



The Gator News December 2019



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School Hours

AM entry bell 8:55
Announcements 9:00
AM recess 10:15-10:30
Lunch 11:45-12:45
PM recess 2:00-2:15
PM dismissal 3:25

Office hours

8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Early Dismissal

Wednesdays - 2:40pm

January 15
February 12
April 15
May 6
June 30 –Last Day of School
2:25 pm Dismissal

Spring Break **March 30—April 3**

In Service Days - No Classes

January 31 (Friday)
February 17 (Louis Riel Day)
March 13 (Friday)
March 27 (Friday - pm only)
April 10 (Good Friday)
April 17 (Friday)
May 18 (Victoria Day)
June 19 (Friday)

Principal's Message,

Thank you to the students, staff, and our community for their hard work and dedication during the first half of the 2019-2020 school year. It has been a great few months of learning, making memories, and building community. It has been a great start-up.

We wish to thank the B.E. Glavin Parent Advisory Committee for their generous donations towards the enrichment of the educational experience of our students. We appreciate your donations to support all areas of your children's education. Thank you also to the many volunteers from our community for their generous gift of time, to support our breakfast program and many events throughout the school year. Thank you also to our lunch program employees for providing the option for students to remain at school over the lunch hour.

As we move into the cold winter season, please remember to dress your children accordingly. Divisional guidelines require students to go outside for recess until the temperature dips to -27 degrees Celsius, with the wind-chill.

Also, we would like to remind parents there are no supervisors on duty until 8:45 am. Please do not send students to school prior to 8:45 am, unless they are involved in the Breakfast Program on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

Our staff and students are all looking forward to learning and growing in the New Year. There are many exciting things planned for the second half of the school year!

On behalf of myself and all the staff at B.E. Glavin, I would like to wish you a relaxing and enjoyable Winter Break and all the best in the New Year.

Mr. Francis

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The board holds its regular meetings on the first and third Tuesday of the month starting at 6:30 p.m. at the RETSD Administration Offices, 589 Roch St. All regular board meetings are open to the public. For more information about the board of trustees, visit: www.retsd.mb.ca/BoardofTrustees



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Message from the Minister of Education

Dear Parents/Guardians and Families,

As I am sure that you have noticed, the use and popularity of e-cigarettes and “vaping” has been increasing in Manitoba. These trends come after years of decreasing smoking rates across the province, particularly among youth.

This trend is concerning as the use of e-cigarettes is not without risk, with evidence emerging around addiction potential and harmful chemicals contained in the vaping liquid. Therefore, as a province, we want to ensure we are being proactive and that tobacco use is not simply being replaced by e-cigarettes.

My office has provided a reminder to all schools that the use of e-cigarettes (as with conventional cigarettes) in any enclosed public space, including schools, is prohibited under The Smoking and Vapour Products Control Act. This prohibition is important to ensure that smoking, be it tobacco or e-cigarettes, is not normalized or thought of as a risk-free activity.

As e-cigarettes are a relatively new technology, we want to ensure that parents are also able to access clear and balanced information to be able to talk to their children. We know that nobody is more influential on a young person’s decisions than their parents and would therefore like to encourage you to explore the resources available from

[Health Canada - www.canada.ca/en/services/health/publications/healthy-living/talking-teen-vaping-tip-sheet-parents.html](http://www.canada.ca/en/services/health/publications/healthy-living/talking-teen-vaping-tip-sheet-parents.html)

Please take the time to examine this information and to share it with others.

Best wishes for a successful and enjoyable school year.

Kelvin Goertzen
Minister
Education

CONCERN PROTOCOL



IF YOU HAVE A CONCERN AT YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL...

Your child's school will always try to make the learning experience a positive, safe and happy one for its students. However, if you have a concern or an issue, please don't hesitate to let the school know. Open communication between home and school is very important to us. Here are the steps to follow:

1. Talk to the person most directly involved—your child's teacher. If you must leave a message, please be sure to provide a day and evening phone number where you can be reached.
2. If talking to the teacher doesn't resolve the issue, talk to the principal.
3. If you've talked to the principal and, over a period of time, the issue still has not been resolved, call the superintendents department at 204-667-7130 or email communications@retsd.mb.ca
4. If you disagree with the decision of the superintendents department, you can make an appeal in writing to the board of trustees.

The RETSD Board of Trustees cares about the education of all the students in our division. We realize that issues may occur and wish to highlight that the above process must be followed if concerns are to be properly addressed. For more information:

[Policy KE—Concern Protocol](#)

[Policy KE-R—Concerns and Complaints Procedures](#)

Safety Over Convenience - Please Keep our Kids SAFE

Please observe the Traffic Control Signs in the following locations:

Ø **School Parking Lot** is for staff members only. **Do Not Enter** the lot or the entrance.

