



VOYAGEUR SCHOOL

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From the Principal

Another wonderful school year has passed by so quickly! We encourage our students to take time now to reflect upon their academic accomplishments from the past school year. To the Grade 5 students leaving us we wish you all the best as you begin your Middle School journey. Good luck to the families leaving the Voyageur community. There will be staff changes for the upcoming 2017-18 school year. We welcome Mr. Tran who became our new custodian this month and Ms Stegmaier who will be teaching music in the afternoon until Mrs. Swart returns from her maternity leave in March.

We thank all the staff that are leaving Voyageur for their dedication to teaching our Voyageur students! Each year brings some changes in personnel, as some staff take leave, and others transfer to opportunities at other schools. Our wish to Mrs. Harochaw, Mr. Hardern, and Mr. Guenther, "May you find happiness and success in your new school communities!"

Thank you to the parents and caregivers for their continued home support. Thank you to the outgoing Parent Council executive members for their hard work all year to make Voyageur School that much better for all our students and their families. Our school will undergo renovations over the summer: a new floor in the girl's change room, new urinals in both boys' bathrooms, and replacement of the back north west steps.

We wish everyone a wonderful summer to rest, relax and recharge!!

Mrs. S. Lazar

DATES TO REMEMBER

June 13th Gr.5's
Goldeyes Game
10:00am -2:30pm.

June 15th
Gr 1-11
Boonstra Farms
9:15am-2:15pm.
&
Kinders to Children's
Museum
9:00am – 12:45pm.

June 16th
Admin/Report
Card Writing Day
No School

June 20th
K-5 Tabloid Day
PM.
No Early
Dismissal

June 22nd
Gr. 5 Farewell
2:00-3:30pm.

June 23rd
Middle School
Visits 1:00-
2:30pm.

June 26th
All Gr.3's to
Steinbach
Museum all day.

June 27th
Gr. 4's & 5's
Lower Fort Garry
all day.

June 28th
Kindergarten
Celebration
10:30am.

June 29th
Assembly 10:30am.
Report Cards issued
3:45 pm

June 30th
Admin / No School

Have a Safe and Happy Summer!!

Lost and Found Items

Please check the lost and found for any items your child may have misplaced. These items are located on tables outside the library.

School Vandalism Over the Summer

School vandalism often involves graffiti, broken windows, and damage to playground equipment. To report suspicious activity on school grounds, between 10:00pm and 7:00am or to report an act of school vandalism in Winnipeg Call: 204-231-4556. The security firm will attend after receipt of your call.

Save the date: Voyageur Parent Council AGM

Monday, September 18 @ 6:00 pm, 3 new executive positions are open:

- Vice president
- Secretary
- Treasurer

Please contact Mrs. Lazar by September 11 if you would like information on any of these open positions or if you are interested in having your name placed on the election ballot. For the Voyageur Parent Council to continue functioning we require all executive positions be filled.

All Library books are now due!

School Opening 2017-2018

The school office will be closed from July 1, 2017-August 23, 2017 inclusive. The office will be open to the general public on August 23, 2017 with secretarial staff in attendance. School will begin with parents/guardians, students and teachers involved in Opening Day Conferences on Wednesday, September 6th between 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. and Thursday, September 7th between 10:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Parents/guardians are asked to phone the school office at (204) 888-3390 the week of August 28th to arrange a conference time. Further details will be sent home with the June report card. Parents of new Kindergarten students will receive a letter with specific interview times in the mail in August. Regular classes will begin Friday, September 9th 2016.

2017-18 Classes

Principal:	Mrs. S. Lazar
Administrative Assist:	Ms. L. McBride
Kindergarten AM:	Ms. K. Sourisseau
Reading Recovery PM:	Ms. K. Sourisseau
Grade 1 Room 11:	Mrs. J. Zurawzuk
Grade 2 Room 15:	Mrs. C. Cassell
Grade 3 Room 16:	Mrs. C. Ranson
Grade 4/5 Room 23:	Mrs. F. Vinci
Grade 4 Room 24:	Mrs. F. Gallo
Grade 5 Room 22:	Mrs. A. McDonald
Music: PM	Ms. A. Stegmaier
Phys. Ed:	Mr. D. Vosper
Guidance/Resource:	Mrs. C. MacKay
Custodian:	Mr. H. Tran
Night cleaner	Mr. H. Figueiredo
EA's:	Mrs. C. Einarson
	Mrs. L. Sokolic-Sahan
Math Enhancement EA	Mrs. C. Larson
Library Technician:	Mrs. C. Schmidt
Days 2,4,6	

Voyageur School 2017-2018 Class Configurations and Class Placement Process

The end of the year is fast approaching, so we are already planning for next school year. In order to adjust to a decrease in school population while continuing to be in line with the school division's guidelines with regard to class sizes, our classroom configurations for the next school year are based on current enrollment projections.

