

ECOLE ROBERT H. SMITH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



February/Fevrier 2022

PRINCIPAL'S GREETING

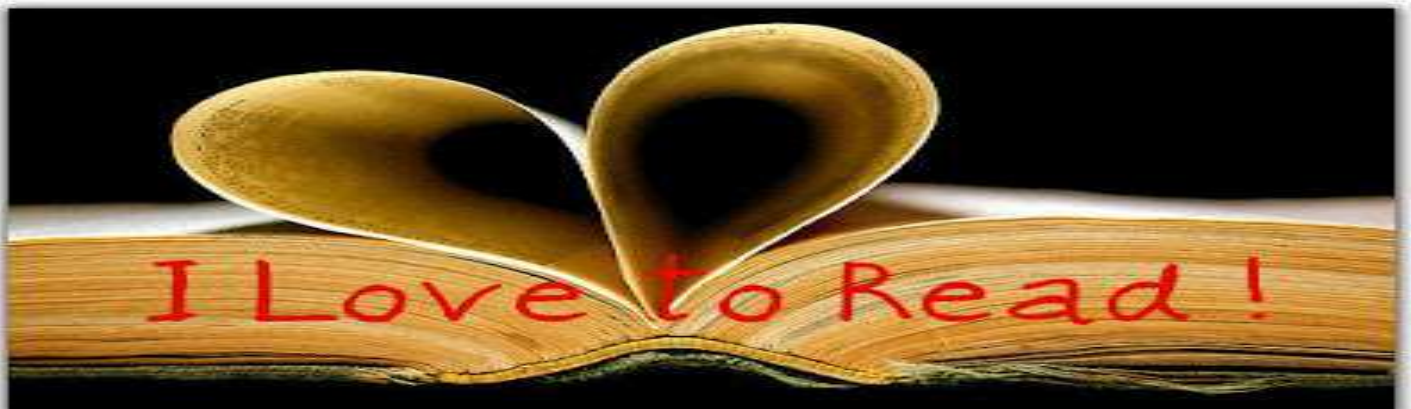
The month of January is now a memory for our school and community. The days may still be cold but the learning indoors has been heating up. In the classrooms, we continue to see growth in all areas of students' development. New restrictions required some adjustments to the spacing in the classrooms and enhancing some of the protocols that were already in place. We are all working together to keep everyone safe while keeping student learning as our focus. Students continue to learn so much in spite of all the challenges they face through the pandemic.

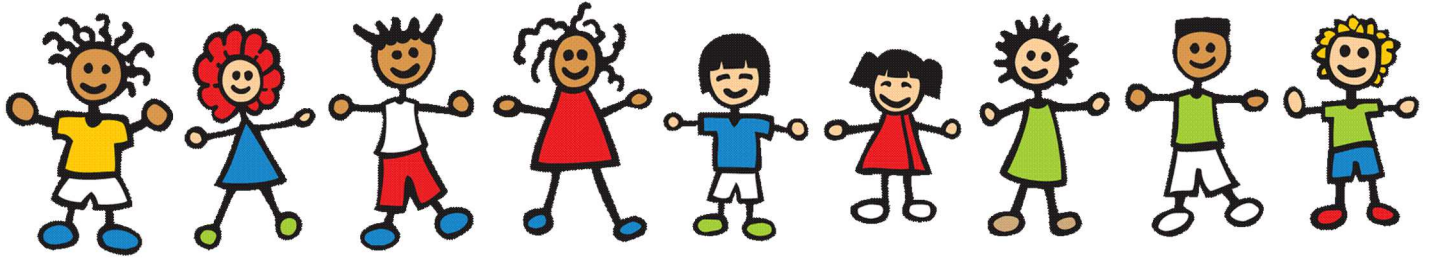
Since we returned after a short extension to the winter break and one week of remote learning, there have been students needing to isolate at home as a result of either being a close contact or having tested positive for COVID-19. Guidelines around this continue to change and we are doing our best to keep you informed with the most up to date information. If you are ever unsure, please contact us and we will help you navigate the requirements. Thank you to parents who reached out to keep us informed when their child will be away and to the teachers who have been providing support to students at home through their google classrooms, see saw and/or work packages sent home.

February is "I Love to Read" month and we have several activities planned for the students. These will range from daily "Drop Everything And Read" (D.E.A.R.) times to some virtual guest readers. We will also be challenging the students to read 200,000 minutes (that is equivalent to approximately 15 minutes per day per person) and the school running total will be graphed on a "stack of books" on display for the students to see. Festival du Voyageur also falls in the month of February and we are in the process of planning some activities to mark this event as well.

