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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

#### Early Dismissal

##### Wednesdays - 2:40pm

October 2  
 November 13  
 December 20 at 2:25 p.m.  
 January 15  
 February 12  
 April 15  
 May 6  
 June 30 at 2:25 p.m.

#### In Service Days/No School

October 4 (Friday)  
 October 14 (Monday)  
 October 25 (Friday)  
 November 11 (Monday)  
 November 15, pm (Friday)  
 November 29 (Friday)  
 January 31 (Friday)  
 February 17 (Monday)  
 March 13 (Friday)  
 March 27, pm (Friday)  
 April 10 (Friday)  
 April 17 (Friday)  
 May 18 (Monday)  
 June 19 (Friday)

## *The Gator News*

### *September 2019 Newsletter*



### Principal's Message

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone, including staff, students, and the BEG community, for making the 2019-2020 school year start-up so great!

Our new format of "School Year's Eve" Open House, the day before the first day of school, was a huge success. It was nice to see so many of our students excited to return to school. What a great way to welcome everyone back and to take away some of the stress that comes with the first day of school.

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome all our new students and families to the Bertrun E. Glavin Community. We currently have approximately 290 students enrolled and look forward to welcoming more families throughout the winter months. I encourage you all to be a part of your child's learning and take advantage of the many opportunities we provide, to further one's education, outside of school hours.

We have a few new faces on our staff that I would like to welcome to the BEG Gator family. Mrs. Buchanan has assumed the role of Teacher Librarian and will be here every second day to work with students and staff. Ms. Anthony is a great addition to our Grade One team and will be teaching in the mornings in 1B. Ms. Clark, is our full-time Resource/Counsellor. Ms. Fossen is a new EA in our building and will be working with several students. And most recently, Ms. Evans joined our staff as an EA. Welcome to all new staff and a welcome and thank you to our returning staff who make this building such a special place for all our kids.

Thank you for helping to keep our parking lot safe. Please be reminded there is no drop-off or parking available in our lot between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:00 pm.

This year we will be actively trying to raise funds to support a refresh of our current playground. We will advise of any upcoming fundraisers or opportunities for the community to support this effort. If you are interested in directly supporting the project financially, or by donating your time to help with grant proposals, please contact me directly at [rfrancis@retsdb.ca](mailto:rfrancis@retsdb.ca), or contact me at the school.

We look forward to an exciting year. Our teachers and committees have been planning and preparing for this school year since last Spring! I look forward to meeting everyone and welcoming you into our fine school.

Sincerely,

Ryan Francis  
 Principal

#### River East Transcona School Division Trustees

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### 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.**



### 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 at 204-669-1277 **before 9:00 a.m.**, each time your child is going to be absent or late.

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.

### Concern Protocol

**The River East Transcona School Division strives to resolve concerns and complaints in a timely manner.**

**Please review the following links regarding the RETSD Concern Protocols and Concerns & Complaints Procedures as per below:**

**<http://www.retsd.mb.ca/yourretsdpolicies/Documents/KE.pdf> (Policy KE-Concern Protocol)**

**<http://www.retsd.mb.ca/yourretsdpolicies/Documents/KE-R.pdf> (Policy KE-R Concerns & Complaints Procedures)**

## ALLERGY ALERT

**Bertrun E. Glavin is a NUT FREE School.** This 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.



Bertrun E. Glavin takes part in the TABS FOR WHEELCHAIRS program. Tabs are collected at the school office and is then sent to Holy Cross School, where they will be used to make a wheelchair for a child.

This year, there will be two recipients, Jasper and Issac!!  
Read their stories below.

**JASPER**



Looking forward to  
presenting these  
two young men  
their specialized  
wheelchairs in  
June 2020.

**ISAAC**



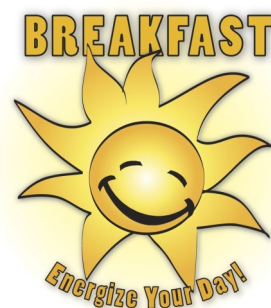
Jasper is 5 years old and will be attending Kindergarten in the fall at Riverview School in Brandon. He was born with HIE (hypoxic ischemic encephalopathy). This is a type of brain damage that occurs when an infant's brain doesn't receive enough oxygen and blood at birth and this leads to cerebral palsy. Jasper was also diagnosed with epilepsy, has hearing aids and is non-verbal. He doesn't ambulate and currently depends on family for mobility. Despite these challenges, he is a very delightful little boy who loves books, being read to, swimming and spending time with his grandparents. He is extremely bright, understands a lot of what is being said to him, and can navigate really well on an iPad. He is looking forward to receiving a Power Wheelchair.

