



**SWAN VALLEY SCHOOL DIVISION**

Educating and Inspiring All Learners



## WHO WE ARE

The Swan Valley School Division is located in the South Western part of Manitoba. The Division Office is located in Swan River. The Division has a total enrollment of about 1,500 students. The Division serves the communities of Benito, Birch River, Bowsman, Minitonas and Swan River. The Division also provides high school programming to Wuskwi Sipihk First Nation.

The School Division operates the following schools:

Benito School	K - 8
Birch River School	K - 8
Bowsman School	K - 8
Minitonas Early Years School	K - 4
Minitonas Middle Years School	5 - 8
Heyes Elementary School	K - 6
Taylor Elementary School	K - 5
Ecole Swan River South School	K - 8 dual track
Swan Valley Regional Secondary School	9 - 12

## BASIC FACTS

Budget 21 million  
Pupil/Teacher Ratio 11.9  
FTE Teachers 118  
FTE Educational Assistants 68  
Enrollment 1,500  
Bus Routes 30  
Starting Teacher Salary - Class 5  
\$59,025 – Sept 2017



## SWAN VALLEY SCHOOL DIVISION

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## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The Division supports educators by providing ongoing professional development. The Division's PD Committee is largely comprised of teachers. The PD Committee has significant input into the Divisional PD initiatives during the year. In addition, teachers can select personal PD opportunities both within the Division or outside of the Division. Teachers are encouraged and supported to grow as a group of lifelong learners.



## VOCATION PROGRAMS

The School Division's Regional Secondary School offers a wide variety of Vocational Programs. Many of these programs are matriculated with the University College of the North, which operates a Satellite Campus next to the school. Students can receive Level 1 credit from Apprenticeship and the College for a number of the vocational programs.

The College offers a number of programs at its Satellite Campus. These programs are accessible to students and adults within the community and surrounding area.



## INDIGENOUS EDUCATION

The Division is within Treaty 4, the traditional land of the Cree, Oji-Cree, Anishinaabeg, and Assiniboine people. It is also the homeland to the Métis Nation, North West Region.

First Nation Communities which are located close to Swan River are Sapotaweyak First Nation, Wuskwi Sipiik First Nation and Pine Creek First Nation. There are some high school students from all three communities that attend Swan Valley Regional Secondary School.

The Division has an Indigenous Curriculum Facilitator. The role of the facilitator is to help staff integrate Indigenous perspective into all curriculums. The facilitator also acts as a resource to the Division when interacting with First Nation Communities.



A focus over the next few years for the Division will be to implement the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

## FRENCH IMMERSION

The Division offers a K-12 French Immersion Program. The K-8 portion of the program is located at Ecole Swan River South School and the 9-12 program is located at Swan Valley Regional Secondary School. The Division is part of the northern French Immersion Consortium. The consortium works together to offer a variety of French Immersion high school courses. Some of these courses are offered by the local school within the Division and some are accessible via IITV from partner high schools. The French Immersion Program has existed for more than 20 years.



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## MUSIC PROGRAM

The Division is a strong supporter of music. Schools in the Division offer middle years band, choral and fiddle programs. The high school offers a choral and band program. These groups perform at local functions as well as provincial competitions.



## SPORTS PROGRAMS

The Division has a history of providing strong sports programming in all of its schools. At the middle school level students compete in a variety of interschool sporting events such as volleyball, soccer, badminton, track and field, baseball, basketball, etc. The high school has teams that compete in a number of sports such as soccer, basketball, football, baseball, volleyball, track and field, golf, cross-country, rugby, etc. The area is a very strong supporter of the sports programs.



# SWAN VALLEY REGIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOL

**School Motto:** Make a difference today for tomorrow.

**School Logo:** Our logo is a flaming torch formed from the stylized acronym of our school name. As light from the flaming torch, learning illuminates the journey of life. Throughout the journey, we nurture the flame and pass it on with the pride to illuminate future generations.



