



Happy October from Ross L. Gray School

It is hard to believe that we are almost through October.

Our Family at RLG would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new students to our school and to our surrounding area. We would also like to welcome all new and returning staff for the 2018-2019 school year. Miss Messner will be teaching with us the entire school year. Miss Ross is here until the end of January. Mrs. Keffer is teaching in the Grade 7-8 room and Mr. Friesen has moved to the gym. Mrs. Chubaty returns the beginning of February. All staff, new and returning, have settled into the school year and a great deal of learning is happening in the classrooms of RLG.

Thanks to the parents that came out and showed their support during our open house. Thanks to all the students and staff that put a great deal of effort into the evening. The evening was all about our work that was completed in September and the first part of October. It was also a time to connect or re- connect with teachers.

We are excited about the new technology in our school. We have 90 new chrome books dispersed throughout our school and 25 new lap tops in Mr. Keffer's room. We have done some upgrades to our smart boards, put some new stand up desks in classrooms and in the hallways and have new ceilings and lighting in the hallways. We have some new art work in our library and in the hallway connecting our High school to our Elementary end.

We are pleased that our students appreciate our upgrades. We will continue to work together to improve our school and their learning space.

Please remember that the front area of the school – Can Ham street – is deemed for handicap parking. We also have handicap parking by the east entrance of our building. If you are here to pick up children in our Nursery Program, a doctor's appointment, or need to drop something off in the office, please park in the parking lot – east side of the school - and use the south entrance door. We ask that all Parents, Grandparents and Guardians, upon entering our school, please stop in at the office and advise our Secretary of the reason you are in the building. Thanks for always doing this or beginning to adhere to these guidelines.

Thanks to everyone for their support during our Terry Fox Run. We raised about \$2100.00 this year. Thanks to the students that sold magazines and DSF items. All funds raised will go to individuals in the Travel Club or to our student council.

We will have our annual Remembrance Day program here on November 9th at 2:15 in the gymnasium. Everyone is welcome.

"Education for Sustainable Development" is part of our School Plans this year at RLG. As part of our goal, we are trying to reduce the amount of paper we use at our school. Our Newsletter will now be found on our Ross L. Gray website.

Please email me at school if you are having issues accessing our Power School portal or if you wish to access the portal to view your child's academic progress from Grades 7-12.

Have a great rest of October.

Regards from RLG

Jared Baines

Principal RLG school

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KINDERGARTEN

MS. MESSNER:

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As a new teacher to Ross L. Gray School, I have been settling into the school and getting to know the students and community of Sprague and the surrounding towns. Previously, I have worked north of 53° at Bunibonibee Cree Nation and with Frontier School Division and last year I taught a 5/6 split class at Brokenhead Ojibway Nation. I spend much of my time at Ross L. Gray teaching an energetic group of kindergarten students - this year features the largest class of kindergarten students since the 1980s! I also teach grade 2 math, grade 3 science, grade 5 math, and grade 5/6 math.

In kindergarten we are hard at work learning our numbers and letters amongst dozens of other things as the kids are still new to full day classes. We spend our mornings at our literacy centers, where students practice writing our letter of the week, illustrating our stories, listening to reading, reading to ourselves, and making our names and letters in magnets, stickers, macaroni, and whatever else we can get our hands on. The morning also includes time for gym and our first round of play centers (dramatic play, sensory, blocks, art). In the afternoon we spend some most of our time counting and learning our numbers although we also devote some time to library, social studies, science, reading, and writing as we need to. In social studies we are learning about ourselves and others and in science we have been looking at trees.

In grade 2 math we have been working on our estimation and logic skills with our warm-up activities and we have been working on our addition facts and on patterns. We try to play as many games as we can to practice our math and we have just started our math centers.

We have already started our math centers in grade 5 and we are just starting to conclude our unit on decimals. We now know how to write and say decimals, order and compare different numbers, and we are continuing to practice adding and subtracting decimals. We have already covered place value up to millions and our next unit will focus on percents followed by fractions.

