

Ralph Brown School

460 Andrews St.

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SEPTEMBER 2009

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| 6 | 7 Labour Day No Classes | 8 Administration Day No Classes for students | 9 First day of classes for Students Grade 1-8 | 10 Nursery/ Kindergarten Interviews | 11 Nursery/ Kindergarten Interviews | 12 |
| 13 | 14 First full day of classes for Kindergarten and Nursery | 15 Meet the Staff 6:00 p.m. | 16 | 17 First Fire Drill | 18 | 19 |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 Emergency Lockdown Practice | 25 Smile It's Picture Day | 26 |
| 27 | 28 | 29 Bus Ridership | 30 Hot Lunch Day | | | |

Thank you for a fantastic year. Our students have succeeded beyond our expectations. We appreciate the work that you have done in helping your children do well in school.

In our effort to reduce the amount of paper used, we will be sending home only one copy of whole school information next year. Please think about which child you will have take home the information. We will be asking you early in September to identify a child. All children will still receive individual information from their own classrooms.

A reminder that the school office be will open during the last week of August and first week of September for registrations. There will be an updated calendar sent in September. For those families moving over the summer we wish you well. Have a safe and happy summer. We look forward to seeing everyone back on September 8th.

HAPPY SUMMER!!!!

We have made it through another year. Time has flown by and we can only hope that the summer moves a little slower. On behalf of the staff we wish you all the best and thank you for the opportunity to spend time working with you and your children.

We say good bye to our grad six and eight students and wish them well at their new schools. We are confident that they are ready for the challenges ahead. Our Grade Eight students wrote the Winnipeg School Division Common Exams in early June. Our average scores in the English Language Arts exam was 82%. I'm sure when the results come out next year, that it will show that they scored well above the division average. Our students averaged 57% in the math exam which will likely put us right at the division average. Excellent work by all.

We also say good bye to some staff this year. Mrs. Flanagan will be moving to Champlain School. Mr. Stewart will be moving to Strathcona School and Mrs. Sesuik will return to Tyn-dall Park full time next year. Ms Rosko and Ms Perrotta, two of our Educational Assistants will also be leaving us. We wish them all well.

UPDATES...

Pennies for Patients: It took a long time to roll all those pennies. Our final tally was over \$200.00 in pennies. Thank you to everyone who supported this effort for the Leukemia Society. We hope that our school's efforts will help to find a cure so that all children can live cancer free.

Display Case: We are still waiting for the final go ahead for our school display case. We have our order in and hopefully when we return to school it will be here. Thank you to Parent Council for their help in raising the funds.

Field Day: Thank you to Blair Robbilar from the University of Manitoba, who came on June 22nd to lead our Aboriginal Games theme for field day. Although we had to make some quick adjustments due to the rain, we were able to get in most of the activities. What fun we had. Stay tuned next year for a possible Aboriginal Mentorship Program from the U of M.

Camps: We were able to give out a lot of information for camps this year. Thank you to all of the organizations who are helping to sponsor students. There are children going to WASAC camp, Judo Camp and Sunshine Camps over the summer. Please be sure that if you are registered to attend a camp that you make every attempt to get there and if you can't, let the camp know so that they can take someone from their waitlist.

Farewell and Awards: Congratulations to all of our students who received recognition for their leadership, strengths and participation in school activities. We are very proud of all of our students and are honoured to recognize the work they do. Farewell Grade Six and Eight students.

Thank you: I would like to thank the staff for their hard work. They are committed to doing their best for your children. I have seen amazing acts of kindness and giving from all the people that work in this building. I appreciate how hard they work. I wish the staff a restful and relaxing summer.

Until September...Please take care of our brand new butterfly garden...and very good care of your families and neighbours.

Karin Freiling