



École Robert H. Smith School

# The Communiqué

October 19 – 22

## At A Glance

Monday, October 19, DAY 2	
Tuesday, October 20, DAY 3	Hearing Screening begins for Kindergarten students (until Thursday)
Wednesday, October 21, DAY 4	Grade 6 Immunizations
Thursday, October 22, DAY 5	
Friday, October 23, DAY 6	<b>No school</b> (Professional Learning Day)

## Message from the Administrative Team

The weather took a bit of a turn this week; thanks for digging out the winter gear for your children! Our students were well dressed for their time outside.

We appreciate that the Covid numbers are climbing in Winnipeg and broke from our PAG Executive meeting on Friday afternoon to watch the provincial press conference together. Should there be any shifting in expectations for schools, we have been working on contingency plans and will share them with our families if/when necessary. We thank you for your ongoing support of the protocols in place; we are missing seeing you in our hallways!

## Preview of Plan for Hallowe'en

Did you know that there will be a second full moon in October on Hallowe'en? It's called a blue moon. To prepare your children to howl at the (blue) moon, we're planning some fun Hallowe'en activities in classrooms.

Costumes are welcome on Friday, October 30. Students in grades 4 – 6 will need to be able to wear their facemasks appropriately with their costumes.

Sadly food-sharing won't be part of classroom plans for Hallowe'en. Teachers may have individual directions for class activities, otherwise we are not anticipating any treats in the afternoon. Halloween activities will take place in the afternoon of October 30 within the cohort (no mixing of classes) and *may* include:

- Halloween-week candy estimation jars contest Grade N-K, 1-3, 4-6. (Prize = Pumpkins)
- Halloween costume photo shoot - classroom photoburst/animated gif
- Hallowe'en-themed crafts
- Halloween-themed story/reading time or age-appropriate film
- Learning a Halloween dance (monster mash, monster shuffle)

## Patrol Troop Schedule

Room 210 Patrol Troops will serve this week.

## Welcome to Teacher Candidates

École Robert H. Smith School welcomes teacher candidates Josh Sterner, Naomi Entz, and Sara Godard from the University of Manitoba to our school in November. Myriah Tollenaar from Université de Saint-Boniface has been working in Room 210 since the beginning of the year.

## Picture Retakes

LifeTouch will return to the school to photograph students who missed picture day or who need a retake on **November 9, 2020**.

## Lost Items

A few items of this pile were claimed, but several items still remain. One last week to claim these lost items – the remainder will be donated to a charity. Call Mrs. McCallum (**204-488-1137**) at the front desk if you recognize an item. Please note that any lost clothing that is labelled with a child's name is returned to the child promptly and doesn't end up in the unknown clothing bin.



## Physical Education News from Mr. Donato

Based on recommendations from Public Health, physical education continues to be outside as much as possible. As the weather gets colder, please ensure your child has appropriate clothing for outdoor physical education classes. Your child must be wearing footwear which is safe and appropriate for physical education classes (runners while it is still possible). When the snow eventually does fly, please ensure your child has boots which are comfortable and safe for physical activity.

For the past month and a half, each class has had the opportunity to use different packages of equipment. These equipment packages are used by only one class for approximately two weeks, cleaned, and then given to another class. This system has allowed students to continue to build manipulative (throwing, striking, kicking, etc.) skills, as well as some sport-specific skills (e.g., throwing a frisbee, shooting a basketball) for our older students.

All physical education games and activities continue to follow public health guidelines for physical activity and sport. In the event of poor weather, classes have moved into the gym. If classes must take place inside, all students maintain two meters of distance apart throughout the class.

Thank you for your continued support of physical education programming.



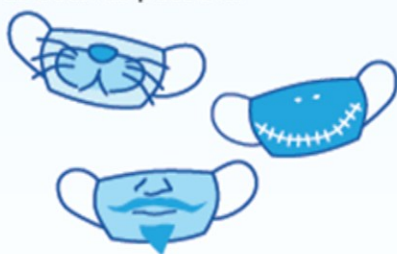


# HALLOWEEN TIPS DURING COVID-19



## Students

- Keep two metres distance from others.
- Wear a non-medical mask.
- Make your non-medical mask part of your costume.
- Keep your eyes unobstructed for safety.
- Be sure to wash your hands very well before eating Halloween treats.
- If you start to feel unwell when out trick or treating, return home as soon as possible.



## Caregivers and Teachers

- Use tongs to distribute candy.
- Wear a non-medical mask when giving out treats.
- Provide individual bags and avoid self-service such as a common candy bowl.
- Provide wrapped, store bought treats only for trick or treaters.
- Frequently clean and disinfect common touch surfaces.
- Encourage hand hygiene prior to food service by placing an alcohol-based hand sanitizer near the food service area.
- Have one person designated to serve food to guests to reduce the sharing of utensils.

Anybody who feels unwell should not take part in Halloween activities.  
Use the COVID-19 screening tool and screening questions before participating in Halloween activities.