**School Mascot:** Tiger

**Basic Facts:**

Enrollment: 476

Teachers: 40

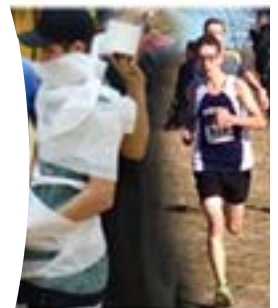
Support staff: 41



**Programs:**

Welcome to Swan Valley Regional Secondary School, a Grade 9 to 12 academic and vocational high school located in Swan River, Manitoba, providing the students of the Swan Valley region an opportunity to attain academic, French Immersion and Vocational Technology Education diplomas. Programs of study are available in the following vocational areas:

- Automotive Technology
- Business Education/Marketing
- Carpentry (Fall of 2017)
- Culinary Arts
- Electrical Trades Technology
- Family Studies
- Hairstyling
- Health Care Aide
- Heavy Duty Equipment Technician
- Information Technology
- Resources and Environmental Management
- Visual Communication
- Welding





# SWAN VALLEY REGIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOL

## Extracurricular Activities:

### Sports-

Volleyball, Soccer, Basketball, Badminton, Track & field, Football, Rugby, Softball, Curling, Hockey, Golf

### Clubs-

Drama, Intramural Sports, Youth Voice, Envirothon, Interscholastic Sports, TADD, Executive Challenge, Skills Manitoba, Yearbook, Youth in Philanthropy, Student Council. A Teen Parent Program is offered to students with children providing them with on-site nursery care and parenting supports.



## School Priorities/Goals:

- \*Improving learning outcomes for all students
- \*Strengthening pathways between and among secondary school, post-secondary education and work
- \*Promote the development of wellness and healthy school environments
- \*Strengthening community relationships to support learning
- \*Incorporating indigenous perspectives throughout the curriculum
- \*Education for sustainable development



## About us:

Our school, the SVRSS, is centrally located in the Swan River Valley in the town of Swan River, Manitoba serving approximately 500 students Grades 9 through 12. The SVRSS is the only high school in the Swan Valley where students are able to pursue programs of study leading to graduation from the Regular English Program, the Technology Program or the French Immersion Program. The SVRSS is an inclusive educational environment where student voice is encouraged. About 40% of the student population identify with an Aboriginal or Métis heritage.

Our Code of Conduct provides a broad framework of behavioral expectations for students. It is expected that all members of the school community will uphold the underlying beliefs of the school code which include the following:

## Learning, Respect, Responsibility and Safety.



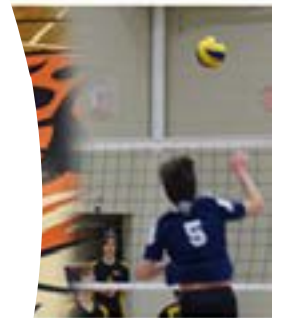
## About our Community:

The Swan River Valley lies between the Duck Mountains and the Porcupine Hills, the town of Swan River is close to the Saskatchewan boundary in west-central Manitoba.

Swan River acts as the hub to the surrounding communities of Minitonas, Benito, Bowsman, Birch River, Sapotaweyak and Wuskiwi Sipiik First Nation reserves and the other communities in the region. The population of Swan River according to Statistics Canada in 2011 was 3,907, with an additional 2,546 people living in the surrounding communities.

## What is unique about our school?

The SVRSS enjoys strong support from parents and the community and has a reputation for excellence and meeting the needs of all students. The Swan Valley Regional Secondary School was built in 1972 with a vision towards developing a future for our students and our community, where academic and technical vocational programs are blended into one setting and offered to our broader community. To date, SVRSS had graduated over 5,000 students, many who have left the valley to pursue further post-secondary studies and careers, alumni, return as professionals to make the Swan River Valley their home.



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# BENITO SCHOOL

**School Motto:** Stimulate, Educate, Empower

**School Mascot:** Cobra



**Basic Facts:**

Enrolment: 89

Teachers: 7

Support staff: 8

**Programs:**

Band, Basic French, Character Education, Visual Arts, ICT programming, Junior and Senior Kindergarten program, Early Literacy Intervention programming, Early Numeracy Intervention programming, Grade 1 to 8 Response to Intervention Programming, Physical Education Program

**Extracurricular Activities:**

**Sports-** Volleyball, Soccer, Basketball, Badminton, Track & Field

**Clubs-** Dinner Theater/Drama Club, Marathon Running Club, Earth Rangers (Garden Project), Jazz Band, Student Leadership Council

**School Priorities/Goals:**

- \* Parent & community Relations
- \* Play-based learning
- \* Character education

**About Us:**

Benito School is a Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8 School. It offers small class sizes and exceptional student-to-teacher interactions. Benito School fully embraces multi-grade classrooms and believes that the benefits of multi-grade classrooms far outweigh the disadvantages. We pride ourselves in the fact that our teachers and students have the privilege of working together for a minimum of two years, which we deem as a definite asset with which to promote quality learning.