The weather usually starts to warm up this month but please continue to refer to the school's Cold Weather Guidelines. Students are expected to take part in outdoor recess when weather permits so please make sure your child is appropriately dressed and their clothing is labeled. There is indoor recess when temperatures drop to -28°C (with the windchill) and colder. Please refer to the WSD website www.winnipegssd.ca and click on "current temp" at the top of the page for the current conditions. Special thanks to our school patrols and staff who have braved the recent cold weather to ensure students are crossing safely.

Mr. Dyck and Mme Arnold





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** re-register their students in 2022. They have previously received a letter asking them to indicate their intentions for the next year at the start of January 2022.

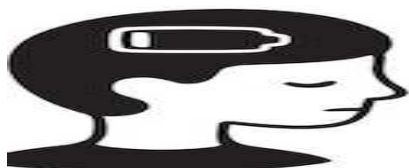


Physical Education News – Mr. Donato

During the month of January, all grade 1 to 6 students worked to develop their gymnastics skills and knowledge. Throughout the month, students learned many basic gymnastics skills as they worked towards creating their own gymnastics routines. These skills are not only essential in gymnastics but are transferable to other sports and activities. In addition, development of these gymnastic skills can help students maintain safety in a variety of sports and activities.

Grade 5 and 6 students had the opportunity to participate in Tchoukball intramurals at lunch. During the month of February, grade 5 and 6 students will have the chance to participate in dodgeball low-organized games and basketball intramurals. The intramural schedule is posted in classrooms and can also be found by following the link (<https://goo.gl/Mqd42K>).





With COVID-19 continuing to impact students' everyday lives, mental health and well-being are important for students to experience success. In addition, reducing the learning gaps that have been amplified by the pandemic is essential to academic achievement.

Here are some resources that are helpful to address social-emotional development and enhance learning.

Provincial Repository - <https://www.mbremotelearning.ca/repository>

Manitoba Parent Zone - <http://www.manitobaparentzone.ca/parent-or-caregiver/early-years-children/parenting-resources/index.html>

Canadian Mental Health Association - <https://mentalhealthweek.ca/info-articles/>

Canadian Paediatric Society - <https://caringforkids.cps.ca/handouts/mentalhealth/disaster>

FEBRUARY 2022



I LOVE TO READ MONTH!

Moving Forward with Hope

| Sun | Mon | Tues | Wed | Thurs | Fri | Sat |
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| | | 1 Start a gratitude journal. Write 3 things you are grateful for each day. | 2 Read <i>I Am Human: A Book of Empathy</i> by Susan Verde. | 3 Make a bookmark all about you! | 4 Read <i>Stolen Words</i> by Melanie Florence. | 5 Ask your family to tell you about your culture. |
| 6 Read a book with a family member or friend. | 7 Greet someone in a new language. | 8 Be inclusive! Read <i>All Are Welcome</i> , <i>The Invisible Boy</i> or <i>Wonder</i> . | 9 Make a plan for how to include others. | 10 Read <i>Stepping Stones, Dreamers</i> or <i>Refugee</i> . | 11 Pick an important part of your life and represent it using stones. | 12 Create a word splash of emotions you would feel arriving in a new country. |
| 13 Learn a family recipe. | 14 Make Valentine's for those you love. | 15 National Flag of Canada Day - Find out how our flag was chosen. | 16 Write a thank you note to someone special. | 17 Complete 5 random acts of kindness. | 18 Read <i>Last Stop on Market Street</i> , <i>A little SPOT of Kindness</i> or <i>Pay It Forward: Young Reader's Edition</i> to celebrate kindness. | 19 Volunteer to help a family member with a task they are working on. |
| 20 Visit or pick up a book from your local library. | 21 Celebrate Louis Riel Day by going for a nature walk. | 22 Read <i>When We Were Alone</i> by David A. Robertson. What would you say to the grandmother? | 23 List 5 things that are important to you and why. | 24 Read <i>Shi-shi-etko</i> by Nicola I. Campbell. | 25 Write a list of 5 special memories you have with family. | 26 Connect with someone you love. Play a game, watch a movie, or read a book together. |
| 27 Have a family member tell an oral story. | 28 Draw a picture of what you hope for in the future. | | | | | |

Prepared by: **Reading Council of Greater Winnipeg**
Please visit: <https://rcgw.weebly.com>

HOPE

Here are some fun learning options for you to try out when at school or at home. If login information is needed it is often the student number and the last 4 digits of that number used as the password.

Each student should be aware of their login information.

Please contact the classroom teacher if you require more information about passwords.

