



# ÉCOLE STANLEY KNOWLES SCHOOL HOME OF THE *Jonias*

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## NOVEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER



### Administrator's Message

Dear ÉSKS Families,

Our learning is in full-swing as we begin the month of November! Classrooms are busy with project work and many different learning activities. Teachers are assessing students on an ongoing basis, classroom data (reading levels, student writing development, understanding in math) is reviewed and programming for learning is further planned and adjusted to meet the many different needs in the classroom. Our reporting to you this month will include evidence of learning for your child in relation to provincial curricular outcomes (at grade-level). In the report card, you can expect to read about what your child is currently able to do (their strengths), what they are not yet demonstrating on a consistent basis, or what extension opportunities may be available as they are excelling in a particular area (their "challenges") and their next steps for learning. Your children's teachers look forward to speaking to you about your child's learning and are ready to answer questions that you may have about supporting their next steps.

Highlights of October included hosting a Canadian Citizenship Ceremony. This was the first ceremony that had been done in the province since the beginning of the pandemic, and we were thrilled to welcome 39 new Canadians, including one of our educational assistants! We have also been cheering on sports teams in the gym. Volleyball teams have been practicing morning, noon and night and have participated in several evening/weekend tournaments. We held a Terry Fox Run and hosted a soccer tournament for students in Grades 5/6 from the community. School pictures were taken and for the first time in several years, we were able to get classroom pictures taken! Yay! We celebrated Halloween with a costume parade in elementary. There were wonderful costumes and great spirit!

November promises to be equally engaging, with ongoing volleyball games, our Annual Remembrance Day assembly on November 10th, report cards being emailed out on November 16th; Tri-Conferences; and various workshops for staff. At the end of November our admin/support team will be meeting formally with classroom teachers to review their assessment data, and hear about how they are programming for learning.

We look forward to connecting with you during our Tri-Conferences. This year, we will offer in-person conferences on Thursday evening from 4:00-7:45pm and virtual conferences on Friday morning. We may not always offer both an in-person and virtual option, but will do this in November. As always, please feel welcomed to contact the office at any time with feedback or a question - our strong partnership is critical to the learning culture of our school.

Warm Regards,

Mme. Powell ~ Mme. Mayor-Rodrigues



## Lunch Program

A few friendly reminders to all Stanley Knowles Lunch Program Families:

- ◆ As the weather is getting colder, please make sure your children are dressed appropriately for the weather. Grades 1 to 6 students will continue going outdoors during the lunch hour, unless the temperature is below  $-25^{\circ}$  with the wind chill.
- ◆ There are limited spaces remaining for new Lunch Program registrations, students will be placed on a waitlist if there are no more spaces available. Students who are **NOT** registered with the Lunch Program must make other plans and leave school property over the lunch hour as there is no supervision provided by the school. Be sure to register as soon as possible if you need a space. In case of an emergency, we do offer a drop in program in the small gym for \$3.00 a day/per child.

***If you are taking your child out for lunch, or giving them permission to leave school property, please send a note, email the Lunch Program at ([eskslunchprogram@gmail.com](mailto:eskslunchprogram@gmail.com)) or call the school and leave a message to give your child permission to leave the building.***



### *In Flanders Field*

*~ By John McCrae (1872-1918)*

*In Flanders Fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the Dead, Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders Fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders Fields*



### *Why the Poppy?*

*The association between the poppy and war dates back to the Napoleonic wars, when a writer saw a field of poppies growing over the graves of fallen soldiers. During the battle of Ypres in 1915, Canadian Lt.-Col. John McCrae was inspired to write the poem *In Flanders Fields* on sighting the poppies growing beside a grave of a close friend who had died in battle.*



Before 9:00 am of the current day, and when you know your child is going to be absent, 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.



# Report Cards Emailed Wednesday, November 16th

## Parent Teacher Virtual Conferences

Thursday, November 17, 2022		Friday, November 18, 2022
4:00 pm - 8:00 pm In Person Only		9:00 am - 11:30 am Virtual Only



## ÉSKS PAC News!

If your interested in joining PAC, feel free to email us at [eskspac@outlook.com](mailto:eskspac@outlook.com)

**Our November PAC Meeting will be on Tuesday, November 1, 2022 at 6:00 pm  
In the library and on virtual link**

This will be the last one for this year, no meeting will be in December or January, but will resume in February.