Isaac is 8 years old and is presently in Grade 3 at Luxton School in Winnipeg. He was born with spina bifida. Isaac is a fan of both sports and the arts. He loves watching all kinds of sports, especially the Winnipeg Jets. He's also active in sledge hockey & wheelchair basketball. Isaac loves a good musical as well and takes piano and acting lessons. He greatly enjoys acting and played Tiny Tim in the play "A Christmas Carol" at the Manitoba Theatre Centre two years ago. His wish is to have his very own sport wheelchair.

## B. E. Glavin School Breakfast Program

Dear friends and families of B. E. Glavin,

The Breakfast Program is off to a busy start! We are currently serving approximately 30 students, nutritious breakfasts every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. We are so grateful for the monetary and food donations we have received, as this program is run solely on donations.



We would appreciate casual volunteers for days when our regular volunteers are ill or away. If interested, please leave your name and phone number at the office.

Thank you!

Ingrid Froese

Breakfast Program Co-ordinator

**Just a friendly reminder that the breakfast club is only for those students who are not able to have breakfast at home.**

### **Breakfast Program Facts**

- operates Monday, Wednesday, and Friday
- children are to come to school on these days **no sooner** than 8:15 a.m.
- run totally by volunteers from the school and community
- relies on monetary and food donations as we are not government funded
- now serving between 40+ children each morning
- accepts peanut free home baking (muffins, loaves)
- program co-coordinator is Ms. Ingrid Froese



### **Breakfast Program October/November Wish List**

- |                                  |                                      |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| -2% milk                         | -individual instant oatmeal          |
| - yogurt tubs or tubes           | -healthy breakfast muffins or loaves |
| -fresh fruit                     | -cheese                              |
| -frozen fruit for "smoothies"    | -chocolate milk                      |
| -cream cheese (soft, spreadable) | -rye or whole wheat bread            |

## FAMILY PRESCHOOL STAY & PLAY DROP-IN PROGRAM

**Location: Bertrun E. Glavin School  
166 ANTRIM ROAD  
IN THE FAMILY ROOM (22A)**

**Tuesday, September 24—December 10, 1:00-3:00 pm**

**Questions? Call.....  
RACHEL GALINDO,  
COMMUNITY CONNECTOR  
Phone: 204-930-2795**





# Greetings from the Library

It is hard to believe that September has come and gone already. The library has already been busy, welcoming all our new and old students! Each classroom has already had a few cycles of library classes. Please remember to bring back your library books for your library class time, so you can sign out new books each class!



## Scholastic Book Fair



Our first book fair will be held during Student Led Conferences on Thursday, November 28<sup>th</sup> and Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup>. More information to come, but we are looking forward to seeing you all there!

Mrs. Anning is returning as our Library Technician and Mrs. Buchanan is our new Teacher Librarian this year. We are both very excited for a wonderful year ahead!

See you in the library,  
Mrs. Buchanan and Mrs. Anning

## Battery Blitz School Mission

Our school has been invited to participate in a **Battery Blitz School Mission** with the goal of collecting as many household batteries as possible. This initiative will give our school the chance to win prizes, including a **Free Earth Rangers School Assembly** in the Spring!

When batteries are not recycled properly, they can end up in landfills where they not only add to solid waste, but can also potentially release harmful materials into the environment. **Call2Recycle** collects and recycles almost 3 million kg of batteries each year. The Battery Blitz School Mission encourages responsible battery recycling to help protect animals and the environment.

Our school will be collecting batteries until **November 12<sup>th</sup>**. You can drop your batteries off in the battery box located outside the office. Every little bit helps and together we can all make a difference.

**Come on Gators, show us how Green you are!!!**



## Bag Up Manitoba Challenge

Our school will be participating in the Bag Up Manitoba Challenge through Take Pride Winnipeg! For the entire month of October, we will be collecting as many plastic bags as possible. We will be accepting grocery/retail bags, newspaper bags and produce bags. We will be helping the Earth by recycling our old plastic shopping bags, and we will have the chance to win some wonderful prizes - like frisbees, birdhouses, planters or even a bench, all made from recycled plastic bags!



