



# PHOENIX SCHOOL

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St. James -  
 Assiniboia School  
 Division

### MISSION STATEMENT

Phoenix School's mission is to develop each student's potential as a kind, empathetic citizen who values acceptance, and inclusion of others. The school will nurture life-long learners who are team players in a global community.

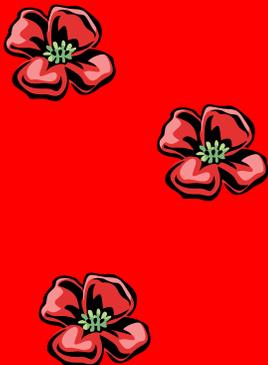
### SCHOOL MOTTO

"At Phoenix, We Care!"

### 2017-2018 In-Services

#### No School

- November 10, 2017
- November 24, 2017
- February 2, 2018
- February 23, 2018
- March 16, 2018
- April 20, 2018
- June 15, 2018
- June 29, 2018



### Principal's Message

There is a Chinese proverb that states: "Learning is a treasure that will follow its owner everywhere."

I have been a teacher a long time and I am still learning new things. The latest adventure is in the area of technology. The school division is in the process of creating more sophisticated web-sites for all of its schools. This new software will have the capacity to change the way in which newsletters and information about schools is disseminated.

Stories about the school and school events will now be posted on the web-site with a life span of 5 days. Instead of getting all the information in one newsletter; the information will be shared on the web-site over time. I will continue with the newsletter format for a few months as we transition to the website. Parents may start to check the website and you will see portions of the newsletter included on that site. Our website address is as follows:

<https://www.sjasd.ca/school/phoenix>

Thank you for your patience as we make this change.

Thank you.

Mrs. L. Daniels

### Remembrance Day Service

November 9, 2017

At 12:20 p.m. in the Phoenix School Gymnasium,



### IMPORTANT DATES

- Nov. 9 Remembrance Day Service at 12:20 p.m.
- Nov. 10 Report Card Writing
- Nov. 22 Report Cards Issued
- Nov 23 & 24 Parent/Teacher/ Student Conferences
- Dec.14 Winter Concert  
Grades K—3 at 1 & 6:30
- Dec. 22 Last day of Classes
- Jan. 9 First day of school after Winter Break
- Feb. 23 Report Card Writing
- Mar. 14 Project Fair
- Mar. 15 & 16 Student Led Conferences
- Mar. 23 Last day of classes before Spring Break
- Apr. 1 First day of classes after Spring Break
- June 28  
Year End Assembly at 10:10
- June 28 Last day of Classes

### Early Dismissal Days

- Nov. 7/17
- Nov. 21/17
- Dec. 5/17
- Dec. 19/17
- Jan.9/18
- Jan. 23/18
- Feb. 6/18
- Feb. 20/18
- Mar. 1/18
- Mar. 20/18
- Apr. 3/18
- Apr. 17/18
- May 1/18
- May 15/18
- June 5/18

## Ready, Set, Kindergarten!

Ready, Set, Kindergarten! is starting its third year. October 26<sup>th</sup> was the first session this year. There were 17 little people who joined in this special activity from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.

The program is designed for children who are 3 and 4 years old. The children and their parent(s) explore a variety of hands-on activities at different learning centers. The centers are designed to build the child's confidence and capabilities to grow their skills as they get ready to take the next steps to Kindergarten.

The 3 and 4 year-old children will choose the activity they are interested in and the children will decide how long they wish to stay at the center.

The centers emphasize the concepts of:

- Literacy (e.g. rhyming, phonemes, etc.) activities
- Numeracy (e.g. patterning, sorting, etc.) activities
- Fine motor activities
- Gross motor activities
- Language activities
- and a healthy snack.

The following, 6 more dates have been planned:

- November 30
- January 25
- February 22
- March 22
- April 26
- May 24

All three and four year-old children and their parents are welcome to attend. As you can tell by the pictures; everyone was having fun and learning!





