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DECEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER



Administrators' Holiday Greeting



Welcome to December! With the introduction of some colder temperatures and thawing and freezing over the past few weeks, we are reminding students to come dressed for the outdoors. Morning and afternoon recesses are 15 minutes long, while the lunch play time is 30 minutes. All children are expected to be outside unless the windchill is colder than -27 degrees Celsius.

With the arrival of snow, we also face renewed concerns around traffic in the neighbourhood. Our patrols and crossing guards have been told to watch for slower stop times for vehicles, but student drop off can also pose additional problems with snow or slippery sections on the streets. A reminder that we encourage all students to use the crosswalk to cross the street. The safety of our children is always a priority for us, please help to support the safe arrival and dismissal of all students.

We would like to extend our thanks to the ÉSKS Parent Advisory Council (PAC) for their tremendous efforts with the Fundscrip gift card fundraiser that ended last week. Our parent community did an outstanding job of supporting our PAC! Many thanks to everyone involved; there will be information sent out around the distribution of the gift cards in the coming week. We will send out the final tally of money raised for the school.

Our fall reporting period is now over, and our support team (administration and resource teachers) is in the process of meeting with each teacher to discuss the learning in classrooms. These are powerful meetings, where teachers talk about the assessments they have done (and continue to do on an ongoing basis), how they are grouping their children for instruction, and what planning they are doing day to day to meet the individual needs of their students. Teachers talk about trends that they are seeing in classrooms, and how they are working in grade teams to collaborate in their planning for learning. With initial assessments completed, teachers are able to create baseline data in literacy and numeracy that will be used to plan for instruction, and will be tracked through the year to monitor and support student growth.

On the heels of our reporting to you, and the tri-conferences that were held mid-November, we hope that you feel as though you have a good understanding of your child's successes in the classroom, and their next steps for learning. Please know that you are always welcome to contact classroom teachers for further conversation, or to ask questions.

Hot Lunch is continuing in the New Year, with lunches being served to students in Grades 1-8. Thank you to the leadership students and the teachers supporting this popular initiative.

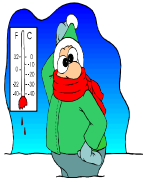
Our volleyball season wrapped up recently with great success experienced on and off the court. We had a dedicated group of teachers who worked hard with students during practices and games. Special thanks go to our coaches and adult supervisors: Mr. Clark, Madame Richer, Ms. Bradshaw, Mr. Smoke, Madame Greenberg, Madame Burokas, Ms. Long, Mr. Ly, Ms. Klanjncar and a group grade 8 students who worked as scorekeepers. We couldn't do it without you! Basketball is next up! Tryouts are underway and many at ÉSKS are eager to get "our game" underway.

On behalf of the entire staff at École Stanley Knowles School, we wish you the very best for the holiday season. It is a privilege to work with your children each day, and we thank you for your ongoing engagement in the learning of your children. Here is to a healthy and joyful 2023!

Warmest regards,

A. Powell ~ J. Mayor-Rodrigues





Cold Weather Reminders

Indoor recess

During the winter months, the wind chill is checked before morning recess, lunch time and afternoon recess.

Students are expected to dress appropriately for the weather at all times. As per WSD policy, students will be kept indoors only on inclement days when the wind chill reaches -28° Celsius. When the wind chill is between -25° to -27° , students may go out for a shortened 10 minute recess.

At times, parents and guardians have requested by a note to the classroom teacher or a phone call to the school, to have their child remain indoors at recess time. It is our school's belief that if a student is too sick to go outdoors at recess, then he or she is too sick to be at school.



There will be no meetings in December or January, but the next meeting will be on **Wednesday, February 7, 2023 at 6:00pm**, for both virtual and in the school's Library.

Reminder that the fundraisers pick up dates will be within the first two weeks of December. Delivery dates will be announced and displayed on the digital sign outside. Many thanks to all the families that supported the fundraiser.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email PAC at eskspac@outlook.com

Happy Holidays from the Parent Advisory Council!



Lunch Programs News!

