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Winter Newsletter



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Principal's Message

February is I Love to Read Month!

The importance of reading is something that we encourage throughout the school year. In February, reading is highlighted. SMP will be hosting a number of guest readers including firefighters, hockey players, nurses, football players and farmers. We are also excited to welcome Mr. Matt Wiebe, MLA for Concordia, to our school. Mr. Wiebe will be reading to some of our early years classrooms. We're looking forward to reading and learning together with our guests!

A reminder to families that Kindergarten registration is always the first Monday in March. This year, Kindergarten registration will begin on **Monday, March 2nd, 2020 at 8:00 a.m.**

The SMP Kindergarten Open House will take place on **Wednesday, February 5th at 6:30 pm** in the Early Years Library. If you would like to learn more about the kindergarten programs offered at SMP, please join us. **A reminder that this evening is for adults only.** All kindergarten students registered to attend SMP will be invited for a special Day in the Life of Kindergarten in May.

We will also be hosting a Grade 6 Open House on **Wednesday, February 12th at 6:30 p.m.** in the Middle Years Library. If you have a child in grade 5 who will be attending SMP in 2020-2021, please join us! This event is for parent/guardians and your grade 5 student. A tour of the SMP middle years and an opportunity to meet your child's teachers will take place after a brief presentation in the library.

We continue to receive a number of complaints and concerns from community members regarding the traffic at the front and the back of the school. Vehicles and children sharing the roadways are never a good mix. As always, I encourage you to find alternate locations to drop off and pick up your children to lessen the congestion around our building. I know that we all want to keep our students safe. I implore you to please consider safety before convenience.

Kind regards,

M. Millman



Snack Cart is up and Running at SMP!

Through a grant from the Child Nutrition Council of Manitoba and the PC Children's Charity, we are able to ensure that our students are offered healthy snacks throughout the school year.

Thank you to our program facilitator Mrs. Peters who is a super hero and makes 100 - 120 snacks every morning for our students!

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



**Child Nutrition
Council of Manitoba**

KINDER LINKS

**FREE DROP-IN
STAY & PLAY**

TUESDAYS 9:15 - 11:15 A.M.

(No Program March 24 & 31)

Stick around after dropping off the older kids and pop in with your preschoolers (Kindergartens welcome on their days off) for a play, songs, craft and a snack.

BABY BUMBLEBEES

Tuesdays, April 7–May 26 - 1:15–2:15 p.m.

Best enjoyed by children birth to crawling*

PURPLE STEW

Thursdays, April 16–May 21 - 9:30–11:15 a.m.

Best enjoyed by children ages 3 to 5*

*Registration Required - Beginning 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 14



When is a child too sick for school?

Sickness is part of a normal childhood—the average child has between six and 12 illnesses a year. It can be challenging to balance your child’s attendance with the risk of spreading illness to others at the school.

There are three key reasons to keep your child home from school:

1. Fever over 38°C (100.4°F)
2. Contagious illness or rash
3. Not well enough to participate in class

Guidelines

- Fever usually indicates the body is fighting infection. A child with a fever over 38°C (100.4°F) should stay home until the fever is gone for 24 hours.
- Children can attend school with a mild sore throat unless they show additional symptoms, like a fever, vomiting or abdominal pain.
- A child with a cough need not be kept from school unless it is interfering with sleep or their ability to take part in activities.
- Runny noses and coughs can continue for up to two weeks after a cold. Children can return to school once they no longer have a fever.
- Itchy or scaly rashes may be contagious. If a child with a rash looks ill or is having trouble swallowing or breathing, they should see a doctor.
- Children who are repeatedly vomiting should stay home until it stops and they are eating normally.
- Children with diarrhea should stay home until stools have been normal for at least 24 hours.

Frequent hand washing with soap and water is the most effective way to prevent the spread of contagious diseases.

For further information

Contact your school principal or guidance counsellor. For questions about the management of lice, immunization history and childhood illnesses, contact your local public health nurse at ACCESS River East (204.938.5000) or ACCESS Transcona (204.938.5555).

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 2020, 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 January 22, 2020

204.669.4043
kinderlinks@retsd.mb.ca
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

Meet Administrators, teachers and community partners at the host sites listed below. Families are welcome to pick the event that works best for their schedule. The activities/screening stations take approximately 90 minutes to complete.

