

École Robert H. Smith School

NOVEMBER/NOVEMBRE 2021



Administrator's Message

The days are getting shorter, the leaves have fallen and the cooler weather is upon us, but things are just heating up for the school year. Our students show us every day what great citizens they are in the school and in the community. Thank you to our communication crew who have been doing an outstanding job with announcements and our patrols who have been on duty keeping our community safe.

Teachers are assessing students on an ongoing basis, classroom data (reading levels, where students' writing is developing on a continuum, understanding in math) is reviewed and programming for learning is further developed and modified/differentiated. The provincial report card will be sent home electronically on Tuesday, November 16, for nursery to Grade 6. Our reporting to you this month will include evidence of learning for your child, in relation to curricular outcomes. 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 (their challenges); and next steps for their learning. It may also highlight what extension opportunities may be available for areas they are excelling in. Your child's development will be further discussed during virtual parent-teacher conferences on Thursday, November 18 in the evening and Friday, November 19 during the day. Information will be coming out shortly regarding scheduling your appointment(s) through School Interview. Please remember that if, at any time during the year, you have concerns regarding your child's progress, you can contact your child's teacher.

Normally during the fall conferences, the school hosts a Scholastic Book Fair. This year, once again, the book fair will be run virtually from Nov 15-29. Books make wonderful gifts for the holiday season and any time! Any book purchases will continue to support our school library.

Our Remembrance Day Service will be held virtually again this year. On Wednesday, November 10 classes will display our ceremony on the smart board in the classroom.

We are ever grateful to our community for their ongoing support. We encourage you to reach out with a phone call or email to share an idea or provide us with some feedback.

Mr. Dyck and Mme Arnold



Special thanks to our RHS families for the generous donations to the Terry Fox Foundation. We have donated \$430.00 so far. Please use this link to continue adding to our total.

https://secure.terryfox.ca/registrant/T eamFundraisingPage.aspx?TeamID=9 49477

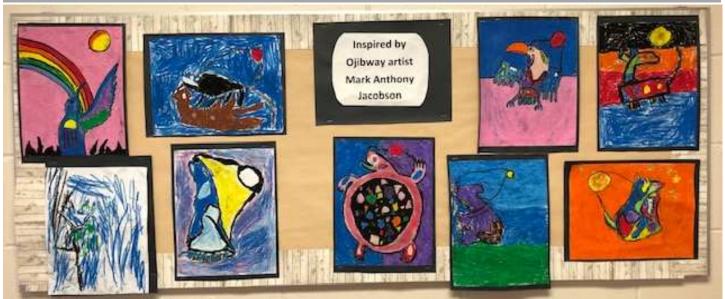




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Students in Ms. Mignone's class have been learning about Ojibway artist Mark Anthony Jacobson. At the same time they also observed other Woodland style art. Throughout their investigation, the students explored making art with oil pastels. (pressures, blending, colour combinations and colour contrasting)



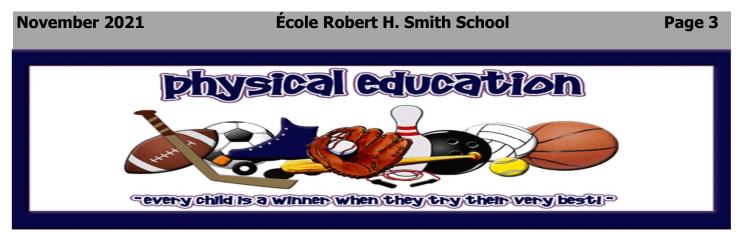
Why Do We Wear A Poppy?

In celebrating and showing our respect on Remembrance Day, we wear a poppy. The poppy is the flower that was prevalent in the fields where many Canadian Soldiers lost their lives so that we today may live in a safe and peaceful country.

Our Remembrance Day Assembly will be held Wednesday, November 10th at 10:45 am.

A donation box for the poppies will be circulated to each classroom.





PHYS ED NEWS – C. Donato Phys. Ed.

October was a busy month in physical education. Grade 1 to 3 students continued to focus on building transport skills (e.g., running, hopping, skipping, jumping, and galloping). In addition, these students also began to learn about the manipulative skill of rolling through a variety of games and skill-building activities. Grades 4 to 6 students continued to learn about invasion/territory games. Students explored a variety of soccer related games and explored the game ultimate basketball. In addition to building the manipulative skills required in soccer related games (e.g., kicking, dribbling) and in ultimate basketball (e.g., throwing, catching), learning focused on developing knowledge of offensive and defensive strategies found in invasion/territory games (e.g., moving to/creating open space, moving to a goal/basket, etc.).

