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Westview School

Principal's Message

As we move into the late fall and early winter, our focus has been on preparing students to meet with their parents/guardians at Student-Led Conferences. This opportunity is for the students to share with you, their parent/guardians, the learning they are involved in at school that is important for their continued growth and development. Thank you to all parents/guardians who are able to join us for this important part of student learning.

During this busy season, please take the time to thank your child's teacher for all the hard work they put into creating such a rich learning environment for your child. Often overlooked is all the extra time our staff put in to help your child's experience here at Westview be an enjoyable one. Teachers are often seen giving up their prep time to do additional work with students or giving up their lunch to run clubs or teams. Teachers come in early and stay late to meet with families and school teams to make plans for student success.

By now you will have received access to the first report card for the year. Please remember that we have moved to an online report card distribution process through our 'Parent Portal' and Term 1 reports were posted November 26th. Information has been sent home regarding accessing the Parent Portal; if you still need assistance, please contact the school office.

Our school year is moving on quickly. It is amazing how much we have accomplished in just a short amount of time. Some of the events include the PAC Halloween dance, Family Fun Night, Terry Fox Run, Turkey Trot, volleyball practices, Thanksgiving assembly, and the Remembrance Day ceremony. These events, of course, are on top of all the incredible things the staff are doing with the students in the classrooms every day.

I would also like to encourage you to check out the 'Home-work' section of the newsletter for information on the benefits of reading.

Please plan to attend our **Christmas Concerts** scheduled for **Tuesday, December 18th at 1:30 pm and 6:30 pm.** **Doors open at 1:00 and 6:00.**

Mr. C. Chartier



WESTVIEW SCHOOL

**November/
December**

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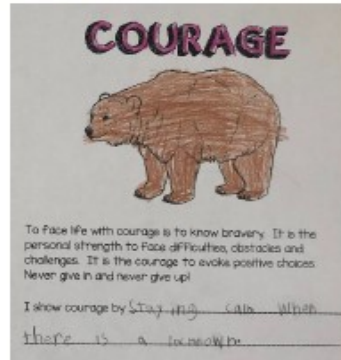
Learning Buddies

This year, Room 14 and Room 3 have started Learning Buddies together. We meet once per cycle to do a variety of activities together. This year, we are focusing on The Seven Sacred Teachings and Kindness Projects.

We have learned about Respect (which is represented by the buffalo) and Courage (which is represented by the bear). The students are learning about positive qualities and how to demonstrate these qualities in their daily lives.

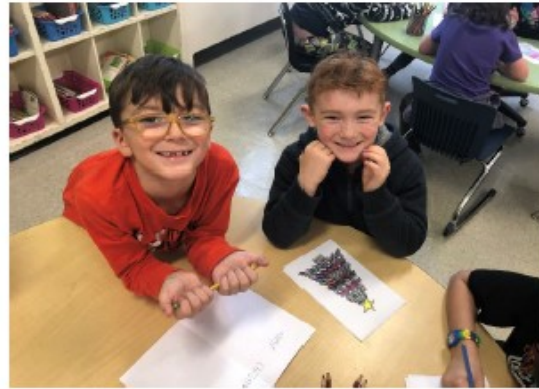


We made these buffalos to represent Respect!



We wrote about the ways we show courage!

For our first Kindness Project, we are going to bring some joy to the lives of seniors in our community by delivering holiday cards. The students are learning ways that they can make a positive difference in other peoples' lives.



We are making Christmas Cards to deliver in a few weeks!



It has been quite chilly outside, so please remember to send your child with labelled mitts, hats, scarves, ski pants and a warm coat.

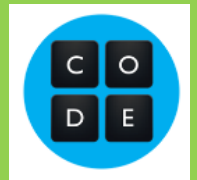
Library News

As a side-effect of the school painting, Library Clubs have gotten off to a slow start this year. But with the painting no longer impacting the library, we're ready for some extra-curricular fun! Students will be informed of the various Open Library, craft, and reading times being offered.



