



## JANUARY 2023 NEWSLETTER



### Administrators' Message

# HAPPY NEW YEAR

Dear ÉSKS Families,

January is on the horizon! What adventures lie ahead for 2023? What goals will our students set and how will we continue to build community both within and outside of the school? 2023 is the year of the Rabbit on the Chinese Zodiac, which will begin with the Lunar New Year on January 23, 2023. We are promised a period of rest and reflection after the dynamic Year of the Tiger. Sounds good to me! We wish you a year of good health and happiness.

December featured a series of beautiful holiday performances by our Nursery/Kindergarten and Grades 1-6 classrooms. We enjoyed some Staff versus Students volleyball and dodgeball games and raised over 1200 items for Manitoba Harvest with our annual push to support our community. Our Parent Council (PAC) had a successful fundraising initiative with holiday gift cards; we thank you for your ongoing support.

Looking forward we will celebrate the spoken word through the French Speech Contest (concours d'art oratoire) and science will be front and centre as many classrooms work on projects for Science Fair. We welcome a new Visual Arts teacher, Ms. Kenelly, who takes over for our retiring Ms. Kmet, here at Stanley Knowles since 2001. We wish Ms. Kmet much happiness as she begins this new chapter.

For Canadians with Ukrainian heritage, you may well be celebrating Ukrainian Christmas on January 7th. Enjoy your sauerkraut, borscht, pierogi, holopchi, pyrizshky and kolachi. It is a pleasure to get to work with your children each day - all the best for the coming year!

Warmest Regards,  
A. Powell ~ J. Mayor-Rodrigues



## Safe Arrival



Before the bell time of the current day, and when you know that your child is going to be absent 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 up something 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 snacks, lunch, water bottle and binder/homework.



## Winnipeg Harvest



École Stanley Knowles School staff and students went deep into their pantry and proved once again that they are experts at helping others. Over 1200 food items were collected to give to Harvest Manitoba in a time where they need it most. Leadership students helped move the food drive along by giving daily announcements, boxing up food items and tracking process. Together we make huge difference thanks to all that were able to help out in this season of giving.

~ Together, ÉSKS made a huge difference to those that need it most.



## Parent Advisory Council

The Parent Advisory Council is the collective voice of parents in our school that meet regularly to discuss matters affecting our school and the education of our children.

Meeting take place at 6:00pm in the school's library or a virtual link will be emailed out.

- Join us to voice your opinions and concerns
- Ask questions about what is happening in our school
- Discuss ideas for fundraisers to support our local economy and how to use the money raised
- Discuss traffic awareness and safety for improved safe access to school on streets and sidewalks

If you have any questions or concerns, please email the PAC (Parent Advisory Council) at [eskspac@outlook.com](mailto:eskspac@outlook.com)



The next virtual PAC meeting is scheduled for:  
**Wednesday, February 7, 2023 @ 6:00 pm**



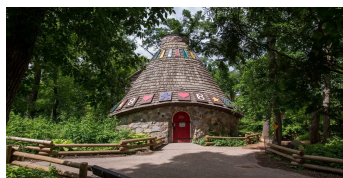
## Save the Dates!

### Grade 8 Farewell

This year, the Grade 8 Farewell Ceremony will be held on **Wednesday, June 28th** at Tec Voc High School.

All parents and guardians are welcome to attend. Car pooling is recommended as there is limited amount of street parking.

The event will begin at 10:00 am sharp and will conclude at approximately at 3:00 pm.



### Grade 8 Kildonan Park Fun Day

The Kildonan Park Fun Day will take place on Thursday, Jun 29th from 10:00 am—2:30 pm. Students must arrange their own transportation to and from Kildonan Park.

Students will enjoy a complimentary lunch with the option to purchase additional food. Games and classroom activities will be arranged by the Grade 8 teaching staff.



# Cold Weather Reminders



When bus transportation is cancelled in the morning, it will not resume later in the day even if weather conditions improve.

