



The Communiqué

February 1 - 5, 2021

Message from the Administration

Welcome to February. This short month promises to be full of rich learning experiences. We will engage students with I Love to Read month, participate in Festival du Voyageur activities, trade valentines, and find out from the groundhog how long the cold will last.

Please note the following dates:

- Monday, February 8th - school closure (non-instructional day)
- Tuesday, February 9th - Valentines into classrooms (for quarantine period prior to the 12th)
- Monday, February 15th – Louis Riel Day (no school)
- February 16th - 19th - Festival du Voyageur activities (Dress as a Voyageur on Feb. 18th)
- Monday, March 8th - school closure (non-instructional day)
- Thursday, March 18th - Student-Led Conferences (evening)
- Friday, March 19th - school closure (Student-Led Conferences)

PHOTO: Grade 4/5 students jamming in music class to their own composition.



School Patrols

Patrols from Rooms 117 and 120 will be on duty this week.

Valentines

By way of reminder – if your child is bringing valentines for classmates, please ensure that they are into the classroom (sealed in a Ziploc bag, ideally) by Tuesday, February 9th.

February is... *I Love to Read* Month!



We LOVE to read! Classrooms will be recognizing *I Love to Read* month with some of the following activities:

- The students will be challenged to read in order to enter for a chance to have breakfast with Mme Powell in March. A sheet of reading tickets will be sent home Monday. For every 15 minutes of reading that they complete they can enter one ballot. At the end of the month 4 students will be picked to have breakfast with Mme Powell.
- Every Friday at 3:00 we will have school-wide virtual meeting where a mystery reader will read a book.
- We will also be **Dropping Everything and Reading**. This initiative will require all students to have a book and be ready to read for 15 minutes at some point each day.
- On the final day of the month (Friday, February 26th) staff and students will be invited to dress up as their favourite character from a book.

Registration for 2021/2022

Nursery

We are now accepting registrations for Nursery. Students registering to begin Nursery in September of 2021 must be four years of age by December 31, 2021. A Birth Certificate, Manitoba Medical Card and Proof of Residency (a Property Tax Bill) must be presented at the 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

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 fill out a registration there was information that was sent home to you at the start of January that required you to respond with your requests for Kindergarten.

For new families, or if you kept your child home because for health reasons this year, we are now accepting registrations for English and French Immersion Kindergarten classes. Students registering to begin Kindergarten in September of 2021 must be five years of age by December 31, 2021. A Birth Certificate, Manitoba Medical Card and Proof of Residency (a Property Tax Bill) and the most recent copy of a report card (if the child was attending school previously) must be presented at the time of registration.

Please keep in mind that there are two separate yet overlapping catchment areas for French Immersion and English Kindergarten. If you want to check your catchment area, use the [Find a School App](#). Priority will be given to those within the catchment area and others will be placed on a waiting list.

Grades 1-6

We are now accepting registrations for Grades 1-6. A Birth Certificate, Manitoba Medical Card and Proof of Residency (a Property Tax Bill) and most recent copy of a report card must be presented at the time of registration.

The registration form can be accessed on the school website at the following link:

https://www.winnipegssd.ca/schools/RobertHSmith/School_Registration_Information/Pages/default.aspx

Parent Advisory Group (PAG) Update

Fundraising

Deadline for Sunset Gourmet Fundraiser is Sunday Jan 31st at midnight! A BIG Thanks to the families who have placed orders! Sunset Gourmet has a wide variety of sauces, spices, dips, cheeseballs, breads, soups, and desserts as well as gluten and dairy free options.

These products are selling any 2 for \$25, and we receive 40% of sales. That's \$10 for every 2 items sold! Money raised will allow the PAG to help support and enhance the learning and outdoor environments for the students of École Robert H. Smith School. All products are available for purchase Online using our hot lunches system: <https://rhs.hotlunches.net>

Don't forget to checkout our PAG website: www.roberthsmithpag.weebly.com and our PAG Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/RobertHSmithPAG> (please like and follow us). As always if you have any questions, concerns or would like more information on our PAG please email Melanie at: chair@roberthsmithpag.ca