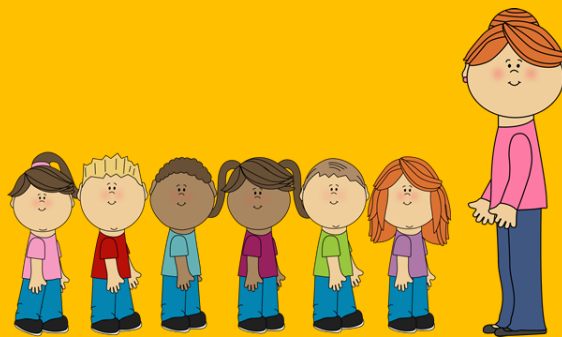
The following are all considered when determining class lists:

- Student academic and social functioning
- Our knowledge of social interactions and dynamics between individual and groups of students
- Match with class configuration and staffing allotment from our school division
- Male/female ratio
- Placement of students new to Westview School
- Creating balanced classrooms based on students' strengths and needs

Parents can assist the class formation process by:

- Helping their children to understand the importance of class formation
- Supporting placements that have been made

Parents are asked not to make specific class or teacher requests. Given appropriate support at home and at school, it has been our experience that the vast majority of placements are successful. Where a placement is proving to be difficult, we ask that parents and students give it the time required for friendships to develop and comfort levels to increase.



NOTICE RE FEE-FOR-SERVICE BUSING



If you require Fee-For-Service transportation, the application form must be submitted to the Transportation Department each school year. Transportation Application forms are available from the school office, or follow the Quick Link 'Busing Information' on the RETSD website at www.retsd.mb.ca. Please send the form in to your school or the Transportation Department as soon as possible.

Important Dates for 2017 - 2018

May 4 Popcorn Day
May 8 PAC meeting - 7:00 pm
May 9 Early dismissal - 2:45 pm
May 21 No School - Victoria Day
May 25 Special Lunch

June 8 No School- all day
June 13 Field Day/Hotdog Lunch
June 27 Kindergarten Farewell am
Grade 5 farewell pm
June 29 Report cards posted
Early Dismissal – 2:30 pm



Out of School Opportunities

School Patrol Movie

Saturday, May 12th 9:30am
SilverCity St Vital Theatre

Doors open at 8:00am

Free entry for School Patrols with current membership cards
Kids popcorn pack is \$5.50 (includes Popcorn, Drink & Treat)

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*Children must have
turned five years of age
by Dec. 31, 2017.

SS01 Incredible Nature Superpower Blast-Off Week!	July 3-6	4 Days \$130
SS02 Forbidden Smurf Forest Week!	July 9-13	5 Days \$155
SS03 Galactic Gladiators Week!	July 16-20	5 Days \$155
SS04 Save the Universe Week!	July 23-27	5 Days \$155
SS05 Storybook Adventure Week!	July 30-Aug. 3	5 Days \$155
SS06 Water, Sun & Games Kids Play Week!	Aug. 7-10	4 Days \$130

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