Our school uses a pro-active approach to discipline to deal effectively with behavior problems and to use positive reinforcement for good behaviors. In an effort to provide our students with a well-rounded educational experience, we offer various sporting

and arts opportunities both at lunch and afterschool; as well, we offer our students opportunities to be a part of the Student Leadership Team.

Benito School has a very active Parent Council, and we strongly believe that parents are the most important partners in our students' success.



## About our Community

Benito is a quiet rural community nestled within gentle rolling hills, fertile farmland, and pristine nature. The Village of Benito has long held the nickname the Gateway to the Valley—the place where the Duck Mountains meet the Swan River Valley. As a quiet rural community of close to 400 residents, agriculture is at the heart of the Benito economy. Our families enjoy the safety of a close-knit community as they meet for various recreational activities and social events.

Benito has a multi-use community facility which serves the village of Benito and vast surrounding community.

Local attractions include: Shaker City Disk Golf, Thunderhill Ski & Snowboard Area, Thunderhill Mountain Bike Trails, and Duck Mountain Provincial Park.



## What is unique about our school?

Benito School is known for our well-mannered and respectful students! Whether it is on the court or on the stage, our students always pull together and bring out the best in each other. We might be small but we are mighty! We pride ourselves in that fact that even with our declining enrolment, we continue to build competitive sports teams and accomplish amazing feats. One of our biggest claims to fame is our marathon training program; for more than fifteen years Benito School has trained students, parents, and staff who've carried on to participate in the Manitoba Marathon as well as a variety of other marathon runs. Our second claim to fame is our drama/dinner theater. Every second year our students stun the community with their singing, dancing, drama abilities, and good eats.



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# BIRCH RIVER SCHOOL

**School Motto:** Be the best you can be!

**School Mascot:** Colts



**Basic Facts:**

Enrolment: 52

Teachers: 5

Support staff: 5

**Programs:**

Junior Kindergarten, Nursery School, Better Beginnings, Senior Kindergarten, Elementary and Middle School, Music Program, Physical Education Program, Intramurals Program, Hot Lunch and Milk Program, Snack Program, Literacy Intervention Program, Yoga Program, MindUP Program

**Extracurricular Activities:**

**Sports-** Soccer, Volleyball, Basketball, Badminton, Track and Field

**Clubs-** Choir, Orff Music Club, Social Justice Team, Computer Coding Club, Reading Club, Drums Alive, and Honor Band.

**School Priorities:**

- \* Staff at Birch River School work together to provide students with a safe and caring learning environment.
- \* Educational experiences are engaging and prepare students for their future by relating what they are learning to real world experiences.
- \* We encourage our students to be creative and constructive.
- \* We plan with a holistic approach to education that balances academics with wellness, using hands on experiences and active play or exploration.

**School Goal:** To provide the best quality education we can to students in an engaging, empowering, creative, collaborative, inclusive, and interactive way.

**About Us:**

Birch River is a small rural school with a family-like atmosphere. We take care of our wellness and take responsibility for how we treat ourselves and each other. We warmly welcome guests and are excited to share our meals and celebrations with our family and community members. We host a number of school events such as pancake breakfasts, family feasts, barbecues, and we also enjoy participating in and organizing social justice projects. We welcome parents and guardians to join our classroom for learning activities. Everyone's perspective is important to us! We have a large school with plenty of space to use in creative ways. Classrooms are comfortable with seating environments that are inclusive to many different needs. At Birch River School we believe that everyone should feel safe, respected, and it is everyone's responsibility to be the best they can be for themselves and those around them.



## About our Community:

Birch River is a small rural community with approximately 235 residents located East of the Porcupine Mountains and 35 Kilometers North of Swan River, Manitoba. It is a quiet community with humble roots in logging and agriculture. Surrounded by forest, mountains, lakes, rivers, and farmland, the scenic view is amazing. If you like the outdoors, it is a wonderland with many ATV and snow machine trails you can enjoy all year round. If you like fishing, hunting, hiking, canoeing, or any other outdoor activity, Birch River is a great place to be.