## Winter Concert 2017

The Winter Concert for Grade Kindergarten to grade 3 plus room 4 will be held at the Headingley Community Centre, 5353 Portage Avenue on Thursday, December 14.

There will be an afternoon performance at 1:00 p.m. and in the evening at 6:30 p.m. The program is called: "Holiday Song Search".

Tickets will again be issued to families. Any unused / unwanted tickets can be returned to the school. Mrs. Howard will re-distribute the tickets to families who have expressed an interest in having more tickets. Re-distributed tickets will be given out on a first-come, first-served basis. Phoenix School appreciates the selflessness of families by trying to ensure that everyone who would like to attend the performance is able to attend the performance.



## Scholastic Book Fair

Regrettably, this Scholastic Book Fair has had to be postponed to March, 2018 during Parent / Teacher / Student Conferences. The school's renovations should be completed soon (November 15 is what we have been told). However, it will take many days to unbox and re-shelve all the books and set up the library furniture. Unfortunately, the library would not be ready for the Scholastic Book Fair this November. The school appreciates your understanding. Thank you!

### 2018-19 Parent Council

There will be several openings on the Parent Council Executive next year, 2018-19. Mrs. Genn is in her third and final year as President. Mrs. Sylvestre and Mrs. Horn will finish their third and final year as treasurers. Their children will also be moving to middle school next year and they will not be available to support the new treasurer(s).

*If anyone is interested in serving in these positions as president and treasurers; the women in these positions have offered to provide training and support throughout the course of this school year to anyone who is interested. Just let either the school (204-889-5053) know or Mrs. Genn.*

### Terry Fox Run

**Terry Fox Run** was held on September 28, 2017. The monies go directly to the Canadian Cancer Society Manitoba Division.

School Year	Terry Fox Donations
2017-18	\$388.60
2016-17	\$440.30
2015-16	\$395.15
2014-15	\$359.75
2013-14	\$317.00

In the past 5 years, Phoenix School and its parent community have raised \$1,900.80 for the Canadian Cancer Society. The generosity of our parent community is greatly appreciated!

### Lockdown Practice

Every year the school is required to implement two lockdown practices. Phoenix School will be implementing its first lockdown practice on Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. The school utilizes the A.L.I.C.E. principle:

- Alert
- Lockdown
- Inform
- Counter
- Evacuate

### Student Fees

There are 124 families in Phoenix School which is a fundraising amount of \$2480.00. The following activities will be supported by this special fundraising activity.

Activity / Event	Cost	Balance \$2480.00 This column subtracts <b>down</b> .
Humane Society Presentations	<b>\$35.00 x 7 = \$245.00</b> <b>Divided by 2 = \$122.50</b>	<b>\$2527.25</b>
Michael ManyEagles	<b>\$1360.00</b>  <b>\$200.00 AAA Grant</b> <b>\$1160.00</b> <b>Divided by 2 = \$580.00</b>	<b>\$1777.50</b>
“The Birth of the CPR” Presentation by Canadiana Musical Theatre Company	<b>\$787.50</b> <b>Divided by 2 = \$393.75</b>	<b>\$1383.75</b>
“The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe” Touring Play by Mani- toba Theatre for Young People	<b>\$682.50</b> <b>The school has a grant for</b> <b>\$350.00</b> <b>\$682.50 - \$350.00 = \$332.50</b> <b>Divided by 2 = \$166.25</b>	<b>\$1217.50</b>
Sky Dome Presentations	<b>\$1490.00 divided by 2 = \$745.00</b>	<b>\$472.25</b>
Buses for special events	<b>\$100.00 x 3 tournaments +</b> <b>\$173.25 gr. 5 tour = \$473.25</b>	<b>-\$1.00</b>

All the students in the school benefit from this special fundraising activity. The school and its students are very appreciative of your support and generosity. Thank you!

### Parent Council

At the last Parent Council Meeting on October 23<sup>rd</sup>, Parent Council generously supported the special events for students at the school. Parent Council has agreed to fund the following activities from the monies generated by the Show and Save Books.

