



# WOLSELEY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE . . .

# October 2009

Dear Wolseley families,

Wolseley School is humming along nicely as we enter into our second month of school. Although our enrolment has decreased by about fifteen students since last September, we welcomed a few new families to our school community. It's great to see new faces joining our cooperative, enthusiastic and caring children at work and play throughout the building!

Many thanks to Jennifer Finch and Carissa Nikkel for organizing the Terry Fox run last Friday. We raised approximately \$350.00 for cancer research to date.

Thanks also to our new team of school patrols who have started off the year in fine form. Adult supervisors are assigned to each team and the captains are able to obtain advice or voice concerns from their supervisor at any time. Regular meetings are held with the patrols throughout the year in order to provide information and support.

**One important reminder to parents/guardians: Please do not block the crosswalks with your car where patrols are stationed! Doing so creates a safety issue for the patrol and all others who are trying to cross the street safely.**

As you are probably aware, during the months of September and October, all teachers assess their students in the areas of Language Arts, Math and Basic Movement Skills using the Winnipeg School Division Comprehensive Assessment Program. Social/emotional development and behaviour is also included in their reporting. The CAP information is used to report on Provincial Grade 3 Numeracy and Reading Competency results that will be distributed to parents/guardians of grade 3 students later on this term as well.

The classroom teacher obtains assessment information in a variety of ways - either as a class, small group or with individual students. The resource program assists with the implementation of the comprehensive assessment. Once the assessment is completed, the administrator, the resource teacher and the classroom teacher meet to review all results and to plan for the needs of the students in each class for the remainder of the term. CAP results are included in the first report to parents in November.

It was wonderful to see so many parents at our recent "Meet the teacher" night. As you know, we are available at any time to answer questions or discuss concerns. Simply call the school to set up an appointment.

We encourage parent volunteers and would welcome parents who have special skills or talents who would like to initiate a club or extra-curricular activity, or who would like to volunteer in a classroom, in the library or in the resource program. Please let us know if you are interested.

*Heather Stanus*

## PATROLS . . .

Veterans' Week 2009 November 5—11

This year, we commemorate the 65th anniversaries of D-Day and the Battle of Normandy, the Liberation of Belgium and the Italian Campaign

### 2009/10 Teams

- #1 Siena, Estella, Signey B, Evan, Theo, Rio, Silas
- #2 Jackson, Elizabeth, Colin, Taylor M, Misha, Noah D, Simon, John
- #3 Quin, Devlin, Woods, Jon, Justice, Signy Z, Sebastian, Ethan
- #4 Emma, Liam G, Caetlyn, Ezra, Keegan, Michael F, Nathaniel

Thank you to these students for volunteering their time for a very important job. These are Wolseley School's leaders.

I know they will work hard to keep all of our children safe as they cross the streets.

Their time and efforts are greatly appreciated.

WAY TO GO PATROLS!

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**PARENT COUNCIL NEWS . . .**

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Welcome back to the Wolseley School Community!

This year at Wolseley School Parent Council we want to get more people involved. The council provides some very important functions in the school and community. Its main purpose is to improve communication between the home and school, support school activities, and to represent parents and students in the development of all aspects of school life. Please consider joining the parent council, it will enhance the school lives of all our children.

On behalf of the Parent Council and all the members of the Wolseley School Community we would like to extend a huge thank you to Katrina L-K and Helen K for all their hard work on the parent council. Katrina was treasurer for the past 3 years, and Helen was secretary last year. Both did a great job of keeping on top of things, and filled very important positions on the council. We would also like to thank all the members of the parent council, and the heads of the different committees. Without their support, many of the parent council's functions would not happen. Everyone's dedication to make Wolseley School have a fun and positive environment is greatly appreciated.

Alison England and Audra Taylor will be continuing as co-chairs, and Lisa S will continue as Vice President. Teri W has offered to be treasurer, and will likely be voted in at the Annual General Meeting.

**We need the following positions filled:**

**Secretary**

Responsibilities: Attend meetings and type up minutes, and bring them to the following meeting.

**Class Representatives**

Responsibilities: Assist teachers to coordinate volunteers, and to act as a liaison between teachers, parents and students and the Council. It is beneficial if you can attend meetings.