Also, our MYRCA (Manitoba Young Readers' Choice Award) program has launched for our Grades 4 and 5 students. Interested students can read three or more books from a specific list to be eligible to vote for which book is their favourite. There will be a variety of recess reading times offered to these students for MYRCA and some special activity times as well (see www.myrca.ca for more information about MYRCA and/or look for a letter that went home with your Grade 4 & 5 students).

December 3-9 is officially Computer Science Education Week and many of the Westview students will be participating in Hour of Code and other coding activities throughout December. At a basic level, coding is computer programming and learning to code is great to develop problem-solving skills and mathematical or computational thinking (see code.org for more information and/or to participate at home!).



As you know, Westview Library is holding another Scholastic Book Fair during November's student-led conferences. We look forward to seeing you and your family in the library during this exciting literacy event.

Happy Reading,
Mrs. Card, Teacher-Librarian

Roots of Empathy

Mrs. Crabb's Grade 1 and 2 class has been participating in the Roots of Empathy program since the beginning of the school year. The theme for November was crying. The students learned about the reasons why babies cry and ways to soothe a crying baby. They transferred this learning to reasons why they cry and how to help a friend or classmate who is upset and/or crying. Baby Armaan came for a visit this month, and guess what? He can sit for a few seconds by himself and he can almost roll over, but not quite yet.



From the Gym

This year students in Grade 4 and 5 at Westview had the chance to participate in the Flag Football Club. After weeks of lunch hour practices, the students who participated and came to every practice were split into two teams for the division-wide flag football tournament at Kildonan East Collegiate. The games were refereed by high school football students from Kildonan East Collegiate. The Blue Bomber mascots, Buzz and Boomer, even came out to help cheer on the kids as they played multiple games throughout a fun-filled day!

New this year at Westview, students were fortunate to have the opportunity to explore Curling through the Rocks and Rings program. The Egg Farmers' Rocks & Rings program came into the school and took over the gym for a whole day. Students from Grades 1 to 5 rotated through sessions that introduced them to curling through several different fun and physical activities where they learned about curling, curling vocabulary and even got to try out some curling equipment.

Ms. Spitula



Did You Know We Have a 24-Hour Call-Back Line???

To ensure your child's protection, please call the school to let us know that your child will not be in school. If your child is absent and we do not hear from you, the secretary will telephone you at home or at work. We count on you to telephone us because it is quicker and more efficient than the school calling you. **For your convenience, Westview School has an answering machine that will enable you to call the school before/after school hours and leave a message regarding your child's absence at 204-958-6412.**

On a Musical Note



We have had a great start in the music room here at Westview. It has been great to welcome new students to the Westview community and it has been exciting to see them join in to 'all things musical' in our school. In October, the Grade 2/3/4 choir did an amazing job performing the "I Like Thanksgiving" at the Thanksgiving Assembly and we all learned through song that it's important to have a "Gratitude Attitude".



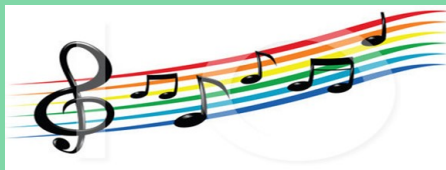
November has been a busy musical month for us. It started with a group of five Grade 5 students performing in the Divisional Concert with the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra. Congratulations to Kadin, Andrea, Maddy, Ashley, and Tayden for all of the extra work they put in to preparing for this special event. They performed "Time to Say Goodbye" in Italian and English, along with a beautiful recorder part, "Child of the Universe", and then sang a wonderful rhythmical piece from Africa, called "Bonse Aba" complete with choreography, and played the djembe drums. This 200-voiced Grade 5 choir was accompanied by the WSO. A job well done! It was an amazing performance!

Our Grade 4/5 classes hosted our Remembrance Day Assembly. It was a very special assembly for all who attended. Special thanks to Ms. DeJong and Mr. Hjartarson for your efforts in creating such a meaningful program, and Mr. Chartier for accompanying our choir on the guitar. The 4/5 choir did a fantastic job performing the song "We Will Not Forget". Our focus as a school was remembering, but we also realize that peace begins with us. Westview is constantly teaching peaceful ways to solve problems and conflicts, and so our assembly song "I Choose Peace" was a fitting way to end this very special program.

