

Happy Thought School SPOTLIGHT November 2023



Kudos to our PAC for organizing the recent Hallowe'en fundraiser dance. Thank you to all families who supported this event!

Student-led learning conferences are just around the corner, during the evening of Thursday, November 9 and the morning of Friday, November 10. This will be an excellent time to share the learning with your child(ren) so far this school year. Online School Interviews to book conference times opened October 30 and will close on November 7.

Please check out the lost and found as it is filling up fast! All clothing items, especially outdoor gear, and boots, need to be labeled with your child(ren)'s name or initials.

Recognizing Remembrance Day will occur on Thursday, November 9 at 11:30 am with a school-wide assembly. All are welcome to attend.

Thank you to our entire HTS Husky school community for your continued support of our students and staff! Please visit our website (<https://hts.lssd.ca/>) and follow us on Instagram (@LSSD-HTS).

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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!

Wanting to use the Playground After School?

Students getting picked up at the end of the day and would like to use the play structures, are to remain with their parents/guardians off the playground until 3:45 pm. Once the playground is cleared, families are welcome to play after this time.



Cross Country News!

We are extremely proud of all our cross-country runners! Practices were held four times a week where students worked hard to improve their cardiovascular endurance and build their race strategies. HTS sent 110 students to the divisional cross-country meet. Congratulations to all our athletes who competed! A wind-up was held after the divisional meet to celebrate the students' success. A big thank you goes out to Ms. Kalyta and Mr. Rocha for assisting with the teams!!

Follow Ms. McConnell on Instagram at @HTS.Athletics for all the latest Phys Ed news.
Ms. McConnell

Grade 3 Girls' Team

Top Finishers:

1500 M Race: Larina (3rd) & Kylie (9th)

1000 M Race Delanie (1st), Alice (4th), Jessica (5th), Ellie (6th) and Maryna (8th)

Grade 3 Boys' Team

Top Finishers:

1500 M Race Ian (3rd), Joel (4th), Anthony (6th), Tucker (7th) and Mason (8th)

1000 M Race Cain (2nd), Ben (6th), Jaxon (7th), Malik (9th) and Seamus (10th)

Grade 4 Girls' Team

Top Finishers:

1500 M Race Leighton (8th) and Scarlet (9th)

1000 M Race Bella (2nd), Wasaya (4th), Diana (6th), Autumn (7th) and Ella (10th)

Grade 4 Girls' Team

Top Finishers:

1500 M Race Jason (6th) and Moss (10th)

1000 M Race Blake (6th) and Gavin (7th)

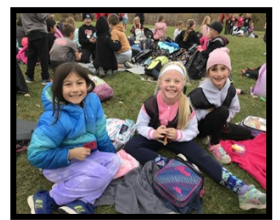


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Huskies!



Athletes of the Month

OCTOBER

K-1	Lucy	2-3	Macalan
K-2	Huntleigh	2-U	Brooks
K-3	Jane	3-1	Kylie
K-U	Rory	3-2	Rylie
1-1	Dustin	3-U	Tucker
1-2	Layne	4-1	Brysen
1-3	Skyler	4-2	Beau
1-U	Liliana	4-3	Moss
2-1	Finn	4-U	Eliana
2-2	Isobel		

Golden Shoe Class: 4-1

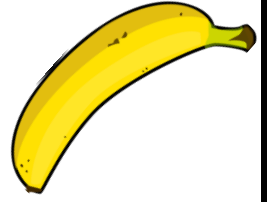
Ms. Longbottom's class!



**GREAT JOB
HUSKIES!**



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.

Fall into
a Good
Book!



Our Happy Thought School library is back in action and library classes have begun! This month our library is featuring books about the fall season, Terry Fox, and Orange Shirt Day.

We have been spending time with classes during library start-up to discuss the dos and don'ts of the library and learning about caring for our library and library books.

Just a quick reminder that books should be returned on the day of the student's next library class. For example, if a student's library class is on Day 2 the book should be returned on the next Day 2. Students can renew the book if so desired. Any lost books or books damaged to the point that they cannot be used by another student should be paid for or replaced. It would be wonderful if students had a large ziploc bag to transport their library books to and from school. This would help to keep books safe from spilled water bottles and food items.

We have exciting things planned in the library this year, book fairs, book club, Grade 4 library helpers and some lunch time activities planned in the library during the chilly winter months.

If you have any questions about our Happy Thought Library, please contact me by email at vruehl@lssd.ca

Venise Riehl

Library Clerk

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



EUBP PAC News!

Hello to all the Parents of our Happy Thought students.

Well it looks like the inevitable winter is fast approaching; however, good news is, that means preparations for wonderful holidays will begin.

Each year the English Ukrainian Bilingual Program (EUBP) holds their own Christmas Concert, and let me tell you, it's one event you don't want to miss.

Last year was my introductory to the EUBP Christmas Concert and I can whole heartily say that I'm so excited for it again this year. Save the date for Dec.20th. Further details to come.

This year a raffle for our highly coveted VIP table (heads up, this table has rock star real-estate views, aaaand delicious food on them..) Yes please....Sign me up!!! Stay tuned for further details on this raffle.

