



# SMS NEWS

## OCTOBER

### Dates to Remember:

Nov. 7 – Remembrance Day Service

Nov. 7 – 7/8 Drama field trip - MTC

Nov. 8 – No School

Nov. 11 – Remembrance Day (no school)

Nov. 14 – PAC meeting

Nov. 18 – 29<sup>th</sup> – 2025/2026 Kindergarten Registration

Nov. 21 – Project 11 MB Moose School Day game: grades 5-8

Nov. 26 – Divisional Volleyball Tournament:  
Girls – Teulon  
Boys - Stonewall

Nov. 29 – Picture retakes



### Fire Safety



On Tuesday, October 8th, the Stony Mountain Fire Department visited our school. They came to teach us about fire safety. Grades 1-4 students joined the fire fighters in the gymnasium, and then the fire fighters joined the Kindergarteners in their classroom. We learned so many things and even got to see a real fire man suit. One of the fire fighters geared up so we could see what they would look like and sound like in action. That way we know what to look for and listen for in case of an emergency. Students were very eager to share stories and ask questions!

Some of the things we learned were:

- Each family should have a **Home Safety Action Plan** so everyone knows what to do and where to go in case of a fire. Make sure each family member knows a safe route to get outside the house and knows where to meet, such as on the driveway or by a specific tree. Check windows regularly to ensure they open and close properly. Always ensure stairs and landings are clear so they are accessible during an evacuation.
- **Hear a chirp, MAKE A CHANGE!** A chirping alarm needs attention. Replace the batteries or the entire alarm if it is older than 10 years old. If you don't remember how old it is, replace it.
- Alarms need to be installed in every sleeping room, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of the home, including the basement.
- In case of an emergency, get outside. Do not stop to take anything with you, including special belongings or pets.
- Do NOT hide. Get outside! If you cannot safely exit the house, yell for help!

**Remember, when you hear a beep, GET ON YOUR FEET!** Get out and stay out. Call 9-1-1 from your outside meeting place.

## Kindergarten News

October has been a busy month in Kindergarten. Robert Munsch is our author of the month and we have had fun hearing his stories and creating our own paper bag princes and princesses. We enjoyed learning about Fire Safety this month. Thanks to the Stony Mountain Fire Department for a great presentation. We have focused on what we are thankful for, as we learned about the history of Thanksgiving. Happy Halloween everyone!!



## 1/2 News

The grade 1/2s spent October learning about their senses. To test out our sense of taste and smell we made apple sauce. Everyone got to peel and cut and measure out the ingredients!



## 3/4 News

We have been doing lots of Halloween themed activities in 3/4!

Mrs. Proskurniak's and Ms. Smolders' students all created haunted houses. Students learned about colour value as they painted their night skies with bright moonlight.

Ms. Smolders' did a neat activity with skeletons. Students learned about all of the bones in a human hand and created an accurate drawing that represented the bones in their hand. Students then used oil to make the bones appear transparent when their final drawing was held up to the light. The idea was to mimic an x-ray of a hand.

Mrs. Proskurniak's students did lots of work with pumpkins. Mrs. Proskurniak brought in 6 pumpkins. First, students chose a pumpkin to draw and then later paint. Then, students were to describe a chosen pumpkin, read their descriptions including adjectives to the class, and then class was to guess which pumpkin they picked. It was a great lesson on using descriptive language and how being more specific is so important! Finally, we cut open our pumpkins and did various estimation activities with the pumpkin seeds.

Mrs. E's class created Halloween themed board games based on magnetic or gravitational forces to tie creativity, art, teamwork, and science all together! These games were shared with other early years classrooms and a great time was had by all.



## 5/6 News

As October comes to a close, we're excited to share the latest happenings and upcoming events in the 5/6 cohort! This month, we've celebrated achievements, fostered community spirit, and enjoyed a fantastic fall season. The Grade 5/6 cohort have been very busy giving back to the community. Thank you to everyone who donated to our initiative of putting together care packages for individuals experiencing homelessness in Winnipeg. With your kindness, we were able to donate an impressive number of care packages this month. The 5/6's also participated in the Recycle Everywhere Class Clean Up. The students toured around town to fill numerous garbage and recycling bags. This will enter them into a draw to hopefully win a class pizza party or win \$5000 in school supplies. We are proud to be a part of the Grade 5/6 cohort!



## 7/8 News

The Grade 7/8 students have started reading and math buddies with the Grade 3/4 classes. They taught the 3/4s how to play Dice (10 000), a simple dice-rolling game involving addition, strategy, risk, and luck! They have been working hard at building relationships with the younger students and have been great role models showing positive attitudes.



## Other News

### Sports

The girl's volleyball team has had a fantastic season so far! Not only have they won all of their games, but most importantly, they have come to games and practices with positive attitudes and shown great sportsmanship all throughout the first half of the season. We are proud of the leadership skills this group has shown, and look forward to seeing how they continue to work together in the second half of the season. Go Hawks!

The grade 7/8 Boys Volleyball Team have been making great progress in their first half of the season. A highlight of theirs was a victory against highly-ranked Ecole Stonewall Centennial School. With commitment and determination, the boys look forward to continuing their climb in the rankings and a final push at Divisionals in Stonewall, November 26th.

### 👁️👁️ Floor Hockey Goalie Equipment ??

Hello SMS parents, happy hockey season. The Physical Education classes are looking for any unwanted/unused street hockey goalie equipment that may be donated or lent to the school. This equipment is to be used for floor hockey units in Physical Education. The goalie equipment will go along with a brand-new set of 24 floorball sticks, an exciting and fast version of floor hockey. If anyone is willing, please email Mr. Ouellette at [couellette@isd21.mb.ca](mailto:couellette@isd21.mb.ca) to arrange a pickup or drop off.