- ◆ A Huge thank you for all that came out to the Halloween Dance, it was a huge success and our largest attendance since pre-COVID.
- ◆ A Huge thank you from all our donators with the auction baskets.
- ◆ A Huge thank you to the parents, teachers, custodians, lunch program, admin and leadership students that helped volunteer at the dance.

Next fundraiser will be our Gift Cards, just in time for the Holiday season. There will be 3 weeks to sell and then distribution will be in the first two weeks of December. Pick up times will follow later, please watch out for the fundraiser information to be sent home soon and please watch the outside digital sign for information.





# Cold Weather Reminders

## Students Arrival At School

When the cold weather has truly arrived, we remind parents, guardians and students that they should arrive at school **NO EARLIER** than 8:45 am and 12:40 pm.

Students arriving before the above times will have to wait outside in the cold weather.

## Indoor Recess Policy

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  $-28^{\circ}$  Celsius. When the wind chill is between  $-25^{\circ}$  to  $-27^{\circ}$ , 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. Please keep children who are ill at home and follow Public Health guidelines.

We would ask parents and guardians to send children to school only when they are well enough to participate in all activities, including recess.

## Emergency School Closing

In the event of an emergency school closing, our first concern is the safety of our students. The decision to close the school is made by the Chief Superintendent and media outlets will be contacted so they broadcast and/or post school cancellation information.

In case our school needs to be evacuated on short notice, an alternate shelter is required. Tyndall Park School will serve as our alternate shelter. The school is located at 2221 King Edward Street and their phone number is 204-633-0065.

It is our sincere hope that a threatening emergency will never occur. However, instructing your children as to your expectations will assist in ensuring their health and safety under emergency conditions.



## Elementary Music



The Elementary Winter Concerts this year will be held on:

**Tuesday, December 13th at 6:30 pm**

(Rooms: 138, 135, 143, 146, 202, 213, and 205 will take part in the concert)

**Thursday, December 15th at 6:30pm**

(Rooms: 134, 139, 148, 203, 212, 201 and 204 will take part in the concert)

**The Nursery/Kindergarten Concert will be on Wednesday, December 14th**

More detailed information will be sent home in a letter in the coming weeks





### Cross Country

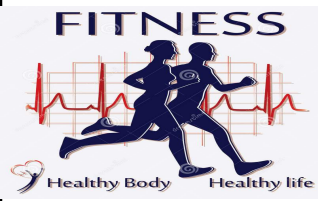
Congratulations to the Grade 7 and 8 Cross Country teams for a great season. Their hard work and dedication paid off with the Junior Girls winning a Runner's Up banner! Our Junior Boys team ran hard and finished in 3rd place. Well done runners!

### Volleyball

Volleyball season is in full swing here at Stanley Knowles. Grade 8 games are played Monday and Wednesday, and Grade 7 games are Tuesday and Thursdays. All games start at 4:00pm. Go Sonics!



### Fitness Testing



During the month of October, students have completed a number of assessments that measure their personal fitness. The assessments measure the fitness components of cardiovascular endurance, muscular strength, muscular endurance and flexibility. Students will create a plan to help them improve on their baseline scores and will complete these assessments again in the spring. They will then be able to compare their results and track

## Elementary Physical Education

## Mr. Klym

### Grade 5 & 6 Soccer

Congratulations to our students in Grade 5&6 who represented Stanley Knowles at the Northwest Soccer tournament that was hosted at our school. We had 9 different schools attend and participate at this year's tournament. All of our players demonstrated great sportsmanship and respect to all opponents. All of your coaches are very proud of how dedicated you were to improving yourselves at practice and this was demonstrated at the tournament by having all our teams going undefeated during both tournaments days. Job well done!



