

SMS NEWS

Dear parents and guardians of Stony Mountain School,

Welcome back! We are at the end of September and everything is going well at Stony Mountain School (SMS). Our new staff have had a great start and are working hard to build positive relationships with our students, parents/guardians and staff. Our youngest students, kindergarten and 1/2 are getting used to their new routines and are working hard to build resiliency and stamina. Our grade 7/8 students are taking on leadership roles and working towards being great role models and strong leaders. We look forward to them building the school community through house league events and themed assemblies which are part of the Sources of Strength initiative. The rest of our student body are enthusiastic about learning and growing. There has also been strong leadership in other cohorts. We had our grade 3/4 students planning and running a successful Terry Fox event and our 5/6 student volunteers helping in the office and other areas around the school.

We are well into training for the cross-country races, the first of which is a practice race being held at Stonewall Quarry Park on Wednesday, October 2nd. The Divisional race will be held at Teulon, Green Acres Park on Tuesday, October 8th. Our volleyball teams have been decided, games are being booked and practices will be starting shortly. We have a very keen group of young go-getters who, last week, presented to our PAC, a planned partnership to fundraise for an expansion of our existing playground.

We have many positive things happening at SMS and look forward to a year of many successes. Feel free to drop by for a visit or contact the school with questions, concerns or comments.

Kind regards,

Bill Olson
Principal, Stony Mountain School



Dates to Remember

Sept. 26 – Orange Shirt Day

Sept. 27 – Inservice – No school

Sept. 30 – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – no school

Oct. 2 – Cross Country practice meet – Stonewall

Oct. 8 – Divisional Cross-Country meet – Teulon

Oct. 14 – Thanksgiving – no school

Oct. 21 – Picture Day

Oct. 23 – Progress conversations

Oct. 25 – Inservice – no school

Oct. 28 – Nov 1 – Spirit Week

Oct. 31 - Halloween

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Grade 3/4 News

TERRY FOX WALK / RUN

The sun was shining and smiles were out for the annual Terry Fox school run. Mrs. Eluik-Prins' class was busy researching information about Terry Fox and organized the information to present at a school wide assembly. The students learned about Terry's goal of running across Canada and dedication to help others by bringing awareness to the deadly disease of cancer. Heartfelt conversations were had as students shared their own personal stories of being affected by cancer in various ways and the inspiring story of Terry Fox.

Thank you to the families who donated and joined us for the Terry Fox assembly and walk. Together, the Stony Mountain School community raised just over \$900 for cancer research in honour of this Canadian hero. We look forward to another successful year next year!



Kindergarten / 1-2 News

The Kindergarten students have been super busy learning new classroom routines at school. They look forward to learning about and participating in their first Terry Fox and Orange Shirt Days!

SPORTS NEWS

Our grade 7/8 girls volleyball team will start practicing the first week of October. Our first Stony game will be on October 15th. Our athletes representing Stony Mountain include Eden, Blayke, Princess, Ava, Elaina, Lily, Payton, Summer, and Maddie. Divisionals will take place in Teulon on November 26th. Looking forward to a great season!

Mrs. Elliot & Ms. Dutkiewich

This year's Junior High Boys Volleyball Team has begun practicing. Representing Stony Mountain School are Lucas, Easton, Greg, Zach, Jeff, Bryce, Finn, Emmit, Jaxon, Logan, Cooper, Dreydon, Keenan, and Elliot. The Hawks will be practicing Mondays and Wednesdays at lunch with occasional Fridays to sharpen their skills. The home opener will be Wednesday, October 9th hosting Warren Elementary School. Other notable dates are a tournament at Ecole Stonewall Centennial School on Friday, October 18th and the Divisional Tournament on Tuesday, November 26th. Go Hawks!

Mr. Ouellette & Mr. Yeo



Reminder:

- Bring indoor shoes
- Deodorant
- Dress for the weather
- Get an agenda, or ask your homeroom teacher for one. This will help keep track of homework and test dates.
- LEAVE CELL PHONES AT HOME! They should NOT be seen while on school property or during school hours. This includes waiting outside in the morning or afternoon for the bus.

Grade 7/8 News

On Wednesday, September 18, the grade 7 & 8 students attended the Mino-pimatisiwin – “A Good Life” event at Canada Life Centre. While there, the students listened to a number of Indigenous musical artists, heard from Indigenous speakers, and other Indigenous performers. The most impactful moment was when a cloth covered with over 4000 names of children who never returned home from residential or day schools, was brought in. The students heard from many residential and day school survivors, asking the students in attendance to remember the survivors and work to make their lives, and the lives of all people around them, better, by making sure nothing like this happens again.

ORANGE SHIRT DAY

The morning of Thursday, September 26, all the students at SMS gathered in the gym for an assembly to honour the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Eden B, Emma J, Hannah C, and Blayke K (gr. 7) prepared a slide show explaining why we wear orange shirts. After, each class went to their homerooms and, with the help of the grade 7/8 students, each student wrote why they matter on an orange strip of paper. These strips were joined to create a paper chain, showing that when working together, we make things stronger.



Grade 5/6 News

We're excited to share that our school year has kicked off on a fantastic note in the grade 5/6 cohort! The grade 5 students have quickly adapted to the new routines and expectations of the middle years, thanks in large part to the supportive guidance of our grade 6 students. It has been heartwarming to see the camaraderie and teamwork blossoming within our classrooms.

During the first week, students engaged in a variety of team-building activities designed to help everyone get to know one another better. These activities have set a positive tone for the year ahead.

We are particularly proud to highlight the initiative of one of our grade 5 students, who has taken it upon herself to organize care packages for individuals experiencing homelessness in Winnipeg. Her leadership and dedication to making a difference have inspired us all, and we are thrilled to support her in this important cause.

To help with this action project, our Grade 5/6 students have identified a list of items they would like to include in the care packages. If you are able to contribute any of the items listed, it would be greatly appreciated.

Please feel free to send any donations to school with your child by October 11th. Together, we can make a meaningful impact!

Thank you for your continued support, and here's to a wonderful school year ahead!

Items being collected

Warm socks/gloves

Ziploc bags

Small reusable grocery bags

Healthy ready to eat non-perishable food items such as granola bars (no cans or packages that require tools for preparing)

Bottled water

Small tissue packages

Mini first aid kits

Gift cards for food

Hair ties

Lip balm

Small combs

Small unscented lotion

Toothbrushes

toothpaste

..books! 😊

