

# École Robert H. Smith School



## NEWSLETTER

January/Janvier 2022

### PRINCIPAL'S GREETING

Dear RHS Families,

Sarah and I would like to welcome everyone back and again wish everyone a Happy New Year. When we went on holiday in December, I'm not sure we were expecting our return to school in January to be such as it was, but here we are again.

I am happy to report that our teachers and staff at RHS have risen to the occasion once again to provide the safest and best learning environment possible under the updated conditions. From prepping on a few days notice to provide remote learning for students, to passing out more than 200 rapid tests to families in two days, to passing out close to fifty Chromebooks to families, to reimagining the learning environments in their classrooms once again to ensure the greatest spacing possible, our teachers continue to work extremely hard and effectively in constantly changing conditions.

We would also like to thank you, our community for doing what you could to arrange for child care and to support your children's learning during the week of remote learning. As we return to school on January 17<sup>th</sup>, it will be under the Manitoba Pandemic Response System Level Restricted Orange Restoring Safe Schools Orange.

Since the beginning of the year in September, we have actually been working close to the expectations under Restricted Orange and so in preparation for Monday, we are in very good shape and in many ways, it will be "business as usual" because we have gone over and above expectations for Covid safety all year.

We are sending a separate file to review our Level Orange plan. Monday is an inservice day for teachers, but we are very much looking forward to seeing our students on Tuesday and please know that we have their safety at the forefront of our hearts and minds along with their learning.

Please look to the accompanying document for all the information we are able to pass along and all the best to everyone as we move forward.

Adam and Sarah



**P2** decided to create Joyful Penguins out of spinners and construction paper! All of our penguins look a little different based on how we cut and drew, and each spinner on the stomach highlights four different things that bring us joy!

We worked really hard and are so excited to share our positivity with our school community on our class bulletin board.



**Physical Education News - Mr. Donato**

Throughout the month of December, grades 4 to 6 students learned about the game of Tchoukball. Tchoukball is a net/wall game in which teams attempt to score points by throwing a ball off of a rebounder (net). While the game appears to be an invasion game, it takes on the properties of a net/wall game. Our students had the opportunity to build upon their knowledge of strategy within a net/wall game through this unit. Our grade 5 and 6 students also had the opportunity to try cross-country skiing on our school field. Grade 4 to 6 students finished the month with a variety of low-organized games. Beginning in January, grade 5 and 6 students will have the opportunity to participate in Tchoukball intramurals.

Our grade 1 to 3 students continued to build manipulative skills including throwing and catching skills. Students had the opportunity to develop a variety of transport (running, jumping, hopping, skipping, and galloping) and manipulative (throwing, catching, bouncing, etc.) skills through a variety of low-organized games at the end of the month. A popular low-organized game was snow forts, in which students attempt to throw or roll to knock down the snowmen (pins) and snow forts (hula hoop hut). Students were active, able to learn about teamwork and fair play, and had additional opportunities to develop their rolling and throwing skills.





### Grade 6 Students vs. Staff Volleyball

Our grade 6 students had the opportunity to celebrate learning within physical education and through intramurals around the sport of volleyball with a staff vs. grade 6 game.

The grade 6 students faced off against members of the Robert H. Smith staff in a 5-game series, with each grade 6 classroom (rooms 201, 202, 203, 210, and 212) receiving the opportunity to play against our staff.

Congratulations to all our grade 6 students who represented their grade with pride in the return of this annual game.



The staff and students at RHS took advantage of the chance to get creative over the last few days of the 2021 school year and had some fun dressing up for spirit week.



The students in Mme Aaron's grade 1 class (P6) were very excited to see the snow!  
So they decided to do an activity where they were able to enjoy the snow  
and work on their writing skills.  
We were all really excited to be able to express our creativity with our snowmen.



Please call the office (204)-488-1137 if you see something that belongs to your family.



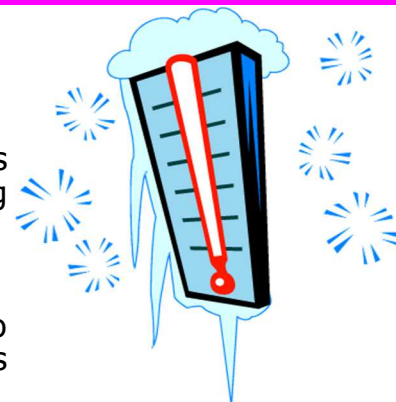
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## COLD WEATHER GUIDELINES FOR ÉCOLE ROBERT H. SMITH SCHOOL

Please find attached The Winnipeg School Division guidelines for recess periods and/or patrol duties during inclement weather. The windchill reading used will be that of Environment Canada at The Forks.