### Parent Council Financial Support 2017-18

Activity / Event	Cost	Balance This column adds <b>up</b> .
Humane Society Presentations	<b>\$35.00 x 7 = \$245.00</b> <b>Divided by 2 = \$122.50</b>	<b>\$122.50</b>
Michael ManyEagles	<b>\$1360.00</b>  <b>\$200.00 AAA Grant</b> <b>\$1160.00</b> <b>Divided by 2 = \$580.00</b>	<b>\$702.50</b>
“The Birth of the CPR” Presentation by Canadiana Musical Theatre Company	<b>\$787.50</b> <b>Divided by 2 = \$393.75</b>	<b>\$1096.25</b>
Buses for Winter and Spring Concerts	<b>\$173.25 x 3 = \$519.75</b>	<b>\$1616.00</b>
“The Lion, The Witch and the Ward- robe” Touring Play by Manitoba Thea- tre for Young People	<b>\$682.50</b> <b>The school has a grant for \$350.00</b> <b>\$682.50 - \$350.00 = \$332.50</b> <b>Divided by 2 = \$166.25</b>	<b>\$1782.25</b>
Sky Dome Presentations	<b>\$1490.00 divided by 2 = \$745.00</b>	<b>\$2527.25</b>

The school greatly appreciates the support from Parent Council as without this support there would be fewer special activities for the students.

Thank you, Parent Council, your support is GREATLY appreciated!

The next Parent Council Meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 22, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the school.

# UNICEF

Halloween – October 31 was National UNICEF Day.

Children and parents have made donations to UNICEF that day. In the past, children would collect for UNICEF as they collected their candies and treats. Over time, this became an unsafe practice and was changed to donations or implementing Halloween events / activities as fundraisers.

School Year	UNICEF Donations
2017-18	\$122.35
2016-17	\$124.75
2015-16	\$101.75
2014-15	\$194.94 Two of our students, Julianna C. and Sarah F. did approach their neighbours with requests for donations to UNICEF. The two girls raised close to \$70.00 just by themselves.
2013-14	\$100.17

In the past 5 years, the students and parents have donated \$643.96 to UNICEF. Phoenix School would like to thank everyone for their generosity and for children helping children.

## Winnipeg Humane Society

The Winnipeg Humane Society presented to the students on October 26 and November 3.

*The program for Kindergarten is "My Pet Needs Me".* Gentleness and kindness was the focus with a reminder that pets and people share many of the same needs and feelings.

*The Grade 1 program (Rooms 9 and 3) is "I Love My Pet".* How do we take care of our pets? How does a responsible owner keep their pet safe and healthy? As well, they touch on the grade 1 science cluster "Characteristics and Needs of Living Things".

*The Grade 2 Program (Room 8) is "Be Safe/Play Safe".* When spending time with our own pets or meeting a friend's pet; we need to learn the danger signs that tell us when we should approach/not approach an animal. The program will also touch on the Grade 2 science cluster: "Growth and Changes in Animals".

*Grade 3 Program (Room 4) is "The Winnipeg Humane Society".* The WHS plays a key role in helping animals. How can we help animals in our community?

*The Grade 4 Program (rooms 15 and 16) is- "YOU" - The Adoption Counsellor*

The program will explore what every pet owner needs to know before adopting a pet and choosing the right pet. The presenter will touch on the Grade 4 science cluster: "Habitats and communities".

In addition, each presentation, at each level incorporated safety with pets.

These are important presentations for children and the Winnipeg Humane Society does a wonderful job. The WHS always brings an animal. It could be a dog, cat, rabbit, guinea pig, etc. This year the dog was called Lola and she was very well behaved.



## REMINDERS & NOTES

### Lost and Found



Please take a few minutes after or before your P/T/S conference to go through the "lost & found" items on the table in the front entrance hallway of the school.



As Staff at Phoenix School pay for assigned parking spots, please refrain from parking in the reserved area of the parking lot.

