

My best friend Brittany is living in Selkirk. – Stacy Norquay

It's a nice place. I have nice friends and because the nice birds sing. – Justin Owen

I have a swimming pool. – Michelle Rebeck

I like my house and Harry's Foods and slurpees. – Ivan Rendulic

I live close. I don't walk to school. – Ross Redpath

I can play hockey. – Sam Glowa

The school is nice and because I can make lots of friends. I like Harry's Food. I like that store. Allison Sawatzky

My yard is so big and I can play with my Skipit. It's the best. The end. – Jennifer Reyann Sawchuk

My family are here. I have a big house. I like my neighbours. – Ian Sliter

I live across from Nathan's house. – Daniel Evan Smerchanski

Beautiful living things. – Amanda Stuhldreier

Because it is quiet. – Carlin To

It is a little town and there is Harry's Foods. – Patrick Torgenson

It is a big garden. – Chris Tynski

I like Harry's Foods. My neighbours are good. We have a garden. – Chelsea Ukrainec

I like going to school and play outside and skip with my friends and play on the big toy on Day One. – Alicia Waldner

I like when the birds sing and St. Andrews is so pretty and all of the people are so kind. I like St. Andrews. – Jenna Waldner

It's quieter. – Chad Watson

It has houses, because people have clothes, because people have food, because people have trees. – Nathan Watson

I like you Mrs. Dunlop. – Alyssa Webster

It's a beautiful place. We make new friends. Birds sing. I like playing soccer. – Marlee Webster

I have lots of friends. – Shayna Wechenko

It is pretty and with friends. We have a family. We have clothes. We have food. – Darrelle Yee

It's pretty. My friends live close. We have a family. Harry's Food is in St. Andrews. – Jeanna Zaboroski

St. Andrews School Grade 4, 1998-1999

J. Starodub, teacher

I like living in the St. Andrews municipality because it is a nice and friendly community. I live in Lockport, Manitoba. It's a peaceful place. When I go outside in the dark, I'm not afraid anything bad will happen to me. The St. Andrews community has many conveniences like stores, gas stations, restaurants, community center and one very special school. My school. It's a nice and friendly school.

I have been living in St. Andrews for seven years. My family and me moved here from Winnipeg. I like to live in the country better than the city. You can do so much more here. A lot of my friends live in St. Andrews.

I love St. Andrews!
Jessica David

St. Andrews School
Grade 4, 1998-1999
B. Rolston, teacher

My family lives in the St. Andrews municipality because my mom's mom moved here before she was born. My dad grew up here too. My mom and dad went to school here.

St. Andrews is a great place to live and many of the people you meet are friendly. You don't have to be scared to go out in your backyard like some in the city. The large yards are beautiful with big trees and colorful flowers. Come live in St. Andrews. It's a great place to be!

Kaitlyn Jardine

St. Andrews School
Grade 4, 1998-1999
B. Rolston, teacher

When I was a little kid I lived in St. Andrews. I have a brother that is very annoying. I did have a dog named Pepper. When I was five I came to St. Andrews School. Right now I am in grade 4 and my brother is in grade 7 at Lockport School. My mom works at St. Andrews School. My family enjoys

going to Longbow Lake for the summer. On special days my family goes out for treats and we love to have Chinese food.

I have lots of friends and I love school.

I take diving lessons and I take gymnastics and dance, too.

Lindsay Spicer

St. Andrews School

Grade 4, 1998-1999

B. Rolston, teacher

I like to live in St. Andrews because it's a nice quiet place and I know everybody here.

It's a very safe place and there's nothing to fear.

My family's here and so is my dog.

We also have chickens but not a hog.

There's lots of room to run and play,

I ride my bike when it's a nice day.

There is a new store and it sells lots of candy,

It's nice and close that makes it handy.

My neighbour has a tractor and he gave me a ride,

I like to play down by the river side.

Halloween in St. Andrews is lots of fun,

My sack is so heavy it weighs a ton!!

At Christmas there is lots of snow.

St. Nick is coming I just know.

We play dodge ball when we're at school.

I think grade 4 is really cool.

Selkirk is close and has a pool,

I can't believe I passed, it's really cool.

And now my poem is almost done,

I just want to say St. Andrews is number one!!

Danny Lushchuk

St. Andrews School

Grade 4, 1998-1999

B. Rolston, teacher

My name is Tanya. I am 9 years old. I have one sister and two brothers and my mom and my dad. I just moved into St. Andrews from the city. My mom is a teacher and my dad works in the mountains. My mom's name is Brenda and my dad's name is Ronny. My sister's name is Lisa and my older brother's name is Michael. My little brother's name is Louis. My big brother is in grade 5 and my little brother is in grade 2. My big sister is in grade 6 and I am in grade 4.

