

# Happy Thought School SPOTLIGHT October 2023



Thank you to our entire HTS community for a great start up to the 2023-24 school year. It was a very smooth transition with everyone easily adapting to the new and existing procedures. Our common expectations are: Be Safe; Be Respectful; Be Responsible; Follow Directions the First Time. We have been learning about what these expectations look like and sound like in our classrooms, hallways, and outside.

School newsletters will be sent home electronically through School Messenger via email on the last day of each month. They will also be posted on our website. If you require a paper copy, please contact the school. Follow us on Instagram (@HTS\_LSSD ) for additional news! Look for specific information regarding Hallowe'en coming to your inbox in the next couple of weeks.

As Thanksgiving is just around the corner, we are very grateful for our Happy Thought School community for all you do to support the learning of our amazing students each and every day!

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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 until 3:45 pm. Once the playground is cleared, families are welcome to play after this time.







During September, Happy Thought School was very fortunate to receive a generous donation of headphones and earbuds from Turk Enterprises located in St. Andrews.

Our staff and students will definitely benefit from these supplies.

Happy Thought School sends out a big **HUSKY HOWL** to Turk Enterprises!

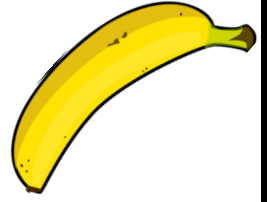


## Cross Country Running



Our HTS team is up and running!! Students in grades 3 and 4 run twice a week working on sprint training, pacing themselves, strong finishes, and race strategies. Practices and races take place both on the fitness trail and in the community. Athletes are training for the Divisional cross-country meet held at Lower Fort Garry in October. A big thank you to Ms. Kalyta, Mr. Rocha, and Ms. McConnell for coaching our athletes. Also thank you to Ms. Andres and Ms. Recksiedler for signing in students after their run.

# 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](mailto: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](mailto:vruehl@lssd.ca)

Venise Riehl

Library Clerk

# Breakfast Program News!

Hello Happy Thought School Community,

Our breakfast program at Happy Thought School will begin on **Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>**. 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 [lcaughell@lssd.ca](mailto:lcaughell@lssd.ca)





# EUBP PAC News!

Welcome back to another year of fun & learning!

The Ukrainian English Bilingual Program (EUBP) has their own Parent Committee. We meet once a month, and discuss all the upcoming events for the program. If you are a parent who is interested in getting involved please join us.

Joining the board is an excellent way to learn about what is going on in your child's school program, and being involved in the important events that the EUBP put on throughout the year. An added bonus is that you meet other parents in the community, who are a fantastic bunch of people!

The next meeting will be on Thursday, October 5th, with a Volunteer Orientation beginning at 6pm and the Annual General Meeting following at 6:30. The meeting is held in the East Selkirk Middle School Library, located at 1140 Strathcona Rd (right beside Happy Thoughts). See you there!

Another important date to mark on your calendar is December 20th, which is when the EUBP Christmas Concert will take place. If you have never been to the concert before, it's a beautiful night and definitely one not to miss!

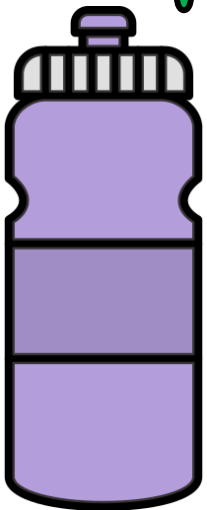
Hope to see you on Oct. 5th for the meeting!

Sincerely,  
EUPB parent committee

**Make A Difference**



## 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!**



# HTS Parent ADVISORY COUNCIL

Happy Thought PAC welcomes everyone back to a new school year and hopes that summer treated you well. We at PAC are super excited for all that is being planned for the 2023-2024 school year.

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be part of Happy Thought PAC? Or maybe you wanted to be the first to know what's going on at the school. OR even better yet, maybe you'd like a say in the school's fundraising activities and hot lunches. Well, there's no time like the present to become a member of the PAC. Come join us at our AGM (in person or virtually) on October 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. to hear all about it. Whether you want to be a member, volunteer here and there or just get information, it's a great place to be.