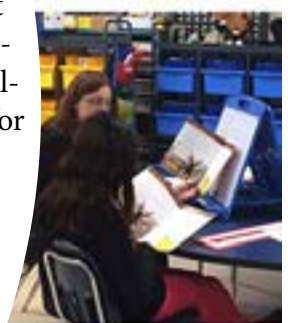
There are numerous services and facilities available in the town of Birch River.



## What is unique about the school?

Having a low student to teacher ratio and multi-grade classrooms provides many benefits for Birch River School students. The low-student to teacher ratio enables us to utilize teaching and support staff in unique ways to provide additional academic supports to our students such as specific literacy and math interventions from the students' classroom teacher.

Differentiated instruction in the multi-grade classes benefits all students as all students learn at different paces. Curriculum is planned in a way that is inclusive of all outcomes but is also able to meet the needs of all learners. Having teachers remain with students for more than one year builds on the existing relationships and provides students with consistency. At our school, we focus on balancing education to enhance the development of the child holistically. This means opportunities for optimal learning academically, physically, socially, emotionally, mentally, and behaviourally in order to foster success for each and every student in their own unique way.



## BIRCH RIVER SCHOOL



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# BOWSMAN SCHOOL

**School Motto:** Be Respectful,  
Be Responsible, Be Safe

**School Mascot:** Bison

**Basic Facts:**

Enrolment: 59

Teachers : 6

Support staff: 6



**Programs:**

Junior and Senior Kindergarten

Elementary (Grades 1-6)

Middle School (Grades 7 & 8)

Intramurals, Basic French, Music, Band

Early Literacy Support (K-2), Healthy Snack Program

Soup Program

**Extracurricular Activities:**

**Sports-** Variety of Sports Teams

**Clubs-** Astronomy Club, Coding Club, Garden Club, Fitness/  
Running Club, Student Council, Choir, Fiddling & Guitar Program,  
Recorder Club, Honor Band, Bucket Drumming

**School Priorities/Goals:**

\*Literacy & numeracy

\*Strengthening community relationships to support learning

\*Promoting the development and wellness towards healthy school environments

\*Improving student engagement

**About Us:**

We are a small school where there is a close feeling of family and connection to community. We have dedicated teachers and support staff that work together to provide many extra opportunities for students on a daily basis. We support school wide organized events like Winter Fun Day, BBQ lunches, pancake breakfasts, Thanksgiving lunch, and Tabloid day to class events like making gingerbread houses, pumpkin carving and so much more!



### About our Community:

Our community gives opportunity for curling, skating and sliding. We have many members of the community that enjoy coming to the school to support us in our pancake breakfast fundraisers, Christmas concerts, Remembrance Day service and/or fun day activities.

Twice a year, our students have the chance to “give back” to their community, and we do a town clean-up. Our staff and students support our local groups by attending luncheons and events offered in town.



### What is unique about the school?

Our school's newest project is our Community Garden. We have built a greenhouse, raised vegetable beds, bird houses, a butterfly garden and tranquility garden. This project has united our school and our community. Throughout the summer, the staff took turns tending to the garden, and we invited community members to help out and harvest the produce as it became ready.

We are teaching our students how to grow their own food, and teaching the importance of a healthy lifestyle. Our students have a growing sense of pride and commitment working together as a school community. Because of our rural environment, students have the chance to experience many outdoor educational adventures including ice fishing, spring time fishing, shelter building, swimming and overnight camping trips.



## BOWSMAN SCHOOL



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# ÉCOLE SWAN RIVER SOUTH SCHOOL

**School Motto:** Cooperate, Motivate,  
Educate

**School Mascot:** Sabre



**Basic Facts:**

Enrollment: 280

Teachers: 20

Support staff: 12

**Programs:**

French Immersion, Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8, English Program, Supportive Learning Program, Early Literacy Intervention, Grades 7 and 8 Band, Grades 7 and 8 Industrial Arts

**Extracurricular Activities:**

**Sports-** Soccer, Volleyball, Basketball, Badminton, Track & Field, Running Club

**Clubs-** Students That Care, Reading Club, School Choir, Student Council, Intramurals

**School Priorities/Goals:**

\*JK-8 dual track school.