École Robert H. Smith School

DIGITAL ACCESS

WSD Network Credentials:

USERNAME: _____

PASSWORD: _____

WSD Network Credentials give students access to :

- Any computer in the school
- WSD student email account using username@live.wsd1.org
- Access to Office 365, Discovery Education and Google Apps with @live.wsd1.org extension

Students also have access to the online resources:

WSD Digital Library (ebooks and audiobooks)

Download **Sora** on your device



USERNAME: WSD Student #

PASSWORD: Last 4 Digits of Student #

TumbleBooks Library

- Go to <https://www.tumblebooklibrary.com/Home.aspx?categoryID=77>
- No login needed at school if accessed through WSD website



Explora Canada (Research Database) for Students:

Go to <http://search.ebscohost.com/>



USERNAME: winnipeg
PASSWORD: winnipeg we are all

Discovery Education

- Go to <https://wsd1.discoveryeducation.ca>
- Enter your WSD Network Credentials (see the top of this bookmark)



World Book Student, Kids, and

L'Encyclopédie Découverte

- No login needed from school computers.
 - From home, navigate to <https://www.worldbookonline.com/>
 - USERNAME: **schoolswsd**
 - PASSWORD: **student**



French:

<https://www.worldbookonline.com/decouverte/home>

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LIBRARY / BIBLIOTHEQUE

See the library page on the ÉRHSS web site to search the library catalogue.

FEATURED BOOKS

PICTURE BOOKS



PRETEEN FICTION



MATHEMATICS



CLASSICS



FANTASY



GRAPHIC NOVELS



Grant Park High School

OPEN HOUSE VIRTUAL SHOWCASE 2022

Thursday, February 24, 2022 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

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. The General Program is available to all students. 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. There are specific criteria to be met for acceptance to the program.

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 above, at, or near, grade level. There are specific criteria to be met for acceptance to the program.

A live Question and Answer session will occur upon conclusion of the presentation, however, please feel free to send any questions in advance to bmceachern@wsd1.org to assist with our planning for the live event or visit our website at www.winnipegssd.ca/schools/grantpark to see our video presentations for more information.

Grant Park High School Specialties

- *Athletics* – volleyball, football, basketball, soccer, ultimate, cross country, badminton, track and field, wrestling
- *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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COLLÈGE CHURCHILL HIGH SCHOOL VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2022

at 6:30 p.m. via Microsoft Teams
510 Hay Street | 204-474-1301



Please visit our website for the link to register:
www.winnipegssd.ca/Churchill/page/18717/open-house

Join us for an information evening for prospective students and families to hear everything Collège Churchill High School has to offer!



- ✓ Virtual Tour
- ✓ Presentations
- ✓ Questions and Answers

Highlights include: French Milieu and English Programs, Advanced Placement, Athletics, Performing Arts, Churchill Hockey Academy, Extracurricular activities

- **6:30 p.m. Information Session:**
School information for all students
- **7:30 p.m. Information Session:**
Churchill Hockey Academy – Middle years
- **8:00 p.m. Information Session:**
Churchill Hockey Academy – High School



ÉCOLE RIVER HEIGHTS SCHOOL

Virtual Open House

February 3, 2022



Join us !!



www.winnipegssd.ca/riverheights





FEBRUARY/FÉVRIER



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat | | | | |
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| | | 1 Day 4 | 2 Day 5  | 3 Day 6 École River Heights Virtual Open House | 4 Day 1  | 5 | | | | |
| 6 | 7 Day 2 | 8 Day 3 Collège Churchill Virtual Open House 6:30 p.m. | 9 Day 4 | 10 Day 5 | 11 Day 6 | 12 | | | | |
| 13 | 14 Day 1  | 15 Day 2 | 16 Day 3 | 17 Day 4 | 18 Day 5 | 19 | | | | |
| 20 | 21 LOUIS RIEL DAY  | 22 Day 6 | 23 Day 1 | 24 Day 2 | 25 Day 3 | 26 | | | | |
| 27 | 28 Day 4 | <div>SAFE ARRIVAL If your child is going to be late or away, please use this link: http://go.schoolmessenger.ca or call 1-855-278-4513 before 9:00 a.m.</div> | | <div>LOOKING AHEAD IN MARCH<table><tr><td>18th</td><td>Student-Led Conferences Classes Closed</td></tr><tr><td>*</td><td>SPRING BREAK March 28h - April 1th (Inclusive)</td></tr></table></div> | | 18th | Student-Led Conferences Classes Closed | * | SPRING BREAK March 28h - April 1th (Inclusive) | |
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