In grade 3 science the unit is all about structures so naturally we have been building! We have made towers, bridges, and tables while talking about balance, shapes, and other factors that affect the stability of a building. We have discussed what is a structure and what is not a structure and we have discussed natural and man-made structures. We are just finishing up this unit and we will be moving on to our next unit on forces that attract or repel.

I look forward to the rest of the year at Ross L. Gray!



GRADE 1& 2 CLASSROOM

MRS. PEDERSON:

Our first six weeks at school have been super awesome! We have been working lots. In Math we have been learning about patterns, problem solving, counting, math games and adding and subtracting. The problems we work on are fun. We have been working hard on them. They are challenging our brains. In Writing we need to put our name and date at the top of our page. In Math we do writing too. We make 4B pictures; big, bright, bold and beautiful. If we don't know how to spell a word we take out our bubblegum or elastic bands and stretch out our sounds to write them down. In Science we have been learning about living things. Living things need water, oxygen and food. They reproduce. All living things die and grow. We are learning about our bodies by tracing our bodies and labeling all of our parts. In Gym we learn new games and we go outside sometimes. We are learning about volleyball and basketball. We practice dribbling, shooting and passing.

At lunch time we are eating good. We are trying to finish our lunch in time. For ESD (Education for Sustainable Development) week we watched movies about what happens to recycling, water conservation and how pollution effects our oceans. We cleaned up our towns and it was awesome and we worked our legs! We went on a big walk for Terry Fox. We went 4 miles. Our bodies were tired and we were hungry and thirsty. We raised a lot of money for cancer research.

Grade 1 & 2 is awesome!!!





GRADE 3 CLASSROOM

MS. ROSS:

Grade 3

My name is Miss Ross, and I am new to Ross L. Gray School and the larger Sprague community. Much of my time at RLG is with Grade 3; however, I also teach Grade 7/8 Social Studies on odd afternoons, and Grade 9/10 Geography on even afternoons. I am grateful to be welcomed into this exceptional school and beautiful corner of Manitoba.

English Language Arts and Morning Meeting - by Miss Ross and the Grade 3 class

Every morning, we have a morning meeting. We sit in a circle. We start with a handshake, and then we share. Everybody says something that they are feeling or thinking. At the end, we play quick game and have a "brain break". During morning meeting, we get to hear each other's voices and how we are all feeling.

In ELA we practice our stamina in reading and writing. We read to self,

and we read to someone. Sometimes we read the news and talk about it.

This month, we are working on writing proper sentences. A good sentence has a capital at the start, and at the end there is punctuation. Punctuation can be a period, an exclamation mark, or a question mark!

We are starting our home reading program this month.

Math - by Keziah

Some kids have been going to a different classroom every other day. We've been also learning about patterns and shapes and skip counting! Some kids like math and some kids don't. Do you like math?

Social Studies - by Lyla

In Social Studies we are learning about what makes a good citizen.

Science - by Caelan

In Science we are learning about structures and things that make structures stronger. We also made tipis.

Art - by Ashton

Art is a fun thing to do and the funnest thing I like to do.

Physical Education/ Health - by Witney and Miss Ross

In September, we played volleyball, and now we started basketball. Sometimes we do layups. We just started shuffling. In September's Health class we focused on identifying our emotions. This month we are

identifying our emotions. This month we are discussing helpful and harmful substances that can go into our bodies.

Music - by Brooke

We have been playing boomwackers. The notes are G, A, B, F, E, C, D! Practice makes perfect! We played wooden drums.

Library - by Sandiana

In Library we are reading. In the Library we learn about stamina so we can read better. Also, we sign out books so we can read at home or on the bus.

Lunch - by Brody

Lots of kids eat lunch. Some kids order lunch from the canteen. Lots of kids bring pizza pops and sandwiches. Lots of kids like lunch, some kids don't.