Ø **Antrim Road** (in front of the school) School Bus Loading Zone - No Parking ANYTIME.

Ø **Antrim Road - Loading Zone** - you can only stop briefly to drop off/ pick up children.

Ø **North Side of Antrim Road** - NO PARKING - please do not drop kids on this side of street.

***Please keep the above in mind for all school events.**

***The community has called tow trucks in the past.**



Parent Reminders

Call Back System Reminder!!

We have a "call back system" in place to help ensure the safety of our students.

The success of this program rests very much upon the co-operation of parents.

Please notify the school office **before 9:00 a.m.** each time your child is going to be absent or late @ 204-669-1277.

The office has a 24 hour answering machine for your convenience.

Please remember to keep your phone numbers current with the office so we can reach you in case of an emergency.



Illness and Staying in at Recess

From time to time children are sent to school with bad colds, the flu, or other contagious conditions. This puts other children in their class/school at risk.

Please do not send an obviously sick child to school with instructions for the teacher to keep them in at recess.

Teachers are on recess duty and are not available for indoor supervision of sick children.

If your child is too sick to go out for recess it is best they are kept home.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding in this matter.



ALLERGY ALERT

Bertrun E. Glavin in a **NUT FREE** School, which includes all tree nuts.

Please be advised that our school has students who have severe allergic reactions to nut products.

It has come to our attention that some students have been bringing snacks or lunches containing Nutella to school. Nutella does contain Hazel nuts.

Thank you for helping to protect those students with allergies by not sending snacks that contain nuts to school.



Mr. Golden Sun — ages 2^{1/2} to 5

Join us for some sizzling “fun in the sun” as we sing songs around a beach bonfire and enjoy summer-inspired stories and crafts. Children will go on a rainbow-fish number hunt and participate in coconut bowling and sunshine-themed activities.
Feel free to dress for the tropics!

Location: Bertrun E. Glavin

166 Antrim Road

Thursdays, January 23—February 27

9:45-11:15 a.m.

Registration is required for either/both, Mr. Golden sun and 1,2, Buckle My Shoe
You can register by phone at 204-669-4043 or
email: kinderlinks@retsd.mb.ca

1, 2, Buckle My Shoe —for ages 3 to 5

Count on having a great time at 1, 2, Buckle My Shoe! Families will enjoy songs and books focusing on counting and early math. Classes feature fun ways for children to incorporate counting into their lives, exploring numbers through snacks, crafts, educational games, and activities.
Parents/caregivers will enjoy creating games and counting activities for their child.

Location: Bertrun E. Glavin

166 Antrim Road

Tuesdays January 21 to February 25

9:30 -11:15 a.m.

DROP-IN STAY & PLAY PROGRAM (No Registration Required) Best Enjoyed by ages birth to 5 years of age

Join in the fun at our drop-in Stay & Play program, where we will be reading, singing, creating some art, and enjoying healthy snacks while meeting other preschool families.

Location: Bertrun E. Glavin

166 Antrim Road

January 7 to February 25

1:00-3:00 p.m.



B. E. Glavin School Breakfast Program

The breakfast program will re-open on the first day of school,
Monday, January 6, 2020.



**FAMILY PRESCHOOL
STAY & PLAY DROP-IN PROGRAM**

**BERTRUN E. GLAVIN SCHOOL
166 Antrim Road**

**Tuesdays:
January 16 – March 13, 2017
1 p.m.—3 p.m.**

IN THE FAMILY ROOM (22A)

**QUESTIONS?
CALL: RACHEL GALINDO,
COMMUNITY CONNECTOR
Phone: 204-930-2795**



Gators Go

As Gators, we know the importance of taking care of our environment and being sustainable. That's why we are excited to announce our new **Gators Go Green - Recycling Depot!**

At our Recycling Depot, we will be collecting:

Mechanical Pencils
Markers
Crayons
Can tabs
Tim Hortons lids
Pens
Corks
Batteries



These items can't be put into your blue bin, so they often just end up in the landfill. We want to keep as many as we can out of the garbage dump! Please collect these items at home, and in your classrooms, and bring them down to the recycling depot. From there, we will send off these items to the correct facilities to recycle them. Thank you for helping keep our planet green!

News From the Library

Hello Gators! The past few months have been busy in our B.E. Glavin Library! We would like to thank you all for supporting our Scholastic Book Fair that we held during Student Led Conferences. It was so wonderful to see so many families and students going home with books to read, and we received a portion of our total sales back in books and resources for our library. What a wonderful way to celebrate our learning and literacy at B.E. Glavin!