The purpose of the Class Placement Process is to maximize learning and teaching opportunities for all students and teachers by constructing balanced classes. The class creation process is a complex one involving the gathering of information about student needs and the making of collaborative decisions from staff and administrative teams about student placement in classes.

Factors considered include: academic progress, individual learning styles, interactions between classmates, specific learning needs in different areas, gender balance, and information provided by the current teachers. School organization and classroom make up are also determined by many other factors such as numbers of students registered in a grade, combinations of grades, and staff allocation.

Placing students is not an easy task and the professionals in our school invest a great deal of time and thought into the process.

If you have concerns/information to share about your child, please speak with your child's current teacher about your child's needs. Try to elaborate on the learning environment and program structure that you feel best meets the educational needs of your child. Please refrain from requesting that your child be "placed with" or "not placed" with a particular student. The upcoming year's class configurations are limited for selection of classes, due to the fact that we have mainly one class at each grade level. We cannot guarantee that specific requests will be honoured due to the reasons mentioned above.

Class list placements will be finalized and included with June report cards after this process has been completed.

Thank you for your support as we strive to create the best possible learning environment for all of our students.



Thursday June 29, 2017.

In order for the report card to be accurate, attendance is marked until the final day of classes. If you are leaving on an early vacation, and your child(ren) will not be present on Thursday June 29th, **please leave a stamped, (with appropriate postage) self-addressed envelope (8.5 x 11 envelope) for each child** with Ms. McBride in the school office prior to this date and your child's report card will be mailed to you. **Community School Supplies have been ordered!** No need to buy school supplies as we will be collecting \$50.00 Grades 1-5 and \$35.00 from Kindergarten during *"opening conferences"* on September 6th & 7th.

Classroom "Celebration of Learning"

Traditionally each homeroom has prepared a separate June classroom celebration of learning event. After feedback received from parents indicated that it is difficult to book time off work to attend and that it is hard to visit several children's celebrations scheduled at the same time, we will not be holding formal classroom celebrations this year.

The Grade 5 Farewell will be held on Thursday, June 22nd at 2:00 p.m. in the gym.

Kindergarten will celebrate their farewell on Wednesday, June 28th at 10:30 am.

****An end of the year assembly will be held on Thursday, June 29th at 10:30 am and is open to parents and guests.**

Guidance News

It's hard to believe another year is coming to an end. The freedom of summer holidays is exciting, but the change in routine can also be difficult for some children.

Creating a plan or a basic routine for children and families in the summer can create some predictability which can help children feel more at ease.

Here are a few suggestions you can try with your family.

1. As a family create a to-do list of activities your family enjoys. It could include things such as bike rides, spray pads, star gazing, bonfires and smores, playing with bubbles or sidewalk chalk, camping (even in the backyard for a night), going for ice cream etc. Writing down our intentions increases accountability and follow-through.
2. Work on mindful practices. We often go through days without stopping to pay attention to how we are feeling and the beauty and details in our surroundings. Help your child practice mindful practices by having them stop and reflect on what's going on around them and how they are feeling.

Mindfulness using our senses:

The following are examples of questions you can ask your child to help encourage mindfulness.

- a. Look closely at the blades of grass. What do you notice. Could you imagine how this grass would look being a tiny little bug?
- b. Listen closely to the sounds you hear right now and try to name them. Is there something you heard that you didn't notice before?
- c. Take your shoes off and walk through the grass/sand/mud/water. How does it feel? Do you like the sensation of this grass/sand/mud/water on your feet?
- d. Stop to smell flowers! We hear that saying often, but rarely allow ourselves to enjoy the beautiful aroma of nature.
- e. While eating encourage your child to focus on the taste and texture of what they're eating (especially if it's something fun with big sensory impact such as ice cream).

Mindful breathing and Meditation:

Take 3-5 minutes a day to practice mindful breathing. Sit comfortably on a chair, close your eyes and breathe in and out deeply through your nose. Focus on your breath and pay attention to your belly rising and falling.

There are wonderful apps available that can help practice mindfulness.



Meditation for Children

A variety of guided meditations geared for children. A great way to start practicing mindfulness.



Breathe, Think, Do with Sesame

This app provides scenarios where the little monster is struggling with task persistence, problem solving, self-control and planning. Children help the monster to calm down by breathing and come up with a solution.



