

Stingray Statement Community Bulletin October 12, 2018

Each bulletin will begin with a Treaty acknowledgement in a different language in order to acknowledge this shared history honouring these relationships as a part of reconciliation which will serve to educate the generations to come.

Treaty Acknowledgement

The Louis Riel School Division operates on the traditional lands of the Anishinaabe, Ininew and Dakota peoples, and on the homeland of the Metis nation. The Louis Riel School Division respects the Treaties that were made on this territory (English).

La Division scolaire de Louis Riel dirige ses opérations sur les terres traditionnelles des peuples Anishinaabe, Ininew, et Dakota, et sur la patrie de la nation métisse. La Division scolaire de Louis Riel respecte les traités qui ont été conclus sur ce territoire (French).

Dressing and preparing for the inclement weather in October

It is inevitable that the weather has become harsher. During this time of weather fluctuations, we ask that you send your children to school with the proper attire prepared for the seasonal changes that may occur during the day. Please send layers, a hoodie, mitts and hat in case the day does not warm in addition to their warm jacket.

All children in Grades 1 to 6 are provided with a fifteen-minute recess in both the morning and the afternoon and we expect all children to go outside for these recess periods. Recess is indoors if it is raining or if the wind-chill temperature reaches -27°C . It is also recommended that your child does not arrive at the school before 8:30 a.m. as there is no outside supervision prior to this time. Our school entrance bell rings at 8:33 and students are to remain outside unless there is inclement weather (-27°C with the wind-chill or raining)

As a side note, please label your child's outdoor clothing, so items can be returned when found throughout the building.

Lunch Information

Microwaves

We have 2 microwaves per grade level for students to heat their lunches. To allow all students to heat their lunches in a short amount of time we ask that the items that you are sending in to be heated require less than 1:00 minute to heat. If a longer heating time is required, then we ask that the student wait until the microwave heating line has diminished to heat for a longer period of time.

Utensils and condiments

We ask that parents and caregivers send with your children the necessary eating utensils and condiments for their lunches. We often have a large line up of students at the canteen and they are requesting plates, plastic forks & spoons and condiments for their lunches they have brought from home. Providing utensils, paper plates & cups and condiments for lunches not purchased from the canteen is permitted on an occasional basis but we are unable to support this on a daily basis. Thanks for your understanding in this matter.

Grade 1-2 Mrs. Sacher

The grade 1-2 class will once again be collecting plastic bags and ensuring that they will be recycled and not end up in the landfill. Throughout the month of October, please send in your plastic bags (grocery, bread bags, rinsed out plastic “Ziploc” bags) with your child and they will be collected by Mrs. Sacher’s class. These will be counted and recycled through “Take Pride Winnipeg” and will be remade into beautiful items such as benches, gardening pots and bird feeders.

Sports and Activity information

October				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Cross Country Practice @ Lunch 7/8 Boys Vball Practice @ 3:15	2 7/8 Girls Vball Practice @ Lunch Cross Country Race @ St. Vital Park 4:45	3 Gr. 7/8 Girls vball game at Marion school @ 5:15. Gr. 7 Boys Vball Game at Marion @ 4:15	4 7/8 Girls Vball Practice @ Lunch 7/8 Boys Vball Practice @ 3:15	5
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Mr. Colpitts will be starting an Early Morning Games program for grades 5/6 and 7/8. They will start at 8 am and go until the bell rings at 8:33. This is a program for anyone interested in coming in early and getting some physical activity before school starts. This is a drop-in program so students are not obligated to show up every week.

Upcoming dates and “save the date” information

Monday, October 8	Thanksgiving - no school
Friday, October 19	MTS Professional Learning Day – no school
Tuesday, October 23	Staff Meeting Early Dismissal at 2:15 pm
Tuesday, October 23	Parent Advisory Council 7:00 pm
Wednesday, October 24	Bus Evacuation Drill
Thursday, October 25	Choral Celebration Evening Performance
Monday October 29	School Photo - Retakes
Friday, November 2	School Based Professional Learning – no classes
Friday, November 9	Remembrance Day Service
Friday, November 15	Report Cards sent home
Thursday, November 22	Student-Led Conferences (3:30 - 8:30)
Friday, November 23	Divisional Professional Learning – no classes
Tuesday, November 27	Staff Meeting Early Dismissal at 2:15 pm
Friday, November 30	Skills for Living Snow Man Jam
Thursday, December 12	Grades K – 4 Winter Concert – at ATC 7:00 pm
Friday, December 21	Last day of classes before Winter Break – 2:15 PM dismissal