Tanya Muswagon

St. Andrews School

Grade 4, 1998-1999

B. Rolston, teacher

Living in St. Andrews is great because when you go to bed you can sleep without all these cars and trucks going by.

You have a bigger yard than in the city so you have more room to put in a pool or something like that and you won't get robbed as often as you do in the city.

Maegan Wahl

St. Andrews School

Grade 4, 1998-1999

B. Rolston, teacher

Everybody helps when it floods. We have a river nearby. There are cycling roads. There are some large yards. I like St. Andrews. It is the best!

Cauhlan MacIver

St. Andrews School

Grade 4, 1998-1999

J. Starodub, teacher

My family has lived in St. Andrews for many years. My mom and dad both went to St. Andrews School. My grandparents still live in St. Andrews.

I love living in St. Andrews because it is a beautiful and wonderful place. What makes St. Andrews beautiful is that we have lots of trees and flowers here. St. Andrews has a great school and nice playground. There is lots of things to do like Sunday School, soccer, ringette, hockey and soft ball. St. Andrews is a great place.

Jodi Paradoski

St. Andrews School

Grade 4, 1998-1999

B. Rolston, teacher

When I was little 4 or 5 I lived in the city, but just before I started Kindergarten we moved to St. Andrews. At first I thought we had moved because our house in the city was falling apart, but it was because we needed more room and space to live. It was also because we didn't want to wake up to cars honking and people shouting; we wanted to wake up to birds chirping and squirrels chattering in the trees. Also St. Andrews is a beautiful place to live and I think I am lucky to be living in such a cool and wonderful place as St. Andrews.

Jillian Sawatzky

St. Andrews School

Grade 4, 1998-1999

J. Starodub, teacher

I like living in the St. Andrews Municipality because I don't like the cars in the city. I also like it because in the winter I can go cross country skiing in my back yard. In the summer I can run as free as a bird. I like the way it is very quiet and peaceful in St. Andrews.

Alex Bell

St. Andrews School
Grade 4, 1998-1999
J. Starodub, teacher

My mom and dad moved to St. Andrews because half of my cousins, aunts, and uncles live here. When my mom and dad went to visit uncles and aunties 14 years ago, they thought that it was a nice place to live so they moved here. Half of the sunroom of our house was built when we moved here. My parents built the rest.

We like living in St. Andrews because all of my friends live here and St. Andrews is a nice school. We live in a nice area. My parents like where we live because my mom and dad have friends here too. If we moved my parents and I would miss our friends.

Brenley Evans

St. Andrews School
Grade 4, 1998-1999
J. Starodub, teacher

I like St. Andrews School because they teach us fun things in math like patterns, area and dividing. My favorite subject is French. It is fun. The kids at St. Andrews School are friendly. Mr. Dann is a nice principal. I have lots of friends here.

Rabie Harb

St. Andrews School
Grade 4, 1998-1999
B. Rolston, teacher

St. Andrews is a good place to live because it has friendly people. It is a good place to ride a dirt bike and go snowmobiling. It is a good place to buy slurpees and most of my friends live in St. Andrews. St. Andrews is a good place to rent movies. St. Andrews has a good school to go to and it is safe there. St. Andrews is a big place. I like St. Andrews because it has gas stations, an airport and restaurants and the best is the water slides. And I like St. Andrews because it is a nice place to be. It has fresh, clean air to breathe.

Kyle Shabaga

St. Andrews School
Grade 4, 1998-1999
B. Rolston, teacher

St. Andrews is a very nice place to live. My dad, Jim Schreyer, is a Manitoba Volleyball coach. He has lived in St. Andrews all of his life. His team won the Junior Nationals. My mom, Cheryl Schreyer, works for Scotiabank in Selkirk. My mom didn't live in St. Andrews all her life.

I am turning 10 on August 14. I'm in grade four and I play baseball, hockey, and judo. My sister, Jennifer, will be 14 in December.

St. Andrews has an airport, school, skating rink, golf course and grocery store. Larters is a golf center with a restaurant.

St. Andrews airport is a municipal airport. My grandpa owned most of that land. Harry's Foods is very nice and new.

Brett Schreyer

St. Andrews School
Grade 4, 1998-1999
J. Starodub, teacher

I like living in St. Andrews because I like the country. My dad built me a swing set two years ago. The swing set has three swings, a slide, a rope and a sand box. My mom has a day care in our house. Most of the kids don't listen to her. I have five friends in the area.

