

Happy Thought School SPOTLIGHT February 2024



We are very excited to have Ms. Caughell return to HTS. Thank you to Ms. Kinden who has been filling in during her absence as acting vice principal. Also, thank you to Ms. Ellis and Ms. Saif for assisting when needed.

It's hard to believe that the middle of the 2023-24 school year is fast approaching! Although February is a short month, it will be packed full with lots of learning and special events – I Love to Read Month, learning about Louis Riel Day, and Pink Shirt Day. More information can be found later in the newsletter and/or information closer to the event will be sent home via School Messenger.

If there are end of the day last minute changes for pick up, bus, etc. for your child(ren), please advise the office by 3 pm. This provides the office enough time to let the classroom teacher know of these changes as well as to avoid any confusion for our students.

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Mrs. Caughell – Vice Principal

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We are Still Collecting Tabs!



TABS FOR WHEELCHAIRS

KYRIE

Kyrie is 7 years old and in grade 2 at Happy Thoughts School in East Selkirk. She has an older brother, Everett, who is in grade 10, and a puppy named Noni.

She was born prematurely at 30 weeks gestation and was 3 lbs 9oz. Kyrie suffered a brain injury at birth, which led to a cerebral palsy diagnosis, when she was about 15 months old. She spent the first 8 weeks of life in the NICU (Neonatal Intensive Care Unit), where she had the best care while they waited for her to be strong enough to go home.

Kyrie's cerebral palsy affects all four of her limbs. She does not sit, stand, or walk independently and very much enjoys her time spent in her stander and walker.

Her speech is also affected, and she uses a combination of words, signs and an iPad to chat with her family and peers. She also loves driving her adapted power wheels car.

Kyrie's other loves are school, music, playing with bubbles, and playing with Noni, the family dog. She also enjoys swimming and watching her favourite show, Daniel Tiger and Bluey.

Staff and Students at Happy Thought School, along with local businesses, have been working diligently, collecting tabs to help make this project a success. We will continue to save tabs for future youth, in hopes of others receiving this amazing gift.

It will be our great pleasure to present Kyrie with her very specialized wheelchair in 2024!

YOUR VOICE IS IMPORTANT.



The Board of Trustees of the
Lord Selkirk School Division
extends an invitation to attend the

PRESENTATION OF DRAFT BUDGET for 2024-2025

Wednesday, February 21st, 2024
at 7:00 p.m.
virtually presented at www.lssd.ca

A copy of the meeting will be available after February
21st, if you are unable to attend.

For more information, please call 204.482.5942

YOUR VOICE IS IMPORTANT.

Accessible Parking Spaces



We want to remind all parents and guardians, please do not park in the accessible parking spaces without a parking permit. We also ask that you do not park in the fire lane for pick up and drop off purposes.



Athletes of the Month

December

K-1	Isla	2-3	Baine
K-2	Everly	2-U	Brylni
K-3	Florabelle	3-1	Skyla
K-U	Kayden	3-2	Abby
1-1	Erik	3-U	Malik
1-2	Randal	4-1	Wasaya
1-3	Jonas	4-2	Ava
1-U	Salomia	4-3	Jason
2-1	Ryker	4-U	Ben
2-2	Brielle		

Golden Shoe Class: 3-2



**GREAT JOB
HUSKIES!**



Phys. Ed. News!



King's Court Badminton



Many of our grade 4 students are participating in King's Court Badminton intramurals throughout the months of January, February, and March. Students who show an understanding of the game/rules, develop their skills, and demonstrate appropriate sportsmanship are entered into a draw to play with a staff member during a lunch hour recess. A big thank you to all the staff members who will volunteer their time to play! We will also host several family evenings. Students can invite a family member to play with them after school. Looking forward to some great skill development and fun!