Please become familiar with the Cold Weather Guidelines. You may want to place these guidelines somewhere visible for the winter months, it explains

<b>-17°C to -25°C</b> <b>Windchill Included</b> <b>In All Temperatures</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Normal winter clothing generally adequate</li> <li>• Pleasant conditions for most outdoors activities</li> <li>• Regular recess</li> <li>• Regular patrol duty (8:40 - 8:55 am)</li> <li>• Regular patrol duty (3:25 - 3:40 pm)</li> </ul>
<b>-26°C to -27°C</b> <b>Windchill Included</b> <b>In All Temperatures</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Warm winter clothing recommended</li> <li>• Most outdoors activities unpleasant without facial protection</li> <li>• Early entry permitted in the morning and afternoon</li> <li>• Shortened recess</li> <li>• Regular patrol duty (8:40 - 8:55 am)</li> <li>• Regular patrol duty (3:25 - 3:40 pm)</li> </ul>
<b>-28°C and colder</b> <b>Windchill Included</b> <b>In All Temperatures</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Warm winter clothing essential</li> <li>• Outdoor activities not recommended</li> <li>• Indoor recess</li> <li>• Regular patrol duty (8:40 - 8:55 am)</li> <li>• Regular patrol duty (3:25 - 3:40 pm)</li> </ul>
<b>-30°C to -34°C</b> <b>Windchill Included</b> <b>In All Temperatures</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shortened patrol duty (8:45 - 8:55 am)</li> <li>• Shortened patrol duty (3:25 - 3:35 pm)</li> </ul>
<b>-35°C and Colder</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patrols cancelled (Adults required).</li> </ul>
<b>-35</b> <b>Regardless of Windchill</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School buses cancelled</li> </ul> <p>(If the actual temperature is -35 (regardless of windchill) based on the 6:00 am Environment Canada reading at The Forks, Winnipeg)</p>
<b>-45°C</b> <b>Regardless of Air Temperature</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School buses cancelled.</li> </ul> <p>(If the actual temperature is -45 (regardless of air temperature) based on the 6:00 am Environment Canada reading at The Forks, Winnipeg)</p>
<b>- School Closure</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Determined by the Chief Superintendent.</li> <li>• Broadcast by radio and television stations as well as the internet.</li> </ul>

### A coat does so much more than simply keep a child warm.

Koats for Kids has been a Winnipeg institution since 1989. Every year, from October to February, the program distributes winter outerwear to families - **for some children, having a warm coat means attending school on a cold day, instead of staying home.** It's part of United Way's commitment to helping children and youth be all they can be.



# ÉCOLE ROBERT H. SMITH SCHOOL

## NURSERY TO GRADE 6 VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE

École Robert H. Smith School invites you to discover your neighbourhood school. Find out about the strong academic programs available in both English and French Immersion. Discover the uniqueness and quality of our Physical Education and Performing Arts Programs.

### École Robert H. Smith School Nursery, Kindergarten to Grade 6 Virtual Open House

Wednesday, January 26th, 2022

at 5:30 pm

#### Virtual Open House Information Session

The Virtual Open House will be held through video conferencing.  
Register for the Open House here:

<https://www.winnipegsd.ca/roberthsmith/page/12317/school-registration-information>

Can't Make It? No Problem.  
Simply call the school to discuss with administration.

Mr. A. Dyck, Principal/Directeur &  
Mme S. Arnold, Directrice-Adjointe/Vice Principal  
at (204) 488-1137

### REGISTRATION FOR 2022/2023

#### **NURSERY**

Students registering to begin Nursery in September 2022 must be four years of age by December 31, 2022. A **Birth Certificate, Manitoba Medical Card** and **Proof of Residency (Property Tax Bill)** must be presented at time of registration.

Nursery is considered part of the English track program and, therefore, priority will be given to those within the English catchment area. Those students outside the catchment area will be placed on a waiting list.

#### **KINDERGARTEN**

Students registering to begin Kindergarten in September 2022 must be five years of age by December 31, 2022. A **Birth Certificate, Manitoba Medical Card** and **Proof of Residency (Property Tax Bill)** must be presented at time of registration.

Please keep in mind that there are two separate, yet overlapping, catchment areas for French Immersion and English Kindergarten. Priority will be given to those within the catchment area and others will be placed on a waiting list.

Parents of students who are **presently** attending the École Robert H. Smith School Nursery Program and who wish to enroll their child in one of the École Robert H. Smith School Kindergarten programs for the fall **do NOT need to attend** the regular registration session for Kindergarten in 2022. They will receive a letter asking them to indicate their intentions for the next year at the beginning of January 2022.

**Parents Advisory Group (PAG) Update:****PAG Meeting:**

**PAG Meeting** - The 3rd PAG meeting of the year will be on Tuesday, January 18th at 7:00 pm. This will be a virtual meeting and all parents are welcome and encouraged to attend. At this meeting we will hear from our Principal, Mr. Dyck, with a school update including COVID concerns/changes that have been made for in-school learning as well as an update on the Music Room Improvements. We will provide an update on the changes to the PAG Constitution that is being done with WSD. We will also discuss the Division's potential budget shortfall, PAG Fundraising, Staff Appreciation and PAG events for this year. To receive the Zoom link to attend the meeting, please email us at [secretary@roberthsmithpag.ca](mailto:secretary@roberthsmithpag.ca)

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**Fundraising:** And the winners of our Holiday Cheer Raffle are:

1st Prize (30) - Sarah M. Ticket# 0688

2nd Prize (20) - Megan F. Ticket# 0484

3rd Prize (10) - Maryann F. Ticket# 0215

A BIG thanks to all the families that donated to this fundraiser - there were enough donations to cover all of our prizes. Thank you to all the families that purchased tickets for our Holiday Cheer Raffle! In total we raised \$3480 for the music program. Mr. Ossachuk is planning to put this money towards the purchase of a new 14" MacBook Pro which will allow full multitrack recordings, take videos of students performing in 1080p, video editing and the possibility of running a live streamed performance with quality audio in the future. This will be a great benefit to all Grade 1-6 students!