\*French Immersion programming from JK through Grade 8

\*Addressing the needs of all learners is a major priority .

\*We are a diverse school community developing excellence in learning and citizenship within a safe and supportive environment.

\*ÉSRSS has been working with Diane Gossen's "Restitution for Schools Curriculum."

\*ÉSRSS is committed to becoming an RSD school.

**About Us:**

ÉSRSS has an enrollment of approximately 280 students and 35 staff members. ÉSRSS is staffed with a Learning Support Team consisting of a Principal, Vice-Principal, School Guidance Counsellor, and Resource Teacher. We have two parent councils. ÉSRSS PAC (Parent Advisory Council) and CPF (Canadian Parents for French).

These parent councils lend support to all of our students and staff to enhance their school experience at ÉSRSS. We believe in honoring, celebrating, and supporting the cultural diversity of our school.



### About our Community:

Swan River and the surrounding Swan Valley is a beautiful area with a lot to offer. The town of Swan River has many sporting venues including a skating rink with a Junior A team, curling rink, eighteen hole golf course, ball diamonds, and a newly constructed indoor pool. Swan River has a state of the art library as well as many service clubs including The Lions Club, Kinsmen Club and The Elks. Swan Valley is a popular destination for camping, fishing, boating, snowmobiling and downhill skiing/snowboarding.



### What is unique about the school?

ÉSRSS has the second largest school enrollment in the Division. We are able to offer a variety of programming specific to our school and our students' needs including French Immersion, Industrial Arts for Grades 7 and 8, and a separate Grades 7 and Grade 8 band. Our large population in the Grades 7 and 8 area allows us to field both competitive and non-competitive athletic teams in multiple sports. ÉSRSS is also excited about its comprehensive school renovation that is due to be completed in the very near future.

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# HEYES SCHOOL

**School Motto:** Respect for LEO (Learning, our Environment, Oneself and others)

**School Mascot:** Leo the cat

**Basic Facts:**

Enrollment: 155  
Teachers: 10.25 FTE  
Support staff : 8

**Programs:**

Kindergarten to Gr. 6 - English program with daily, full-time Kindergarten, English Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies, Physical Education/Health, Music, Visual Art, Basic French, Dance, and Drama.

**Extracurricular Activities:**

**Sports-** Inter-school sports  
**Clubs-** Choir



**School Priorities/Goals:**

- \*Improving outcomes for all learners. We strive to reach all learning styles, interests, and aptitude so we can provide a broad and rich learning experience for everyone.
- \*Enhance community relations and parental involvement. We provide an inclusive and supportive environment.
- \*Promote lifelong learning. We promote physical and mental wellness including positive social interactions and problem solving skills.
- \*Create a working and learning environment where people are safe, happy, relaxed, and inspired.

**About Us:**

Heyes School is a K-6 school. We have a teaching staff of 10.25 FTE. The Resource teacher and Principal have teaching duties. Seven educational assistants work with students throughout the grades. All classes have ample time allotments in music, computer, and physical education classes. Library time is also scheduled in for each class, with additional access for individuals as needed.

Children from Swan River along with many rural kids attend Heyes School. We consistently have in the neighborhood of 150 students.

This allows for average class sizes of 19 and a very connected feeling for students and staff. Knowing students by name, needs, and interests is possible within our population.



### About our Community:

We are located on the west side of the town of Swan River. Outdoor activities, camping, hunting and fishing are easily accessible from here.



## HEYES SCHOOL



### What is unique about the school?

Our parent council provides “Newest member of Heyes School” t-shirts when kids start kindergarten to launch the feelings of belonging and ownership at our school.

In addition to the scheduled class time, we attend to specific needs with individualized programming, early literacy intervention, speech therapy, and other assistance as needed. Our early assessments help us determine the strengths and needs of each child as early as possible in their school careers.

When children develop, it's best if all aspects of learning are part of each person. We wish for students to see themselves as authors, mathematicians, athletes, and artists. Students that feel limitless will have more success in all areas.