### Intramurals

Intramural activities are a great way to give students additional time to be active during the lunch hour. Our next Intramural will be a variety of Low Organized games. Permission slips will be given out in late October. Intramurals will run from 12:00-12:40pm in the large gym. Students who normally go home for lunch are encouraged to bring a lunch to school and will be able to eat their lunch in the gym with Mr. Klym. Stay tuned for more information!

## Performing Arts

## Mr. Regier



Grade 7 & 8 students have been working hard practicing their duet pieces this past month. In addition, having learned the ukulele part of the song "I'm Yours" throughout September and October, Grade 7 classes have begun the process of finding singers for future performances and a final recording. We also been reviewing rhythmic notation and drumming techniques using the bucket drums so the final version of the sing can include percussion instruments.

All classes will begin work on winter Holiday songs in the month of November. Grade 8 students will learn and perform songs in small groups for their classmates, while Grade 7 students will learn a holiday song for and make a music video for the 2nd annual "Jingle Bells" music video competition!



## 2022 - 2023 School Closures

**Friday, November 11, 2022**

Friday, November 18, 2022

**Remembrance Day - No School**

Tri-Conferences - No School

***WINTER BREAK - Thursday, December 22 to Wednesday, January 4, 2023***

Thursday, January 5, 2023

**Friday, January 20, 2023**

School Re-opens after Winter Break

**ÉSKS PD DAY - No School**

Friday, February 3, 2023

**Monday, February 20, 2023**

Non-Instructional Day - No School

**Louis Riel Day - No School**

Friday, March 17, 2023

Friday, March 24, 2023

Student-Led Conferences - No School

Last day of school before Spring Break

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

Monday, April 3, 2023

**Friday, April 7, 2023**

Friday, April 14, 2023

School Re-opens after Spring Break

**Good Friday - No School**

Non-Instructional Day - No School

Monday, May 1, 2023

**Monday, May 22, 2023**

Non-Instructional Day - No School

**Victoria Day - No School**

**Friday, June 16, 2023**

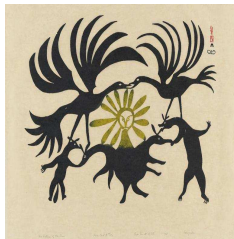
Friday, June 30, 2023

**ÉSKS PD Day - No School**

Last Day of School - 11:30 am Dismissal

## What's Happening in Art...

Ms. Kmet



Visiting an Art Gallery is the best way for families not only to spend time together but to gain new experiences together.

Qaumajuq the Inuit art center part of the Winnipeg Art Gallery is an innovative new museum, home of the largest public collection of contemporary Inuit art in the world. The first-of-its-kind multi-level cultural campus in the heart of downtown Winnipeg spans 188,000 square feet.



Qaumajuq bridges Canada's North and South through exhibitions, research, education and art making. A community of artists, Indigenous advisors, partners and stakeholders have collaborated to envision and build a vibrant gathering place where all are welcome and where everyone's stories are told and heard in a true spirit of reconciliation.

Visit the Gallery for **FREE** on the second Sunday of each month, family-friendly programming in the afternoon. Sunday hours are from 11:00 am—5:00 pm.



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## November 2022

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	1 Day 3  <b>PAC Virtual Meeting            @ 6:00 pm</b>	2 Day 4	3 Day 5	4 Day 6
7 Day 1	8 Day 2	9 Day 3	10 Day 4  <b>Remembrance Day            Assembly            @ 11:00 am</b>	11  <b>REMEMBRANCE DAY            NO SCHOOL</b>  
14 Day 5	15 Day 6  <b>PICTURE RETAKES</b>  	16 Day 1  <b>REPORT CARDS            EMAILED OUT</b>  	17 Day 2  <b>Parent/Child/Teacher            In-Person Conferences Only            @ 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm</b>	18 Day 3  <b>NO SCHOOL - ALL DAY            Parent/Child/Teacher            Virtual Conferences Only            9:00 am - 11:30 am</b>
21 Day 4	22 Day 5	23 Day 6	24 Day 1  <b>HOT LUNCH            Grades 1 - 8</b>  	25 Day 2
28 Day 3	30 Day 5			