We have once again had a high number of Kindergarten registrations for 2017-2018 and we have sent letters to all families who registered for Kindergarten in writing. We are pleased that there continues to be such significant interest in French Immersion programming and that more parents have been doing their research into programming that will benefit their children in the future! We should be finalizing their placement in morning or afternoon classes this week. Our Welcome to Kindergarten event is being held on Monday April 24th.

**PLEASE NOTE:** We would like to remind our families to please be very careful when dropping off or picking up your children at the school. It is very important to respect the signage and to use the crosswalks to cross Queens Avenue. Also, please remember that the parking lot is not a loading zone. It is where our staff must park. Please park your vehicles completely on the EAST side of the lot (away from the school) if you are using the parking lot.

N.B. A reminder that we are not accepting teacher requests for 2017-2018. We are very confident in the staff that we have and we will try to achieve balance within classrooms so that all needs are being met. This worked well for us the last two years. The children will be asked to name some friendships that we could consider maintaining into next school year. If you feel that there are any other considerations that we should make, then please communicate that via e-mail to myself at laluk.craig@bsd.ca prior to April 28th. We will be having a Meet the Teacher for next year’s classes in June like we have done for the past two years.

Thank you to all of our families for attending Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences in the month of March to review the students’ accomplishments and to focus on new goals for the remaining months of the school year. We are blessed to have such amazing parental support with a focus on learning. We believe very strongly in our mission and making our vision for the future a reality!

Mme Fontaine and Mme Maynard have been hard at work on our Spring Concert script and we look forward to seeing you there on Wednesday May 17th! This is always an incredible event and we appreciate all of the support that you have given our students in the past at this event to be held at the Western Manitoba Centennial Auditorium.

We are anticipating that we will NOT have access to the Sportsplex track for our school and school division track meets this year as it is undergoing renovations. We are exploring other alternatives for this event.

We look forward to seeing you all at our next Parent Council meeting on April 17th!

*Craig Laluk, Principal*
la salle de musique et les beaux-arts

Spring Concert: École Harrison will be presenting our spring concert on Wednesday, May 17 at 6:30 p.m. at the Western Manitoba Centennial Auditorium. We will be celebrating Canada’s 150th birthday. All K-6 students will be performing and we are excited to share our work. We will rehearse at the auditorium during the day on May 17 with students being bused to and from the practice. (Morning kindergarten students will need to be picked up from the WMCA at lunch and afternoon kindergarten students will need to be dropped off at the WMCA at lunch.) More details will be sent out shortly regarding costumes, chaperones and other specifics. Thank you for your support!

Music Monday: Our Chorale members will be participating in the third annual Brandon-Wide Music Monday concert on May 1 from 1:30-2:30 p.m. at the Brandon University Healthy Living Centre. Together with hundreds of local students and musicians of all ages, they will be premiering a newly commissioned work by Pat Carrabré. This is a free public concert to celebrate music and music education in our country, and all are welcome to attend.

Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra: The students in grades 5 and 6 are studying music from around the world in preparation for the “Adventures in Music” concert to be presented by the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra at the WMCA on May 16. Our Chorale members from grades 4 to 6 will also have the opportunity to perform with the orchestra!

Mme Fontaine

la bibliothèque

Where do you like to read? Submit a photo of yourself reading in your favourite spot to Mme Watkins for the bulletin board outside the library. There will be a draw for a prize with all of the submissions.

The kindergarten to grade two classes are beginning a unit about First Nations people. The grades three to eight are continuing with Kenneth Oppel and will begin the First Nations unit after finishing the novels.

To celebrate the love of reading, we are once again organizing a book exchange. Look through your children’s bookshelves and closets for used paperbacks, comic books, picture books, hard covers and any book in good condition that is an age appropriate book for your child. Example: If your child is in grade 4 donating books at a grade 4 interest or reading level is appropriate.

BOOK COLLECTION will take place beginning on Monday, April 10th in the student’s classroom.

This year, there will be a maximum of three books per child. If children choose to bring more than 3 books, any remaining after the book exchange will be distributed to classroom libraries.

Your child will let his/her classroom teacher know how many books they have donated and it will be noted. Once they arrive at the book exchange, he/she can take up to 3 new books.

The book exchange will take place on Friday, April 28th in the library.

If you have any questions about the Book Exchange please do not hesitate to contact Mme Hammond (hammond.mona@bsd.ca) or Mme Watkins (watkins.erin@bsd.ca).

Thank you for taking part in this literacy activity!

The “J’aime Lire” Committee
a message from....

Éducation physique

Grade 7-8 badminton season has begun. Practices will be held at lunch and students will play 4-5 games after school from 3:45-5:15. Schedule to be completed. The jamboree will be held Thursday May 4th from 12:45-3:30.

