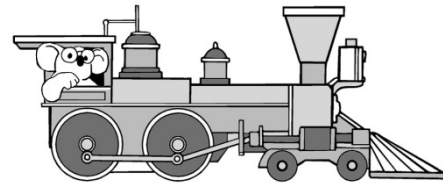


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Mission Statement:
École Robert Browning is
a bilingual setting where
we respect ourselves and
others. We accept
responsibility for our
actions and our learning.

L'école Robert Browning
est un milieu français où
nous respectons nous-
mêmes et les autres. Nous
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apprentissage.

DATES TO REMEMBER

MARCH

- 3 Early Dismissal 3:27pm
- 11 Report Cards Distributed
- 12 P/S/T Conferences 5:00-7:30 pm
- 13 P/S/T Conferences 9:00am-11:30am
- 17 Early Dismissal 3:27pm
- 18 Parent Council Meeting 7:00pm
- 30 Spring Break Begins



APRIL

- 6 Back to school!
- 7 Early Dismissal 3:30 pm
- 21 Early Dismissal 3:30 pm
- 22 Parent Council Meeting 7:00 pm

R.B. Takes A Stand



In honour of Pink Shirt Day on February 25, École Robert Browning students and staff wore their best pink shirts to show that bullying is not tolerated at any time. In 5-16, we discussed what bullying looks like, feels like, and sounds like. We know to tell an adult if we see or hear bullying, even if we're not directly involved. We know that everyone has the right to feel comfortable no matter where they are, especially at school! Learn more about Pink Shirt Day and anti-bullying at www.pinkshirtday.ca

Report Cards and Conferences

The second term report cards will be issued on Wednesday, March 11th. Our term conferences will take place on Thursday, March 12th, from 5:00 to 7:30pm and on Friday morning, March 13th, from 9:00am to 11:30am.

Dear École Robert Browning Families,

As you know, three of our teachers will be taking a maternity leave this school year. Madame Jennifer Lines' leave has already begun, and in her place, we have welcomed Madame Tamara Bergen into Grade 1, Room 7.

Very soon, Madame Laura Janes in Grade 3 & 4, Room 23 will be on her way. We welcome a well-known substitute teacher, Madame Ellen Jenkinson, who will bridge the time from her leave to after Spring Break. Madame Leanne Menard will begin in April with the class.

Finally, Madame Krista Richard, Music Teacher, will be leaving in May. We are happy to have Madame Barbara Trawon fill this position.

We wish all of these ladies well in their new roles and thank our École Robert Browning families for your anticipated support.

Merci!

Sincerely,

Michelle Clarke
Principal/Directrice



MUSIC NOTES

The grade 5 choir will be performing March 2nd at 10:00am & grades 3 & 4 choir will be performing March 10th @ 10:00am as part of the Winnipeg Music Festival. Bravo to all choir members on a job well done this year.



News from the "Garten"



February has been a fun and busy month in the Kindergarten classroom. On February 13th, students celebrated Valentine's Day by participating in different centres such as distributing their valentines, playing math games as well as interactive SMARTboard activities. We also celebrated the 100th day of school by building a tower out of 100 cups as well as participating in many other fun activities related to the number 100! The week of Festival du Voyageur was filled with a pancake breakfast, learning about Voyageurs and singing Voyageur songs. Also this month, we have been learning about our emotions. Students have been participating in games, acting out different emotions, singing songs and listening to stories to help them learn about the different emotions. Lately, we have begun to work on our portfolios and look forward to sharing them with the Kindergarten families during student-led conferences this March.

Expo-Projets/Project Fair 2015

With our Expo-Projets/Project Fair happening later this month, we thought that we would highlight a few important dates in order to make our fair a big success.

Tuesday, March 17th: Students bring their completed projects directly to the gym between 8:15 and 9:00 a.m. to set them up for display.

Wednesday, March 18th (a.m.): Judging will take place during the morning (closed to spectators). Classes will visit throughout the afternoon.

Wednesday, March 18th (evening): Parents and students are invited to view the projects in the gym from 5:30-6:15 p.m. Door prizes and divisional winners will be announced between 6:15 -6:30 p.m. **You must be in attendance to win door prizes and all projects are to be taken home following the draw and special announcements.**

Projects are to be taken home on Wednesday, March 18th. If you are unable to attend Wednesday evening, please make arrangements to pick up your child's project on Thursday, March 19th. This will be the last opportunity to do so.



Hop into spring break at Oak Hammock Marsh!

From March 30 – April 2, have fun participating in daily themed activities at Oak Hammock Marsh Interpretive Centre or register for one or all of our day camps. Camp runs daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and is for children ages 6 to 9. Camp is filled with fun indoor and outdoor themed activities that may include scavenger hunts, animal tracking, outdoor cooking and nature crafts. For more information on daily themes or to register a camper please visit: <http://www.oakhammockmarsh.ca>, or call (204) 467-3300.

Concours d'art oratoire 2015

Recently, the school held our annual Concours d'art oratoire (French public speaking competition) and we would like to recognize the hard work of all the students and staff involved in the school-based competition. From this competition, four students have been selected to represent École Robert Browning at the divisional competition which will be taking place on Wednesday, March 4th at John Taylor Collegiate. Congratulations to:

Grade 3 Immersion Category
Jessie S.