There were several extracurricular opportunities for students during the month of October. Our fall running club began on September 14th and concluded on October 7th. Congratulations to over 80 grade 4 to 6 students who participated! Running club will resume in the spring. Throughout the month of October, grade 5 and 6 students had the opportunity to participate in soccer club at lunch. We have had many of our grade 5 and 6 students take advantage of this opportunity. Beginning in November, intramurals will take the form of low-organized games for one school cycle, then will move into a month of volleyball intramurals. If your grade 5 or 6 child has not yet attended and would like to, please complete the online permission form, or send a written note or email to Mr. Donato stating your child has permission to participate. All extracurricular physical education activities can be found at https://goo.gl/Mqd42K.



On October 28th and 29th, all grade 1 to 6 students had the opportunity to participate in a scavenger hunt in our Halloween gym! Based on the many positive comments from students, a great time was had! Some students worked to find all the letters of the alphabet, while others worked to unscramble the hidden jack-o-lantern message. From November 15th at midnight until November 29th at midnight please use this code to access our Virtual Book Fair.

https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5166564

The site will not be active for shopping until the 15th, but you may use the Shopify link to **Watch the Trailers & Explore the Books**.

All orders are shipped to the school. There will not be any shipping charges associated with your order.

Once the fair is closed and all orders have been tallied you will be notified about how and when to pick up your books.

Each purchase helps us expand our school library.

GET READY! WE ARE HAVING A VIRTUAL BOOK FAIR!

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Online Conference Virtual Book Fairs

CLASSROOM CONFERENCES

Once again we will be using an online booking application to arrange the virtual parent teacher times. You will be able to select the exact times that you would like to meet with teachers, arranging either back to back appointments or staggered times. The time slots are 12 minutes in length in order to allow for transitions to the next conference.

We will send a link to the online booking system to your email on

Thursday, November 11th at 9:00am

PICTURE DAY



What to Expect:



Stüdents are photographed on Pictüre Day



Pictures are sent home with your child

& purchase on mylifetouch.ca

Questions? Please contact Custome Service at 866-457-8212.

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All students will be photographed. Please notify your child's teacher if you do not want an individual picture taken of your child. Your child may be included in a group picture requested by the school.

LOST and FOUND For the month of November Please call 204-488-1137 to claim items



Winter Gear for Little Winnipeggers

https://unitedwaywinnipeg.ca/koatsforkids/

Have winter outerwear to share? Donate your new and gently used kid's winter gear now. Winnipeg kids need your help!

> Where can you donate? Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service Stations AMJ Campbell - Winnipeg Movers Perth's Drycleaners Access Storage Toys R' Us



PAG NEWS

PAG Meeting: The 2nd PAG meeting of the year will be on Tuesday, November 9th at 7pm. This meeting 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 and Brenda Lapointe from the Winnipeg School Division who will be discussing the PAG Constitution and answering any questions/concerns that parents might have.

We will also be discussing upcoming PAG events for this year.

To receive the Zoom link to the meeting please email us at: secretary@roberthsmithpag.ca

<u>Fundraising</u>: A BIG thanks to all the families that ordered Veggies from the Farm to School Fundraiser. There were 85 Veggie Bundles donated to the foodbank plus 68 bundles were purchased for families.

Thanks to the volunteers who helped with the sorting and distributing the Veggies out in the school parking lot on October 7th!

Environment Committee: A BIG Thank you to the parents who volunteered and came out to help with our Fall Work Party on October 7th!

Parents **NEEDED** - we are looking to add a few more parents to our Environment Committee to assist with future planning and coordinating some projects for the playground/outdoor areas of the school.

If you are interested in joining or finding out more info please email Tanis at: <u>environment@roberthsmithpag.ca</u>

If you are interested in joining the PAG or finding out further information please email: Melanie at: <u>chair@roberthsmithpag.ca</u>.

Don't forget to check out our **PAG website:** <u>www.roberthsmithpag.weebly.com</u> and our **PAG Facebook Page**: <u>https://www.facebook.com/</u>





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28	29 Day 4 VIRTUAL Scholastic Book Fair ENDS AT MIDNIGHT	30 Day 5		Dec 23rd	EAD IN DECEMBER Break (School Closed)	