Salisbury Morse Place, Sherwood, Hampstead,
John de Graff, Bertrun E. Glavin
Thursday, April 16 at 2–6 p.m.
John de Graff, 1020 Louelda St.

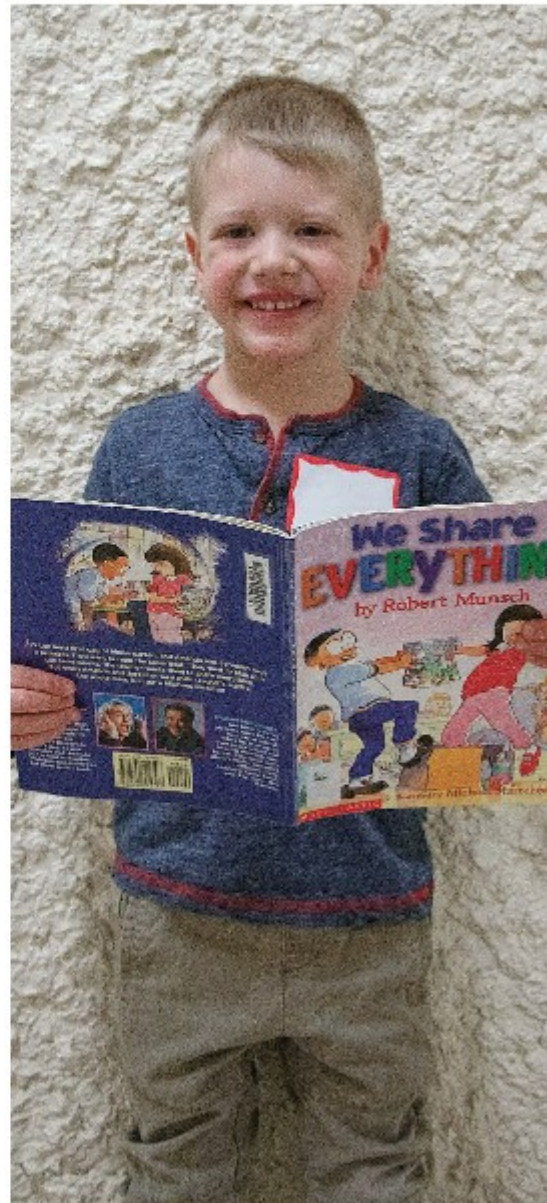
Lord Wolseley, Polson, Princess Margaret, Neil Campbell,
Angus McKay, Springfield Heights, Prince Edward
Wednesday, April 22 at 2–6 p.m.
Springfield Heights School, 505 Sharron Bay

Harold Hatcher, Radisson, Wayoata,
École Margaret-Underhill
Wednesday, April 29 at 2–6 p.m.
Wayoata School, 605 Wayoata St.

John Pritchard, Maple Leaf, Sun Valley, Donwood,
Emerson, Dr. Hamilton, Bird's Hill
Thursday, May 7 at 2–6 p.m.
Dr. F.W.L Hamilton School, 3225 Henderson Hwy.

Westview, Joseph Teres, Bernie Wolfe, École Centrale
Wednesday, May 13 at 2–6 p.m.
Bernie Wolfe Community School, 95 Bournais Ave.

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Early Years Music Notes

A special thank-you to all staff and students for your excellent participation in our Kindergarten – Grade 2/3 Winter Concert this year! Thank-you also to the CSA for your continued support of these events!

Coming Events!

The Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra's Woodwind quintet will be performing for our Grade 3 students on Wednesday, February 12th.

The Grade 4 & 5 choir will be performing two songs at the Winnipeg Music Festival on Wednesday, March 11th. The class they are performing in starts at 12:30 and Salisbury Morse Place is 5th on the program. Parents are welcome to attend this event. It will be held at Westminster United Church and the charge for admission is \$5.00.

Grade 4 & 5 students will have an opportunity to attend a Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra concert in April! More information regarding dates and time will be sent home with the students in March.

PIRATES! THE MUSICAL

All Grade 3-5 students will be starting rehearsals for our Spring Musical which will be on Tuesday, May 12th at Salisbury Morse Place School. They will be performing "Pirates! The Musical" in an afternoon and evening show. Auditions are being held this week for speaking parts and are open to Grade 5 students!



