



# École Robert Browning

Notes from the office  
Week of September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022



***Reminder: No school on Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup> in recognition of the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation***

***Reminder: All parents/guardians are to report to the office if entering the building. Parents/guardians are not to walk to classrooms as it interrupts learning time. Thank you for your cooperation.***

### **Parent Council Executive:**

Congratulations and thank you to our parent community that established a Parent Council for the 2022-2023 school year! Thank you to all parents that attended the meeting. If you were unable to attend, mark your calendar for the next parent council meeting to be held **Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm**. Moving forward, parent council meetings will be a hybrid model – you will be able to join in-person or via teams. All parents/guardians are welcome to attend, no commitment required.

The elected executive for the 2022-2023 school year:

President: Kathy Stardom  
Vice-President: Yvette Gaborieau  
Secretary: Carla Simons  
Treasurer: Jenny Young

I would like to thank the outgoing executive members for their years of service. Zachary Linnick( vice-president) , Ronit Fugel (secretary) and Joanne Evans-Marlow (treasurer).

### **Best Wishes**

On behalf of the staff, students and the ÉRB community, I would like to wish our Educational Assistant, Mme Burton all the best as she embarks on a new venture of employment. Mme Burton has been a valued member of our staff for five years, and a lunch supervisor before that time. We know she will be missed greatly, and we wish her all the best! Mme Burton's last day with us will be this coming Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup>.

### **Annual School Fundraiser:**

One more week to go! Our school fundraiser through the MoneyDolly APP closes on Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>. We appreciate the generous support we have already received! Be sure to share with family and friends to help in making our student events a success this school year!



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#### **Walk to the river:**

##### **Moving forward into the 2022-2023 school year:**

We look forward to this school-wide experience and the that will continue this school year. Our first walk to the river passage located at Rouge Road and Assiniboine Avenue will take place on Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022. All families are welcome to join us at the river passage. Your child's classroom teacher will share the time that they will be arriving at the river passage, as we are visiting in two separate groups. We have the pleasure of welcoming Grandmother Chickadee who will be sharing teachings with us about water.

##### ***During the 2021-2022 school year:***

Our special project at ÉRB integrated mental health with a Dakota Song given by Calvin Pompana and Anishinaabe with the 7 Teachings about the buffalo/bison.

North Star is a Knowledge Keeper, a traditional Anishinaabe singer and drummer, and the Early Years Indigenous Coordinator for the St. James Assiniboia School Division. She taught *The Buffalo Calling Song* to all our students at École Robert Browning. In the Seven Teachings, respect is the gift from the buffalo.

All students walked to 'The Passage' twice— which is located at the intersection of Rouge Road and Assiniboine Avenue on the river side. This site is the location of a ford that was used by bison herds, First Nations bands, and fur traders because of its shallow water and relatively short distance across the Assiniboine River.

When the students visited this site, they participated in the Red River jig, teachings about the Passage and they sang the Buffalo Song. The experience and learning continued through art as, based on students writing and sharing about the teachings they learned at the river, a mural was sketched by local Métis artist, Kisa MacIsaac. The students all contributed to painting the mural, which is located in the school library.

#### **Colour Days at ÉRB:**

Colour days continue! Students are invited to dress up in the following colours to help the kindergarten students learn their colours in French!

**Monday, September 26:** brun/brown, gris/grey, noir/black and blanc/white

**Tuesday, September 27:** rose/pink and violet/purple

**Wednesday, September 28:** toutes les couleurs/all of the colours!

**Thursday, September 29:** orange/orange

In recognition of National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (formerly Orange Shirt Day), we will be wearing orange on Thursday, September 29. There will be other schoolwide activities also planned to acknowledge the residential school survivors.

**Friday, September 30:** no school - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation



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#### **Street Patrols:**

Our grade 4 and 5 street patrols will start their important job on Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Patrol Crossings include:

- Wordsworth Way and Browning Blvd
- the Browning Blvd crosswalk just east of the school, and
- the school parking lot entrance

Please have patience as our patrols learn their new responsibility. All adults are strongly encouraged to be great examples in waiting for the direction of the patrols to cross the street.

#### **Terry Fox Run:**

Congratulations to all students for participating in this year's Terry Fox School Run and participated in continuing Terry's legacy. Please support our school's fundraising efforts to raise much-needed funds for cancer research.

Please visit the link below to donate to our school's fundraiser page:

<https://schools.terryfox.ca/RobertBrowning>

Our school fundraising goal is to \$500. That's roughly \$2.00 per student. Let's do our part to keep Terry's legacy going. Hope to see you out at our run!

Thank you to all families who joined us this afternoon!