

# Giving thanks in our community



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As Thanksgiving approaches, there is so much for which to be grateful in our community. This year is particularly poignant as we “Stay Apart, Together,” and once again, possibly find different ways to celebrate.

Speaking of different, schools in Fort Richmond are finding creative ways to help kids adjust to school life. I am thankful for the efforts of educators, support staff, and administrators who are working tirelessly to re-open and keep open our schools.

Every aspect of facilities and activities has been examined, adjusted, and even eliminated to adopt safety for everyone. The education of children is important in our society and needs to be timely; we cannot indefinitely suspend learning opportunities which are best addressed at certain ages and stages of development. Children (and families) need normalcy, even if that looks a little strange right now.

I am inspired by a quote from Bairdmore School’s *Open House* YouTube video:

“We may not have it all together, but together we have it all.”

This sentiment perfectly expresses the positive attitudes helping the return to in-class learning. Huge thanks to Ms. Lorrie Stade and Sarah Hampton who created this fun video highlighting new safety features with a tour of the school. The video also

introduces teachers to students with their new masks on.

Ryerson School’s walking school bus is a big success this year, with three routes serving 51 families. Staff are encouraging active transportation to lessen traffic during drop-off and pick-up times. Principal Kathy Bru helps out with a weekly route and enjoys making connections with the community. Special thanks go to Tiffany Latour for her hard work organizing this much-loved program.

Students, parents, and caregivers of École St. Avila were greeted by a unique, warm welcome on the first day when teachers Dan Mitchell and Lucille Fournier played music using mini ukeleles. The gesture had students smiling and laughing as they walked into the school.

I hosted my second meet-and-greet event at Kings Park on Sept. 26, with special guest Markus Chambers. Thank you to all who came out to say hello. I will continue to find creative ways to connect with you to hear your questions, concerns, and comments. Please feel free to reach out to my constituency office at 204-221-8881 or email [contact@sarahguillemard.com](mailto:contact@sarahguillemard.com)

On Oct. 7, our provincial government returns to legislative session. I expect a busy and productive schedule to address the needs of Manitobans.

For accurate and timely information surrounding COVID-19 measures, please visit [www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/index.html](http://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/index.html)



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École St Avila teachers Dan Mitchell and Lucille Fournier played mini ukeleles to welcome students on the first day of school.

# Change of seasons brings altered activities



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An increase in community activities, cooler mornings, and leaves changing colour — all embrace the changing season and arrival of fall. With fall also comes the new format for the many community events which have been rescheduled.

Seine River constituents have remotely and virtually supported many great causes, two of which were hosted on the Sept. 19 weekend — the Terry Fox Run for Hope and Shoppers Run for Women.

The Terry Fox Run for Hope celebrated

its 40th anniversary this year and this year’s theme was One Day. Your Way.

Participants were unable to meet at Assiniboine Park, St. Vital Park and other larger venues to support the cause Terry inspired all those years ago.

This year, the run was held at many satellite locations throughout the province. The money raised will honour Terry’s memory and continue to support his dream of finding a cure for cancer.

Shopper’s Drug Mart has been and continues to be a champion for women’s mental health. This year’s fundraising event, usually held in May in support of women’s and girls’ mental health, was postponed due to COVID-19, and the rescheduled Run for Women was a virtual event.

Runners registered online and picked up

kits from various Running Room locations. Between Sept. 17 and 27, they went online to register their run or walk times through the virtual app. All times will be posted at the end of the event.

The beginning of fall has long been a time at which people gather to celebrate the harvest and the importance of community. In many communities, this takes the form of an annual fall supper. Many communities will still host fall suppers this year, but the venues will look different.

The Eagles Club in St. Norbert hosted its annual fall supper this year in a ‘drive-by’ format; dinners were ordered in advance and picked up, so the tradition was altered but still honoured.

Finally, many local community groups and organizations are holding their annual

general meetings. The St. Norbert Community Centre held its AGM while adhering to physical distancing and safety protocols.

The work of the many dedicated volunteers, staff, and board members who continue to offer activities to families through these challenging times goes above and beyond the call of duty. Many thanks to all who continue to work together to keep families and friends connected and active at this time.

As the October long weekend approaches, and family and friends gather, I would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.