Adam Morrison

St. Andrews School
Grade 4, 1998-1999
J. Starodub, teacher

I like living in St. Andrews because there is lots to do here. My favorite part of living in St. Andrews is my friends at school. When I moved to St. Andrews, I was excited. I started to go to school and I met lots of friends. I like them a lot. At home I have fun too.

Lindsay Askew

St. Andrews School
Grade 4, 1998-1999
J. Starodub, teacher

I was born in Calgary, Alberta. I had to move to St. Andrews with my family this past year. I have about the same amount of friends here as I had there. I live on about the same amount of land. My parents grew up in Winnipeg and most of my cousins live in Winnipeg. I like the water slides in Lockport.

Matthew Pohl

St. Andrews School
Grade 4, 1998-1999
J. Starodub, teacher

I like living in St. Andrews because I have lots of friends here and it's quiet here. I like that I can ride my bike to the store. I like it when it snows because you can make big snow forts. In the summer I can go swimming in my pool. It is nice in St. Andrews!

Kyle Bogers

St. Andrews School
Grade 4, 1998-1999
J. Starodub, teacher

I like living in St. Andrews because I don't have

to live in a small house any more. I moved to St. Andrews last summer. I am very glad we did. The first time my parents showed me the house, I knew it was ours. I have a beautiful house and yard. My dogs have a better time outside.

Alex Gold

St. Andrews School
Grade 4, 1998-1999
J. Starodub, teacher

My mom and my step-dad like St. Andrews because they like the area and so do I. We thought that here would be a good place for our dogs and it is. We have lived here for 3 years. We also moved here because the St. Andrews School sounded like a great school. We like St. Andrews because it is very scenic. St. Andrews is a very safe place to live. If we want to go shopping, Winnipeg is 20 minutes away. In the summer the water slides in Lockport are great.

Robyn Corbett

St. Andrews School
Grade 4, 1998-1999
J. Starodub, teacher

My family lives in the St. Andrews municipality because both my mom and dad grew up in the country and they enjoyed it. My mom grew up on a farm and my dad grew up in Kane. My family dislikes the city because the city has too many cars that drive past your house at night and too many lights. When my parents lived in the city, they got broken into more than once. My dad's bike got stolen along with a radio. I like to live in St. Andrews because I feel very safe. I also like the open space and the room in the back yards. I love to live in St. Andrews!

Kaitlin Born

St. Andrews School
Grade 4, 1998-1999
J. Starodub, teacher

I like living in St. Andrews because it is quieter than in the city. My house is bigger than my house that was in the city. My house is made out of bricks and wood. I live with my Mom, my Dad and my 2 younger sisters. St. Andrews School is really cool and the teachers are really nice. The trees and the flowers in the large yards make St. Andrews a beautiful place to live.

Lindsay Halbesma

St. Andrews School
Grade 4, 1998-1999
J. Starodub, teacher

I like being in St. Andrews because I like living

in the country. It is quiet and you can have a much bigger yard. In the city you can't have a big yard. You can ride your bike on the road without there being a lot of traffic. When I go in my back yard, I am not afraid of anything. I'm glad my parents moved to St. Andrews.

Justin Vitt

St. Andrews School
Grade 4, 1998-1999
J. Starodub, teacher

One of the many things I like about St. Andrews is that I have lots of friends here. I also like the Community Club. I skate at the St. Andrews Community Club. I have skated here for 8 years now. I have competed in lots of competitions. I like living in St. Andrews because they have the best coaches here. I have a nice coach. Mine is Joslea.

Kathryn Yee

St. Andrews School
Grade 4, 1998-1999
B. Rolston, teacher

The life of living in St. Andrews is much better than anywhere else. Well my life is. My dad was a policeman and firefighter. Now he is a fire commissioner and still does some fire fighting. My Mom is a nurse and I have a little brother, Kyle, who is 8. Oh yeah and my name is Ryan. I play hockey and baseball. We have a great school. All the teachers are very nice. I am in the fourth grade. My teacher is Mrs. Rolston. One thing that I like about St. Andrews is we have much bigger yards. We have a Community Club. We have volunteer fire fighters and the nice people who volunteer in our school, Community Club and all of them who helped at the '97 flood to save their houses.

Ryan Swan

St. Andrews School
Grade 4, 1998-1999

My name is Ashley. I have a sister who is 17. I am 9 years old. I used to live in the city, then after we got robbed my parents decided to move to St. Andrews. I have made a lot of friends here in St. Andrews. In the city I hardly had any friends.

