



The Communiqué

March 1 - 5, 2021

Monday, March 1, 2021 Day 1

Tuesday, March 2, 2021 Day 2

Wednesday, March 3, 2021 Day 3

Thursday, March 4, 2021 Day 4

Friday, March 5, 2021 Day 5

Message from the Administration

We continue to be vigilant about health measures at RHS. We're certain that by now the daily screening questionnaire may wear on the nerves, the afterschool playground equipment ban may be irksome, and the mask-wearing is just old. However, we haven't let down our guard. We continue to sanitize, distance, and wear masks. That's what will keep schools open and children safe.

We got feedback that the newsletter we sent last week contained a number of links that didn't work. We have fixed that problem and uploaded it to our web site's collection of past newsletters, here:

<https://www.winnipegssd.ca/schools/RobertHSmith/CommunityAndFamily/newsletters/Pages/Default.aspx>

Patrols

Patrols on duty this week from Rooms 117 / 120.

Accelerating Achievement in Mathematics

The staff continue to concentrate on improving mathematics achievement. This morning we saw WSD Early Years Support Teacher Gabrielle Huggins helping students in grade one sort and order quantities. Madame Huggins is in our school over the next 8 weeks coaching teachers in early years classrooms and helping to support them with their math learning sprints.



Parent Advisory Group Environment Committee

The PAG Environment Committee seeks feedback on future special projects and ongoing maintenance plans. [Access the online survey here.](#) Survey closes on **Wednesday, March 3, 2021.**

February's I Love to Read

February's I Love to Read Month seemed a huge success, with many thousands of pink tickets entered in our draw for book prizes. Thank you to our four Mystery Readers, Saul Hillel Benjamin, Doug Zajac, Robert Zawadski, and Jennifer Major. The final book by author Mo Willems, featured Éléphant et Rosie.

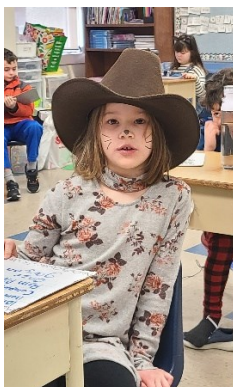
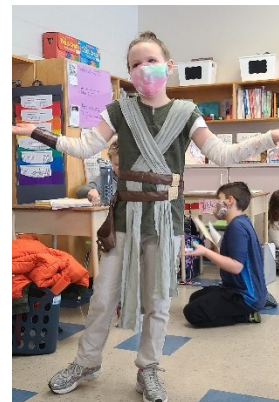
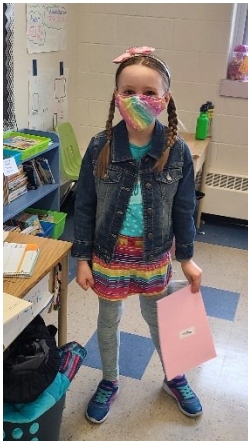
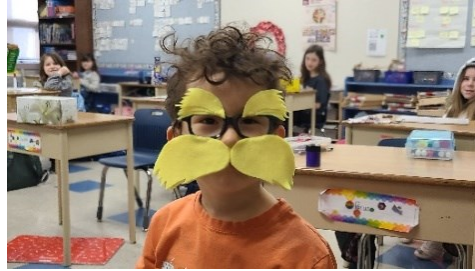
The draw for the grand prize, breakfast with the principal, catered by the Falafel Place, was won by **Carolina D., Lennox M., Joah P., and Natasha B.** We will look forward to sharing a breakfast with them on Tuesday morning before school.

Friday's optional dress up like a favourite book character garnered a huge range of characters, including Pipi Longstocking, the Lorax, Hermione Granger, and Link.



Thank you to Mme Tucker for coordinating the month's activities.

PHOTOS OF “DRESS LIKE A CHARACTER” DAY



Learning with Minecraft for Education Edition

Students in Ms. Mignone's grades 4/5 English class were hard at work this past week designing historical buildings using the three-dimensional tools in Microsoft Education's Minecraft. Ms. Mignone created a shared virtual space for her students to collaborate on building designs. The photo depicts just one of those designs, that of student architect and virtual pioneer, Jaxon H.



JAXON H'S HOMESTEAD IN MINECRAFT. MS. MIGNONE'S AVATAR WATCHES ON

Welcome to Nursery-Kindergarten

Each year École Robert H. Smith School welcomes new students for their first year of school. Making early learning a priority at home can help children make a positive start to school.

To help parents/guardians and children prepare, we participate in a division-wide initiative called *Welcome to Kindergarten*, with materials from the Learning Partnership. Each spring, our teachers host incoming students in a welcome event, offering parents/guardians a bag filled with learning activities that represent important areas of learning and growth.



We have posted on our RHS website the contents of the Welcome bag, along with videos explaining the importance of each activity [[LINK HERE](#)]. École Robert H. Smith School will host parents and children new to the school in a virtual Welcome to Nursery + Kindergarten session in late May.

Parents Advisory Group (PAG) Update:

Fundraising

We are excited to announce our third Fundraiser of the year - Glenlea Plant Sale! This fundraiser has been our most popular for many years. A colour brochure was sent home in your child's backpack and full details for ordering were sent by email on Friday.

Place all orders directly on the Glenlea website: www.glenleagreenhouses.com. Remember to choose our school from the dropdown menu so that your order is included in this fundraiser and delivered to our school. Deadline for orders is April 15th and Plant Pick up will be at our school on May 17th. We recommend that you place your orders early as many of the popular items will sell out fast!

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this fundraiser please email the Fundraising Committee at: fundraising@roberthsmithpag.ca

Environment Committee

We want to hear from you! One of the key roles of the PAG is to help maintain and improve the outdoor environment and playground at the school. In 2011, the PAG commissioned the development of a '[conceptual master plan](#)' for potential playground improvements. Major projects informed by this master plan include: the 'hill' (2014), obstacle course play structure (2016), and most recently the shade grove/natural play area in the field (2020).

The PAG Environment Committee is now looking for parent and school community feedback to help inform future special projects and our ongoing maintenance plans. You will find the short online survey found [here](#). It will take approximately 5 minutes to complete and will close on Wednesday, March 3, 2021.

Please also let us know if you have other feedback, questions, or would like to volunteer with the committee - you can reach us by email at: environment@roberthsmithpag.ca

Family Dance

The PAG is excited to announce that we will be having our First Ever Virtual Family Dance Party on Friday, March 12th from 7pm-8pm. Watch for further information to be sent out by email later this week.

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