We are ramping up for what is sure to be a fabulous Christmas Concert. Mark your calendars for **Tuesday, December 18th at 1:30pm and 6:30 pm**. This is an entire school effort and we look forward to sharing some holiday cheer with you on that day. The evening concert tends to be a FULL house. Families are encouraged (if they can) to take advantage of the afternoon concert which will be exactly the same as the evening concert. We are looking forward to celebrating the festive season with you in this way!

Hope to see you all there!

Mrs. Drepaul



From the Community Connector

The last Stay and Play of 2018 will be December 10th and the last 1,2,3 Play With Me will be December 12th. Monday morning Stay and Play will restart January 7th and Wednesday afternoon Stay and Play on January 9th.

We are pleased to offer a new class for parents starting in January called Nobody's Perfect. Parents will meet with other parents of young children to share ideas about parenting and discuss real-life parenting situations while learning about child development, safety, health and behavior. This class will be held Tuesdays from January 22– February 26 from 6:00—7:30 pm. Childcare will be provided but children must be registered in advance.

Jen Coyle

KINDERLINKS

The 2019 winter issue of Kinder Links is now available for download on the River East Transcona School Division website: <https://www.retsd.mb.ca/ParentsandStudents/parentchildprograms/Kinder%20Links/Documents/2019%20Kinder%20Links%20FINAL%20NOV%2016.pdf>. Registration for our FREE parent-child programs begins on Saturday, December 1st. Register immediately by phone 204.669.4043 or email kinderlinks@retsdb.ca for FREE parenting support programs and family learning events.



Parking/Stopping

The loading zone on Ravelston is now in effect 7 am—6 pm Monday through Friday all year long; there will be no parking/stopping on the side across from the loading zone for the same time period. The Parking Authority will be monitoring the new loading zone and will be ticketing people who are parking incorrectly. Further to that, Winnipeg now has electronic ticketing vehicles that need only drive down the street to automatically ticket people and send it in the mail.

We would also ask parents and guardians to please refrain from using the staff parking lot for picking up and dropping off children.

Westview Parent Council

PAC Meetings

Our next PAC meeting is Tuesday, December 11 at 7:00 in the Library. January 15, 2019 will be our following meeting. All are welcome.

Christmas Shop

We are still collecting donations for our annual Christmas Shop. We are always in need of wrapping paper, tape, men's items, household items, books, DVD's, toys, or any gently-used or new item. We will set up our Shop the morning of Wednesday, December 12 and will open for 'shopping' December 13th. Classrooms will receive a schedule to visit the shop throughout the day. Please remember to send no more than \$3 in a baggie with your child's name on it; this will allow your child to purchase gifts for 1-2 special people in their lives. Please speak with your child beforehand and discuss who they plan on shopping for. Please note that since odd-day Kindergartens (Ladybugs) will not be at school on the 13th, they will get to shop the afternoon of the 12th.



Donations for the Christmas Shop can still be dropped off in the office. If you would like to volunteer for set-up, helping in the Shop, or both, please contact the office and a member of our PAC will be in contact with you. Thank you for your support!

Family Games Night

On Friday, November 23, families came to the gym for some good old family fun. Checkers, Jenga and Hungry Hippos were a hit while the Lego table kept others' creative juices flowing. Thank you to all our families who came out and to all our volunteers who assisted with this community building event!



Family Movie Night

On January 31 we will be snuggling up with friends and family for our annual Movie Night from 6:15-8:00. Stay tuned—our featured film will be announced in the new year!

Special Lunch

We will not be hosting a special lunch in December so look for details for the next one in the New Year. Please note that all Kindergarten students can order special lunch and will receive an order form in future. If your child is not in Kindergarten that day but in Daycare, they will receive their lunch at Daycare. If your child is not at school at all on Special Lunch Day, the parent/guardian would be responsible for picking up their lunch at the office. We hope this clarifies special lunches for our Kindergarten Families.

Fundraising

Our Charlotte's Birdseed fundraiser is due Monday, December 3 and 50/50 is due December 18. Please remember to bring any unsold books of tickets to the office as soon as possible so others have an opportunity to sell more.