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# MINITONAS EARLY YEARS SCHOOL

**School Motto:** Be Here , be nice,  
work hard

Enrolment: 68

Teachers: 6

Support staff : 4

**Programs: :**

English Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies, Drama, Physical Education  
Intramural Sports, Health, Dance, Visual Art  
French, Music

**Extracurricular Activities:**

**Sports-** Soccer, Volleyball, Basketball, Badminton, Track & Field

**Clubs-** Choir, Skipping Club, Gardening Club, Fiddling

**Our Mission:**

To educate, inspire and respect each other

**We believe in:**

- \*A supportive environment
- \*Fairness for all
- \*Dignity and respect
- \*Being principle centered

**School Priorities/Goals:**

- \*Create a school climate where there are high expectations for students and staff improving outcomes for learners.
- \*Create a safe space, a space where staff and students alike come to be inspired, create friendships, to learn and to have fun.
- \*Promote physical activity and good nutrition practices, wellness and healthy school environments.



## About our Community

The village of Minitonas itself is a vibrant community of about 600 people.

It is a beautiful little town where people are neighborly and caring. Yards, homes and properties are well kept. Minitonas is the northern gateway to the beautiful Duck Mountain Park. The park, only 15 kilometers from Minitonas, offers excellent summer and winter recreational opportunities such as: camping, fishing, hunting, mountain biking, hiking, swimming, water skiing, canoeing, snowmobiling and ATVing. This pristine wilderness has quite an array of wildlife, birds, spectacular scenery and an abundance of lakes for sport fishing.

Minitonas boasts many amenities including Sunflower Early Learning Centre, Minitonas Early Years and Minitonas Middle Years Schools, modern skating rink with artificial ice, four churches and some of the friendliest people in Manitoba.



## About Us:

Safe, happy kids will learn.

Our school culture reflects that with our FISH!

Philosophy. This philosophy is based on four simple principles:

1. *Play*
2. *Make Their Day*
3. *Be There*
4. *Choose Your Attitude*

It is an integral part of our school culture. It is a set of uncomplicated, interconnected principles that we all work hard to tailor our life and work. Our students learn how good it feels to care about others. They work harder and step outside their comfort zones to expand their learning.

Special Events: Terry Fox Walk, Sports Day events, Music Concerts, School Luncheons, Spirit Week, Outdoor Education trips, and various other field trips.

## MINITONAS EARLY YEARS SCHOOL



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# MINITONAS MIDDLE YEARS SCHOOL

**School Motto:** To educate, inspire and respect each other

**School Mascot:** Mustang

**Basic Facts:**

Enrolment: 63  
Teachers: 5.5  
Support staff: 5

**Programs:**

English Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies, Drama, Physical Education, Intramural Sports, Health, Dance, Visual Art, French, Music

**Extracurricular Activities:**

**Clubs-** Social Justice Team, Choir, Jazz Band, Fiddling

**Sports-** Soccer, Volleyball, Basketball, Badminton, Track & Field

**We believe in:**

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- \*Fairness for all
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- \*Being principle centered

**School Priorities/Goals:**

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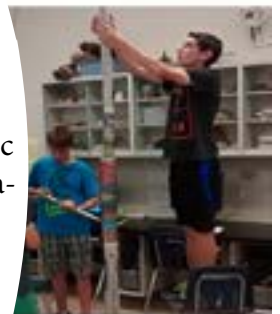


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Special Events: Terry Fox Walk, Sports Day events, Music Concerts, School Luncheons, Spirit Week, Outdoor Education trips, and various other field trips.

## MINITONAS MIDDLE YEARS SCHOOL



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# TAYLOR SCHOOL

**School Motto:** Children First

**School Mascot:** Top Dog

**Basic Facts:**

Enrolment: 240

Teachers: 18

Support staff: 10

**Programs:**

English Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies, Basic French, Music, Physical Education Art, ELI, Resource.

**Extracurricular Activities:**

Skating, Swimming, Skiing, Choir, Fiddling, Bowling, Curling, Safety Patrols, Recycling, Hockey, Basketball, Track and Field.

**School Priorities/Goals:**

\*Enabling our children to grow and succeed in every way.