Ashley

St. Andrews School
Grade 4, 1998-1999
B. Rolston, teacher

St. Andrews is a nice place to live, It isn't very noisy and also very friendly. The yards are big, with lots of trees. In our yard, crab apples grow on our trees,

But one tree grows small plums.
The people here are nice and friendly,
And there are very few robberies here.
There's also an airport here,
With lots of planes that make lots of noise.
The Red River passes through our town,
But it causes floods every couple of years.
River Road has now been paved.
Now it's a speed way for some drivers.
St. Andrews School is special for its age.
It's the oldest school in operation in western
Canada.
There are special houses on River Road.
They are called Scott House, Captain Kennedy
House and Tarrow House.
St. Andrews is not on the Canada map,
But it is on maps that show southern Manitoba.
The weather here is pretty normal,
Unless a low pressure system comes over.
Some people call our town a country,
And some a city, but I call it a country city.
Daniel Bjornson

St. Andrews School
Grade 4, 1998-1999

B. Rolston, teacher

St. Andrews is a great place to be.
St. Andrews is very peaceful to live in and be.
The wonderful smell can tell you that in all.
That in St. Andrews there are schools, children
and of course the church,
Where we go to pray on a Sunday.
So St. Andrews is a wonderful place to be.
Arlana Kurtz

St. Andrews School
Grade 4, 1998-1999

B. Rolston, teacher

Eight reasons why St. Andrews is good:
St. Andrews is good because there is no war.
St. Andrews is good because there are lots of
schools.
St. Andrews is good because it has a big pool.
St. Andrews is good because it has good stores.
St. Andrews is good because it has life guards at
the pools.
St. Andrews is good because there are dental
places in it.
St. Andrews is good because it has hospitals.
St. Andrews is good because there is not much
pollution.
Ben Famakinde

St. Andrews School
Grade 4, 1998-1999

B. Rolston, teacher

I like it because there are no tornados and the
people are very nice and there's not that many
floods and when there is, everybody helps. And I
have lots of friends. It's the best living in St.
Andrews.

Eric Sawchuk

St. Andrews School
Grade 4, 1998-1999

B. Rolston, teacher

When I was about 4 or 5 months old, I pulled
out all the pots and pans and made lots of noise. It
was fun. When I was 7 months old, my dad put me
on a toboggan and put our two dogs on a harness. So
he let the dogs go and the dogs went around the
house about 2 times then one of the harnesses broke
and one of my dogs ran one way and the other ran
the other way. Then they both ran into me and I went
flying up in the air. When I fell on the ground I was
still laughing. My dad came and got me and my
mom was mad. My dad was more scared than mad
but I kept on giggling. Then my mom came running
out. She started to yell at my dad. When I was one,
my first word was dada, my favorite food was ice
cream and cookies. When I was 2, my parents got a
divorce. When I was 3 I lived with my Mom in
Winnipeg on Stapleton. When I was 4, my mom had
my brother. By then we moved already. When I was
7 I moved with my dad. Now I go to St. Andrews in
Lockport. It is much more funner than my old
school on Kent Road in Winnipeg. I've been getting
better marks in school and I am much more happier
living with my dad.

Destiny Smith

St. Andrews School
Grade 4, 1998-1999

J. Starodub, teacher

I enjoy going to school at St. Andrews School
because there are nice teachers and friendly kids.
Here I also like St. Andrews School because there
are intramurals and many curricular activities. St.
Andrews School is the best school in the world.

Allan Tichborne

St. Andrews School
Grade 4, 1998-1999

I like living in St. Andrews because there are a
lot of frogs to catch. I also like St. Andrews because
it has a lot less crime and more space. The main rea-
son is probably that things cost less.

That's why I like St. Andrews!

Anonymous

St. Andrews School
Grade 4, 1998-1999

I like living in St. Andrews because it is very nice and quiet here. My mom and dad have built two houses out here. We have nice neighbours who are friendly. I have nice friends. I like my school, the play ground and my class room.

Anonymous

St. Andrews School
Grade 5, 1998-1999

My father, Gregg Amborsky, was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba on December 27, 1947. My mother, Janice Petroni, was also born in Winnipeg, on March 19th, 1950. After their marriage on September 23rd, 1983, they lived in La Salle, Manitoba in an old farmhouse that they rented. The farm still had an out-house. My brother, Gregg, was born in January, 1984. My parents raised chickens and geese for a hobby. My father worked for an airline at the airport and my mother owned a dance studio on Main Street in Winnipeg. When my brother was born, my dad was living and working in Edmonton and he would commute back and forth on his days off. My mother found it hard in the winter being alone at the farm and having to bring a baby back and forth into Winnipeg when she went to work.