**General Council Members**

Anyone who would like to participate in parent council issues and attend meetings when available. Can be put on Parent Council email to be kept up to date on meetings, and other parent council information.

**Pizza Lunch Coordinator**

Responsibilities: Organize and manage pizza lunches for Wolseley School.

Pizza lunches are generally held the last Friday of every month, but can be changed depending on your availability. Pizza lunches are one of our main fundraising activities for the school, and are really enjoyed by the students. We would like to be able to offer them as soon as we can.

Please contact Alison or Audra as soon as possible if you are able to fill one of these positions.

Meetings are usually held the first Wed of each month. Free child care is provided in room 17.

**Annual General Meeting: Wed Oct 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30.** Regular council meeting will follow immediately after. November's meeting is scheduled for **Nov 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30**

Thank you for your support, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact:

Alison England 788-0101 [angland@mts.net](mailto:angland@mts.net) –co chair

Audra Taylor 779-7949 [audrataylor@shaw.ca](mailto:audrataylor@shaw.ca) – co chair

Wolseley Parent Council

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## PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS . . .

Soccer Clubs have started. There is a Grade 5 & 6 boys team and a Grade 4, 5, & 6 girls team this season. Tournament dates are as follows:

BOYS	Tuesday, October 6th	Morning
GIRLS	Tuesday, October 13th	Morning

- Both tournaments will be held at Tec Voc.

The Recess Leaders Program will begin in early October.

Both Running Clubs: Grade 1,2,3 and 4,5,6 will be starting SOON!

### Gym Classes for Intermediate Students

Students in room 8, 10 and 13 will be expected to change for their one FITNESS CLASS PER CYCLE.

Room 10	Day 5
Room 8 & 13	Day 6

Students may keep their gym equipment in a labelled bag that will be stored in a bin in the gym office.

Student DO NOT HAVE TO CHANGE for their 30 minute classes.

ALL N—6 students are required to wear runners to gym class.

### WMVA Volleyball

A youth (ages 7-17) volleyball league is available in your area now, the WMVA, an affiliated program of the MVA, offers programs to all ages. Registration is on now, please visit us at [www.wmva.ca](http://www.wmva.ca) or call 269-7777 for all the information you will need.

Hope to see all of you out on a volleyball court soon!

## STUDENT LEADERSHIP . . .

Wolseley School students have many opportunities to take leadership roles both in and out of the classroom setting. The older students in each of our multi-grade classrooms are expected to be role models being responsible and caring members of their classroom community. All of our grade 4-6 students are book buddies for the younger grade 1-3 students helping them exchange their library books and reading to them. In addition, students can participate in the following leadership roles in the school:

**Student Council Reps**—grades 1-6

Patrol—grades 5 and 6

Recess Leaders—grades 4-6

Early Bird Choir—grades 4-6

## PROPER FOOTWEAR ...

Is necessary for a good start.

Appropriate footwear is important in a child's physical development. The fact that children grow quickly, and require new runners possibly twice in a school year, may clearly impact a family financially. However, runners are vital for all the pressure that is exerted on growing bones.

Here are some helpful hints in purchasing running shoes for all children:

1. Go to an athletic store with an older runner and have the specialist examine the wear of that runner to determine whether your child is a pronator (wear to the insides of the shoe), or a supinator, (wear to the outside of the shoe), and where support is needed. This is a very important step as it may correct any gait problems that your child may develop, or any joint problems of the ankle or knee.
2. Specify to the sales person that the runners must be **NON MARKING**. Test the runner yourself by dragging it along its edge.
3. Comfort problems may not appear at the store, so ask the sales people if they offer an exchange policy if the child begins to complain about sore toes, arches or heels.
4. Slip on runners usually are un-supportive and a hazard if they fall off.
5. You need not purchase runners at the athletic stores, you could try on runners and have your children get the "feel" of a good runner and then look for runners that are at a lower price range.



## LIBRARY NEWS . . .

Thank you to all the families and friends of Wolseley School who have donated books to the library this September. We are working hard to get many of them on the shelves.

Our library shelvers (student volunteers have also started working in the library to help keep it a clean, organized, and an efficient place for students to do research.

Our focus is on using the library as a tool for inquiry. We will be developing research skills using both text and the internet.