Mr. Gyoerick's Grade 4/5 Report

Hello! We are the Grade 4/5 class.

The **first day of school was**September 6th. We got all of our new school supplies and we got to see our old friends. We have less people in the class than last year. We got introduced to new teachers at the first day assembly in the gym.

The grade 5s got a new Math teacher and Mr. Gyoerick is our new Science teacher this year. The battle continues in our class whether French is awesome or boring at this time.

On September 24th we had no school because it was a professional development day for our whole division.

On September 27th, it was our Orange Shirt Day for Ross L. Gray. We learned about residential school survivors and those who did not survive. We also learned that "Every Child Matters" even if you are an adult now!

October 3rd was a half day and we got the afternoon off because of the teachers having a PD.

October 4th was the Terry Fox Run at RLG. We all had fun! We ran and walked so far that we were very hot even though it was a cool day. It was also the RLG Open House that evening.

October 1-5 was our ESD week. We learned about water conservation and recycling.

On the 2nd we cleaned up our communities in mixed groups from Kindergarten to Grade 12. We looked after the Vassar, South Junction, Middlebro, and Sprague communities.

October 8th was no school because of Thanksgiving! It was awesome! We ate so much turkey!

October 11th, we had a SNOW DAY!!!!

We came back to school on October 12th and it is Picture Day today so everyone is dressed up so nicely!

Coming later this month, we have **no school on the 19**th because of MTS PD Day so everyone in the Province has no school!

The 29th will kick off Spirit week in which different themes will be held each day with costumes being worn. This will end on November 2nd.

Last but never least

HALLOWEEN!!!!! On October 31st we will have our classroom Halloween Party!!! HAPPY HALLOWEEN!!!!!

Over & Out



MRS. KIVINEN CLASSROOM

Gr. 5/6 Class

Welcome back to a new school year! We are going to tell you some of the fun things we have done since school started.

Gr. 5 Math

Hello, and welcome to the Grade 5 math news report! First, we have to introduce out new teacher Miss. Messner. Now back to math. We have been doing some decimals lately. With decimals we have been working on some circles on which we wrote some examples for decimals so when we are having trouble with decimals we can flip them up and then they can show the examples. We have also been doing some stuff on this site called kahoot.com. On this site Miss Messner put some questions on it, then there is a code on the Smart Board. Then the class all type in the code and their name and Miss Messner can see if all of the people are there and it they are all there we start. Then you see a question and you have 5 extra seconds to see the question. The faster you get the question right the more points you get. Then there are 10 of them and the person with the high score wins! So that is the stuff we do in Gr. 5 Math, and see you later.

Gr. 6 Math

In Gr. 6 Math class we are learning about place value and integers.

At the start of the year, Mrs. Kivinen started to teach us place value up to the one hundred billion. We made our own chart to help us with harder place value numbers.

Mrs. Kivinen would always give us number talks and that would usually lead into the next activity.

Next, Mrs. Kivinen taught us integers. She would give us different questions in the text books.

This Wednesday we will have a test on integers and place value, but by the time you read this we will have received our results already.

Dayne and Julia

Gym and Health

In gym we did basketball, beep tests, football, volleyball and ultimate frisbee. Our new teacher is Mr. Friesen. Gym is fun this year. In Health we go over the bones in your body.

Cody and Matthew

Art

This year our teacher is Mr. Gyoerick. We have had four art classes so far. One class we did name swirls which are swirls with our names in them. We have also done name symmetry which is our name shadow. We have also drawn a Phantom Ghost from Scooby Doo.

Mollie and Cheyanna

Social Studies

Hi, I'm Emily Kittleson, and I'll be telling you about some of the things we have done since school started. In Social Studies we have been doing Seterra, which is an online game that quizzes us on some maps of the world. I have learned all 50 states of America and the countries of Europe. Here's Kathryn...