We celebrated the Hour of Code at the beginning of December. The Hour of Code is held every year during Computer Science Education Week and it encourages all students to participate in an hour of coding to celebrate computer science. Our Grades 1 to 3 students coded using coding mice, and our Grades 4 to 5 students coded using Dot and Dash robots. The workshops were held in the library by the WISE Kidnetic Energy Program through the University of Manitoba. It was amazing to see the problem-solving and teamwork skills the students used as they were engaged in coding their devices!

Mrs. Buchanan worked together with Mrs. Brett's 4/5 and Mrs. Lamoureux's Grade 4 classes on an animal adaptation and habitat research project. We learned about the diverse habitats in Manitoba, and each student picked an animal to research. The students used laptops, iPads, books, movies, a field trip to Oak Hammock Marsh and a presentation from the Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre to research their animal, their animal's habitat, their animal's unique adaptations, the food chain their animal is in and the ways in which human's have impacted their animal. They demonstrated their learning by creating beautiful dioramas to showcase their knowledge.



Please remember to keep bringing back your books each library class so you can take a new book home to enjoy!

Keep on reading,
Mrs. Buchanan and Mrs. Anning



Counselor's Corner

It has been a busy first term here at B.E. Glavin. The Peacemakers have been providing problem-solving support on the playground during both morning and afternoon recesses since the beginning of October. We have decided to alter the schedule to allow our Peacemakers to practice their skills on a more consistent basis. Starting December 3, there will be four Peacemakers on the playground during each recess. Students always work in pairs and will continue providing support to the Kindergarten through Grade 3 students. Our Grade 4 and 5 students have had the opportunity to complete the Our School survey online. The information has been submitted and the results will be shared with our school shortly.

I was happy to sit in on several Parent-Teacher Interviews. It was lovely to meet some of the families and observe as students shared their learning through their portfolios.

I am getting to know the staff and students at B. E. Glavin and am starting to feel like part of the family. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns or to share any information that you feel would be helpful in working with your child.



Kindergarten Creates Santa-Land!

All three Kindergarten classes have been working co-operatively to transform our Imagination Station into SANTA-LAND!

The students had many Burning Questions about everything Santa, so we adopted Santa as our Inquiry topic for December. We have learned about using different sources to research our Burning Questions, (such as books, Internet, asking experts and even visiting the North Pole!) We wrote letters to our friends and families requesting supplies to build SANTA-LAND, and wrote more letters to Santa, the elves, reindeer, and Mrs. Claus to ask their opinions. After brainstorming and designing SANTA-LAND, we have finally started building it. We decided that SANTA-LAND must have a drive-thru restaurant, complete with menus, employees, signs and cashiers.



This Inquiry project has been so much fun for our Kinder-friends and we are learning so much at the same time!

Thanks SANTA!

Grade 5 Students

Participate in Social Emotional Awareness through Project 11

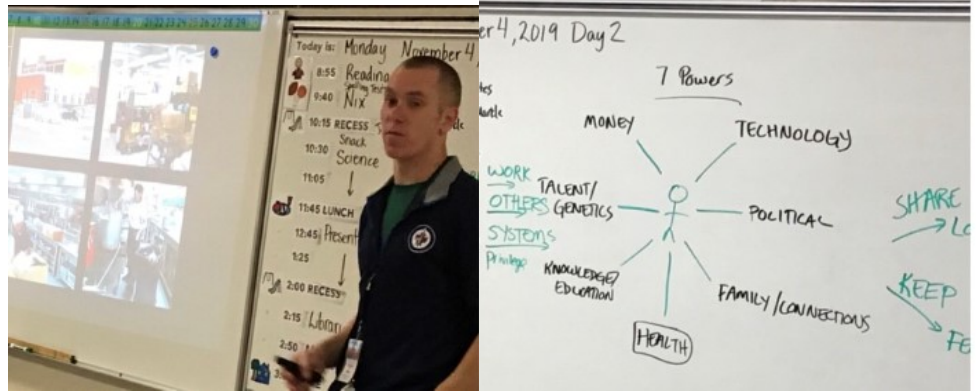
This term, the grade 5 students have had the opportunity to connect their learning of social, emotional and physical wellness through outings provided by the True North Youth Foundation & Project 11.

Project 11 is an initiative that focuses on mental wellness, and offers students strategies to connect to their own physical, social, and emotional wellness.

In November, classes were invited to attend a Winnipeg Jets practice to observe professional athletes in action.