Please park in the visitor parking spaces or park on Alboro Street where signage indicates parking is allowed. The bus loop may only be used for 5 minute stops but NOT DURING Bus drop off or Bus pick-up times of students. Thank you for your assistance keeping our students safe.

**NOTICE**  
ALL VISITORS  
MUST GET  
PASS AT OFFICE



### Onset of Colder Weather



As winter is fast approaching, parents and children need to be aware of the morning temperatures. Students are outside until 8:20 every morning. As well, students have a 15 minute recess break both morning and afternoon. Lunch students have 35 minutes of outdoor play. They should be properly dressed to accommodate these outdoor play times. Also, it is always a good idea to have some extra clothing in your child's back pack just in case they need it. Pants, underwear, t-shirt and socks can come in handy should the occasion ever arise. All students go out for recess and when their clothing gets wet it can be most distracting in their learning that day.



### ATTENDANCE

Please call the school office 204-889-5053 if your child will be arriving late or will be away due to illness, vacations, etc. If calling after school hours, please leave your message on the school's answering machine or email Mrs. Howard at [mhoward@sjsd.net](mailto:mhoward@sjsd.net)



If your child arrives late to school for any reason, he / she must report to the office to get a late slip and have his / her attendance changed from absent to present.



When picking up your child early .... please call the school's office to inform Mrs. Howard what time you will be picking your child up and we can arrange to have your child in the office ready to go when you arrive. This can save you time and it minimizes class interruptions. Please remember that students need to be signed out in the office when leaving during school hours.

Change is Routine..... please call or send a note if your child's routine changes, such as being picked up instead of bussed home at lunch or the end of the day, or if someone else will be picking your child up that day. If we don't hear from you, your child will be sent home in his / her usual manner.



Bright Beginnings Educare..... if your child attends Bright Beginnings Educare after school, please be sure to inform them of any changes to the regular daycare routine.

Bussed Students... many of our students ride the school bus on a daily basis. Please ensure to notify Mrs. Howard in the school's office (at least 1/2 hour before dismissal) if your child will not be on the bus so we may adjust the bus list for that day. If you were unable to contact the school prior to picking up your child, please inform a staff member at the school prior to leaving with your child.

Thank you for your cooperation!

### Students on Playground Before and After School

Without parental supervision, students should not to be on the school grounds prior to 8:10 a.m. or after 3:00 p.m. We do not have staff supervising the playground before 8:10 a.m. or after school. Please make the necessary arrangements to ensure your child is not left unsupervised.

Thank you for your anticipated support.

### Change of Address or Contact info:

Please advise Mrs. Howard if your family has a change in address or a change in any contact information (including email address please).



# November 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 4:30 – 6 Ready, Set, Move!	<b>3</b> Wpg Humane Society 10:15 gr. 4/5 rm. 16 12:20 gr. 4/5 rm. 15 1:50 gr. 3 /4 rm. 4	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 2:30 Staff Mtg Early Dismissal	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 12:20 Remem- brance Day	<b>10</b> Report Card Writing	<b>11</b> <a href="#">Remembrance Day</a>
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 10:10 Assembly Kinder & Rm15 Early Dismissal	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 4 – 7 p.m. <b>P/T/S Conference</b>	<b>24</b> P/T/S Conference 8:30 – 11:00 a.m. Inservice	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. Ready, Set, Kindergarten!		



# December 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Early Dismissal Staff Meeting 2:30 p.m.	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. Ready, Set, Move!	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Winter Concert 1:00 & 6:30 p.m. Headingley Community Center	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 2:30 Early Dismissal	<b>20</b> MTYP 8:30 Charlie Brown gr. 1-09, gr. 1 / 2 -03, gr. 2/3-08, gr. 3 / 4 -04	<b>21</b> Santa's Bazaar Rm. 5	<b>22</b> Last Day of Classes	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Winter Break <u>Christmas</u>	<b>26</b> Boxing Day	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> New Year's Eve						