## SCHOOL BUS CANCELLATIONS

During the school year there may be times when school bus transportation is cancelled due to inclement weather or poor driving conditions, but schools will remain open.

School bus transportation for all school divisions in the City of Winnipeg is cancelled when the wind chill reaches  $-45^{\circ}$  Celsius by 6:15 a.m. based on the Environment Canada readings at the Winnipeg Airport. The temperature readings can be found at the Environment Canada website (<http://www.weatheroffice.gc.ca>).

The following media outlets are contacted in the early morning to ask that they broadcast and/or post the information:

89.3 CBC FM; 990 CBC AM; CKSB 89.9 FM (French); CJOB-680 AM; Power 97-FM; 1290 CFRW; 99.9 BOB-FM; Q94-FM; 92 CITI FM; 102.3 CLEAR FM; CKMM Hot 103; QX 04 FM; CTV News; City TV; Winnipeg Free Press Website.

**Please note: Some media outlets will broadcast and post the information to their websites.**

Parents/Guardians can also phone the Transportation Department at 204-789-0442 for information.

Severe weather conditions and poor roads may extend the running time of some buses, resulting in late arrival and departure.

Parents/Guardians should make sure that children are suitably clothed until picked up and that they have a place to go in the event the bus does not arrive or is late. Parents/Guardians must also ensure that children have a place to go after the return trip.

## 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  $-28^{\circ}$  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. 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.

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

## What is your child's plan for lunch?

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

With the cold weather now here, it has become more important than ever that **ALL** students have a plan for the 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 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 and 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.



# Student Safety

At École Stanley Knowles School, our first priority is to ensure the safety of your children while they are in school.

With safety in mind, The Winnipeg School Division and the Province of Manitoba require that each school have procedures in place to use in situations where students' safety could be compromised.

## Patrols and Adult Crossing Guards

Adult crossing guards are on duty at the following times:

### Morning:

8:30 am – 9:00 am  
11:45 am – 12:00 noon

### Afternoon:

12:30 pm – 12:45 pm  
3:30 pm – 3:45 pm

**It is extremely important that children who cross busy streets to get to school do so at specified corners where patrols are on duty.**

In order to protect the safety and welfare of the children, we emphasize the following:

- ✓ Please arrange for your children to arrive at school during the times that there are Patrols/Crossing Guards and Teachers/EAs on duty.
- ✓ We ask that parents/guardians who walk and pick up their children from school, use the crosswalks at the intersections, and not cross where there are no crosswalks. Modelling safe crossing will teach the children pedestrian safety.

Especially during the winter months, we have a more challenging time crossing the children, so we ask your co-operation in being respectful to our Crossing Guards.

Crossing Guards have been instructed to take the license plate number of any vehicle who is not showing respect or courtesy to them. If this happens, you can expect a visit by the Winnipeg Police Service.

## Students' Arrival at School

Students are to arrive at school **No Earlier** than 8:45 a.m. and 12:40 p.m.

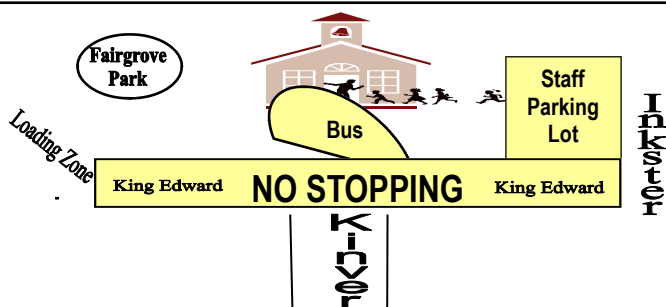
This becomes particularly important in the winter months when the cold weather has arrived and it is not safe for students to remain outside. Students will not be allowed in until adult supervision is available at 8:45 a.m.

