PLEASE POST THIS CALENDAR ON YOUR FRIDGE.

SEPTEMBER 2015

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IMPORTANT ITEMS COMING HOME . . .

PLEASE BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR CHILD’S BACKPACK DAILY FOR NOTICES, PERMISSION SLIPS, HOMEWORK, ETC.
WATCH FOR IMPORTANT HAND-OUTS COMING HOME DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL AND GO THROUGH THESE WITH YOUR CHILD.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Oct 1  Bus Ridership
Oct 12  Thanksgiving Day - No Classes
Oct 13  Parent Council Meeting - 5:00 pm
Oct 16  Picture Day
Oct 23  Inservice Day - No Classes
Oct 27  Hot Lunch Day
Nov 4   Picture Retake Day
Nov 10  Parent Council Meeting - 5:00 pm
Principal’s Message

The 2015-16 school year is upon us and the staff at Ralph Brown School couldn’t be more excited!! We welcome back all our returning students and open our arms to welcome all the new ones. We would also like to also welcome three new staff members: Ms. O. Melnyk who will be in the Grade Ukrainian Bilingual Grade 4-6 classroom. Ms. M. Demko who will teach our Grade 7-8 Ukrainian Bilingual classes and Ms. J. Villafana who will teach ELA and be our Literacy Support teacher. All of our teachers have planned a great year for their students so don’t forget to come out with your family to see the staff and enjoy some food at our ‘Meet The Staff BBQ’ on Wednesday, September 16th. There will also be a few prizes that evening so be sure to mark it down and if its as popular as last year, we should be feeding a lot of families!!

The school priorities have stayed somewhat the same as last year and we are looking to further improve in the areas of literacy, numeracy and attendance. We can’t stress enough how important it is to have students in school, and on time. There is a definite link between great attendance in elementary school and the probability of a student graduating from grade 12. The school is willing to work with all families in decreasing lates and absences, so let us know if we can support you in this area.

Finally, I proudly invite all parents, guardians and community members to become part of the Ralph Brown family. Get involved as a volunteer, a member of our Parent Council, or come out and support our special events. Working together is the best way to see your child be successful. Always feel free to contact me at 204-589-7355 with any concerns. Your support is important as we can always use more fuel for our ‘Rockets’!!

Randy Routledge

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

We will be practicing our emergency lock down process as well as evacuation for fire beginning this month. Of course, we anticipate not having to use these procedures, but know it is important to be ready. In the event of a real emergency students and staff will be better prepared to handle situations that may arise.

The lockdown practice is scheduled for Wednesday September 23rd. In the event of a real emergency we will inform parents and guardians as soon as possible as to the details. Please keep contact information current so that you can be advised of emergencies.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT

https://www.winnipegsd.ca/schools/ralphbrown/

Save as a “favorite” on your home computer and visit often for up-to-date information, calendar of events, newsletters and more...

Visit your child’s classroom blog to see what exciting things they are working on.

Check out the “links” tab for at home activities and resources. Students can access their “Dreambox” and “Raz Kids” accounts from home.
Please join us for the First Parent Council Meeting of the Year
Tuesday, September 22nd at 5:00 pm
We encourage your participation and welcome new ideas!

The Parent Council meets on the second Tuesday of each month. They provide input into school planning, raise any concerns and are involved in fundraising, special events, etc. A couple hours a month of your time makes an impact on the school and shows your child that you value their education.

Please complete and return the Lunch Program Registration forms to the office as soon as possible if you have not already done so.

If your child is not a full-time attender in the lunch program, we encourage you to complete the forms as a casual attender. There are many reasons why a student may need to stay for lunch from time to time and it is important that we have these forms for all students who are staying at lunchtime.

Lunch Program fees are $25 per month ($2.50 per day for part-time students) and are due on the first day of each month. Note that the Lunch Program fees cover the costs of cleaning supplies, milk and staff supervisors.

Reminder that Ralph Brown is a peanut (and peanut butter) free school.

WANTED:
Lunch Program Supervisors for 2015/16 School Year

Paid Position - Regular or Casual Basis
Training is provided

If you are interested in applying, please call the school at 589-7355 or visit to pick up an application. Successful applicants will be contacted for an interview.

Thank you for your interest.

Thank you to all those who helped out last year!

We are once again asking for volunteers to help out this school year . . . during special events, on hot lunch days, helping to prepare/serve snacks, in the library, reading with younger students or accompanying field trips. Look for the sign-up sheet at our Meet the Staff BBQ or call the school office if you are interested.

Volunteer Orientation will be held on Thursday, September 24th at 1:15 pm.
Dear Parents

Wow, it’s September already! Now that things are settling into a routine again, we have some great things to share!

The Family Room is here for you to provide a friendly place to relax, chat, help, and learn. Coffee and tea are always available!

Please come and make use of our Toy Lending Library, Parent Lending Library and informational brochures to take home.

Stay & Play: In The Family Room, we have a number of toys and books for the children to use while parents can chat over a cup of coffee or tea. The play area is open where parents can mind their children and still be part of what’s going on.

Annette
Family Room Coordinator

WHERE ARE WE?

Room 126, across from and in-between the Kindergarten/ Nursery classrooms

NUTRITION BINGO: Once a month, we play together for healthy food prizes! Every person who attends receives prizes!!! You won’t be sorry you came! It’s lots of FUN!

Wiggle, Giggle & Munch: Every Thursday either at 10:00 or 1:00. Bring your child so they can meet others, learn something new and enjoy a light snack!

Good Food Box: There are 3 sizes to choose from: small $8, medium $15, and large $20. Place your order with me every second Wednesday of the month and you will receive fresh produce for you and your family! If you are interested in volunteering some time in bagging some produce let me know.

Clothing Exchange / Toy Exchange: Is always open. Feel free to help yourself or drop off slightly used items in the Family Room.

What is Separation Anxiety & Why Does it Happen?

My child is stuck to me like Velcro. I can’t go anywhere or do anything without him/her. My child has a major meltdown when I try to get a babysitter. My child cries and won’t let go of me when I try to drop him/her off at school.

Is this normal? What are some causes to be aware of? What can I do to help my child through it and keep my sanity? When is it no longer normal and when should I seek professional help? If you’re struggling with your child’s separation anxiety come and join us in the to the Family Room on FRIDAY Sept. 11th from 10:30 to 11:30 am or 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. to get some answers

Presenter: Susan Gravel, School Social Worker, Clinical Support Services, North