Stop. Think. Breathe.

This app allows the user to select how they are feeling physically, mentally and emotionally and the offers a variety of guided meditations based on the feedback you provided.



Calm

This app includes a guided breathing feature that can be customized in a few ways. It also has sleep stories which can help make falling asleep easier and one story is geared for kids and there are guided meditation feelings.

Have fun! Take time to do the little things that bring your family joy.

I wish everyone a relaxing, rejuvenating, safe and sunny summer!

Warmly,

Mrs. C. MacKay

****HELP SAVE POLAR BEARS!**

Dear Voyageur School Families;

The students from Room 24 are starting a fundraiser for polar bears. The reason why we are starting a fundraiser is because we are using greenhouse gases by burning energy in oil, gas and vehicles. These Greenhouse Gases are causing climate change which is melting the Arctic ice. Polar bears need this ice to get their food and survive. We can help stop this by using bikes, scooters, and walking whenever possible!

We found this information on www.polarbearsinternational.org. On June 14, please use something that does not produce greenhouse gases. **On June 14 we encourage people to bike or walk to school.**

We also want to sell freezies & lemonade. The reason is because we want to support Polar Bears International to adopt as many polar bears as possible. Here are the dates of our sales:

PM Recess – June 7, 9, 14 and 21

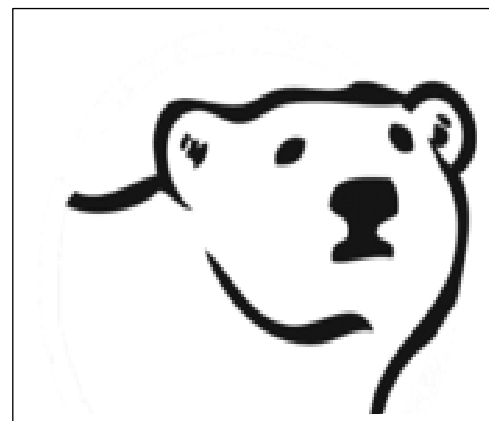
AM Recess on June 23rd.

(We will visit the Kindergarten classroom in the mornings.)

Lemonade will be \$0.50. Small freezies will be \$0.25 and jumbo freezies will be \$1.00.

Please visit www.polarbearsinternational.org for more information!

Sincerely, **Room 24 Students**



Phys. Ed

It's hard to believe that we are into June already and that the school year is almost over. Our Badminton Club finished up the last week of May which also wrapped up our Intramural activities for the year.

Our Grade 4 and 5 students participated in our Divisional Track and Field Meet a few weeks ago. Everyone had a great time and got lots of sun! There were many people from other schools commenting on the great sportsmanship displayed by Voyageur students! Great job everyone!!

Our Tabloid **afternoon** will be held on June 20th this year. The Kindergarten students will attend that day in the afternoon. Our Sports Council students will be running stations that afternoon. Hopefully the weather cooperates for this activity so we don't have to move it indoors. Please plan to wear sunscreen and a hat if the weather is sunny.

Thanks to all of the staff and parent volunteers that helped out this year. We can't run the programs that we do without all of your help. It is greatly appreciated!

I hope you all have a very safe, active, and healthy summer!

Actively Yours,
Mr. Vosper

Music Room News:

The year is quickly winding down. Recorder testing for Term 3 Reports is now complete and many students have shown remarkable progress in the development of their skills this term.

I would like to say good-bye again! I have thoroughly enjoyed coming back to the Music Room and making music with the talented students of Voyageur School. Wishing you a wonderful, safe summer!

Musically yours,

Kathryn Harochaw



Voyageur Vendor Year End Report

The Vendor posted another successful year! The Grade 5 volunteers handled all aspects including food, money and crowd control. Inflation did not affect the vendor this year and prices remained the same. We still managed to raise \$790.04 to be equally divided between the *Winnipeg Pet Rescue*, the *Children's Hospital* and the *Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation*. These worthy causes were chosen by the Grade 5's who worked at the vendor. A big thank you goes out to every student who came with their change and bought a snack. A huge thank you goes to Mrs. Mahoney who did all of the shopping for the vendor again this year!

Thank you from the teams:

Team 1

Xavier
Kendall
RJ
Jessica
Cassia

Team 2

Emma
Tianna
Justin
Julia
Gavin

Team 3

Abby
Morgan
Taylor
Jaylin
Alana
Matteo

Team 4

Malik
Dani
Maddi
Drake
Josiah
Kaiden

Ms. Vinci and Mrs. Ranson



Thank you!!