



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



We made it! Despite it being a very eventful and never-ending January, we are excited for all that February has in store.

Celebrating I Love to Read Month and Black History Month provides so many opportunities for our students to learn about themselves, their peers and the world around them. Building community with SMS families ensures that all of our students know that they have a place here.

Students are getting very excited as well for Winter Activity Day on February 7th,. Those days are such a great way to try new things, engage in building relationships with staff and create core memories that last a life time.

Happy Valentine's Day to our amazing parents—thank you for your ongoing support and encouragement of all are staff and students.

Mrs. Rita Rebizant Principal

Hot, Hot, Hot! (Chocolate)



A big congratulations to the Grade 5s for performing a fun and successful Winter Musical on January 15th. We are still humming our favourite tunes!





February 19th: Grade 6s have a field trip to see the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra and Manitoba Planetarium. Please check your emails for details. For questions, email ngomesfast@hsd.ca.



Staff and Parent volunteers have been diligently planning a fun and educational celebration of Black History for the month of February - and we are so excited to get started!

I love to Read Month and Black History Month collide in the SMS library, acknowledging black authors in both true history and creative fiction. We will be sharing legendary tales, and some lesser known stories, that have all had a large impact on our world today.

In the halls and the classrooms, we are immersing SMS in a new world, or at least a new part of it. Each week will feature a different part of the world, with snacks and decorations dedicated to that week's theme. Areas include South America, Fijian Islands, African Nations and Caribbean, with performances from local groups.

I love to Read Month



February is I Love to Read to read month and we have a month's worth of activities planned to promote the love of reading at SMS!

Students can look forward to visiting the SMS library for many fun, competitive and creative ways to celebrate reading. Designing bookmarks, building a Lego tower and searching for hidden items are among some of the month long activities. Daily themes will also be shared in the classroom, such as Flashlight Friday, Wearable Wednesday and Wear Red day - very exciting!

Esports: Building, Breaking and Bonding

After a successful Rocket League campaign, our students are gearing up for the Winter Esport seasons. With a mix of classic and modern video games, Stonybrook Esports will have students participating in Tetris, Super Smash Bros, Brawlhalla, Fortnite, and an additional Rocket League season.

These seasons will be both a part of MSEA and our continental partners Vanta and Generation Esports. There will also be a Minecraft build competition; watch for the theme to be announced at a later date. Looking forward to what we hope is a strong 2025!



Message from PAC

Save the date!

- Next PAC meeting is on February 13, 6 pm: Attending a Parent Advisory Council meeting is a great way to stay connected with your school and get a chance to ask any questions you may have. We would love to see you there!

Spenst Bros pizza fundraiser

- This spring we will be raising money to make the play structure more accessible. Stay tuned for more details!





Muncha Buncha Lunches

Did you know you can preorder and prepay for a student's hot lunches online? We have pitas and pizzas in a variety of flavours, delivered straight to our students' classroom at lunch time!

Visit our website <u>www.sms.hsd.ca</u> and click the <u>MunchALunch</u> link today.

Dates to remember

February 7 - Winter Activity Day February 17 - Louis Riel Day (No School) February 27 - No School February 28 - No School

