



NEWS FROM ROBERT MOORE SCHOOL



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Principal: Mrs. Donna Kowalski
Vice Principal: Mr. Shane Beckett

"Together, we empower all students to believe in themselves, to achieve, and to dream."

Website - <http://rms.rrdsb.com>
Twitter: #MooreMustangs

Principal's Message:

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year! Welcome back to our returning students and families and a warm Robert Moore Mustang welcome to our new students and families and a few new staff members as well. We are looking forward to an exciting year full of learning, friendship and extra-curricular activities. We have had some wonderful changes and additions to our playground over the summer that the children are sure to love and enjoy! The teachers have been busy creating safe and welcoming learning spaces for our students and we are excited to implement some new programming and options for students. As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to call. We look forward to working with you, in partnership, to support our children and provide an optimal learning experience.
-Mrs. Kowalski

School Phone:

Should you need to leave a message for your child, please leave a voicemail message in the identified mailbox. Messages will be checked twice a day, prior to break time (10:43 am and 1:04 pm). The messages will be forwarded to the appropriate teachers of the student. In an emergency situation, contact the secretary directly.

Safe Arrivals:

In the interest of students' safety and effective programming, it is important that student absences be accounted for in all schools of the RRDSB. If a student is going to be late or absent, parents/guardians are asked to call the school at **274-9818 and press 1**.

Please include the following information:

- student's name;
- his/her teacher's name;
- the reason for, and the length of the late or absence.



If you do not call to report your child's absence, the school will contact you to determine the reason for absence.

Attendance Texting Cell Phone

Robert Moore School has a cell phone for **attendance purposes only**. The number is **276-8439**. If you have unlimited texting on your cell phone and no available minutes, please text this number to let the school know that your child will be absent and the reason. This number is only to be used for attendance purposes.

Student & Parent Handbook & Code of Conduct:

Please review both the Robert Moore Student and Parent Handbook and Code of Conduct with your child. This activity will help your child understand the expectations which have been established to ensure a positive, safe and academically successful school experience. The Student & Parent Handbook and Code of Conduct are posted on our website (<http://rms.rrdsb.com>).

THE SCHOOL DAY



Warning Bell	8:50 a.m.
School Starts	8:55 a.m.
First Nutrition Break	10:43-11:28 a.m.
Second Nutrition Break	1:04-1:49 p.m.
Dismissal	3:25 p.m.

School Lunch Program

We are excited to be able to continue to provide delicious, affordable lunch options for our students. Our school lunch program will begin the week of September 11th. Watch for order forms to be coming home soon. School Cash Online will be available for ordering. We also accept cheques.

School Council Meeting:

September 12, 2017 @ 6:00pm

Elections will be held at the meeting. New members are always welcome!

Future meetings:

Tuesday November 28, 2017

Tuesday March 27, 2017

Tuesday May 29, 2017

Childcare is provided if needed.



ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION AND MEDIA DEVICES (Cell Phones, Tablets, I-Pods, Cameras)

Cell phones are not to be used at the school at any time for personal use. The school assumes no responsibility for lost, stolen, broken or otherwise compromised personal equipment or devices.

With teacher permission, students may be allowed to use electronic devices during specific times of the school day providing that the devices are used for enhancing the educational experience (eg., calculator or dictation app, e-books, research).

Students who fail to follow this procedure will have the device removed and placed at the office to be picked up by their parent/guardian.

Drop off/Pick up:

Please check the signs regarding parking restrictions during drop off and pick up. Kiss and Ride is a quick, safe way to drop off and pick up your children. Our staff members are ready and waiting to ensure your children are safe and welcomed! The handi van and taxis drop off students using the accessible parking spots in the parking lot, so these need to remain clear of vehicles. So, please do not drop off your children in the parking lot. Please also encourage your children to use the sidewalks and avoid cutting through the parking lot and back alley. We want to ensure that everyone arrives at the school safe, happy and ready for the day!! If you have any questions, please give the office a call.