Hi, I'm Kathryn Friesen. In social studies we learned about maps including maps of the world, like the U.S.A., Canada and so on. I learned all 50 states of America. I also learned all of the Caribbean islands in the Caribbean Sea. I learned the g20 countries of the world. Well that's it for now. Hope you have a good day. Bye,

Emily and Kathryn

Technology

In Technology class we are working on a writing assignment. At the end of double math we go one the Chrome Books to play Math Prodigy. Our Science posters were finished with the computer. We also used the computer for research and pictures.

Fun Fact... if you were to spend a whole 24 hours on screen you might damage your eyes pretty badly, so I recommend you not staying on a device for that long... only for one hour a day. Jayden and Aiden

Science

Hi, I'm Ty. Ever wonder how things work? Well now it's time! Well, everything has a structure made of molecules. Example:







Gas

Liquid

Solid

This year the grade 5/6 class is learning about biodiversity. We leaned the difference between animals, plants, protists, fungi and monera. We made posters about the biodiversity of Manitoba. Now we are learning about invertebrates. Science is fun-try it!

French

Hello, toady we are going to be talking about what has been happening in French. We have been doing a lot of fun things in French class. We have been learning how to say a lot of letters and words.

Janessa

E.L.A.

Greetings, earthlings. We come from planet Gr. 5/6. They sent us three on a mission to write a newsletter about E.L.A class.

The Book... The book we are reading is The City of Ember. It is about a boy and a girl trying to save their city.

Our Goals... our goals are working towards "use relevant and specific details to support responses" (to reading) and "to start my writing with an introduction so my readers know the purpose of my writing".

Our reading.... Is awesome. Mrs. Kivinen will tell us what kind of book to read. Sometimes we finish up other stuff or clean up the classroom. We must now go and gather the rest of our kind to continue our studies in ELA.

Alicia, Kian and Bobbie

MRS. KEFFERS CLASSROOM

Grade 8 Math: The students are just finishing up their unit on integers. The students have been working on the addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division of positive and negative integers using a number line, integer chips, and the order of operations.

Grade 7/8 Science: The students have just completed their first chapter about the introduction to the abiotic and biotic interactions in an ecosystem. Next, we dive deeper into the world of food chains, food webs, and food pyramids.

Grade 7/8 ELA: The students are starting to look at poetry while developing their knowledge and techniques in figurative language to beef up the details in their writing.

Grade 9/10 Indigenous Studies: The grade 9/10 class have just finished looking at misconceptions of Indigenous peoples through a critical thinking lens. Currently, the students are working in groups to create an educational poster on one of the three Indigenous culture groups of Canada (First Nations, Metis, and Inuit).

Grade 7 Food and Nutrition: The grade 7 students are gearing up to write their kitchen safety test, so we can get into the kitchen and start to explore the world of creating nutritious and well balanced meals.

Grade 9 Home Economics: The students have finished up their research project on recycling and composting. Currently, the students are developing their directing and acting skills while creating a kitchen safety video to share with their classmates.



MR. STRADESKI'S REPORT

All of my classes are in full swing as we get into October. This year I am teaching Grade 10 Pre-Calc and Essential Math, Chemistry, Grade 9 Science, and Grade 11 Pre-Calc and Essential Math, and Grade 12 Essential Math.

The Grade 10 Pre-Calc Math Class has just completed a trignometry. It was the first time most have been introduced to this concept and they all handled the unit like pros. They are now working on factoring unit as we move into the algebra portion of the class.

The Grade 9 & 10 Science Class is working on a reproduction unit. We are learning how different species reproduce and how it compares to human reproduction. Our discussions will soon be leading to more about human reproduction which should make for many interesting class conversations. We also spent time working on an Education for Sustainable Development(ESD) project where the student prepared projects based on environmental issues that affect us all.