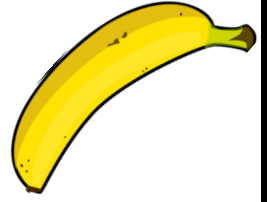


Girls in Sports

HTS is providing an opportunity for all girls in grade 4 to participate in an after-school club exposing females to different sports/activities. The purpose of the group is to enhance physical literacy, develop/practice skills, promote self-confidence, and provide a positive environment for females in sport. Activities include, but are not limited to, badminton, volleyball, cross country skiing, and basketball. Participants have input into some of the activities that are available. The club meets on Thursdays from 3:30-4:30. Participants are provided with a nutritious snack, followed by a warm-up and activity.



Please Send Additional Snacks if Possible.



We are still noticing more and more students who are hungry during the second nutrition break, as they have eaten all of their food during the first break. While we are able to provide emergency snacks, we would like to ask that you pack extra food for your child(ren). As we all know, students are much more focused when they have a full tummy. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

Attendance and Pick Up Reminders

If your child is ill, has an appointment, will be late, etc. Please notify the school **before 9:00 AM.**

We ask you please call the school at 204-482-4521 or send us an email at HTS@LSSD.ca

If you do not call/email the school, the automated system will call you around 9:30 AM, asking you call to HTS with the reason for the absence.

We also ask that if you are picking up your child after school, please notify the office by **3:00 PM** with this information.

Handle With Care

If your family is experiencing difficulties at home, we would like to provide additional support at school, if needed. We understand that you are not always able to share details and that's okay. If your child is coming to school after a difficult night, morning, or weekend, please email or write in their planner "Handle with Care". Nothing else will be said or asked. This will let us know that your child may need extra time, patience, or help during the day.

Library News!

Monday - Friday Calendar

Week of:

February 5th—9th, 2024

Day 3

MONDAY

Wear Words Day

Morning Announcements
Class Trivia - Prizes

12:25 PM
Staff switch and read.
All staff welcome to sign up.
Fairy Tail Theme!

1:55 PM
DEAR
Drop everything & read!

Day 4

TUESDAY

Bring a Stuffie & Your Favourite Book

Morning Announcements
Class Trivia - Prizes

12:25 PM
Staff switch and read.
All staff welcome to sign up.

1:55 PM
DEAR
Drop everything & read to your stuffie!

Day 5

WEDNESDAY

Wear Blue Bomber Clothing

I Love to Read Kickoff!

School Assembly
9:00 AM in Gym

1:55 PM
DEAR
Drop everything & read!

Day 6

THURSDAY

Dress Like Your Favourite Story Book or Character

Guest Readers throughout the day!
TBA

1:55 PM
DEAR
Drop everything & read!

Day 1

FRIDAY

Wear Red or Hearts

DEAR
Read your favourite book to your students!

1:50 - 3:25 PM
Fun Friday!!

Activities & Stations throughout the school.

Classes in groups.

Library Leaders assisting.

I LOVE TO READ WEEK

Please Meet the Gr. 4 Library helpers!

Happy Thought School is so lucky to have this group of twenty Grade 4 students that come to the library once or twice a week to assist in the library during recess or lunch.

Right now the library helpers are busy working on prepping for I Love to Read Week which will be taking place February 5 to 9 at Happy Thought School.

Not only have they been making posters and preparing activities, they have been providing ideas and suggestions for the activities for I Love to Read Week!

A very big thank you to this great group of students for all their hard work!



HTS EUBP PAC News!

We hope you had a great holiday break and spent a lot of time with your friends and family.

The EUBP would like to thank all the volunteers for helping out put on another amazing Christmas concert. These types of events would not be possible without you. Also a thank you to all the family and friends who attended the concert. What a beautiful evening!

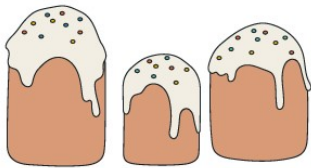
Our next big event around the corner is Easter!

The Ukrainian classrooms will be in need of volunteers around Easter for Paska and Pysanky making and set-up for the Easter Blessing the morning of. Stay tuned for further information.