In the summer of 1985, my parents decided it was time to buy a house and they thought they would look in the city first, but after living in the country with all the open space and privacy, they could not settle on living in the city. After looking around for awhile, they came across a house for sale on Mitchell Bay in St. Andrews. Both my mom and dad liked the house so much they bought it. They moved in on October 19, 1985 which is also my mother's birthday. My mother had another baby in October of 1986. It was a little boy and he was named Mitchell, but he was not named after our street Mitchell Bay. All the neighbours told us he was the street mascot. I was born on March 31st, 1989. After two boys, my mom was excited that I was a girl. We have an empty field behind our house that no one has ever built on and my father makes it into a baseball field for the summers. Sometimes we have as many as twenty-five kids come to play ball. My mother is a dance teacher and she was asked by some of the local residents if she would start a dance program in the St. Andrews School. Arrangements were made by Annette Evaskavich with Ruth Siddle, the principal at the time. The dance program started in September of 1986 and is still going as of May, 1999. Tap, ballet and jazz is taught and many children from St. Andrews and Lockport have started their dance program here.

Our family spends the summers at Falcon Lake at

our Uncle Vance's cottage. We all like to fish. Gregg, Mitch and myself, Lianne, like to spend our time there water skiing, swimming, tubing and out in the boats.

St. Andrews is a great place to live and grow up in and I'm happy they chose this location to live and to send us to school here.

Lianne Amborsky

St. Andrews School
Grade 5, 1998-1999

S. Mulholland, teacher

St. Andrews is a good place to live because there is lots of room to play in yards, you can have bonfires and there is no traffic, meaning no noise.

My parents chose to live in St. Andrews because first they lived in the city and couldn't get a teaching job in the city so they moved to Glenboro and got a teaching job there. When they came back to the city, they didn't like it. So, they moved to St. Andrews. Another reason they moved to St. Andrews is because it's close to the city, but it isn't.

T.J. Bender

St. Andrews School
Grade 5, 1998-1999

S. Mulholland, teacher

I used to live in the city of Boyde. We lived in front of a round lake with houses surrounding it. In the summer my brother and I would feed the geese that went there to swim and clean themselves. I liked it a lot and my school was a few houses down so I didn't have to take the bus; nobody did. But the reason we moved to St. Andrews is because my parents would hear gun shots at night and gangs would walk around everyone's house and start to swear out loud so the other people would hear them. I heard it sometimes too. It made me feel bad and scared, wanting to leave. A few months later my mom and dad put the house up for sale and a week later someone bought it. Now I've changed my mind. I like St. Andrews a lot better. Here there is a lot of space, everyone is friendly and happy, no gangs, and there are no robberies. The only thing different is that I have to take the bus, but I like that now because I made a lot of new friends and everyone gets along with me. And that is why I like living in St. Andrews. Oh, and it's a lot prettier.

Sara Bernas

St. Andrews School
Grade 5, 1998-1999

S. Mulholland, teacher

I think St. Andrews is such a good place because of the St. Andrews Lock and Dam. If it was not there, Winnipeg would be flooded and lots of people fish by the locks.

And I think St. Andrews is such a good place because of the very, very old church by the school. St. Andrews Church is one of the oldest churches in Manitoba and people still go to it. And I think St. Andrews is such a good place because of the Red River all the big fish people catch like huge sturgeon and the huge catfish.

Mike Cheys

St. Andrews School
Grade 5, 1998-1999
S. Mulholland, teacher

My parents decided to move here because we found a good home and a good school. We had lots of room in our yard. The taxes were low and it didn't matter how loud you screamed in my back yard, people couldn't hear you.

I like St. Andrews because people are really nice. There are great schools. I like my house and at Larter's Golf Course you can eat, have a drink and take golfing lessons. I liked my old house, but my new house and new school are even better.

Jessica Clarke

St. Andrews School
Grade 5, 1998-1999
S. Mulholland, teacher

The reason my parents moved to St. Andrews is first of all the lots have plenty of space to run and play in. Another reason is that the land is so high it will never flood. Also, my parents had heard that St. Andrews has an excellent school and there is not much traffic. My parents also liked the history of St. Andrews, the church, school and Lower Fort Garry just down the road. Why I like living in St. Andrews is because there is lots of room to play in. I also like it because even though there are no sidewalks, it is not as easy to get hurt on the road and St. Andrews has a terrific school!

Coryn Courcelles

St. Andrews School
Grade 5, 1998-1999
S. Mulholland, teacher

I moved to St. Andrews because it was nice and big and there are very nice people here. I also moved here cause there is lots of space depending on where you lived and you could grow trees and plant flowers. My Auntie Penny and Uncle Cas moved here because they wanted somewhere where they were closed in with trees and had a lot of space to plant things. My parents moved here cause they needed more house room.