We would like to wish all parents and students a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and a big thank you to the parents for all their support year round!

During the lunch hour, please have adequate lunches and proper utensils. **If you are taking your child for lunch or giving them permission to leave the school during the lunch hour, please send a note, call the school or email us at eskslunchprogram@gmail.com** to let us know so that we can account for their whereabouts.

With the cold weather fast approaching, it becomes more important than ever that **ALL** Grade 7 & 8 students have a plan for their lunch hour.

The safety and well-being of all of our students at ÉSKS is of the utmost importance. **Since ÉSKS does not provide any formal supervision over the lunch hour**, all students in who are not part of the paid Lunch Program **are expected to leave the building and the school grounds over the lunch hour.**

This Parent Run Lunch Program is available on a full-time basis. The cost of this program is the same as our Elementary Lunch Program and operates in a similar manner. Families can choose to pay a full-time fee of \$260.00 for the entire school year.

Information regarding the Elementary & Junior High Lunch Program is available in the school office.

~ C. Klajncar



Winter Wonderland



Some of our École Stanley Knowles students had the opportunity to attend Winter Wonderland at the Delta Hotel! It was an exciting afternoon filled with good food, activities and music. Students were able to decorate gingerbread cookies, have their faces painted and participated in a dance competition. Santa even made an appearance! A big thank you to Variety Children's Charity for putting on this fun event!

Performing Arts

Mr. Regier



Throughout the month of November, students in Performing Arts have been hard at work preparing holiday songs for performance. The Grade 8 students have been working in small groups to learn a holiday song of their choosing. Most students have learned their individual parts, and they are now working towards putting it together for their small ensemble performance for their peers. The Grade 7 students are currently learning their parts in order to record Jingle Bells. This recording will be used to film a music video for this year's Jingle Bells Music Video Contest.



Safe Arrival



Before **9:00 am** of the current day, and when you know your child is going to be absent, sick, leaving early or has an appointment, please call the Safe Arrival System at: **1-855-278-4513** to let the school know. You can also use the website at: **<http://go.schoolmessenger.ca>** or the mobile app.

Calling students out of class during the school hours to phone home, or pick something up from the office is very disruptive to the class. Unless it is an emergency, it would be appreciated if you could make prior arrangements with your child and ensure that your child arrives at school prepared for the school day with all his/her belongings, including lunch, snacks, water bottle and binder/homework.





The Leadership group is excited to encourage others to give back.

In partnership with Harvest Manitoba, we are encouraging the whole school to donate non-perishable food items. Help us reach our goal of 1,200 food items!

The ÉSKS Leadership Food Drive runs from
Thursday, December 1st to Thursday, December 15th.



Get a draw ticket for prizes for every food item you brought.
A special event **PJ Day** in support of Manitoba Harvest on
December 8, 2022
bring \$1 or an extra food item & wear your PJ's!



Elementary Music

Ms. Chapman



Congratulations to all the students from rooms 139, 143, 138, and 203 who performed at the Elementary School Remembrance Day Assembly! You did an outstanding job - your voices were beautiful and the song was very meaningful!

COMING UP

Students from the rooms listed below will be participating in the Winter Concerts this year and are hard at work on our concert selections. This year's theme is "Catch the Holiday Spirit"

The Winter Concert is **Wednesday, December 13, 2022 @ 6:30 pm** for
Rooms **135, 138, 143, 146, 202, 205, 213**

Nursery/Kindergarten concert is **Thursday, December 14, 2022 @ 10:45 am**
Rooms **132 & 133**. Both AM and PM classes are to come in the morning

The Winter Concert is **Friday, December 15, 2022 @ 6:30 pm** for
Rooms **134, 139, 148, 201, 203, 204, 212**



Please keep a lookout for letters home within the next couple of weeks with further details!



Volleyball:

Grade 7 Volleyball

The Grade 7 Boys' and Girls' volleyball teams have had successful seasons playing Tripleball. There were over 60 Grade 7 boys and girls that came out to join the teams. They have worked hard both in practices and in games/tournaments. Wat to go Sonics!



