



PANTHER POST



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Our Mission: With our community, we will establish and promote high standards of personal and academic growth for all. We will work together to develop responsible citizens by enabling each child to realize their full potential in adapting to a diverse and ever changing society.



HAPPY NEW YEAR AND WELCOME BACK! The wonderful performances and the beautiful singing of the students brought lots of applause making the Christmas Concert a GREAT success! Thank you to the students, staff, volunteers and especially Mrs. Nikolaisen for all the hard work and time that went into the Christmas Concert.

The year started with cold weather and the busses not running on the first day back after Christmas Break. We look forward to warmer weather and a busy January 2015!

Angela Voutier

Immunizations

The Public Health Nurse will be at Ecole O'Kelly School to immunize Grade 4's and Grade 6's (females only) on Friday, February 6, 2015. This is the second immunization for the 4's Hepatitis B which is a virus that attacks the liver and can cause permanent damage, scarring and sometimes death. The 6's (females only) is Human Papillomavirus Vaccine (HPV). This immunization is to help prevent certain types of cervical cancer.



In Memory

Of Graham Elliott

Our Bus Driver

Our Friend and

Colleague.

Students and Staff Ecole O'Kelly School



January 29 –Just Dance Fest - K - 4 is 1:50 to 2:20

- 5 - 8 is 2:35 to 3:30

January 30 - NO SCHOOL - Pro-D Day

February 3 - Pizza Day

February 16 - Louis Riel Day - NO SCHOOL

February 27 - Pro-D Day - NO SCHOOL



PATROLS are only stationed in front of the school. They will not be at their stations if the wind chill reaches -27° or colder, so please remind your children to be careful when crossing streets. They should walk to and from school quickly, using the sidewalks (stay off the snow banks and do not throw snow or ice chunks).



BELL TIMES



8:45 am..... Entrance Bell

8:53 am..... Opening Exercises

10:25 - 10:40 am..... Recess

11:40 am..... Lunch

12:45 pm..... Afternoon Entrance

Bell

2:20 - 2:35 pm Recess

WINTER WEATHER:

Children **must** be dressed appropriately for the cold weather. Hats, mitts, ski pants and warm winter jackets are a necessity.

If the temperature is **-27 or colder:**

- Children should arrive **NO EARLIER** than 5 to 10 minutes before the bell rings (morning bell rings at 8:45 a.m.,
afternoon bell rings at 12:45 p.m.)
- Recesses will be held indoors
- School patrols will not be on duty

BUS SERVICE: School bus service may be cancelled when wind chill factors are in excess of -45, or the temperature itself is -35 degrees Celsius or colder. **PLEASE LISTEN TO THE RADIO IN THE MORNING for bus cancellations and school closures.**



We will be starting recorders for all Grade 3-8 students in the next few weeks. Every student is asked to purchase a recorder for this unit in music. Ted Good Music Store on 10th street in Brandon is a good place to pick one up.

Over the next few weeks, some of the music classes will be learning about instruments of the orchestra, and the composer Aaron Copland. The Grade 7/8's have been learning about the musical genre of Opera, through a production from the Metropolitan Opera House in New York called Hansel and Gretel.

Some of the classes will be doing a short unit on Disney music and its history. We are also busy learning our notes for reading music, the WSO music for the Grade 3/4's, and high and low, and short and long sounds for the Kindergarten classes.

Our **MUSIC ROCK STAR** for December is *Julian Schneider* from Mr. Halls class! Good for you, Julian!

Keep singing!

Mrs. Nikolaisen



ECOLE O'KELLY SCHOOL FRENCH IMMERSION
KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION EVENING

TUESDAY, January 20, 2015 @ 6:30 P.M.

Ecole O'Kelly School French Immersion
Kindergarten Classroom

Registration forms are available online or at the School Office. Registration forms will be accepted beginning Monday, January 26, 2015.

For more information please check the school website at 222.bsd.ca/schools/okelly

Or call the school at 204-765-7900



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
School Days: 19			Christmas Break	1 Christmas Break	2 Christmas Break	3
4	5 Classes Resume Day 2	6 Day 3	7 Day 4	8 Day 5	9 Day 6	10
11	12 Day 1	13 Day 2	14 Day 3	15 Day 4	16 Day 5	17
18	19 Day 6	20 Day 1	21 Day 2	22 Day 3	23 Day 4	24
25	26 Day 5	27 Day 6	28 Day 1	29  Day 2	30 Professional Development Day K-8/ Administration Day 9-12	31