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Entry bell	8:55
AM recess	10:30-10:45
Lunch	11:55-12:55
PM recess	2:05-2:20
Dismissal	3:30pm

Office hours

8:00am - 4:00pm

In Service Days 2025

Tuesday, September 3

Friday, October 25

Monday October 28

Friday, November 22

Friday, January 31

Monday, February 3

Tuesday, February 18

Friday, March 14

Friday, April 11

Friday, June 2

The Springfield Splash

JUNE 2024

It is hard to believe that another school year is coming to an end. It has been another busy year with students eagerly engaged in activities from the first day of school in September right through to this last week of June.

We would like to thank our staff for all of their work throughout the year to engage students in so many activities. Whether creating learning opportunities in the classroom or in the outdoors, organizing field trips, planning special events or helping students showcase their learning during learning conferences, our teachers are dedicated to their students and their learning. Our educational assistants put their heart and soul into supporting all students to ensure that they are able to do their best. Staff in the library and speech and language program are always welcoming to students. Our office and custodial staff offer support every day in so many different ways to ensure everyone has what they need to create the best learning environment for students. When you walk through the halls of the school during the day, you see students smiling, laughing, and often skipping down the halls. Our staff have created a joyful environment for students to learn and grow in, and we thank them for that.

Although June brings the excitement of looking forward to summer, every year, it also brings some sadness as we say farewell to members of our school community. Our grade 5 students are off to middle years and some of our other students are moving to different schools. We wish our departing students continued success in their education journey.

We also say farewell to some staff members who are leaving our school community. This year we bid farewell to the following staff:

Travis Bender

Carrie Gillis

Alex Nevakshonoff

Rebekah Van Leeuwen

Karen Willey

Dan Campbell

David Kampen

Linda Prystupa

Angela Wickman

We cannot quantify all that we are losing with their departure, but I do know that we will continue to see the impact they have made on our community long after they have left us. We wish all of them the very best in their next adventure.

We wish everyone a wonderful summer holiday and look forward to seeing students back on September 4th and families at Meet the Teacher on September 12th.

Kerry Cressall

Principal



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The Plants We're Tracking by Room 26



Welcome to our plant science lab! We are growing marigolds, sweet peas, nasturtium, and basil, but we are only testing the marigolds. We are proving that plants need water, air, a good growing material, light, drainage, and space to grow. We have a plant in a small pot, and a plant in a big pot. Some plants have more air, and some have less. Some have more water or light, and some have less. Some are planted in soil, wood chips, or water. We also have some "normal" plants, which are the control plants, so we can see the difference. This shows how the plants grow in different habitats.

Roots of Empathy

Room 9 has learned so much this year from our Tiny Teacher Baby Matteo.

On June 10th we celebrated learning with Matteo and shared our wishes his future.

"I wish that you learn new things when you grow up" - Elena

"I wish that you get a million dollars." - Alexander

"I wish that you are never sick." - Mariia

"I wish you lots of cuddles." - Damon


Matteo has taught us about feelings, emotions, empathy, perspective taking, and that we all grow and learn in different ways in our own time.



**EMPATHY IS SIMPLY
LISTENING, HOLDING SPACE,
WITHHOLDING JUDGMENT,
EMOTIONALLY CONNECTING,
AND COMMUNICATING THAT
INCREDIBLY HEALING MESSAGE
OF YOU'RE NOT ALONE.**

Brene Brown


AT OUR SCHOOL



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My favourite moment in Roots of Empathy was when Matteo ate a lemon.


Appendix Theme 9-A: Grades 1-3



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My favourite moment in Roots of Empathy was when you picked up the crab from the clear bag
Love Brielle

Appendix Theme 9-A: Grades 1-3



Baby are cute!

What can Roots of Empathy teach the world? All babies matter!

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What can Roots of Empathy teach the world? Be kind to babies, children, teens, adults and elders, to be gentle, to be nice.

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What can Roots of Empathy teach the world? People can tell you or show you things in different ways

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Be kind to babies, children, teens, adults, and elders and to be gentle and to be nice.

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The children sitting in classrooms today are the citizens, the parents, and the leaders of tomorrow. They are also 100% of our social capital. If we want to build a responsible citizenry, responsive parenting, and empathic leadership - we need to cultivate empathy in our young people.

”

Mary Gordon

Patrol Field Trip at Bunn's Creek Park

On Friday June 14th, our fantastic and dedicated street and bus patrols spent the morning playing and relaxing at Bunn's Creek Park. They celebrated with a Pizza lunch before heading back to school for the afternoon. We want to thank and celebrate all of our patrols for their hard work to keeping our students and community safe every day!!