***The challenge starts on October 1, and the collection bin will be outside the office, so start bringing in your bags!***



A big thank you to everyone who brought markers to the Library last spring. We were able to send back 30 lbs. of markers to Crayola through the ColorCycle program!

Crayola's ColorCycle program converts old markers into energy as well as wax compounds for asphalt and roofing shingles. The process repurposes the entire marker, regardless of the different kinds of plastics or how they are assembled.

Please continue to bring in any used up markers, highlighters, Sharpies and dry erase markers to the bin in the Library.

## Counselor's Corner



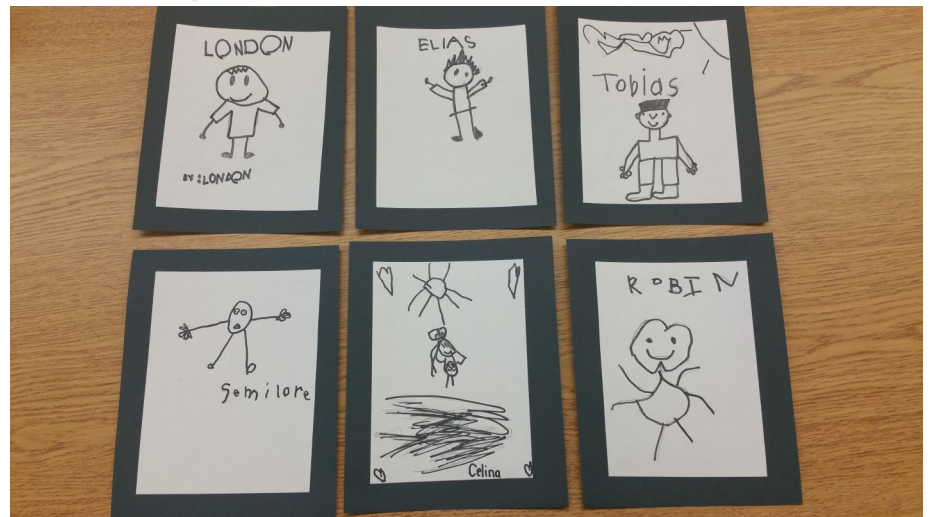
My name is Lisa Clark and I am excited to be joining the Bertrun E. Glavin team. I will be at the school full-time serving as both Guidance Counsellor and Resource Teacher.

One of my first projects at the school is to get the Peacemakers program up and running. Peacemakers are positive role models who are trained to assist Kindergarten to Grade 3 students in finding peaceful solutions to conflict during recess. Our Peacemakers will play an important role in our Safe and Caring Schools initiative. All Grade 5 students at Bertrun E. Glavin will be participating in Peacemaker training. Then, individual students will have the opportunity to volunteer to be part of the program.

I have visited each classroom to introduce myself, discuss my role, and share and story about problems and solutions. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

## Kindergarten Promises to be Kind

Our Kindergarten Gators have had a great start to their school career! We are working hard to be great friends, show initiative and follow our school rules. We have learned that a Treaty is a promise and that we are all Treaty people. We wrote Our Classroom Treaty to help us remember that we can always choose to be kind.



### Our Classroom Treaty

**In Kindergarten, we promise to be good friends everyday.**  
**We promise to be safe, respectful and responsible.**  
**We promise to choose love, nice words, walking, helping and sharing.**  
**We promise as long as the sun shines, the grass grows and the water flows.**  
**Our promise is forever!**



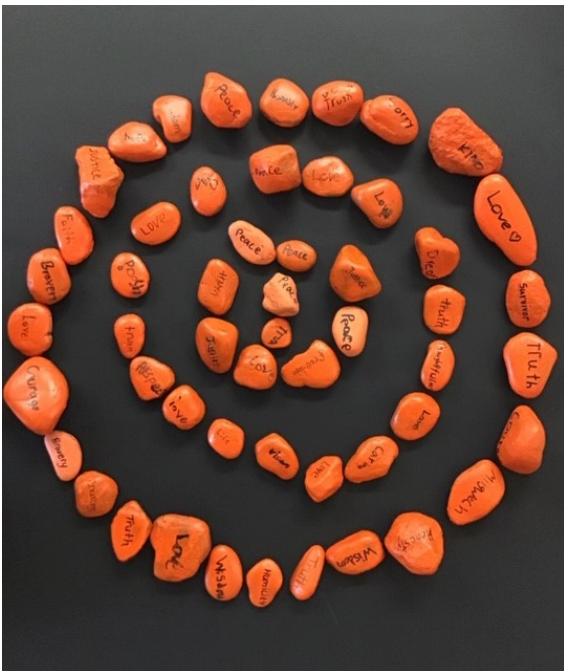
# Mrs. Relph/Mrs. Kowalchuk's Gr. 1s



On Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> the Kindergarten, Grade 1, and Grade 2 students were lucky enough to have Inuk author, Aviaq Johnston, from Igloolik, Nunavut, visit them and read her book, "What's My SuperPower?"