**Safe Crossing Week**  
**Launched in 2005 by Safe Kids Canada & CN**  
**to raise awareness of safety**  
**at railway crossings**

November 1-7, 2009

More Info— [safekids.web@sickkids.ca](mailto:safekids.web@sickkids.ca)

## THANK YOU WOLSELEY FAMILIES...

Here we are near the end of September and the grass on the school field is very green and still growing!!! It has been 3 months since the school picnic and Parent Council would like to again thank all of the individuals who donated items or contributed monies towards our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual 'Summer Raffle Baskets'!!! We would like to thank those people who purchased tickets for the various summer theme baskets and for your enthusiasm and support.

A total of \$500.00 was raised with the Raffle baskets; the proceeds raised are designated for playground enhancement and sustainability for the benefit of **all** Wolseley students and the surrounding community.

Wolseley Parent Council and Staff are in discussions about enhancing the playground with ideas such as improving access to the equipment and raised shrub or flower beds on the green space on the top of the hill as a couple of examples. If you have any ideas, we encourage you to share them and to even become part of Parent Council.

There are many school events that are made possible through the organization, energy and enthusiasm of Parent Council with the majority of students benefiting from the events. Please consider joining in support of your child (ren) and our wonderful school!

Cheers, Wolseley Parent Council

p.s. If you have our white raffle basket or know of someone who still has one, please advise and return it to the school to enable us to recycle it for next years raffle.

## MUSIC NEWS . . .

The early bird choir will starting up for another year. Interested students will be attending rehearsals at 8:15 am once or twice a week. So, get ready to set the alarm clock a little earlier. Our first focus will be the Remembrance Day Ceremony.

Ms Baars

## FRENCH NEWS. . .

Bonjour! Students are busy in the French classroom speaking, reading, listening and viewing French materials. We have begun the school year with review of numbers, colours, days of the week and months. We have also begun working on a theme called "Les animaux de compagnie" (pets). Students will have the opportunity to learn about their favourite pets in French and have opportunity for discussion.

## LUNCH PROGRAM . . .

Lunch program is once again well underway. Please remember you must **NOT** send nut products or fish/seafood products. We have children in lunch program with severe allergies and we need to keep them safe.

This years lunch program is very large and I would appreciate your cooperation in reviewing some basic rules with your children.

1. Remain seated during lunch.
2. Talk **quietly**, we need to hear announcements.
3. Do not touch or comment on other people's food.
4. Clean up your mess!

This will ensure the program runs as smoothly as possible.

On October 14th (Election Day) we will be eating in the classrooms as the gym is in use for citizen voting purposes. Please do not send food to be heated in microwaves that day. There will be no microwaves available.

Thanks for your cooperation and support.

Michelle Sedgwick

**COMMUNITY NEWS . . .****A NOTE FROM THE NURSE. . .**

Attention Parents of Grade 4 Students and Grade 6 Female Students!

Each year the Public Health Program offers the hepatitis B and Meningococcal C vaccines to all Grade 4 students.

Once again, the Public Health Program will offer the Human Papilloma virus (HPV) vaccine to all Grade 6 female students.

Immunizations in Manitoba are voluntary and only given with the consent of the parent or legal guardian. Your child was sent home with important information for your review. It is hoped that you read the immunization fact sheet and have completed the consent form and returned the form to the school. Please return Consent Form even if you do not want your child immunized, have name of child on consent form. Place a check mark for no.

At Wolseley School students will be immunized on October 2, 2009 in the afternoon. Both the Hepatitis B and HPV vaccines require 3 shots. Students will receive dose #2 in November and the 3rd dose in TBA.

Please contact the school nurse, Deborah Wurtele, Downtown Public Health Nurse at 940-6681 for more information.

PUBLIC HEALTH  
NURSE  
Deborah Wurtele  
Phone 940-6681

**SOUTH WINNIPEG FAMILY INFORMATION CENTRE**

800 Point Road, Fort Garry  
FALL 2009 PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

For more information call the centre at 284-9311

**INSERVICES FOR PARENT/VOLUNTEERS****Fine Motor Development**

Children play to explore the world. Play develops both a strong body and stronger finger and hand skills (fine motor). Come and try out some activities to have fun at home while helping your child develop fine motor skills necessary for school.