This leads me onto the next very important topic....Perisky! Those yummy little bite size flavourful infused eats. We are in need of volunteers for the annual preparation of these delicious treats! Any time you have to help with the making of the Perisky would be much appreciated. If you haven't returned your form, please feel free to email us with your availability.

The dates volunteers are needed are Friday/Saturday Nov. 3 & 4th.

I will say I had a ton of fun last year when I went.



It provided a wonderful opportunity to meet and connect with other parents in our community.

Anyone interested in helping please email your availability to Ria at rsemenowich@gmail.com

Last but not least, a friendly reminder that if you have not yet paid the \$5 activity fee this year, please send it in with your child at your earliest convenience.

Well that's it for now, so please have an enjoyable transition into the upcoming holiday season.

Hope to see you soon.

Sincerely,
EUBP Parent Committee



HTS Parent ADVISORY COUNCIL

HTS Parent Council held our annual general meeting on Oct 17 – thanks to everyone who came out! Our PAC for the 2023-24 school year is as follows:

Chair – Liz Kenyon

Vice Chair – Megan Braun

Secretary – Lisa Stott

Treasurer – Carlin Bell

Members at Large – Alyssa McAlpine, Krista Ballantyne, Andrea McLeod, Sara Spence, Sarah Freeman, and Jodi Arrell.

You can contact us at any time by email – happythoughtPAC@gmail.com

We are pleased to announce that our PAC was the recipient of the Government of Manitoba's Building Sustainable Communities Grant! This grant is providing 50% of the funding towards and outdoor climbing/seating/gathering space that will be located between HTS and ESMS, and available for the whole community to use. The space will be made from natural materials such as logs, stumps, and Tyndall boulders. We are hoping for completion in summer 2024.

We still have a lot of fundraising to do for our 50% of the project, so are looking for input and volunteers! Our first fundraiser of the year is an online 50/50 draw that will take place Dec 15/23 – please click the following link to purchase tickets, or take a photo of the QR code on our poster and then click the link from there! Please copy and share the link with family and friends – the prize could be as high as \$2500!

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-CA/ticketing/fc9ec95b-3909-4606-9369-3e74852c4464>

We have a Co-op number (299362) that you can use when getting groceries or gas – the equity will be donated back to PAC!

Our next hot lunch will be Nov 15/23 – please keep your eyes out for the order forms coming home!

Our next meeting is Nov 15/23 at 6:30pm in the HTS breakfast room. Please join us – all input is welcome! Our meetings are child-friendly!



50/50 Fundraiser online event! \$2500 max prize!

**Buy 50/50 tickets online for \$5 each by
scanning the QR code**

Draw is December 15 @4:30 @ HTS, all welcome to attend
Contact happythoughtpac@gmail.com with questions

HAPPY THOUGHT SCHOOL PAC IS BUILDING A NATURAL
PLAYGROUND AND GATHERING SPACE BETWEEN THE
EAST SELKIRK SCHOOLS FOR THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY
TO ENJOY! JOIN US IN RAISING FUNDS FOR THIS
EXCITING PROJECT!



The Government of Manitoba Building Sustainable Communities Grant has contributed to our fundraising goal. Lottery license 2023-27, RM of St. Clements Must be 18+ to participate. Picture is a similar but not exact representation.



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.



Husky Howls!



We want to give a Great Big HUGE Husky Howl to all our Happy Thought families. Thank you so much for donating new and gently used winter gear. Donations go to the Rotary Club and are distributed to children who need them in northern communities.

Way to go Huskies!

Another GIGANTIC Husky Howl to Aaron Hoium and his amazing crew from No Frills in Selkirk for the generous donation of pumpkins for our classrooms!

We appreciate your kindness!

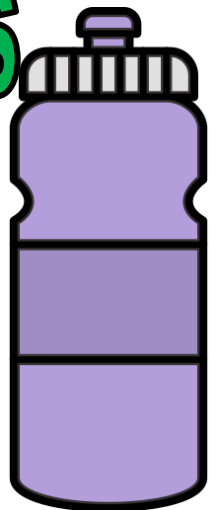


Reusable Water Bottles

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!



November 2023



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		1 Day 5	2 Day 6	3 Day 1
		Lockdown Drill	EUBP Mr. Sub Lunch 	Don't forget to set your clocks back on Sunday!
6 Day 2	7 Day 3	8 Day 4	9 Day 5	10 Day 6
		Scholastic Book Fair Nov. 8-13 	Remembrance Day  Assembly 11:20 Student Learning Conferences - Evening	No Classes AM - Student Learning Conferences PM - Staff PD
13 Day 1	14 Day 2	15 Day 3	16 Day 4	17 Day 5
World Kindness Day 		PAC Hot Lunch 		
20 Day 6	21 Day 1	22 Day 2	23 Day 3	24 Day 4
27 Day 5	28 Day 6	29 Day 1	30 Day 2	

Looking Ahead to December

- Dec. 4 Report cards emailed home
- Dec. 13 K-1, K3 & Grades 1 & 2 Christmas Concert
- Dec. 14 K-2, K-U & Grades 3 & 4 Christmas Concert
- Dec. 20 EUBP Christmas Concert
- Dec. 22 Last Day of Classes before winter break