Reid Craigie

St. Andrews School
Grade 5, 1998-1999
S. Mulholland, teacher

I think St. Andrews is a good place to live because there is a lot of wild life and there are no floods in houses like the city. I also like the little parks by the river. My favorite part of St. Andrews is the view of the river. Some of the attractions I like are the golf course and the Larters Restaurant. I like St. Andrews because there are not many cars and trucks all over the place and there are no big buildings and big companies like Leons. I like the nice paved river road that used to be gravel. I also like the sites like the St. Andrews Church and Scott's house. St. Andrews is in between Selkirk and Winnipeg. That is good because I can get to the High School and to shopping malls in the city. That is the reason why I like St. Andrews.

Jared Duguid

St. Andrews School
Grade 5, 1998-1999
S. Mulholland, teacher

I love St. Andrews because it is in a beautiful part of Manitoba. It is gorgeous country land. Red River supplies fish for people who love to fish; even ice fishing is very common. The schools are great, and there are so many great people living here. St. Andrews has very little crime, pretty much none. Around St. Andrews School are a lot of historical sites such as St. Andrews Church which is over 100 years old. Also right by the school grounds is the Rectory, a place where you can get tours inside to learn about its old history. Why don't you come and live in St. Andrews?

Kristina Gudz

St. Andrews School
Grade 5, 1998-1999
S. Mulholland, teacher

The reason my parents decided to live in St. Andrews is because they thought it was a nice place to live in.

The reason I think St. Andrews is a nice place is because it is quiet.

Anthony Haynes

St. Andrews School
Grade 5, 1998-1999
S. Mulholland, teacher

Why I think St. Andrews is a good place to live is that I really like St. Andrews School. Living in St. Andrews allows you to do activities, for example: baseball, ringette, hockey, etc. St. Andrews is close to lots of places like Oak Hammock Marsh, Lower

Fort Garry and other historical places. Out of all the places I've lived (Rankin Inlet, Nunavut; Kenora, Ontario) St. Andrews is the best!

Why my parents chose to live in St. Andrews is because it was close to an elementary school, junior high school and high school so we don't have to go to the city to go to school. Another reason was that St. Andrews is close to the river and lake and we would be close to a community club.

Jenna Illchuk

St. Andrews School
Grade 5, 1998-1999
S. Mulholland, teacher

The reason why we chose St. Andrews out of Manitoba is because the south is warmer and a lot of people are very nice. Not a lot of traffic when we lived out here. We were very close to a great school with a very nice Principal named Terry Dann. Our neighbour, Cliff Kolach, told us it was one of the best schools in the province and he wasn't kidding. He knew this because he was a part of the school board. Another reason why was because there are hardly any crimes. One other is they got fed up with living in an apartment in the city. They wanted me to have lots of space to grow up and run around.

Thomas Jorgensen

St. Andrews School
Grade 5, 1998-1999
S. Mulholland, teacher

I think St. Andrews is a good place. It is in the country and there is lots of fresh air. I have a huge yard. There are always lots of friends to play with. The Community Club is big and they always have things going on at the Community Club. The school is great. We have great teachers, a big playground with lots of stuff to do. There are always things to do in St. Andrews. You can go golfing at Larters, you can run, roller blade or bike on the new pavement, you can go fishing by the river and you can play basketball, hockey or baseball at the Community Club. I also like St. Andrews because it is an interesting place because you can go see the Church which is the oldest church in western Canada or you can see the rectory which is right across from the church. My parents chose to live in St. Andrews because they wanted to live and raise my brother and me in the country. My mom and Dad knew St. Andrews was a nice community. They also liked St. Andrews because it was right between Winnipeg where my Dad works and Gimli where my grandparents live. The taxes were lower compared to Winnipeg. They also moved to St. Andrews because it is very beau-

tiful and close to the river. They also said St. Andrews had lots of history, like the Captain Kennedy House.

Shaun Klym

St. Andrews School
Grade 5, 1998-1999
S. Mulholland, teacher

I like living in St. Andrews because it is very peaceful and quiet. There is lots of space and the St. Andrews School is a great school to go to. There is no crime or criminals in this area. There are good stores and friendly people to make friends with.

My parents chose to build our house here because in the city there are a lot of criminals and lots of shooting going on. There are many old houses and stores and the place is just squished. So my parents decided to live here and to see how it's like.