We would like to inform students and parents that the two city track and field meets (grade 4-6 and 7-8) have been cancelled. Unfortunately the Sportsplex track repairs will not be complete until early July. Students in grades 4-8 will still have the opportunity to compete in the school meet which will be held on the school grounds.

M. Perreux

Roots of Empathy

Our theme for March was safety. Our students learned about milestones and how each milestone can bring safety concerns. This happens when babies start rolling over, sitting up, crawling, and walking. We asked our mom about the changes they have made to ensure their baby’s safety. We also discussed our part in helping ourselves and others be safe. Next month’s theme is communication.

Mme McCannel

Club de course

We will be starting Running Club this month. Students who wish to take part will be bringing home a calendar and waiver form. Practice days/times have yet to be determined (we are waiting on the badminton schedule in order to book our gym times). Students who attend Running Club practices regularly will be able to take part in the Brandon School Division Cross-country runs as well as the YMCA Spring Run.

Mme Perreux et Mme Simard

Reading and Writing with Your Child!

Here’s the third of four top literacy tips for parents from Reading and Writing with Your Child, Kindergarten to Grade 6, an update of the Ontario Ministry of Education’s Helping Your Child with Reading and Writing: A Guide for Parents. For more information, see the link on the École Harrison website.

TALK WITH YOUR CHILD

It may seem obvious, but it is as important to listen to as to talk with your child. Children develop the skills for reading and writing through both talking and listening. Talk also builds your child’s capacity for understanding new things. This kind of talk goes beyond telling your child something (such as, “It’s time to brush your teeth,”...to having a conversation with him or her. Here are some ways to get this kind of talk going in your home:

• Talk with your child about problems and solutions. Talk about how you might manage day-to-day problems, such as finding time to make dinner, so that you will be ready to watch a favourite TV show or go online together.
• Make sure your child has time to think. It sometimes takes time to think of what to say next. Be patient. Make sure your child has enough time to figure out tricky words.
• Ask questions that will lead your child to talk about his or her ideas. Instead of telling your child something, try to ask a question that will lead your child to talk about what he or she thinks. For example, instead of telling your child how you are planning to celebrate a family event, ask for ideas about making a plan. (Be ready for creativity and to help your child follow through with the plan!)
• Convince me about that!

It is very important both to listen to children read aloud and to continue to read to them even after they become independent, fluent readers. There are many different ways of reading together: taking turns reading pages, reading in unison and stopping to talk throughout the reading. Children choose books about topics that interest them, and your interest in the same books will lead to rich conversations that will build talking and listening skills.

As you are listening
• If it’s a book being read, show your child that you are enjoying the book by being curious and asking questions.
• Make connections to what he or she already knows.
• Rephrase what you are hearing.
• Be patient. Make sure your child has enough time to figure out tricky words.
• After reading, talk about interesting and puzzling parts of the book.

If you’re stuck, here are some “talk starters” to get your conversation going:

• What did you notice about ...
• What else could you have done ...
• What would you do if ...
• What would happen if ...
• How do you know that?
• Convince me about that!
### April 2017

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  - Day 6

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- **GYM BLAST**
  - Day 7

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- **GOOD FRIDAY**
  - ALL SCHOOLS CLOSED
  - Day 8

**8**
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**School Days:** 21
Spring Plant Fundraiser
Great Idea for Mother’s Day!

4.5” Potted herbs (your choice Rosemary, Mint or Basil) $5.00 each

1 Gallon Potted Tomato Plants $8.00 each

12” Mixed Hanging Baskets $30.00 each

ORDERS DUE Wednesday April 19th

BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION

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Le menu de la cantine scolaire 2016-2017

Canteen Menu 2016-2017

lundi  
De retour—GRILL CHEESE!!  3,00$

mardi  
Crocus Plains Culinary Arts daily lunch special  5,00$
   April 4—BLT  
   April 11—Spaghetti & Meat sauce  
   April 18—chicken quesadilla  
   April 25—chicken wings & carrot/celery sticks

mercredi  
Komfort Kitchen—Turkey wrap  4,00$

jeudi  
Wendy’s chili  3,00$

vendredi  
Domino’s pointe de pizza  2,00$
choix de pepperoni ou fromage

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Grade 8 Trip to Québec Group is hosting a GIANT Indoor GARAGE SALE Fundraiser

Saturday, April 8 2017  9AM-2PM

INVITING FAMILIES & VENDORS TO COME, BUY AND SELL  at École Harrison Gym

Rent a Table to Sell Your Stuff!  
TABLE: $25  VENDORS WELCOME!  
Show Your Support!  
Your contribution helps to feed Grade 8 Trip to Québec Group

Hurry, Rent Your Table Today!  
Be sure you have your spot today!  
Register by March 24th!

TEXT KAMI RAE: (204)-573-8417