**About Us:**

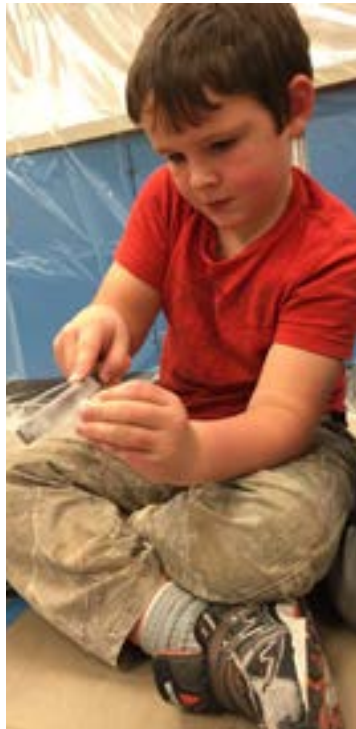
We have a very devoted staff; we all pitch in and get things done. We also have a very proactive Parent Advisory Council (PAC), who helps us fund items like playground equipment, PAC lunches, milk program, and many other extras. We offer a musical every second year; have a very active and talented choir, run Fun Fest for the community every June, and have enthusiastic Grade 5 Safety Patrols to keep us safe out there. We also have a wonderful, cooperative school community. In the fall we have Harvest Lunch, where all of the students and staff eat turkey dinner and all the trimmings together and celebrate. This is just one example of the many community based activities that make Taylor School a caring, community centered, place for children!





**About the Community:**

The town of Swan River is located in Swan Valley and is home to the Stampeders; Swan River meanders through it, and there are two beautiful parks. It can boast a new full size pool and programs, a curling rink and a skating rink, daycare and nursery school; it offers a movie theatre and it has an active Legion and public library. The Friendship Centre has many programs including Adult Education, and Fresh Start.



**What is unique about the school?**

Taylor School is having an exciting year! In conjunction with PAC, we are fundraising for a new playground structure. We are located in Swan River, and our school backs onto Legion Park. It is a wonderful collaboration. The park itself has a ballfield, band shell and trails with a view of Swan River. We are very much a community hub for activities. Because of our location, we have easy access to the pool for swimming, curling and hockey rinks, and bowling. In the winter we have trips to Thunder hill for skiing and year round we can go to Wellman Lake for conservation activities. We enjoy a well rounded, active and interesting program for the students!



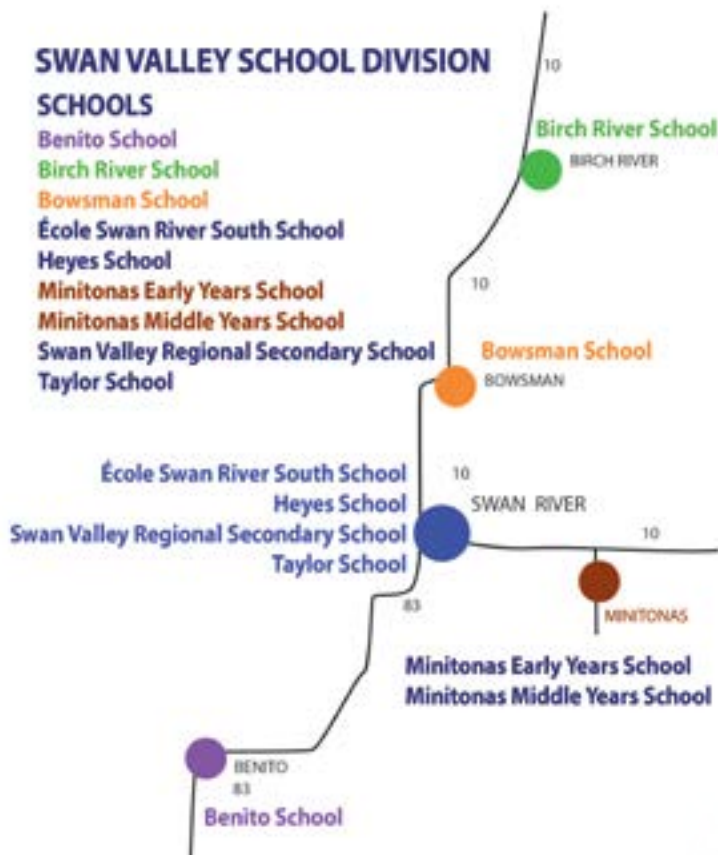
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