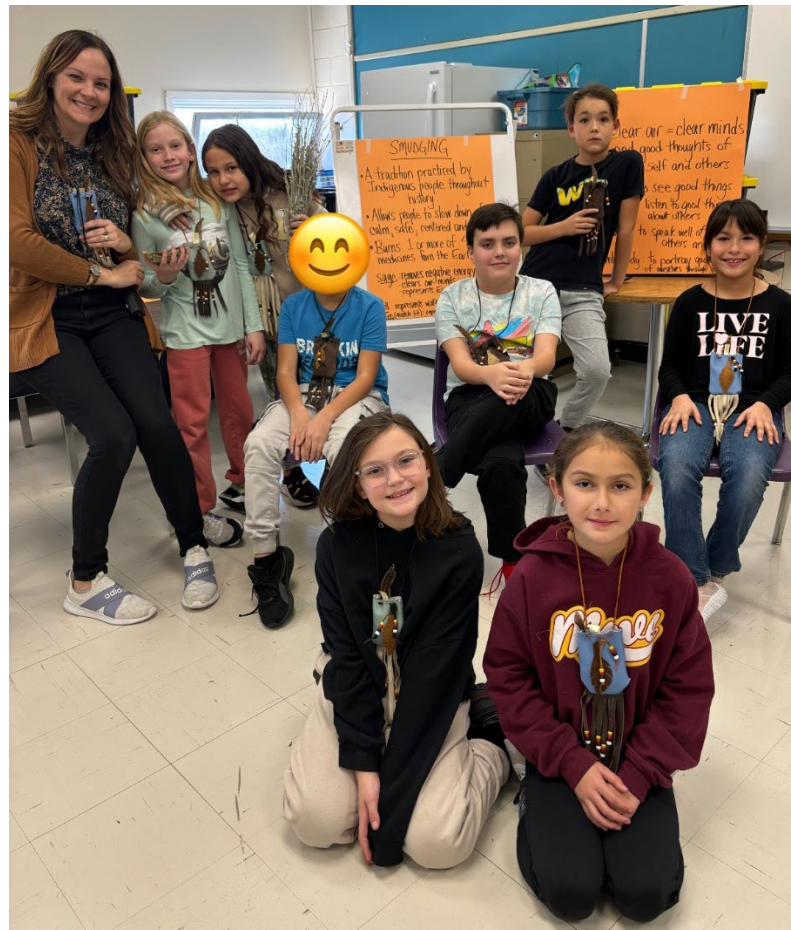


Student Smudge Leadership

This year, our dedicated Student Smudge Leaders have done an outstanding job guiding their peers through the smudging process with care and respect. Their passion for passing along this important learning about Indigenous culture, and their commitment to fostering an inclusive and respectful environment has been exemplary! We deeply thank Mrs. Deane for her knowledge and guidance throughout our learning as a Smudge Leadership group, and with our larger school population.

We are excited to announce that our interested grade 3 self-identified Indigenous students have successfully trained with our divisional Indigenous Education Support, Yvette Doell, to become Smudge Leaders for the 2024/2025 school year. Their enthusiasm and dedication during the training sessions has been remarkable, and we are confident that they will continue the tradition of excellence in leading their fellow students in this important learning!

Thank you to all our Student Smudge leaders for your hard work and leadership!!



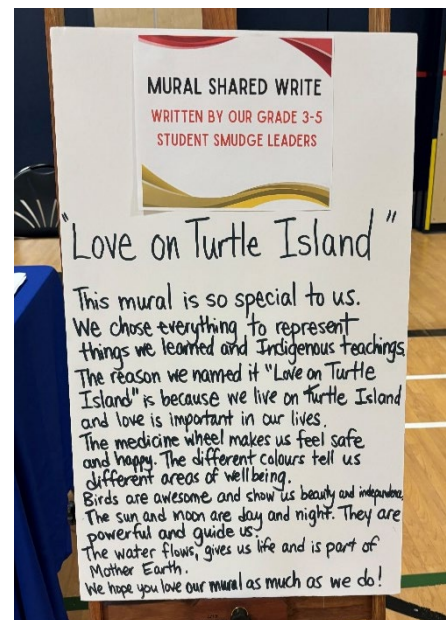
Mural Reveal and Indigenous Education Evening

We are thrilled to share the success of our Mural Reveal and Indigenous Education Evening held at École Springfield Heights School on June 17th. The event was a celebration of culture, learning, and community, centered around our beautiful mural which was created by Métis artist Justine Proulx. This evening was made possible by the dedication of our Student Smudge Leaders and Staff volunteers.

The evening kicked off in the gym at 5:30 PM with a warm welcome, followed by the exciting reveal of our new mural's name. The title, developed and chosen by our whole-school population is "Love on Turtle Island." Justine was there to speak about the process of working with our students and creating her beautiful piece. The program also featured songs and a drumming presentation by our current Student Smudge Leaders, alongside Mrs. Deane and Mme Finlay.

After the program, attendees explored various Indigenous education learning centers including centres focussed on smudging, medicine wheel teachings, Indigenous authored and themed literature, the mural process, the Seven Sacred Teachings, and traditional Indigenous food.

We deeply appreciate everyone who joined us and contributed to making this evening a meaningful and enriching experience for all. Thank you for your support and for celebrating with us!!





After such a successful year, we have many thanks to say from our staff and students to our parent community who provide support in so many different ways. Thank you to:

Parent Advisory Council

This committee is made up of a dedicated group of parents who meet monthly. They work together to plan family events and organize fundraising initiatives to support many projects. The parent council has purchased new school shirts for special events and provided funds for teachers to purchase classroom materials. They provided a delicious selection of treats for staff appreciation. The parent council continues to work on the ongoing playground improvement project and has now secured funding which brings the work closer to seeing shovels in the ground.