Aviaq shared with us where she gets her writing ideas from and what the job of an author involves. She also shared with us that a character that we met in her book will have their own story told soon in a book she is working on currently. We can't wait to read her next stories and we are all celebrating our own superpowers!

## Grade 5 Residential School Study 5A and 5 B



5A and 5 B have been engaged in an in depth inquiry of the Residential School system in Canada.

Students have read memoirs of survivors, and discussed the legacy that these schools have left on Canadian society. The students are passionate about reconciliation and their part in it. They've written poems and letters, as well as created various art pieces to illustrate the hope in reconciliation and moving forward.

The painted stones will be a gift to published author, Elder Fontaine who will visit our school on October 2nd and share his truth as a Residential School Survivor.

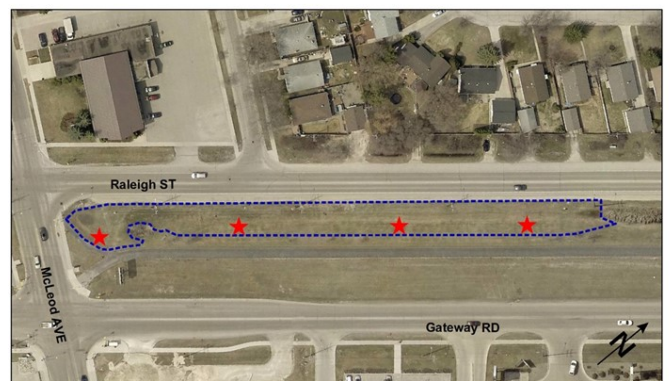


# 4/5C Greenway Garden Planting



River East Church (Mennonite) and Guru Nanak Darbar Gurdwara (Sikh) both on McLeod Avenue, came together in 2011 for a community project. The garden they continue to grow and develop beautifies the neighbourhood and brings back some of the native flowers and shrubs that once flourished in Manitoba.

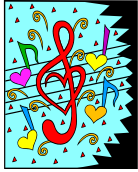
Our class was asked to help the volunteers from these faith communities to plant four sections of the greenway. The students learned about the importance of planting these native flowers and plants so that bees and butterflies have plants to pollinate. They enjoyed getting their hands dirty, finding critters, learning about the plants and digging holes. Teamwork, persistence, and patience were shown by all students while they gardened. We were so honoured to play a role in this project and look forward to watching our community garden grow for years to come! We hope you walk by the greenway



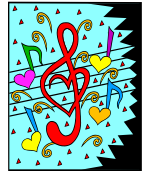
Conceptual plan for new naturalization area (2200 m2).

Legend  
 ★ Contaminized wildflower node  
 ■ Extent of seeded area





## Music Notes



### School Choirs

This year, our Grades 1 to 5 students will again have the opportunity to sing in a school choir.

Singing in a Choir provides the children with an opportunity to further develop their singing skills, prepare for upcoming performances, and work together as part of a singing team.

Our Choirs meet once a cycle during the following times:

**“Cats in the Hat”** – Day 2 from 10:35-11:05 a.m. – 1A & 1B (Mrs. Relph/Mrs. Kowalchuk & Mr. Utsunomiya/Ms. Anthony’s classes);

**“The Tweety Birds”** – Day 4 from 1:35-2:00 p.m. – 2A & 2B (Mrs. Romanychnyn & Mrs. Gustafson’s classes);

**“Winnie the Poohs”** – Day 3 from 10:35-11:05 a.m. – 3A, 2/3C & 2/3D (Mr. Reichardt, Mrs. Budz & Mrs. Fischer’s classes);

**“Garfield & Friends”** – Day 5 from 10:35-11:05 a.m. – 4A & 4/5C (Mrs. Lamoureux & Ms. Brett’s classes) and

**“Snoopy’s Gang”** – Day 6 from 10:25-11:05 a.m. – 5A & 5B (Mrs. Penner & Ms. Doerksen’s classes)







## Gators go running!




Eighty Students from BE Glavin, participated in the annual Birds Hill X-Country run. The rain held off and we enjoyed being active as a big group together.