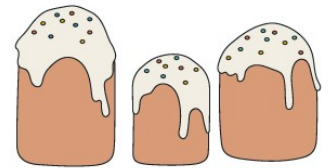
Volunteer forms will be coming out once dates are finalized.

Please remember all volunteers need to have their volunteer forms and checks completed and returned to the school.

Without volunteers these fun events would not be possible, so any time you can spare is greatly appreciated.



Sincerely
The EUBP Committee



Breakfast Program News!

Hello Happy Thought School Community!

Our breakfast program is now up and running! Our breakfast program is available in person on **Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:15 until 8:45 am**. All students are welcome to partake in the breakfast program on a regular or drop-in basis.

Please email any questions to
HTS@LSSD.ca



HTS PAC News!

Happy New Year from HTS PAC

We want to thank all our HTS families for their ongoing support as we continue to work towards our fundraising goal for our outdoor climbing/gathering space.



With a new year comes some new and exciting news.



PAC will be hosting a Spring Market, stay tuned for more details to come.

We will also be hosting a Pizza fundraiser. Make sure to keep an eye out for order forms which will be distributed during the week of February 5th.



Missed a Call from HTS?

Did you notice you have a missed call from Happy Thought School? Please make sure you check your voice mail before calling the school.

We will never call and NOT leave a voice mail.



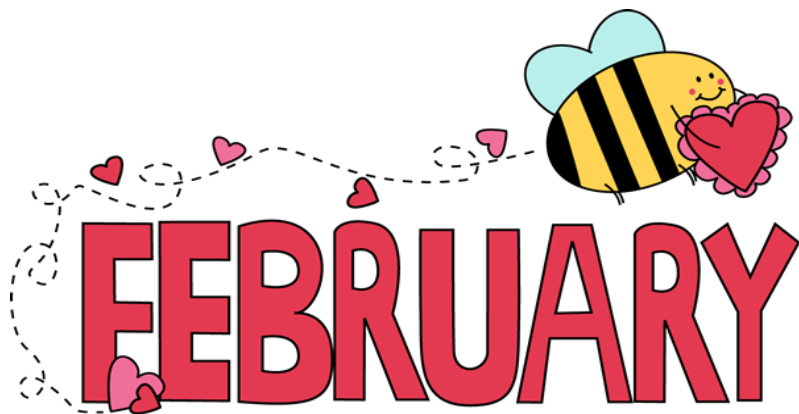
Reusable Water Bottles








Please remember to send your child with a reusable, plastic water bottle.

Happy Thought School has an Elkay water bottle filling station that provides clean, filtered drinking water. Students are always able to fill their water bottles when needed.

Not enough hydration leads to lack of motivation!



2024

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
			1 Day 1	2 Day 2
				STAFF PD NO CLASSES
5 Day 3	6 Day 4	7 Day 5	8 Day 6	9 Day 1
4-3 Swimming	4-2 Swimming	4-1 Swimming	EUBP Hot Lunch <u>Orders Due</u>	4-2 Swimming
12 Day 2	13 Day 3	14 Day 4	15 Day 5	16 Day 6
4-U & 4-2 Swimming	4-U Swimming	Valentine's Day  4-3 Swimming	Flag Day 	4-1 Swimming
19	20 Day 1	21 Day 2	22 Day 3	23 Day 4
LOUIS RIEL DAY NO CLASSES	4-1 Swimming	4-3 Swimming		EUBP A & W Hot Lunch 4-2 Swimming PAC Hot Lunch <u>Orders Due</u> 
26 Day 5	27 Day 6	28 Day 1	29 Day 2	
4-U Swimming	4-U Swimming	Pink Shirt Day 4-3 Swimming PAC Hot Dog Hot Lunch  		

Looking Ahead to March

March 11	Report cards emailed
March 14	Student Learning Conferences - evening, PAC hot lunch <u>orders due</u>
March 15	NO CLASSES, Student Learning Conferences - AM
March 19	PAC Hot Lunch
March 22	EUBP Hot Lunch
March 25-29	Spring Break (classes resume Monday, April 1)