Music Clubs



Bucket Drumming Club

Tuesday during lunch recess for Grade 3 students

Morning recesses for Grade 4 & 5 students (listen to announcements)



Early Years Phys. Ed

Welcome back to everyone. Here's hoping that the New Year will bring you all that you are hoping for.

Here in the gym, things are busy. Our annual basketball tournament with Bertrun E. Glavin school has already come and gone. Congratulations to the grade 5 students who displayed excellent skills and sportsmanship on January 30. These students included Hayes, Alex, Johnny, Lucien, Jhan, Oaklin, Nathan, Drei, Mateo, Ashton, Fifi, Ciara, Eliane, Alexis, Allyson, Gabby, Abigail, Sara, Jeremy, Jaren, Juliana, Omar Laylee and Joshua. Thank you to Mrs. Sobie and Mme. Glufka for their coaching expertise.

The Gymnastics Club started for grade 3,4, and 5 students. We practice every Wednesday at 11:45 and after-school on Tuesdays from 3:30-4:40. The Dance Club for grade 4 and 5 students has also begun with Miss Zawadowski. They practice on Tuesdays at 11:45. The grade 1,2,3 students will also get to dance with Miss Zawadowski, starting on Monday, February 10. The purpose of the dance and gymnastics clubs is to prepare for our 3rd annual Extravaganza Night. This evening of dance, gymnastics and other surprises will take place on Monday, March 23 at 6 p.m. More information will follow to the students involved.

During the month of February, students will celebrate Heart Month. We try to challenge students to a few extra cardiovascular activities including skipping and team events. Ask your child what they did in the gym today. Hopefully they will tell you about something they couldn't do before, but now they can!!!!
Enjoy the snow while it lasts.

Mme Gagnon





Gr. 7 & 8 Band Camp

The grades 7 & 8 band students will be heading to Camp Cedarwood on Monday, March 2nd and will return on Wednesday, March 4th. During their time at camp, they will be working with guest clinicians in sectionals and full band rehearsals to learn new music for their spring band festival. They will also have the opportunity to take part in many exciting activities camp has to offer. Thanks to the volunteer parents and staff members, who are helping Ms. Giese with the supervision of over 80 students on this great out-of-school experience.

Glenlea Plant Sale

The Band Parents Association will once again be holding their annual Plant Sale. These plants are high quality annuals, perennials, and vegetables that grow well in our Manitoba climate. The colourful glossy catalogue of plants will be available before the end of February. All order forms must be submitted in paper-form to the school or on-line by March 23rd. You can view the colourful catalogue and place orders on-line at glenleagreenhouses.com.

Find Salisbury Morse Place Band Parents Association as the fundraising group, and list a band student's name as the Seller, so that they receive the credit for the order. Your beautiful plants will be available for pick up at the school on Wed. May 13th.



Library News

I Love to Read

Starting February 1st, our school will take part in I Love to Read Month. A new nationwide initiative that celebrates Canadian literature is here! February 19 is now declared as **I Read Canadian!**

For I Love to Read Month, we are encouraging students to read books written by Canadian authors. Displays featuring books written by Canadian authors will be in both libraries!

Students will fill out a ballot to enter a draw for every **Canadian** book they read!

Thank you for all your support. I am looking forward to our **Canadian** version of I Love to Read Month.

Ms. Blanchette



Forest of Reading starts this February for grade 2 students. To find out more about the program please visit: www.accessola.org



Forest Of Reading

Canada's largest
recreational
reading program.

An Ontario Library Association Initiative



MAKERSPACE

Dear SMP Families,

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





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 7:00 am - 9:00 am & 3:15 pm - 6:00 pm 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

Lisa Harakal



All student absences must 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

Allergies

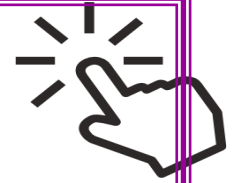
There are several students with life threatening allergies in our school. We work very hard to provide a safe environment for all students. We ask that all families consider the following in the interest of safety:

- 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.



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.



Phone: 204-661-4451

Email: mun@retsdb.ca

École Munroe Middle School Grade 6 Open House

405 Munroe Avenue

Wednesday, February 5th

6:00 pm

Join us to find out about Munroe's English, Early Entry French Immersion, and Late Entry French Immersion programs.