Thank you to all the staff who helped make this day a success.  
Ms. Boyko







Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1, Day 3	2, Day 4  Early Dismissal 2:40 p.m.	3, Day 5	4, Day 6  Co-ordinated Day <b>NO SCHOOL</b>
7, Day 1  Thanksgiving  <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	8, Day 2	9, Day 3  Bus Evacuation  	10, Day 4  Bus Evacuation Even Days Kindergarten	11, Day 5
 14  Thanksgiving <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	15, Day 6  PAC Meeting 3:30 pm	16, Day 1	17, Day 2	18, Day 3
21, Day 4	22, Day 5	 23, Day 6  Picture Day am	24, Day 1  Gator Family Movie Night 6:00-8:30-pm	25, Day 2  Co-ordinated Day <b>NO SCHOOL</b>
28, Day 3  Vision and Hearing Screening all day	29, Day 4  a.m. only	30, Day 5	31, Day 6  Hallowe'en	



# November



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1, Day 1
4, Day 2	5, Day 3	6, Day 4	7, Day 5	8, Day 6
11 Remembrance Day <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	12, Day 1	13, Day 2  Early Dismissal 2:40 pm	14, Day 3	15, Day 4 Picture re-takes—am  Professional Development—pm <b>NO SCHOOL</b>
18, Day 5	19, Day 6	20, Day 1	21, Day 2	22, Day 3
25, Day 4	26, Day 5	27, Day 6	28, Day 1 Student Led Conferences Evening	29, Day 2 Student Led Conference (am) Professional Development (pm) <b>NO SCHOOL</b>



# Dates to Remember at a Glance

SEPTEMBER	2	Monday		Labour Day – No School
	3	Tuesday	Day 1	Co-ordinated Day – No Classes
	3	Tuesday		School Year's Eve – 5:30pm – 7:00pm
	4	Wednesday	Day 2	First day of classes for students
OCTOBER	2	Wednesday	Day 4	Early Dismissal – 2:40 pm
	4	Friday	Day 6	Co-ordinated Day – No Classes
	14	Monday		Thanksgiving Day – No School
	23	Wednesday	Day 6	Lifetouch Photo Day
	25	Friday	Day 2	Co-ordinated Day – No Classes
NOVEMBER	11	Monday		Remembrance Day – No Classes
	13	Wednesday	Day 2	Early Dismissal – 2:40 pm
	15	Friday	Day 4	Regular Classes – AM Professional Development – NO Classes - PM
	15	Friday	Day 4	Lifetouch Photo Re-takes – 9:00 am
	28	Thursday	Day 1	Student LED Conferences – Evening
	29	Friday	Day 2	Student LED Conferences – No Classes – AM Co-ordinated day – No Classes – PM
DECEMBER	18	Wednesday	Day 3	Christmas Concert – 1:00 pm & 7:00 pm
	20	Friday	Day 5	Last day of classes before break, Early Dismissal – 2:25 PM
	23-31			Christmas Break
JANUARY	1-5			Christmas Break
	6	Monday	Day 6	First day of classes after break
	15	Wednesday	Day 1	Early Dismissal – 2:40 pm
	31	Friday	Day 1	Co-ordinated Day – No Classes
FEBRUARY	12	Wednesday	Day 4	Early Dismissal – 2:40 pm
	17	Monday		Louis Riel Day – No School
MARCH	13	Friday	Day 1	Co-ordinated Day – No Classes
	26	Thursday	Day 3	Student LED Conferences – Evening
	27	Friday	Day 1	Regular Classes – AM Student LED Conferences – PM – No Classes
	30-31			Spring Break – No School
APRIL	1-3			Spring Break – No School
	6	Monday	Day 5	Spring Break Ends Schools Open
	10	Friday		Good Friday – No School
	15	Wednesday	Day 5	Early Dismissal – 2:40 pm
	17	Friday	Day 1	Co-ordinated Day – No Classes
MAY	6	Wednesday	Day 2	Early Dismissal – 2:40 PM
	18	Monday		Victoria Day – No School
JUNE	19	Friday	Day 3	Professional Development – No Classes
	30	Tuesday	Day 4	Last Day of School - Early Dismissal – 2:25 PM