

May 2, 2019

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Students in the three English-Ukrainian Bilingual Programs in River East Transcona School Division (Springfield Heights School, Bernie Wolfe Community School and Chief Peguis Junior High) embarked on a year-long inquiry project this year on one of the Ukrainian Canadian community's most significant gifts to Winnipeg: its heritage in stained glass. Students began their inquiry by doing some field work in various groupings, visiting Ben Wasylyshen's Studio and Gardens, Holy Trinity Ukrainian Orthodox Metropolitan Cathedral, Sts. Vladimir and Olga Ukrainian Catholic Church and The University of Manitoba Archives. Subsequently, stained glass artist Ben Wasylyshen visited classrooms to conduct drawing workshops and nurturing sessions, speaking to students about Ukrainian motifs and encouraging their own artistic production. The result is a beautiful colouring book produced by all students in the program and photographed by Norbert Iwan to commemorate 40 years of Ukrainian education in the River East Transcona School Division. Each student contributed at least one design to the book.

To celebrate the publication of this beautiful piece of work, the River East Transcona School Division is inviting you to attend a book launch at

**Oseredok Ukrainian Cultural and Educational Centre
184 Alexander Avenue East
May 16, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.
RSVP to the school if you plan to attend.**

There will be a short program and an opportunity to buy books at a cost of \$10 a copy. They would make a wonderful gift for grandparents and friends! Proceeds will go to the English-Ukrainian Bilingual Program in the River East Transcona School Division.

If you are unable to attend the launch but wish to purchase copies of the book, they will be available for sale in your child's school and at Oseredok Ukrainian Cultural and Educational Centre while supplies last.

We look forward to seeing you on May 16, 2019.

Yours sincerely,

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