As Middle Years educators, we demonstrate a commitment to students in helping them develop positive, productive skills that will enhance their lives as well informed citizens.

Dates to Remember Winter

Feb 5	SMP Kindergarten Info Night
Feb 10	BandCamp/BPA Meeting - 6:30pm-7:30pm
Feb 12	Early Dismissal - 2:35pm
Feb 12	Grade 6 Open House - 6:30pm - 8pm
Feb 17	Louis Riel Day - No Classes
Feb 18	Parent Council (CSA) Meeting - 6:30pm-8:30pm
Feb 19	Festival De Voyageur Pancake Breakfast - 8:30am
Feb 28	P.M. - No Classes - Dismissal is 11:45am
March 2-4	Grade 7 & 8 Band Camp
March 9	BPA Meeting - 6:30pm-7:30pm
March 13	Co-ordinated Day - No Classes
March 16	Report Cards Posted (Term 2)
March 17	Parent Council (CSA) Meeting - 6:30pm-8:30pm
March 19	Student Conferences - Evening
March 20	Student Conferences - Afternoon
March 27	Last day before Spring Break



Dear Parents/Guardians and Families,

As I am sure that you have noticed, the use and popularity of e-cigarettes and “vaping” has been increasing in Manitoba. These trends come after years of decreasing smoking rates across the province, particularly among youth.

This trend is concerning as the use of e-cigarettes is not without risk, with evidence emerging around addiction potential and harmful chemicals contained in the vaping liquid. Therefore, as a province, we want to ensure we are being proactive and that tobacco use is not simply being replaced by e-cigarettes.

My office has provided a reminder to all schools that the use of e-cigarettes (as with conventional cigarettes) in any enclosed public space, including schools, is prohibited under The Smoking and Vapour Products Control Act. This prohibition is important to ensure that smoking, be it tobacco or e-cigarettes, is not normalized or thought of as a risk-free activity.

As e-cigarettes are a relatively new technology, we want to ensure that parents are also able to access clear and balanced information to be able to talk to their children. We know that nobody is more influential on a young person’s decisions than their parents and would therefore like to encourage you to explore the resources available from

Health Canada - www.canada.ca/en/services/health/publications/healthy-living/talking-teen-vaping-tip-sheet-parents.html

Please take the time to examine this information and to share it with others.

Best wishes for a successful and enjoyable school year.

Kelvin Goertzen
Minister
Education



Get FREE MONEY for

Have you heard about the *Canada Learning Bond*?

It's FREE MONEY, available to some families with young children. It can be worth up to \$2000 for a child's education in the future.

Your child is eligible if:

- They were born in 2004 or later.
- Your family income is below the following income cut-offs:
 - 1-3 children - \$47,630 or less
 - 4 children - less than \$53,740
 - 5 children - less than \$59,876
 - 6 children – less than \$66,011



How it works

- You open an RESP (Registered Education



WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 19TH, 2020 AT JOHN PRITCHARD SCHOOL. GET YOUR...

- * **FREE** Manitoba Birth Certificate**
- * **FREE** Social Insurance Number (SIN#)
- * **FREE** Registered Education Savings Plan Account (RESP)

YOU CAN GET UP TO \$2,000 OF FREE MONEY FOR YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION THROUGH THE CANADA LEARNING BOND

** The cost of a Manitoba birth certificate will be covered for children born in 2004 and later as well as their parents in families with an annual income less than \$50 000

WHAT IS A REGISTERED EDUCATION SAVINGS PLAN ?

A Registered Education Savings Plan (**RESP**) is a special savings account for your child's education after high school. It is free to open an RESP. The additional **Canada Learning Bond** is government money that may be added to this account. **You do not have to make any additional contributions** to get your money from the Canada Learning Bond.

QUESTIONS?

Further information on the Canada Learning Bond is available at:

1-866-991-0025 or visit www.smartsaver.org

IF YOU ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE CANADA LEARNING BOND...

You will receive a letter from the Government of Canada in February with more information on how to **get your money**.

There is a Canada Learning Bond sign-up event:

Wednesday, February 19th, 2020

1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

John Pritchard School

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** Childminding will be available if needed**