

# ROSEAU VALLEY SCHOOL

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Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018

To: Families of the RVS School Community

This letter is to inform you that there will be a service animal at Roseau Valley School helping one of our students. The service animal may be working at the school effective Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

Kyra is a Labradoodle that is black in colour and will be wearing a blue vest to identify Kyra as a service animal. Service animals have been trained and are able to assist with many of the routine activities which pose challenges for some students. The student's right to have a service animal is protected under The Human Rights Code of Manitoba.

There will be an upcoming information session for students and parents/guardians are invited to attend to hear information on how the animal will be integrated into the school setting.

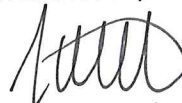
Sean Diamond from Diamond in the Ruff Kennels will be at Roseau Valley School on Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 2:30pm to provide direct teaching and training for students and staff so they know what to expect when Kyra is in the school. They will learn that a service animal is "working" and not a pet while at school, and they will learn the proper procedures and conduct for when the animal is in their classroom.

All students will be introduced to Kyra at the school-wide assembly on Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018, so that they can respond appropriately when they see Kyra (e.g. do not pet him when they see a blue vest because he is working).

We anticipate the service animal being of benefit to students' learning and we look forward to this new addition to our school and school community.

Thank you for your understanding and support. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (204) 427-2143.

In Education,



Jason Mateychuk  
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