Charlotte's Birdseed orders will be available for pick-up on December 18 at 1:00, December 18 after the evening Holiday Concert, and December 19 from 3:30-4:30.

50/50 will be drawn at the Holiday evening concert!

Our Chocolate Bar fundraiser is past due. If you still have any money or unsold chocolates, please return as soon as possible.



We would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our Westview community families a safe and happy holiday season!

Westview Parent Council

RETSD Cold Weather Policies and Patrols

School divisions in metro Winnipeg use the temperature at The Forks as the indicator of severe weather. The general rule is that if the wind chill is -45 C or colder at The Forks (as posted by Environment Canada at about 6:10 a.m.), all Winnipeg school divisions cancel buses for the whole day but schools usually remain open. If buses are cancelled, an alert will be posted on the RETSD division website home page and all major radio stations and local television stations will announce busing cancellations.

Cold weather also impacts school patrols. If the wind chill is between -27 C and -34 C , a patrol's time at their post is not to exceed 10 minutes. If the wind chill is between -35 C and -40 C , patrols will only be at their posts for five minutes, and posts more than a five-minute walk from the school will not be patrolled. There will be no patrols on their posts when the wind chill is -40 C or colder.

The decision to keep students indoors at recess is at the discretion of the principal when the wind chill is -27 C or colder.

Patrol start times:

Patrols are asked to be at school for 8:40am. In the afternoon, students will be on duty from 3:25 to 3:40. As the weather gets colder, please ensure you wear scarves, hats, mitts, snow pants, boots, etc., and don't wear anything that will restrict vision. Warm clothes and facial protection are essential!



Winter Fun Ideas



1. Tobogganing
2. Ice skating: The Red River Trail on the rivers at the Forks holds the Guinness World Record title for the longest naturally-frozen skating trail!
3. Cross-country skiing: Rent skis for the whole family at the Nordic Centre in St. Vital or at Fort Whyte Alive.
4. Snowshoeing (rentals available at Fort Whyte)
5. Winter hiking (afterwards, a cozy fire is definitely in order).
6. Bird-feeding/bird-watching: Chickadees will eat right out of your hand at Birds Hill Park!
7. Build a bonfire and make s'mores and bannock over the fire. Mmmmmmm!
8. Dog-walking...it's one of the main benefits of having and owning a dog!
9. Snow fort/igloo-building.
10. A good old-fashioned snowball fight.
11. Make snow angels.
12. Shovel paths in the snow.
13. Play street hockey with your friends and family.
14. Head out on a photo expedition to take pictures of the winter landscape.
15. Ice climbing at Whittier Park in St. Boniface.
16. Snow tubing at Adrenaline Adventures.
17. Snow painting: Add food coloring to water, put in a spray bottle and paint your yard!
18. Visit Winnipeg's new Ice Castle display taking place at The Forks during January and February!
19. Try playing Crokicurl! This is a new a fun game available at the Forks and is a cross between curling and a board game called Crokinole.
20. Drive around to see Christmas lights! Don't miss Candy Cane Lane (Foxmeadow Drive) and 275 Aldgate Road!
21. Bake Christmas cookies and take some to someone who needs cheering up.

READ

20 MINUTES A DAY



STUDENT A
reads at home



20
min/day

STUDENT B
reads at home



5
min/day

STUDENT C
reads at home



1
min/day

THEY WILL HEAR

1,800,000

282,000

8,000

WORDS PER YEAR

THEY WILL HAVE READ FOR

851

212

42

HOURS BY 6TH GRADE

AND ON STANDARDIZED TESTS,
THEY WILL LIKELY SCORE BETTER THAN

90%

50%

10%

OF THEIR PEERS

Source: <http://readdbq.org/2014/11/19/read-20-minutes-day/>



The Kindness Project

Grade 5 Leadership students involved in the Kindness Project organized a Coats for Kids collection at Westview last month. They collected two bins and two large garbage bags full of coats, snow pants, boots, toques and mitts which were dropped off at the Transcona Fire Station. If you know anyone who needs warm winter outerwear, please contact Mrs. Pretula by calling the school.