Grade 4 Immersion Category
Cayden H.

Grade 4 Francophone Category
Kiana M.

Grade 5 Immersion Category
Quinn T.

A large, bold, white "Bravo!" text inside a red rectangular box.

Bonne chance et bons discours!

#photodujourmars is a fun photo challenge for French language learners. It was designed by M. Sorokowski and two teachers from Thompson, MB. Every day in March, take a picture and tag it with the day's hashtag along with **#photodujourmars**. Post it on Twitter and Instagram, so other people can follow it! Some classes at École Robert Browning will be participating, along with schools around Canada (and hopefully from around the world).

en mars, joignez-vous à nous pour...

#photodujourmars

un défi photo pour les écoles, les élèves, et les enseignant(e)s

1 rouge	2 dix	3 conter	4 courir	5 arrêter	6 téléphone	7 école
8 heure	9 sentir	10 cercle	11 gros	12 soleil	13 lapin	14 orange
15 aller	16 vert	17 farfadet	18 petit	19 porter	20 printemps	21 sauter
22 compter	23 manger	24 carré	25 cent	26 colle	27 marcher	28 grand
29 triangle	30 porte	31 eau				

utilisez le hashtag indiqué pour chaque journée et aussi **#photodujourmars** quand vous partagez sur Instagram et Twitter!

PLEASE BE SURE TO VISIT CLASSROOM BLOGS, AS WELL AS BLOGS FOR MUSIC AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION FOR ALL OF YOUR UP TO DATE INFORMATION!!

<http://ecoleroberbrowning.blogspot.ca/>

Picking up Students for Appointments etc.

To maximize the learning time for students and minimize disruptions to the classroom, students will be called down to the office when a parent/guardian arrives at the school for pickup.



City of Winnipeg Leisure Guide

The City of Winnipeg is proud to provide a wide variety of recreation and leisure opportunities that contribute to the overall well-being of our community. The Leisure Guide is published three times per year and is filled with fun and exciting programs for everyone. The Spring/Summer 2015 edition features new spring skating lessons and a number of camps to keep the kids busy this summer!

For more information on leisure, sport and fitness programs, please pick up a copy of the Leisure Guide, call 311 or visit Winnipeg.ca. Guides are available for pick up at civic pools, libraries and leisure centres, and at a number of retail locations including Safeway, 7-Eleven and Mac's.

Watch for the Spring/Summer 2015 Leisure Guide at the beginning of March! Registration for swimming lessons only will begin on March 17 at 8:00 am. Registration for all other programs will begin on March 18 at 8:00 am.

Register for any 2015 City of Winnipeg summer camp by April 15 and you could win your camp for FREE!

City of Winnipeg Priceless Fun

Winnipeggers now have easy access to information about free recreation, leisure and library programs with the free programming guide, Priceless Fun.

The Spring/Summer edition of Priceless Fun, available in March, provides information about the free programs for children and youth being offered by the City of Winnipeg throughout the city, all in one convenient guide.

Hard copies of Priceless Fun are available for pick up at all civic indoor pools, libraries and leisure centres. You can view the current edition of Priceless Fun online at: Winnipeg.ca/cms/recreation/leisureguide.stm. Information about programs is also available by calling 311.

Back to the Bottom: The Journey to Middle School

Written by Room 5-18

Are you scared about middle school? Well, you're not alone. Here is some information about the middle schools we are planning to go to, the activities they offer, and what we are scared and excited about.

There are many schools in our area. A few of us are going to different schools, but most of us are going to École Golden Gate Middle School. The other three schools where some of us are going are Lincoln Middle School, Ness Middle School, George Waters and Holy Cross School. These schools are all different sizes. Holy Cross goes from kindergarten to Grade 12, so it's the biggest, whereas the other three go from Grades 6 to 8. We think Golden Gate has about 600 kids, Lincoln has about 400, and Ness has about 150. Each of these schools is very unique.

In our middle schools there are many different activities you can choose from, such as track team, drama, volleyball, School of Rock, bowling, band, basketball, ultimate frisbee, curling, art, cross country, hockey, choir, soccer, rugby, jazz band, football, dance, Golden Boys (a boys choir), and vocal jazz. There is something for everyone.

Although we are excited about going to a new school, we also have some fears. We are most scared about missing classes and having hard pop quizzes, tests, and exams. We're also nervous about forgetting our locker combinations (we don't have lockers right now) and dealing with people who aren't very nice.

At the same time, we are excited for things like the cafeteria (with microwaves!) and switching teachers and classes all the time, because we don't get to do that here. We are also really excited for all of the different clubs, because there are more options than what we have in elementary school. We have heard from our older brothers and sisters that the teachers are very kind, thoughtful, and understanding. On the other hand, we hear some of them are tough and strict. We think it'll be awesome to have more things to do, and we'll probably get used to everything very quickly.

We hope that you like middle school – and we hope that we will too!

Some Background Information: Room 5-18 completed this shared writing activity to send to our Grade 5 buddies in Texas who are also changing schools next year. We are going to compare our thoughts about middle school.