Melissa Konieczny

St. Andrews School
Grade 5, 1998-1999
S. Mulholland, teacher

I like St. Andrews because it is safer than the city, houses aren't so close together and it's natural. There aren't huge buildings, factories or tons of pollution. There are lots of trees and animals. St. Andrews School has great education. Tons of friendly people live here and it's easy to make friends. We usually get nice winters and hot summers. St. Andrews is just a great place to live!

Kelsey Lavoie

St. Andrews School
Grade 5, 1998-1999
S. Mulholland, teacher

We moved here because it was quieter than Winnipeg and because of the very big yards. I like it here because I have lots of friends and people are very nice but the best thing about St. Andrews is the great fishing areas. And St. Andrews has lots of fun things to do like the water slides and the batting cage. The best thing to do in winter is to go to the Children's Festival. You get to do all kinds of fun things there like skating because the Children's Festival is on the Red River. And if just sitting back in summer and drinking tea, you should go down to the Captain Kennedy Tea House. It has a very nice garden with all kinds of pretty flowers or if you like baseball go down to the batting cage. It's a dollar for ten balls and it has easy and hard mode and right next to the batting cage is Skinners. You can go on the water slides.

Brett Liljegen

St. Andrews School
Grade 5, 1998-1999
S. Mulholland, teacher

The reason my parents chose to come to St. Andrews was that the value of their house and property was good. They liked a bigger yard for kids to play on and enjoyed the amount of space for things such as a garden, workshop and space for riding a bike, ATV or snowmobile in winter. One thing was that my parents also wanted to have the feeling of country living and they loved that there were a lot of trees and room for growing a garden. Another thing that they loved was there was no city traffic and nice fresh air. And even though it's further to our work, it was quicker because of having no city traffic. One thing that all of us loved was that there are lots of friendly neighbours and we are very close to a wonderful school. And also the majority of the houses are further apart, which gives us more privacy. Also, my father likes to do yard work which gives exercise. The last thing that they loved about St. Andrews was that you get to see nature like: deer, rabbits, and lots of other animals. The end!

Krista Ledohowski

St. Andrews School
Grade 5, 1998-1999
S. Mulholland, teacher

My family moved to St. Andrews three years ago because someone broke into my dad's car and because there are better schools. We also moved to St. Andrews because there are more beaches that are closer than the city, and you can't have bonfires in the city. When you are in the city, there is too much noise and too many car accidents.

Johnathan Meier

St. Andrews School
Grade 5, 1998-1999
S. Mulholland, teacher

My parents moved to St. Andrews because they used to live in Komarno and in Komarno it wasn't very good there because it was far from Winnipeg and they wore out two cars. The only place they could shop was in an old corner store with old meat and not much else and they couldn't live there any more so they had to move to Winnipeg. My mom lived in Winnipeg for a few years, but my dad stayed in Komarno and when they were grown up they got married in Komarno and moved to St. Andrews because it was close to Winnipeg and to St. Andrews School. My dad built a house by himself.

The things I like about St. Andrews is that it is close to Winnipeg and Selkirk. It is close to

Lockport and I can go fishing, shopping and visit my cousins because they live in Lockport.

Austin Oleksiw

St. Andrews School
Grade 5, 1998-1999
S. Mulholland, teacher

My parents moved to St. Andrews because we would have a big yard and the friendly neighbours. The area that we live in now used to be all farm land and there were few houses and it was quiet. My grandfather knew the farmer that owned the lots and that's why and how my parents found out about St. Andrews and moved here.

Lisa Podhorodecki

St. Andrews School
Grade 5, 1998-1999
S. Mulholland, teacher

I think it is a good place to live here because it's not as noisy as the city. People here are also very friendly. There is much more yard space than in the city. I also think it's good to live here because of the good schools. I like all the trees there are too. There are also more wild animals and reptiles here like rabbits, snakes and frogs.

Tanysha Robinson

St. Andrews School
Grade 5, 1998-1999
S. Mulholland, teacher

I like St. Andrews because it is peaceful. There are no gangs that hang around by our houses; people are friendly to us. There is a police station near by and also a fire station plus a school. There is a store so people don't have to walk or drive far.

Jamie Samson

St. Andrews School
Grade 5, 1998 - 1999
S. Mulholland, teacher

Me and my family like it here because it is a very nice and quiet community. It is very close to Winnipeg or it is very close to Selkirk. We live close to lots of recreation facilities and lots of things to do. Taxes are lower compared to Winnipeg. Lots of nice people live in this area. It is a very beautiful area to live in. The air is not as polluted as in Winnipeg, Gimli, and Selkirk. A good area to raise children in. Lots of land to play in and in winter lots of land to make snow forts and snowmen. A school is close and it is a good school, too. A good river to go fishing in and this community is a very interesting place.