Candy Cane Sale

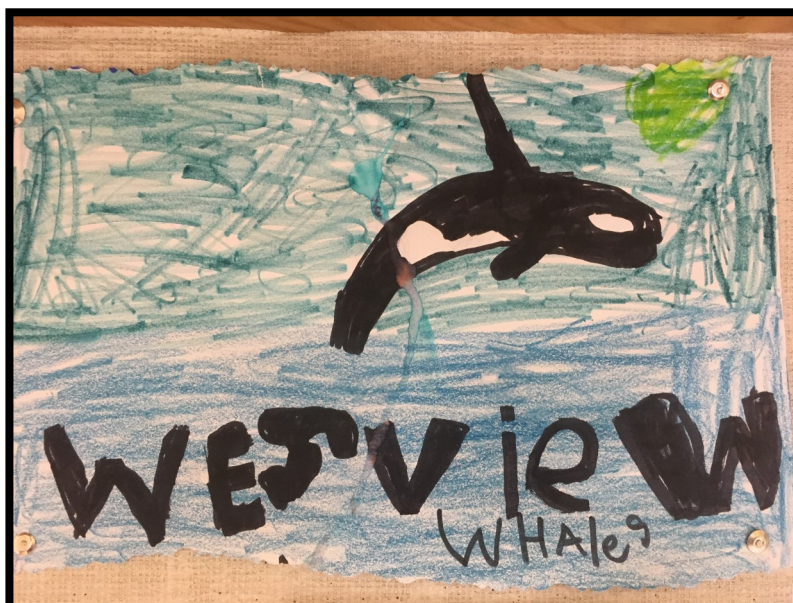
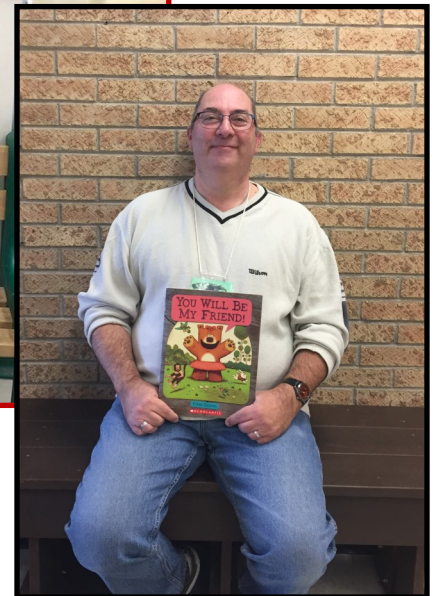
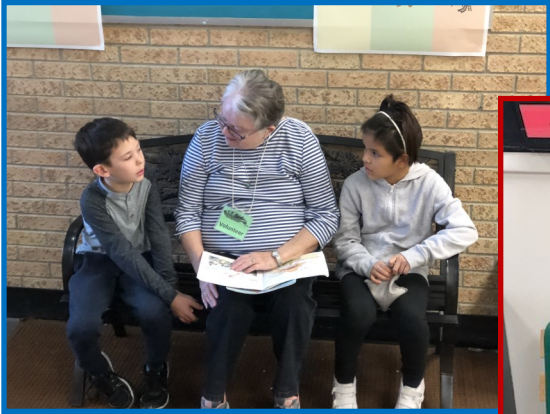
The next fundraiser that the Kindness Project will be undertaking is a candy cane sale to raise money for World Vision. Leadership students will be selling peanut-free candy canes at \$1 each. Students can buy a maximum of two candy canes. Order forms will go home on Monday, December 3rd and are due back at school on Friday, December 7. The candy canes will be delivered to students in their homeroom the week following.

Late Slips

When a student arrives late for school in the morning or the afternoon, they must come to the office for a late slip. By the time Oh Canada has played, teachers have usually already submitted their attendance to the office and the late student has been marked absent; when the student by-passes the office, the secretary doesn't always see the student arrive and will call home looking for the student. Please help us keep our kids safe and accounted for by reminding them to stop at the office.