The Grade 11 Chemistry Class is working on a unit that gives them the basic tools to proceed with more complicated tasks. They are learning how to calculate Molar Mass, moles, volume, and percent composition of different molecules. They are also working on being able to name all kinds of chemical compounds.

The Grade 11 Pre-Calcs have finished their first unit on quadratics. This will be the basis for their work throughout the rest of the semester. The Grade 11 Essential Math Class have completed their unit on surfacearea and are moving on to volume.

The Grade 12 Essentials have worked on buying a vehicle and a home along with everything that is involved in those processes. They wll be moving on to a stats unit where they will work on mean, median and mode among other things.

And of course, last but not least, the **basketball season** will soon be underway. The Varsity boys and I will be starting practices soon in preparation for the first games at the end of November. The boys are definitely ready to start practicing. Hopefully we will be able to

improve on last year's showing and make Provincials in March. I am also looking forward to having Quentin Sylvester come on as an assistant coach this year. Quentin played many years for me and knows what is expected of the boys. He will be a great asset to the team.



MR. KEFFER'S STUDENT REPORT

It is busy as usual in Mr. Keffer's room. ELA students are researching famous poets. Music students are counting beats and changing tempo. Shops students are making step stools and crib boards. Photography students are learning photoshop as well as documenting our school events. Look for some new pictures on our website coming soon.

MR. BROWN'S REPORT

From Mr. Brown's Room

Our grade 10-12's had the opportunity to travel to Vita on Oct. 9th for a College/ University presentation. Each student was able to attend two, fortyminute sessions. Schools presenting included: U of M, U of W, U of Brandon, Providence, CMU, Red River College, Assiniboine College, Manitoba Institute of Trades and Technology, and Steinbach Bible College.

It is important to expose students to many career options, especially in a relatively remote area. When students see programs that appeal to them, school becomes more relevant and they are much more motivated. In the past few years, I have been impressed with many of the programs at Red River. Apprenticeships and Co-op

programs often allow students to graduate debt free.

I have also been impressed with many of the activities the students in our school have been involved in this year. Our students have been learning about Sustainable Development and the idea of Reduce, Re-use, Recycle. One day, we took the entire school out to four of our communities and picked garbage. Some may argue that this was an expensive, inefficient way to clean for one day. But that day we planted seeds in the sense that all those kids in the Elementary working beside the big kids in High School, saw that it was cool to take pride in their community and to make their part of the world a little better than it was the day before. Hopefully, as these kids become adults, they will continue to take care of their community and pass those beliefs on to their kids. Some people believe that it is not possible to change the World, that there are too many problems. But as long as you can pick up one more piece of garbage or even encourage one person who is feeling down, you have changed the world.

The concept of positively changing the World is also at the core of We Day. On October 30, forty of our 7-12 students will go to Winnipeg Arena for an inspiring day of entertainers and speakers. The aim is to have the students commit to one local project and one global project that can make a positive impact.

On October 4th, our entire school took part in the Terry Fox Run. I came to Sprague 33 years ago and this day seems to inspire me more each year. We raise awareness of Cancer with videos and by sharing individual experiences. We raise money for Cancer research. Also, we encourage the students to challenge themselves like Terry did by walking or running the 7kms. It is hard to imagine losing a leg to cancer at such a young age, but it is even more amazing to teach yourself to run on a prosthetic leg, and then to run 26 miles a day across Canada. If our students can strive for that type of Mindset, that type of Resilience, then they will be ready for any challenge.

It is only October, but already I have seen so many examples of excellent character in our students. We have much to be Thankful for.



MR. FRIESEN'S GYM REPORT

Kindergarten gym- The kindergarten class has been working on developing routines for listening in the gym. They have also been focusing on learning some basic games, such as What Time is it, Mr. Wolf? and Duck Duck Goose, in order to develop the skills to play games fairly and safely.