Thursday, October 8, 2009

1:15—3:15 p.m.

Lord Selkirk School  
170 Popular Avenue

Presenter: Nancy Stillinger  
Occupational Therapist

**Read with Me: Ways to Develop Language Skills and a Love For Books**

Tuesday, October 20, 2009

1:30—3:00 p.m.

River Elm School Library  
500 Riverton Avenue

Presenter: Kathy Gerylo, Speech/Language  
Pathologist, CGC

**TO REGISTER CALL: 453-1748**

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**WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION/WOLSELEY VOLUNTEER PROCEDURE. . .**

For years Wolseley School has benefited from the active involvement of many dedicated volunteers. These volunteers have contributed in so many ways - working one-to-one with children, assisting teachers in classrooms, driving on field trips, and assisting with other special events at the school.

Winnipeg School Division now requires that **ALL** volunteers (including those who are currently volunteering) be screened as follows:

**Parent Volunteers**

All parent volunteers who are parents of children currently attending school in the Winnipeg School division shall:

complete a registration form providing 2 personal references.

complete forms granting the Division access to the Provincial Child Abuse Registry in order to conduct a check.

**Community Volunteers**

All community volunteers who are not parents of children currently attending school in the Winnipeg School division shall be interviewed by the Coordinator of Volunteers, at which time they shall:

complete a registration form providing 2 personal references.

complete a Personal Criminal Record Search, and

authorize a search of the Provincial Child Abuse Registry.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS SCREENING PROCESS IS VALID FOR  
EIGHT YEARS.**

Those of you who plan to drive on field trips or sporting events also need to provide copies of your driver's license and car registration. In addition, because of a revised Board Policy a Volunteer Driver Form also must be completed. (These need to be updated yearly or as they expire.)

**If you plan to volunteer or drive on field trips at any time during the year you must go through this screening process.**

Forms are available in the school office.

# Wolseley School

## October 2009

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	<b>STUDENT SUPPLY PAYMENT DUE ASAP</b>	<b>\$55.00 PER STUDENT</b>	October 1 Day 6 9-11:30 Playgroup	October 2 Day 1 <b>IMMUNIZATIONS 1:00 pm Library</b>
5 Day 2 Patrol Team 1	6 Day 3 8:15 am EB CHOIR <b>Staff Meeting 2:45 PM Dismissal</b>	7 Day 4	8 Day 5 8:15 am EB CHOIR 9-11:30 Playgroup	9 Day 6
	<b>FIRE</b>	<b>PREVENTION</b>	<b>WEEK</b>	
<b>12 THANKSGIVING DAY</b>	13 Day 1 Patrol Team 2	14 Day 2 BUSRIDERSHIP 9:30 am 6:30 pm Parent Council AGM and Regular Meeting	15 Day 3 8:15 am EB CHOIR 9-11:30 Playgroup	16 Day 4
19 Day 5 Patrol Team 3 8:15 am EB CHOIR	20 Day 6	21 Day 1	22 Day 2 9-11:30 Playgroup	<b>23 Day 3 SCHOOL CLOSED ALL DAY FOR STAFF SAG INSERVICE</b>
26 Day 4 Patrol Team 4	27 Day 5 8:15 am EB CHOIR	28 Day 6	29 Day 1 9-11:30 Playgroup	30 Day 2

**LAST DAY BEFORE WINTER BREAK**  
December 18th

Monday, November 2—LifeTouch Photo Retakes 1:00 pm  
 Tuesday, November 3—Staff Meeting 2:45 pm dismissal  
 Wed., Nov. 4—IMMUNIZATIONS (Dose 2), 1:00 pm Library, 6:30 pm Parent Council Mtg  
 Tuesday, November 10—Remembrance Day Assembly 11:00 am  
 Wednesday, November 11—Remembrance Day—SCHOOL CLOSED  
 Friday, November 20—Report Cards Go Home  
 November 23, 24, & 25—Kindergarten Hearing Screening  
 Wed., Nov 25 & Thurs., Nov 26—Grade 1-6 Student Led Conferences—2:30—6:30 pm  
 Friday, November 27—NO SCHOOL—ALL DAY PD INSERVICE  
 Tuesday, December 1—Staff Meeting 2:45 pm dismissal  
 Thursday, December 17—Winter Concert