Volunteer Readers

Westview school is proud to have started a volunteer reader program with members of our Senior community. Once per school cycle, the readers come to Westview and read with, listen to and read to students; we have found it to be a great way to support our literacy practices and also reach out to valuable members of our community. Currently Ms. Gordillo, Ms. Soroko, Ms. Tracey and Ms. Forsyth's classes are involved in the program. If you have a child in one of these classes, please ask them about their new reading buddy!




Drawing by Wesley

Important School Dates for 2018 - 2019

Nov. 29	Student-Led Conferences 5:00-8:00 pm	Mar. 8	Popcorn Day
Nov. 30	Regular classes AM, No School PM ; Student-Led Conferences 1:00-3:30	Mar. 11	Parent Portal open for Term 2 reports
Dec. 11	PAC meeting 7:00 pm	Mar. 12	PAC meeting 7:00 pm
Dec. 18	Holiday concert 1:30 & 6:30 pm	Mar. 14	Student-Led Conferences 5:00-8:00 pm
Dec. 21	Last day before holiday break, early dismissal 2:30	Mar. 15	RETSD Coordinated Day – no classes Student-Led Conferences 9:00-11:30 am
Jan. 7	First day back after winter break, Day 1	Mar. 22	Last day of school before Spring Break
Jan. 15	PAC meeting 7:00 pm	Apr. 1	First day back after Spring Break, Day 1
Jan. 16	Early dismissal 2:45 pm	Apr. 9	PAC meeting 7:00 pm
Jan. 18	Popcorn Day	Apr. 10	Early dismissal 2:45 pm
Jan. 25	Special Lunch	Apr. 12	Popcorn Day
Jan. 31	Family Movie Night	Apr. 18	Special Lunch
Feb. 1	Coordinated Day - no classes	Apr. 25	PAC Beach Dance
Feb. 8	Popcorn Day	Apr. 26	RETSD Coordinated Day – no school
Feb. 12	PAC meeting 7:00 pm	May 8	Early dismissal 2:45 pm
Feb. 15	Special Lunch	May 10	Last Popcorn Day
Feb. 18	No School - Louis Riel Day	May 14	PAC meeting 7:00 pm
Feb. 20	Early dismissal 2:45 pm	May 20	No School - Victoria Day
Feb. 22	Regular classes AM, No school PM	May 25	Special Lunch
		June 7	No School – Westview in-service
		June 12	Field Day
		June 27	Kindergarten Farewell 9:30 am Grade 5 Farewell 1:15 pm
		June 28	Parent Portal open for Term 3 reports Last day of classes, early dismissal 2:30





CHRISTMAS CHEER BOARD

New Location - 947 St James St
(Between St Matthews and Ellice)

Hamper applications are now being accepted

Who can apply:

Anyone in need (Winnipeg/St. Norbert) may apply for a hamper.

All hamper applications are taken by phone at Hamper Application Call Centres.

Hampers include: Canned and packaged food as well as a chicken or appropriate sized turkey based on the household size. Children 14 and under receive a gift.

Hamper pickup:

Starts Saturday December 8th 9AM at the Christmas Cheer Board warehouse.

Hamper deliveries:

Begins Saturday, December 8th - 9AM and hopefully are finished by December 21.

As we rely on volunteer drivers, delivery date and time cannot be provided. Hamper delivery is attempted two times, on the second unsuccessful attempt an information sheet is left explaining you must come to the warehouse to pick up your hamper.

Our Hamper Application Call Centres are extremely busy; please have patience when calling, thanks.

Employment Income Assistance (EIA) applicants:

Please call 204-948-2022 to apply and have your EIA case number ready.

EIA hamper application Cut-Off is Thursday Dec 21 at noon

Low income, pensioners, students, new Canadian applicants:

Please call 204-989-5683 to apply and have your Manitoba Health card information for all adults in the household.

It is important that you provide current & complete information for each adult and child in your household when applying for a hamper. Personal household contact information and income and expense information is required. All children 18 and under are recorded as well.

Additional information can be found at: <https://www.christmascheerboard.ca/apply-for-a-hamper/>

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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 or at 204-284-7562, or by email at bppw@mts.net.