Staff:

Principal	Donna Kowalski		
Vice-Principal	Shane Beckett		
Kindergarten Teachers	Barb Eldridge, Anna Demchuk, Sarah Kivimaki		
Early Childhood Educators	Crystal Cain, Vicky Perrault, Kristen Wishart		
Primary Teachers			
Grade 1	Jennifer Burns	Grade 1/2	Hue Eldridge
Grade 2	Cathy Richards	Grade 2/3	Tena Enge
Grade 3	Becky Booth	Grade 3	Tammy Thibault
Junior Teachers			
Grade 4	Janice Haugo	Grade 4	Jennifer Pagnotta
Grade 5	Laurie Moxham	Grade 5	Michelle Cain
Grade 6	Kari-Lynn Beckett	Grade 6	Sonja Bodnarchuk
Intermediate Teachers			
Grade 7	Amy Spicer	Grade 7	Trevor Bowles
Grade 8	Michael McCaig	Grade 8	Christa Gibson
Transition	Lynne Avis		
Reading Recovery	Colette Bowles, Alexis Norris		
Special Education	Jean Agar, Lorina Fryer, Jolene Quast, Deb Ross		
French	Julie Ste. Crix		
Ojibwe	Mike Jones		
Preparation	Colette Bowles, Darla Solomon, Jolene Quast		
Educational Assistants	Darlene Adams, Allison Albanese, Kyla Beckett, Susan Chiasson, Erin Deschamps, Susan Deschamps, Dana George, Jo-Ann Gosselin, Bobbi-Jo Guenette, Melissa Gushulak, Rhonda Howells, Danielle Jean, Jillian Kaun, Marcy Loveday, Kathleen Matheson, Joanne McKinnon, Susan Mosbeck, Kim Ossachuk, Jennifer Rae, Jolene Richert, Rebecca Selman, Patti Wilson, Rachelle Yeo		
Communication Assistants	Josie McLeod, Missy Nelson		
Caretakers	Brent Burghardt, Bert Hanzuk, Clint Jenson		
Secretaries	Michelle Brunetta, Jasmine Noble		

Medication/ Information:

The school cannot administer medication to a student without a signed release from parents/guardians and a medical practitioner. If your child needs to be given any medication, prescribed or otherwise, please contact the school for a release form. Please also ensure that the school has updated emergency contact information for your child in case of illness or injury.

Nutrition Break Procedures—Respectful, Responsible & Safe

1. Students are responsible for cleaning up after themselves and the area in which they eat.
2. Students must follow the instructions of the lunch hour supervisors and monitors.
3. Please be sure that students are well equipped for lunch (main meal, snacks, spoons, forks, condiments).
4. Please note that microwaves are not available because of the potential of hot spots causing severe burns.

Robert Moore School Open House and School Council Spaghetti Dinner

Date: Thursday September 21, 2017

Time: 5:30-7:30pm

Price: \$5.00 per plate



Spaghetti/Salad/Bun/Dessert/Drink
More info will be sent home.

School Supplies:

The school will provide all supplies needed for students to complete their class work.

- Backpacks and lunch containers help students stay organized for school.
- All students require non-scuffing, indoor shoes appropriate for gym.

What is the Kiss 'N Ride Program?

The Kiss 'N Ride Program is a convenient, safe and efficient procedure for dropping off children at school in the morning, and for picking up children from school in the afternoon. Once your car has come to a complete stop in the designated area, a staff member will be waiting to greet you to ensure your child arrives safely to or departs safely from school. This program separates vehicular traffic from school bus traffic to further enhance the safe and efficient transportation process.

Drop-Off

1. Drive slowly into Kiss 'N Ride Lane
2. Stop vehicle (30-45 seconds)
3. Parent stays in vehicle with vehicle running
4. Teacher on duty will open door for child
5. Parent drives off once child has exited vehicle

Pick-Up

1. Drive slowly into Kiss 'N Ride lane (if you do not see your child, keep moving and loop back)
2. Stop vehicle
3. Parent stays in vehicle with vehicle running
4. Child gets in vehicle
5. Door closes and parent drives off

Kiss 'N Ride Schedule

8:25 to 8:50 a.m.

3:25 to 3:40 p.m.



Thank you!

Robert Moore School would like to extend a thank you to Elaine Fischer from the NWHU, along with the volunteers, for painting the stencils on the playground!



Healthy Snack Program:

The Healthy Snack/Breakfast Program requires parent volunteers to run our program. Financial assistance is also appreciated. If you are available to help, please contact Shauna Leigh Carlson at 274-3131 or the school at 274-9818.

Important Dates For 2017-2018

Sept 4, 2017	Labour Day - No school
Sept 21, 2017	Open House/Spaghetti Dinner
Sept 29, 2017	PD Day - No school
Oct 4-5, 2017	Picture Days
October 9, 2017	Thanksgiving - No school
October 27, 2017	PD Day - No school
Nov 27, 2017	PD Day - No school
Dec 25-Jan 5, 2018	Christmas Break