

STRATHCONA SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



October 2022

Dear Strathcona families,

We have had an amazing first month of learning here at Strathcona School! A big focus in our classrooms this month has been identity, and many students and staff are being asked to reflect on who they are, and where they come from. Learning about ourselves and sharing with others is an amazing way to grow closer as a community of learners. We are also very focused on writing and how to become better writers. Ask your child what they have been writing about in class!

When dropping off students, we are continuing to conduct our entry in the back of the school. We don't have access to a parking loop, but please do not double park on Alfred. This blocks traffic and can cause dangerous situations for parents and children. There is room to stop on Burrows on the south side of the school, and also some parking spaces further down from the school on Alfred. Please work together to help keep our community safe.

As the weather starts to get cooler, please send your children dressed appropriately to be outside for morning and afternoon recess, as well as the occasional phys ed class. If you are in need of some cold weather gear for your family, please reach out to our community support worker Lee Tavares, and we will see if we can help with coats, mitts, and toques.

IMPORTANT DATES

MONDAY

OCTOBER 10

THANKSGIVING DAY
NO CLASSES

FRIDAY

OCTOBER 21

NO CLASSES
NON-
INSTRUCTIONAL DAY

A friendly reminder to families, to please drop off school supply money (\$30 per child) at school if you haven't had the chance. This money allows teachers to buy supplies in bulk that will support student learning in the classroom for the entire school year. From simple things like pencils and notebooks, to art supplies, these funds go a long way over the course of the school year.

It has been an amazing start to the school year, and we are excited to continue working together this month to support student learning at Strathcona School.

Respectfully,

Jeremy Midford
Principal

Jaclyn Rivest
Vice Principal

STRATHCONA VISION:

Cultivating the full potential of every child with an emphasis on citizenship, creativity, critical thinking and community

STRATHCONA MISSION:

We are dedicated to creating an equitable and culturally responsive learning environment that reflects the diverse needs of our community. We value building an inclusive atmosphere that fosters the emotional, intellectual, social and physical growth of each student. We acknowledge learning is enhanced through sharing, caring, laughing, questioning and growing. We believe everyone shares in the responsibility for student success.

NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION



On Thursday September 29, Strathcona school and families participated in an "Every Child Matters March" at 11:00 a.m. to show our support for Residential School survivors and families and to share the message that Every Child Matters. After our march, students had the opportunity to debrief and reflect with their peers before students and families shared a feast of soup and bannock.





SCHOOL INFORMATION

Arrival at School

School hours are: 8:50am - 12:00pm (N/K morning program ends at 11:30) and 12:55pm - 3:30pm. **Students are strongly encouraged to arrive no earlier than 8:45am for morning classes and 12:50pm for afternoon classes, unless being supervised by a parent/guardian.** All students will meet their teachers on the back hardtop for entry.

Lates & Appointments

Please do everything possible to ensure that your child is on time in order to follow all of the arrival steps. Should your child be late, please come to the front doors on McKenzie St. and ring the bell for office staff to assist. If your child is being picked up early, please call the office ahead at 204-586-8394 so that we can have your child ready to go. Your child will be walked outside to meet you at the front doors.

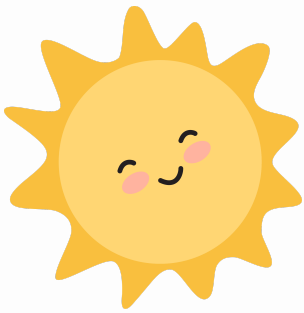
Dismissal

Students will be walked outside with their teacher into their pick up and drop off line on the hard top. Parents/guardians and older siblings will pick up students from their designated line. **Please do not double park or stop along Alfred Avenue for pickup.**

School Supply Fees

Friendly reminder to please pay your child's school supply fees during the month of September. The teacher will issue you a receipt for the \$30.00 fee per child. The funds collected enable teachers to plan wonderful learning experiences, and give students access to the tools they need to learn, create, and grow. Thank you to those families who have already paid!





WATER BOTTLES

We highly recommend students bring refillable water bottles to school each day. We have a water bottle filling station on our lower floor, where students can refill their water bottle throughout the day.



WEARING A MASK

*Update: As of March 15, 2022 masks are no longer mandatory in schools. **Winnipeg School Division continues to recommend the use of masks.** At this time, we will continue to provide medical grade masks for students and staff if they choose to wear one. Students can also bring their own masks from home. That being said, we respect all of our families individual choices regarding the continued use of masks.*



RAPID ANTIGEN TESTS

Our school office still has remaining rapid antigen test (RAT) kits available for families to use at home. Public health continues to recommend staying home if you have symptoms of Covid-19, and return to school when your child has been symptom free for 24 hours. If you require a RAT test kit, please call the school office to arrange pick up.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Parent Council Meetings (Community, Conversation, and Coffee)

Strathcona School is always looking for new voices to join our Community, Conversation, and Coffee. This year, we will be alternating afternoon and evening meetings. Our first meeting will be happening on **October 27th, at 1:15 pm** in our family room. Please come to the front doors and our office staff, administration, and community support worker will welcome you to our building. All parents, grandparents, and guardians are welcome to join and have a voice, or simply just sit and listen while enjoying a light lunch together. We hope to see you there!



Strathcona School and Food Rescue Project

Strathcona School is pleased to announce that we are one of many organizations that have been chosen to participate in the Canadian Food Rescue Project.

The Food Rescue Project provides our school with additional food support to enhance our amazing breakfast and snack program.

At times the food that is provided to our school comes in very large quantities that is much more than we can use for our nutrition programs. When this occurs we are able to share the food with our families and community members.

If you would like to receive some of this surplus food from the Community Pantry please contact Ms. Lee Tavares, School/Community Support Worker at 204-586-8493 or ltavares@wsd1.org and Ms. Tavares will connect with you when there is food available to share.



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3 Day 1 Lighthouse 3:30-4:45 pm	4 Day 2	5 Day 3 Lighthouse 3:30-4:45 pm	6 Day 4	7 Day 5
10 Thanksgiving Day No School	11 Day 6 Grade 6 Immunization Clinic	12 Day 1 Lighthouse 3:30-4:45 pm	13 Day 2	14 Day 3
17 Day 4 Lighthouse 3:30-4:45 pm	18 Day 5	19 Day 6 Lighthouse 3:30-4:45 pm	20 Day 1	21 Day 2 Non-Instructional Day—No School
24 Day 3 Lighthouse 3:30-4:45 pm	25 Day 4	26 Day 5 Lighthouse 3:30-4:45 pm	27 Day 6 Parent Council Meeting 1:15 pm	28 Day 1
31 Day 2 Lighthouse 3:30-4:45 pm				