1-2 Gym — The 1/2 class has been working on learning some simple, low-organization games to use to develop active habits. We have also been working on some basic movement skills, such as underhand tossing and catching. They have just began working on dribbling a ball, with a focus on keeping control of the ball with both their right and left hands.

3-8 Gym – These classes have just wrapped up a unit on volleyball skills. We have focused on the proper technique for underhand and overhead passing and the basic rules and strategies of the game. All the students have learned how to set up and take down the volleyball net and have shown a great deal of improvement during the unit.

9-12 Gym – These classes have also been focusing on volleyball for their first unit of the year. They have been developing their underhand and overhead passing skills, as well as having an opportunity to begin to learn the skills necessary to complete an attack in volleyball. They have learned the rules of volleyball and several

variations of the game and have also shown improvement as the unit has progressed.

Calendar of Events:



Oct. 19 – SAGE – No School Oct. 29 to Nov. 2 – Spirit Week Oct. 31 – Happy Halloween

November

November 09 – Remembrance Day Program - 2:15pm

November 11 – Remembrance Day

November 16 - No School -Admin.Day

November 23 – Half Day –

Early Dismissal-Noon

November 29 – Parent/Teacher Conf. 4:00 – 8:00pm

November 30 – Parent /Teacher Conf. 9:00am – 12:00pm No School



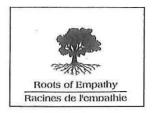
December 18 – Christmas Concert-7:00pm December 20 - School Turkey Dinner

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December 24/18 to Jan. 4/19 - Winter Break

January 7 - Classes Resume (Day 2)

Poppies for remembrance Scarlet poppies can flutte like fragile butterflies in the dry yellow corn of summer. And they can dance like graceful ballerinas among the feathery stalks of barley. Red popples can glow like bright little lamps on our warm winter coats in November. And they can whisper, like long-lost voices from the forgotten fields of Flanders.



ROOTS OF EMPATHY

Border Land School Division is proud to announce that this is the 10th year of offering the Roots of Empathy Program to our students.

Once again Ross L. Gray School would like to offer the Roots of Empathy (ROE) program.

We are looking for a family who would like to be our

ROOTS OF EMPATHY FAMILY.

This means that once a month you will provide an opportunity for the ROE classroom to share in the miracle of your baby's *first year of life*. Either one or both parents come to the ROE classroom for a visit. Your family visits with students in the ROE classroom will help to foster the development of empathy in these children.

"Loving relationships are the greatest teachers and the one you share with your baby will help to build a more caring, peaceful and civil society." Mary Gordon

For more information please contact Adriane Culleton at 204-437-2175 or culletona@blsd.ca

SEASON'S GREETING BOARD



This is the time of the year when we are once again offering you a chance to have your name displayed on our Season's Greeting Board.

The cost for your name to appear is: \$10.00

Please fill in the form below and drop off your donation at the school or mail to: Ross L. Gray Student Council, Box 69, Sprague, MB ROA 1ZO.

All donations by November 30th, 2018 would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you!

SEASON'S GREETING BOARD



FAMILY NAME:			
Enclose donation	of \$10.0	0	
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Sherry Ewacha-Poole, a former graduate of Ross L. Gray School, paid us a surprise visit on October 3rd. Sherry, Author/Illustrator recently published her **A – Z Wildlife Series** (<u>www.wildlifematters.ca</u>) which she presented to our school:

The West Coast
The Prairies
The Central Region
The Atlantic Region
The Norther Territories and The Arctic



Each book features 26 captivating hand painted animal illustrations, with their own fun fact narratives about the animals that live in those regions. Sherry hopes that by writing these books the children will be intrigued with the fascination of animals in our country for many more years to come. Through her sales so far, Sherry has been able to donate both books and financial support to animal organizations in need, as she truly feels our animals are a national treasure.

We thank Mrs. Sherry Ewacha-Poole for the lovely visit and sharing her passion for animals with our students here at Ross L. Gray School.