October 31, at General Vanier

One of the most important elements of public schooling is that everyone feels like they belong. In an effort to be sure that traditions are celebrated, it is a responsibility of schools and society that we acknowledge events that are important to our students and community, but not just those events that are traditionally appropriate for the majority of students. This recognition of tradition cannot be promoted in a fashion that would exclude other students from activities in any way.

All students can wear costumes on Halloween, if it is a tradition that is observed by their family, or if it is the wish of the family that their children partake in this tradition. However, I ask that students are respectful of the school day and only wear costumes in the afternoon (Kindergarten students may dress in the morning). It is the responsibility of our school community to see that any of our students who may wish to participate but do not have the means, be allowed. If you have any gently used costumes that could be passed along to those who may have none, please contact the office.

If families wish to send children in costumes a distinction must be made between what may be appropriate for home and Halloween trick or treating, and what is appropriate during the school day for an inclusive school based on respect for the various needs and ages of the school population.

When considering costumes that will be worn at school, please think of this:

- All schools should be free from violence and/or the depiction of violence (Costumes that are gory, bloody, or exceptionally scary are not appropriate for school. Students cannot bring even toy weapons.)
- All schools should be free from ridicule, racism, and intolerance and individuals or groups of people should not be targeted. (Costumes that are culturally, ethnically, or gender insensitive are not appropriate for school.)

Also, of note:

- October 31st is a school day. Teachers will not be cancelling classes to have a party. Some teachers will plan themed learning activities, but primarily it is a learning day.
- Individual teachers will determine when costumes will be put on in the afternoon and will communicate this to families. It is important that students can put on their own costumes. Although we prefer that masks stay at home, please prepare students that they may need to remove masks at times during the afternoon when necessary.

If you have any questions as to the appropriateness of a costume for school, it is the responsibility of caregivers to please speak with administration in advance. Having a conversation about the appropriateness of a costume on October 31st, could lead to an upset child which certainly can be avoided.

Respectfully,

Allie Hassin
Principal
General Vanier School

Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

PAC website <http://www.lrsd.net/schools/Vanier/ProgramsAndServices/Pages/PAC.aspx>
<http://generalvanier.com/>

Everyone is welcome to an evening of discussion and idea sharing at our monthly parent council meeting. Save the date:

Date	Event
Tuesday, October 23th	PAC Meeting 7:00 PM in the Library

LRS D SCHOOLS ARE VAPE-FREE ZONES

LRS D kicked off the new school year with some "tough talk" on vaping. Specifically, a reminder to students, parents and staff that LRS D schools are vape-free zones. Find vaping resources under the Division website under Schools, [Parent Resources](#). Contact Acting Assistant Superintendent [Henri Peloquin](#) for more information.

Vision and Hearing Screening

The Louis Riel School Division is conducting hearing and vision screening again this year on October 10 to identify children who may have a hearing or vision concern which requires attention. The tests will be administered by trained staff, who will give each child individual screening tests.

The screening program will involve all Kindergarten children, Grade One students who are new to LRSD and any other student(s) identified by classroom teachers. If a concern is indicated during the testing, you will receive a letter from the school asking you to have your child seen by the appropriate health care professional for follow-up.

Please note: Children wearing glasses or who have returned the Eye See...Eye Learn Eye Exam Form will not be screened for vision. Any child wearing hearing aids will not be screened for hearing.

If you do not want your child to have his/her hearing and vision tested, please contact the school.

Community notices

LRSD Radio is on the air!

LRSD's Community Radio Station is back up and running again, streaming from www.lrsdradio.ca. Tune in and have LRSD Radio running during your class. LRSD Radio plays a wide range of music from current pop to classic rock, country and even golden oldies from 60s/70s/80s/90s.