

September 2020

Robert Smith School

Principals Message

WELCOME BACK!

We are so happy to have our students back with us. We understand that the decision to send students back to school has not been an easy one for parents. It has been an interesting start-up to say the least. You will find our Re-entry plan on the school website which outlines all of the safety and health protocols put into place for the 2020-21 school year.

We wanted to thank you for your flexibility with all of the changes to our start and end of day procedures. Your patience and understanding have been greatly appreciated. We will keep you posted of any changes or additions to safety guidelines by email as we receive them and will continue providing monthly newsletters which will be sent out the last week of the month.

Please note, there are several new staff members joining our team this September. We welcome:

- Ms. Hammond - Vice Principal
- Ms. Koop - Grade 1
- Ms. Korchinski - Reading Recovery
- Ms. Kowalchuk - Speech Language Pathologist
- Ms. Sjorn - In -House Guest Teacher
- Mr. Willit - Daytime Cleaning staff
- Ms. Moldwon - Evening Cleaning Staff

Please feel free to contact your child's teacher with any questions or concerns you may have throughout the year. We believe that working with parents in partnership is a key factor in a child's educational experience.

Sincerely,

Kim LeMoine
Principal

Belinda Hammond
Vice Principal



Parents: It is very helpful to phone with end of day changes before 3:00 PM.

Thank you for your cooperation!

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Please note that when dropping students off at school in the morning, parents should be stopping on the West side of Sophia, heading South. With traffic being heavy in the morning, it is extremely unsafe to stop and let students out on the East Side of the street.



School Entry/Exit

Students will be divided into four cohorts for the school day; Hopkins, Koop cohort, Grade 1/2 cohort, Grade 3/4 cohort and Grade 5/6 cohort. Cohorts will not exceed 75 people.

Hopkins (K) and Fidler (1/2) will stagger entrance through the back door. Koop (1), Kacperkiewicz,(1/2) and Hunstad (1/2) will stagger entrance through the North West door. Grades 3/4 and 5/6 will stagger their entrances through the North East door.

Kindergarten students will be dismissed from the front of the school at 3:25 pm.

Grades 3/4 will exit the front at 3:30 pm. Classes entering and exiting the building will stagger their entry/exit to ensure social distancing measures are adhered to.

Staff will be on hand to supervise the entry and exit of students.

Are you interested in joining the Robert Smith School
Parent Advisory Committee?

We are also looking for a parent to sit on our school
Safety Committee.

Please forward your name to the school at
204-482-3677



Thank you to Wanda King and Tupperware for their donation of water bottles for our
students

And to the Selkirk United Church, 202 McLean Avenue for their donation of school
supplies and money.

thank you 😊

Look for information on our Terry Fox Walk coming
home tomorrow.



Breakfast Program and other Nutritional Breaks, Recesses and Playground

Formal breakfast program will be suspended at this time. Instead, breakfast will be offered in classrooms from 8:50 am to 9:05 am. Breakfast will be individually packaged and will not be shared between students.

Students are asked to bring their own lunches to school. If a lunch is provided to a student by the school, it will be individually packaged. Students are not to share food. Students will eat in their classrooms for lunch. If a student goes home for lunch, their hands should be washed with soap and water when arriving at home, when leaving home, and upon school re-entry.

Water fountains will not be available for use. Water bottle filling stations will remain operational. Students are asked to bring their own personal water bottle to refill. Milk program will be suspended.

Hot lunch days will be suspended.

During first recess and lunch recess, the school playground will be divided into 4 sections to accommodate cohorts. All students will be required to remain in their cohorts while playing on the playground. Zones will be marked to maintain physical distancing between cohorts. Please see appendix A.

Playground Section A

Includes: 3 Swing sets, pavement, small green space, dome climber



Playground Section B

Includes: Play structure, ball diamond, green space by ball diamond, and long jump pit



Playground Section C

Includes: Back field and ball diamond (Mercy St.) of structure



Playground Section D

Includes: Spider climber, basketball pad, hill, and green space west of structure



Day of Orange 2020

On September 30th our school will once again be participating in Orange Shirt Day. Orange shirt day started in 2013 when Phyllis shared her story. Phyllis's mom and grandmother bought her a shiny orange shirt to wear when she went to residential school. It was taken away from her when she got there. Orange Shirt Day is September 30, 2020 when we wear orange to remember residential school survivors. If you don't have orange, the Nault / Kacperkiewicz buddies are making and designing orange bracelets for everyone at Robert Smith School because "Every Child Matters".



Here are some of the important messages we would like to share with you:

"Orange Day lands on September 30th, so please wear orange. It's a really important day to remember residential school survivors." -Richie

"Wear orange to be respectful and represent that "every child matters" after a child got her orange shirt taken away." -CJ

"Did you know that the last residential school closed in 1996?" -Marley

"I think wearing orange is important because it represents that "Every Child Matters" and honours residential school survivors." -Marley

"I think Orange Shirt Day is important because we need to show respect for Phyllis' story because her shirt was taken away when she went to residential schools." - Kaiden

October 2020

“Respect”

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11	12 Thanksgiving Day No Classes 	13	14	15	16	17
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