Worried about the time commitment, no problem! There are also many ways to volunteer with the Parent Advisory Council. You can sign up to help at our school dances, volunteer (even one time) during hot lunches, or help with fundraising. Any help is welcomed and greatly appreciated.

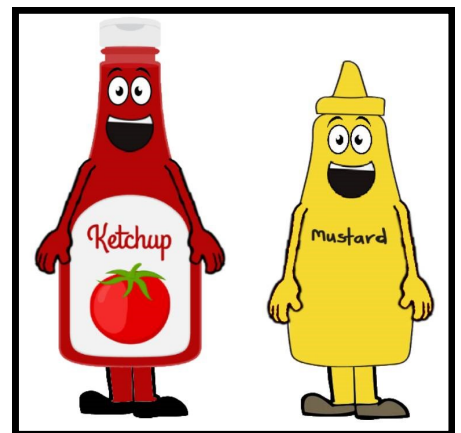
Speaking of dances, PAC will be hosting a Halloween dance on Friday October 27<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m. Tickets will be available for purchase for only \$2.00/child – Adults are FREE! Also available for purchase will be drink and chip or candy combos for \$2.00.

It's sure to be SPOOKTACULAR fun!

Our first Hot Dog hot lunch is scheduled for Wednesday October 24<sup>th</sup>. We would love to have volunteers Mustard up all of their strength to help us from 12:30 p.m. – 1:10 p.m. Afterwards we can Ketchup on everything that PAC has going on for this upcoming year.

If you have any questions, are curious about volunteering, or want to sign up for PAC please contact us at:

[Happythoughtpac@gmail.com](mailto:Happythoughtpac@gmail.com)



# Athletes of the Month

## SEPTEMBER

<b>K-1</b>	<b>Camden</b>	<b>2-3</b>	<b>Bentley</b>
<b>K-2</b>	<b>Ben</b>	<b>2-U</b>	<b>Vanessa</b>
<b>K-3</b>	<b>Grace</b>	<b>3-1</b>	<b>Arianna</b>
<b>K-U</b>	<b>Lincoln</b>	<b>3-2</b>	<b>Delanie</b>
<b>1-1</b>	<b>Julia</b>	<b>3-U</b>	<b>Zachary</b>
<b>1-2</b>	<b>Nash</b>	<b>4-1</b>	<b>Ben</b>
<b>1-3</b>	<b>Kayden</b>	<b>4-2</b>	<b>Xavier</b>
<b>1-U</b>	<b>Charlie</b>	<b>4-3</b>	<b>Venecia</b>
<b>2-1</b>	<b>Nash</b>	<b>4-U</b>	<b>Scarlett</b>
<b>2-2</b>	<b>Molly</b>		

**Golden Shoe Class: 3-U**




**GREAT JOB  
HUSKIES!**







# 2023

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2 Day 2	3 Day 3	4 Day 4	5 Day 5	6 Day 6
Breakfast Program Begins	School-Based PD NO CLASSES		EUBP PAC AGM 6:30 pm @ ESMS	EUB PAC Hot Lunch
9	10 Day 1	11 Day 2	12 Day 3	13 Day 4
Thanksgiving Day NO CLASSES		Grade 3 & 4 Cross Country	Grade 3 & 4 Cross Country (rain date)	
16 Day 5	17 Day 6	18 Day 1	19 Day 2	20 Day 3
	HTS PAC AGM 6:30 pm @ Happy Thought School	HTS hosting LSSD Intermediate Music Day	HTS hosting LSSD Intermediate Music Day	MTS PD Day NO CLASSES
23 Day 4	24 Day 5	25 Day 6	26 Day 1	27 Day 2
	PAC Hotdog Lunch		Picture Re-Take Day Odd Day Kinders Picture Day	PAC Hallowe'en Dance
30 Day 3	31 Day 4			
	 Hallowe'en!			



## Looking Ahead to November

- Nov. 2 EUBP PAC Hot Lunch
- Nov. 9 Remembrance Day Service 11:20 AM
- Nov. 9 Student Learning Conferences (evening)
- Nov. 10 NO CLASSES - Student Learning Conferences
- Nov. 13 World Kindness Day