Lunch Program Committee

The lunch program is a very small committee that does a huge job. These parents are in charge of ensuring the lunch program is providing supervision over the lunch hour for all students who stay for lunch. The committee meets monthly and works to ensure funds are collected, staff are hired, and supplies are purchased.

Thank you also to the Lunch Program Coordinator and the supervisors who work with our students each day during the lunch hour.

Parent Support of School Walkathon

Due to the generosity of parents and community members, our walkathon was a huge success. The funds raised allowed us to purchase snacks and supplies for special events such as Global School Play Day, Welcome to Kindergarten events, Grade 5 Camp, Grade 5 Farewell, the mural reveal evening, Patrol and Leadership events, Field Day, Meet the Teacher Day, Dolphin Pod activities, games and sports equipment, and new cross-country skis for phys. ed. classes. Thank you very much for your support of our annual Fall fundraising event.

Anaphylaxis Avoidance Strategies

Thank you to parents for ensuring the safety of all student by following policy JLCG-R2 [ANAPHYLAXIS AVOIDANCE STRATEGIES](#) and not sending nut products to school. Thank you for your diligence in keeping students safe.

Volunteers

Thank you to the many volunteers who have come to support our school in so many ways. We truly appreciate the time that you give us to organize and help with special events and activities. A small token of our appreciation for each volunteer was sent home with students.

Parent Portal

Due to the change that will be occurring this fall with the Student Information System (SIS), please take note of the following information:

As of July 31, 2024, the Tyler parent portal will be closed.

- Parents who want to keep hard copies of any data in their child's Tyler portal account should download the files and save them to their own computer. After July 31, they will not be accessible.
- The launching of the PowerSchool parent portal will not take place until mid- to late fall 2024. The division expects the new portal to be ready for the first reporting period.
- Once our new PowerSchool portal is up and running, we will be in communication with all families to guide them through the steps to access it.

Transportation and bus routes for fall 2024:

- If your children are transported to school by RETSD, you will receive information about your child's transportation schedule by email. Due to the change in our SIS, this information will not be on the portal.
- The division expects this communication to take place in mid-August.
- In mid-June, families of bused students will receive a letter from the transportation department describing a new app that will be available for student transportation information.
- If you are unable to download the app for whatever reason, families will receive the transportation schedule via email, as mentioned above.

Fees and billing:

- The soonest we expect online fee payment to be available in PowerSchool is after spring break 2025. In the meantime, schools will accept cash or cheques. If you are looking to pay any outstanding fees, you can do this on the Tyler portal until July 12. After that date, outstanding fees will need to be paid by cash or cheque at the school.

Transportation

River East Transcona School Division is rolling out a new transportation app, Stopfinder, for the upcoming school year. Stopfinder is an easy-to-use, all-in-one app that provides the most accurate information about your child's busing schedule, anytime from anywhere.

Stopfinder can be downloaded for free from the App Store or Google Play. You will need an invitation from the school division to register before you can access your child's busing schedule.

Please keep your eyes peeled for your Stopfinder invitation, which will be sent to your primary email address by June 28, 2024.

Please see the link to our updated Division website page with further information. RETSD Homepage>Transportation>StopFinder App: [Stopfinder App \(retsd.mb.ca\)](https://retsd.mb.ca/stopfinder).

ÉCOLE SPRINGFIELD HEIGHTS SCHOOL
IMPORTANT DATES
2024-2025

September	3	Co-ordinated Day-No Classes All Day
	4	Kindergarten Staggered Entry Begins
	4	First Day for Grade 1-5 Students
	12	Meet the Teacher
	16	Picture Day Caterpillar Kindergarten Class and all Grade 1-5s
	17	Picture Day Ladybug Kindergarten Class
	30	National Day of Truth and Reconciliation (School Closed)
October	14	Thanksgiving Day (School Closed)
	25	Co-ordinated Day-No Classes All Day
	28	Admin Day- No Classes All Day
November	11	Remembrance Day (School Closed)
	22	Co-ordinated Day-No Classes All Day
December	10	Winter Concert
	11	Winter Concert
	12	Winter Concert
	20	Last Day of Classes Before Winter Break (early dismissal 2:30)
January	6	Classes Resume (Day 5)
	31	Coordinated Day-No Classes All Day
February	3	Co-ordinated Day-No Classes All Day
	17	Louis Riel Day (School Closed)
	18	Admin Day-No Classes All Day
March	14	Co-ordinated Day-No Classes All Day
	31	Last Day of Classes Before Spring Break (<i>regular dismissal</i>)
April	7	Classes Resume (Day 4)
	11	Co-ordinated Day - No Classes All Day
	18	Good Friday (School Closed)
May	20	Victoria Day (School Closed)
June	2	Co-ordinated Day - No Classes All Day
	27	Last Day of Classes Before Summer Break (early dismissal 2:30)