Later, in December, classes attended a musical performance by Canadian musician, Don Amero entitled 'Amero Little Christmas'. Don explained the importance of 'music as medicine', and how healing it has been for him in his life. The performance took place at the Burton Cummings Theatre, and was a wonderful opportunity for wellness, and connecting with peers.

Grade 5 classes are also working towards a project which will give back to the community, after a presentation by Paul Lowen of Siloam Mission. Students engaged in learning that detailed the many factors that contribute to homelessness in our city. They felt it important to contribute in some way. The students are in the beginning stages of organizing a donation campaign later in the school year.





Music Notes



Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra Experience

The WSO experience was the best musical experience we've all had this 2019 year! This changed the way we looked and felt about music since we got chosen for this musical adventure. It took our appreciation for music to a whole new level!

We met with Mrs. Sulymka for 10 lunch hours to learn the songs, "Turn the Lights On," "This Old Man," and "When I Close My Eyes." After that, we met in the 200-voice divisional Choir (RETSD) where we polished the songs and learned the remaining choreography.

Here's what we enjoyed most about the experience:



"My favorite part was performing with the Symphony Orchestra." -Arianna

"My favorite part was singing on the stage." -Brady

"My favorite part was the performance when we sang "This Old Man" because of the actions and how fast it was. Thanks for the opportunity." -Jazmin

"My favorite part of WSO was singing with 199 other voices and the anticipation to go on stage." -Jersey

"It was so amazing singing and having the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra (WSO) backing 200 kids including me!" - Jordan

"All the divisional practices were fine but when it was time for the show I couldn't stop smiling!" -Mitch

"Even the loveliest voice, but a quiet voice too, can make music with the WSO." -Tanvee

We would like to thank the WSO and RETSD Choir conductors for leading our 200-voice Choir in this wonderful musical opportunity.

Although only seven students from BEG could sing in the divisional Choir, due to the size of the Choir and needing to have room for students from all Early Years Choirs to be represented in the Choir, our "WSO Choir Club" was open to any Gr. 5 students who wished to join and learn the three songs with us.

Thank you to Selina who joined the Club with us and helped us to learn the songs! She is pictured with us below.





TIME TO BUNDLE UP!

RETSD Cold Weather Guidelines

Sometimes, severe weather requires us to make changes to busing, outdoor recess, and safety patrolling to keep your children safe.

Busing

When the temperature or wind chill is -45°C or colder at The Forks, metro Winnipeg school divisions (RETSD included) cancel buses for the entire day—but schools usually remain open.

We will post a cancellation alert on the RETSD website home page if buses are cancelled, and alert the media. If we have not posted a cancellation alert by 6:45 a.m., buses are running.

Indoor Recess

When the temperature or wind chill is between -25°C and -27°C , a shortened recess period may be warranted. When it is below -27°C , recess is usually moved indoors. This is at the discretion of the principal.

School Patrols

When the temperature or wind chill is between -27°C and -34°C , patrols will remain on post for 10 minutes. When it is -34°C and below, patrols will remain on post for five minutes. At -40°C and below, no patrols will be on duty.

School Closures

Schools very rarely close due to winter weather.

Winter Clothing

Please ensure that your child comes dressed appropriately for the weather each day. When the temperature or wind chill is between -27°C and -34°C , warm winter clothing is essential, and facial protection is recommended. When it is -34°C and below, facial protection is essential, and it's recommended that children avoid going outdoors unaccompanied—skin will freeze in less than 10 minutes.

If you have any questions not addressed by these guidelines, please contact your child's school.

JANUARY

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
30	31	1	2	3
Christmas Break				
6/ Day 6 Welcome Back! School Reopens The Breakfast Program Resumes	7/Day 1	8/Day 2	9/Day 3	10/Day 4
13/Day 5	14/Day 6	15/Day 1 EARLY DISMISSAL 2:40 p.m.	16/Day 2	17/Day 3
20/Day 4	21/Day 5	22/Day 6 Divisional Kindergarten Information Evening Bernie Wolfe Community School 7:00 p.m. For 2020-2021 Students	23/Day 1	24/Day 2
27/Day 3	28/Day 4	29/Day 5	30/Day 6	31/Day 1 Co-ordinated Day NO SCHOOL



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3/Day 2	4/Day 3	5/Day 4	6/Day 5	7/Day 6
10/Day 1	11/Day 2	12/Day 3 EARLY DISMISSAL At 2:40 p.m.	13/Day 4	14/Day 5 Paper Bag Princess Play K-5 p.m.
17 Louis Riel Day NO CLASSES	18/Day 6	19/Day 1	20/Day 2	21/Day 3
24/Day 4	25/Day 5	26/Day 6	27/Day 1	28/Day 2