**There is NO supervision at the school until 8:45 a.m. and 12:40 p.m.**

**Students must exit the school and grounds for their own safety promptly at 3:30 pm as there is NO supervision after school hours.**

## Loading Zones and Dropping Off Children

- ✓ **DO NOT** enter the Bus Loop when picking up or dropping off students. Vehicles found parked in the Bus Loop or in the Staff Parking lot are subject to being ticketed and towed at the owner's expense.
- ✓ Children are dismissed onto the playground. Parents/guardians are asked to wait for their children on the playground and then walk to their parked vehicle or walk home together.
- ✓ **PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL.**
- ✓ **DO NOT MAKE U-TURNS AT INKSTER OR KINVER OFF OF KING EDWARD.**
- ✓ **DO NOT USE THE TYNDALL GREENS PRIVATE PARKING LOT ON KING EDWARD AND KINVER TO DROP OFF, PICK UP, OR TURN AROUND IN.**
- ✓ **PLEASE DRIVE SLOWLY AND BE PATIENT.**





# School Closures

Thursday, January 5, 2023  
**Friday, January 20, 2023**

School Re-opens after Winter Break  
**ESKS 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

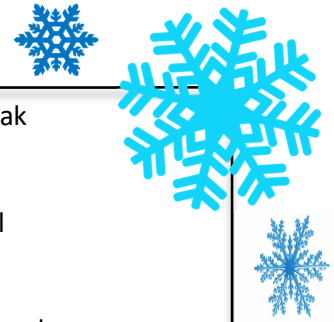
School Re-opens after Spring Break  
**Good Friday - No School**  
 Non-Instructional Day - No School

Monday, May 1, 2023  
 Monday, May 22, 2023

Non-Instructional Day - No School  
 Victoria Day - No School

**Friday, June 16, 2023**  
 Thursday, June 30, 2023

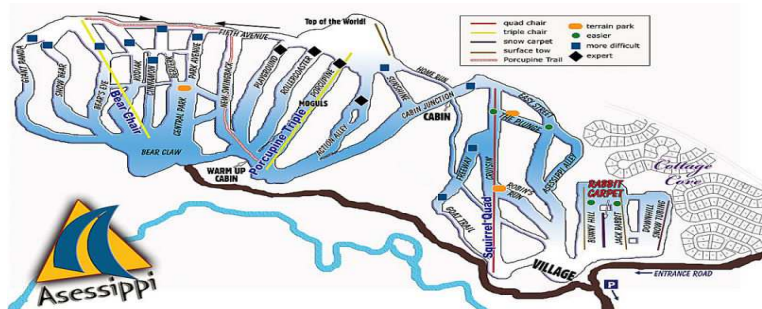
**ÉSKS PD Day - No School**  
 Last Day of School - 11:30 am Dismissal



## Asessippi Ski Area and Winter Park

**Wednesday, February 15, 2023 & Thursday, February 16, 2023**

*It's located 4 hours northwest from Winnipeg,  
 about 10 minutes from Russell, Manitoba.*





# ÉCOLE STANLEY KNOWLES SCHOOL

## HOME OF THE *Sonics*

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## JANUARY 2023



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	3	4	5 Day 3	6 Day 4
<b>Winter Break: Thursday, December 22, 2022 - Wednesday, January 4, 2023</b> <b>School Re-Opens: Thursday, January 5, 2023</b>				
9 Day 5	10 Day 6  Rm 204 & 205 @ Aviation Museum	11 Day 1  Skating Club @ Tyndall Park CC 3:45 - 4:45	12 Day 2	13 Day 3
16 Day 4  HEARING SCREENING	17 Day 5  HEARING SCREENING	18 Day 6  HEARING SCREENING	19 Day 1  HEARING SCREENING	20 Day 2  ÉSKS PD DAY - NO SCHOOL
23 Day 3	24 Day 4	25 Day 5	26 Day 6	27 Day 1
30 Day 2	31 Day 3	