**Open Position:** The PAG is needing a parent to fill the role of French Language Coordinator for the remainder of this school year. There are 3 evening PAG meetings remaining for this year plus 2 additional evening meetings with the Winnipeg School Division that you would need to attend. Please know that you do not need to be French Speaking to fill this position (all meetings are held in English) but you should have a vested interest in French Language Education for our school. We are hoping to find someone immediately.

So if you are interested or would like more info, please email Melanie at: [chair@roberthsmithpag.ca](mailto:chair@roberthsmithpag.ca).

If you are interested in joining the PAG or finding out further information please email Melanie at: [chair@roberthsmithpag.ca](mailto:chair@roberthsmithpag.ca).

Don't forget to check out:

**PAG website:** [www.roberthsmithpag.weebly.com](http://www.roberthsmithpag.weebly.com)

**PAG Facebook Page:** <https://www.facebook.com/>



**DID YOU  
KNOW?**

By the Official Languages Act in 1969-

Canada recognized English and French as having equal status in the government of Canada.

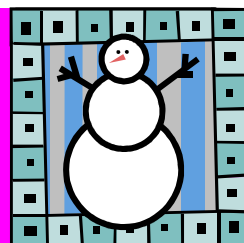
The federal government provides services and operates in both languages.

French is the sole official language in Quebec at the provincial level and is co-official with English in New Brunswick.

The provincial governments of Ontario, New Brunswick, and Manitoba are required to provide services in French where justified by the number of francophones (those whose mother tongue is French or who use French on a daily basis).



# JANUARY/JANVIER 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>SAFE ARRIVAL</b> <a href="http://go.schoolmessenger.ca">http://go.schoolmessenger.ca</a> or 1-855-278-4513 Remember to call before 9:00 a.m.						1
2	3	Looking ahead in February February 4 - Admin. Day NO SCHOOL February 21 Louis Riel Day NO SCHOOL		6 Day 4	7 Day 5	8
9	10 Day 6	11 Day 1	12 Day 2	13 Day 3	14 Day 4	14
16	17 Day 5 NON - INSTRUCTIONAL DAY  NO CLASSES	18 Day 6 WELCOME BACK STUDENTS  VIRTUAL PAG MEETNG 7:00pm	19 Day 1	20 Day 2	21 Day 3	22
23 30	24 Day 4 31 Day 3	25 Day 5	26 Day 6 VIRTUAL RHS OPEN HOUSE 5:30pm	27 Day 1	28 Day 2	29

# Grant Park High School

## OPEN HOUSE

### VIRTUAL SHOWCASE 2022

Thursday, February 24, 2022 - 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. via Zoom

Zoom link will be accessible via our website under OPEN HOUSE

#### Presentations on the following programs:

**General** – The General Program is offered to students attending Grant Park High School starting in grade 7 and continuing through to grade 12. All core subject areas follow the curricula as outlined by *Manitoba Education and Training*.

**Advanced** – The Advanced Program provides a disciplined academic environment in which students study subjects in greater depth and at a faster pace. Critical thinking and analysis are emphasized. High academic standards are required and students are expected to maintain a grade of at least 70% in order to continue on to the next grade level. Students must be at, or above, grade level.

**Flex** – The fundamental approach of the Flexible Learning classroom is to encourage students' natural interests by exploring broad themes within the curricula. Students investigate topics and experience them through discussion, hands-on activities, research, group projects, and a wide variety of related explorations. Flexible Learning classrooms utilize multi-age groupings (grades 7 and 8) and are student-centered, activity-based, and thematically organized. Students must be at, or near, grade level.

#### Question and Answer Session after the presentation

Please send any questions in advance to [bmceachern@wsd1.org](mailto:bmceachern@wsd1.org) to assist with our planning for the live event or visit our website [www.winnipegsd.ca/schools/grantpark](http://www.winnipegsd.ca/schools/grantpark) for more information about GPHS.

#### Grant Park High School Specialties

- *Athletics* – volleyball, football, basketball, soccer, ultimate, cross country, badminton, track and field, wrestling, esports
- *English as an Additional Language* – for our new English Language learners
- *Practical Arts* – woodworking, metals, graphic arts, family studies, sewing, foods, power mechanics
- *Visual Arts* – paintings, drawings, sculptures, installations, videos, digital works, and more
- *Band* – jazz band, concert band
- *Performing Arts* – musical theatre, dance, drama performances, concert choir, advanced choir, guitar, improv

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