



ÉSVS Weekly News

October 14th, 2026



Mark the Calendar

Oct 13th – Conference Manager Open

Oct 13th to 26th – Koats for Kids Collection (see attached information)

Oct 16th – Hot Lunch

Oct 22nd – Fundraising Forms due

Oct 22nd – Picture Day for Ladybug Kinders

Oct 22nd – Picture Day Retakes

Oct 22nd – Celebration of Learning Conferences (evening)

Oct 23rd – Provincial in-service – No Classes

Oct 26th – ÉSVS Clothing Order Close Date

Oct 28th – Municipal Election Day – No Classes

Oct 30th – Gift-a-Palooza/Halloween Day

Nov 12th – 3:00-5:30 Fundraising Coffee and Pizza Pickup

OCTOBER 30th Activities: Gift-a-Palooza and Halloween

We are excited to introduce GIFT-A-Palooza, a special day designed to celebrate the unique talents, interests, and passions of our staff!

Throughout the day, staff members will share one of their personal "gifts" with students through engaging, hands-on activities. From arts and crafts to sports, STEM challenges, music, cooking, games, and more, there will be a wide variety of experiences for students to enjoy.

Students will have the opportunity to visit three different staff-led sessions during the day, allowing them to explore new interests, learn new skills, and connect with staff members in a fun and meaningful way.

GIFT-A-Palooza is all about building community, celebrating creativity, and recognizing that everyone has unique talents to share. We look forward to a day filled with learning, laughter, and memorable experiences for all students.

Students will have the option to wear costumes from home that morning. If your child chooses to wear a costume, they will wear the costume to school for the entire day. Again, this is voluntary, and students may choose not to wear a costume. If children wish to opt out from wearing a costume, we encourage them to wear Orange or Black (orange et noir) if they wish!

Please keep in mind that any weapons, offensive and insensitive costumes are not permissible as per divisional policy JICA. Please save the costume masks for the evening. In addition, we need to be clear that no one's culture or identity is to be used as a costume. Costumes that involve cultural appropriation are not acceptable.

Snacks should not contain nuts or nut products. Please contact your child's classroom teacher prior to sending a snack or any other allergy concerns.

Thank you for your cooperation.





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Media Coverage and Copyright Permission opt out

Just a reminder to all families who want to opt out of media cover and copyright permission to review the [Media Coverage & Copyright Permission opt out](#) form, and submit to the school as soon as possible.

Reminder a new form needs to be completed every year.

Student Fees

If you haven't paid the \$50.00 student fees yet we ask that you have that submitted to your child's teacher as soon as possible. You can pay via Cheque (Made out to École Sun Valley), or cash. You can also log into StudentCash and pay online. *If you need financial assistance with your student fees, please contact Mme Joelle Guillou at jguillou@retsd.mb.ca*

Reporting Absences

As a reminder, if your child is going to be absent or late, we ask that you email the school at sv@retsd.mb.ca and their teacher or call us at 204-663-7664.

Please include your child's first and last name, and the reason for their absence.

Early Pickups

If you need to pick up your child(ren) early from school, please report to the office to sign them out and we will call them down for you.

Celebration of Learning

École Sun Valley School will be hosting the Fall Celebration of Learning Conferences on Thursday, October 22nd for all Kindergarten to Grade 5 classes. At these conferences your student will share their learning through centers and activities. The time slots are set for 15 minutes. For families with more than 1 student, please give some extra time when you choose your appointment times, this will allow you to truly experience the learning that is happening. If after this time, you feel you need more info/clarification, it is encouraged to reach out to your child's teacher to set up an agreeable time to continue the conversation.

Conference Manager will open, Tuesday, October 13th please book your appointment with your child's teacher. Our specialist teachers (Resource, Phys. Ed., Music and Teacher Librarian) are also available to meet with you. The link for CONFERENCE MANAGER is on the school website as well as a guide for how to navigate the website.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mme Joëlle (jguillou@retsd.mb.ca) or call the school (204-663-7664) or email the school sv@retsd.mb.ca



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Student Accident Material

Updated MSBA material regarding Student Accident Insurance is on our school website under [DOCUMENTS & FORMS](#)

Fundraising

Your child should have received information about PAC's fall fundraising activities. **Participation in fundraising activities is voluntary.** The money raised helps fund several school initiatives: field trip transportation, in-school educational experiences and activities, playground maintenance, patrol and teacher appreciation, and more. This year, our goal is to raise \$7,500 towards these initiatives.

If you choose to participate, forms and payments (cash or cheque) are due Thursday, October 22. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the PAC Fundraising Committee at sunvalleypac@gmail.com.

ÉSVS Clothing Apparel

We are excited to announce that our ÉSVS School Clothing Apparel Store is now open with a fresh new look!

[HITEK | Promotional Products & Apparel](#)

If you would like to purchase school apparel for your child(ren), you can conveniently place your order online. All items will be delivered before the holiday break, making them wonderful gifts for the season.

The store will remain open for **two weeks (October 26, 2026)**, so be sure to place your order before it closes.

Based on family interest, we may re-open the store again in the spring.

Thank you and have a wonderful day!



Kindergarten Collects Koats for Kids!

Did you know that Manitoba is one of the coldest places on Earth?

Did you know that there are kids in Manitoba that can't enjoy playing outside in the winter, because they don't have warm winter gear?

The Kindergarteners at Sun Valley want to help!

From October 13-26th, we are asking Sun Valley students and families to donate the following items (new or used):



- Jackets
- Ski pants
- Hats
- Scarves
- Mitts/Gloves



Donations can be placed in the bins by the Koats for Kids bulletin board (next to the office).

All items will be donated to Koats for Kids!

Thank you for your generosity!