Grade 8 Volleyball

The Grade 8 Boy's and Girl's volleyball teams had a good season. They put in countless hours in practices, games and tournaments. Each team competed in tournaments throughout the season giving them lots of playing time against very challenging opponents. They have greatly improved since the start of the season. Go Sonics!



Select Grade 7 and 8 students will have the opportunity to go to Asessippi Ski Hill on February 15 & 16, 2023. We have been taking registration starting in November and spots are filling up fast. All spots are on a first-come first-serve basis. See Mr. Barr for more information.

Try-outs are scheduled for next week!



Elementary Physical Education

Mr. Klym

Intramurals

Intramurals are now in full swing for students in grades 3-6 students. Intramurals begin at 12:00 pm and run until 12:40 pm in the big gym. Reminder, students are expected to eat their lunch where they normally would and calmly make their way to the big gym @ 12:00pm. If your child normally goes home for lunch on their intramural day, they are expected to bring a lunch and eat in the big gym while being supervised by Mr. Klym. Students are encouraged to bring a change of clothes as well as appropriate footwear!

The intramural schedule is as follows:



Day 2	Grades 3 & 4
Day 4	Grade 5
Day 6	Grade 6



Indoor Running Shoes

As the weather gets colder, we start to see a lot more students wearing winter boots. Although winter boots are great for keeping warm outside, they can be a safety hazard when being worn in Phys. Ed class. Please have your child bring a pair of indoor shoes so that they can participate to the best of their ability and help save our gym floors!

Skating Program

Skating program will be offered to students in Grade 4-6 starting in January as well as volleyball practices for students the Grade 5/6. More information to come in the new year!



School Closures...

2022 - 2023 School Closures

Wednesday, December 21, 2022

Last day of school before Winter Break

DECEMBER BREAK - Thursday, December 22 to Wednesday, January 4, 2023

Thursday, January 5, 2023

School Re-opens after Winter Break

Friday, January 20, 2023

ÉSKS PD Day - No School

Friday, February 3, 2023

Non-Instructional Day - No School

Monday, February 20, 2023

Louis Riel Day - No School

Friday, March 17, 2023

Student-Led Conferences - No School

Friday, March 24, 2023

Last day of school before Spring Break

SPRING BREAK - Monday, March 27 to Friday, March 31, 2023

Monday, April 3, 2023

School Re-opens after Spring Break

Friday, April 7, 2023

Good Friday - No School

Friday, April 14, 2023

Non-Instructional Day - No School

Monday, May 1, 2023

Non-Instructional Day - No School

Monday, May 22, 2022

Victoria Day - No School

Friday, June 16, 2023

ÉSKS PD Day - No School

Friday, June 30, 2023

Last Day of School - 11:30 am Dismissal



ÉSKS Patrols



Now that the weather is getting cooler, our patrols need to be dressing appropriately when they are on post.

Jackets, mitts, scarves, ski pants and hats are all cold-weather gear. Please make sure you are coming dressed for your week!

With the colder weather comes icy conditions. Please be aware of our patrols out on post while you are driving, for your safety and theirs!





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December 2022



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
			1 Day 6 Grade 3/4 Intramurals (Lunch)	2 Day 1
5 Day 2 Grade 5/6 Intramurals (Lunch)	6 Day 3	7 Day 4 Grade 3/4 Intramurals (Lunch)	8 Day 5	9 Day 6 LIFE TOUCH PHOTO RETAKES Grade 5/6 Intramurals (Lunch)
12 Day 1	13 Day 2 WINTER CONCERT @ 6:30 PM Rms 138, 135, 143, 146 202, 213, 205 	14 Day 3 WINTER CONCERT @ 10:45 AM Nursery and Kindergarten Rms 132 & 133 	15 Day 4 WINTER CONCERT @ 6:30 PM Rms 134, 139, 148, 203 212, 201, 204 	16 Day 5
19 Day 6 	20 Day 1 HOT LUNCH 	21 Day 2	22	23
Winter Break - Thursday, December 22, 2022 to Wednesday, January 4, 2023 School reopens Thursday, January 5, 2023				