Courtney Sliter

St. Andrews School
Grade 5, 1998-1999
S. Mulholland, teacher

I like living in St. Andrews because St. Andrews has big homes and large trees. I also like going for bike rides on the nice paved roads. My favourite road in St. Andrews is River Road. Sometimes early on a Saturday morning, my Dad and I go for a bike ride to St. Andrews School. I like St. Andrews for two more reasons: one, it's not as crowded as Winnipeg and two, most of my friends are here.

Carly Swain

St. Andrews School
Grade 5, 1998-1999
S. Mulholland, teacher

I like living in St. Andrews because it is a lot quieter here than in a city. For example, in Winnipeg you always hear cars, police cars, ambulances and fire trucks going by. But here it's nice and quiet. You can only hear a few cars going by. Another thing I like about St. Andrews is that the houses are big and have huge yards. I can usually play a game of baseball in my backyard. There are usually fun things to do in St. Andrews, like in the winter time you can ice skate at the Community Club or play hockey or ringette. Some people organized a Valentine dance for pre-teens at the Community Club (that was a lot of fun). There is also organized baseball and soccer. My advice to people who like quiet places, big houses and yards and fun activities is to live in St. Andrews! I love living here, in St. Andrews!

Alyson Teterenko

St. Andrews School
Grade 5, 1998-1999
S. Mulholland, teacher

The reasons I like to live in St. Andrews are we have some really nice summers and the winters are fabulous for making snowmen and forts. Another reason is it is very clean compared to some other places I've lived in. It is very beautiful and most of all almost all of the people who live here are very kind. I've lived in St. Andrews for six years now and I have never complained about it and this is why I love to live in St. Andrews!

Julian Ward

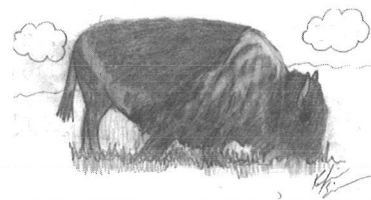
St. Andrews School
Grade 5, 1998-1999
S. Mulholland, teacher

I like living in St. Andrews because it is fun, peaceful; in summer it is hot, in winter we have good snow for building snowmen. I like it most because we have clean air and if we had dirty air we

wouldn't want to do anything outside like play catch or ride a bike, plus we don't have a lot of garbage lying around. We have good water and a good area.

The weather in summer is great because I have an outdoor pool and it is better when it is warm when you are swimming. The people I know here are very nice, even the ones I don't know I can make friends with!

Erica Wlasichuk



GRAZING THE PAST AND PRESENT

St. Andrew's School: History Addendum by Billie-Jean Matson

While the history of St. Andrew's School was included in the first History Book, this article includes information that has been extracted from the Manitoba Archives since that time. This project was done through a government grant for St. Andrew's Rectory National Historic Site by Billie-Jean Matson whose grandparents Jean and Andrew Matson live at Lockport. We hope this added information will give a complete picture of early education in the area.

The history of the St. Andrew's School District dates back as far as 1829 when Archdeacon Cockran (of the Church Missionary Society), his wife Ann, and William Garriock taught the women and children of the district in their home. One room of the Rector's house was used for worship every Sunday morning and Tuesday evening. During Sunday afternoons, that same room became a school where boys were taught reading skills. Girls were also taught how to read, but in the adjoining room. The only school supplies used were squares of wood with fastened printed cards. Archdeacon Cockran soon saw the need for a separate and more distinct school building where children could receive religious, educational, and agricultural instruction. On November 27, 1831, a day school was opened near the northeast corner of the church wall. This two roomed, 54 x 19 foot building was made of wood from the "Tall Pines" (now called Birds Hill) with a sod roof, and parchment sheets for windows. Because this school was made of untreated wood, it deteriorated yearly. In 1836, the school house was in a desperate state of repair. During this winter, the children had to wrap themselves in blankets during the school day. The use of their quill pens became a

problem because the ink would freeze solid on the quill tips. During the fall of 1837, twenty men led by Cockran, made renovations to the school house. Despite the building's weaknesses, it served as the only school in the area for twenty years.

A new larger school (school no. 2) constructed of logs and stone mortar with hand hewn shingles and six inch square glass window panes was built in 1851 on the present school site (between the church and rectory) on approximately two acres of land. Not only was it a stronger structure, it was large enough to hold 120 students. This school had a very interesting history.

"According to the NorWester it was an excellent school, and is furnished with all the recent fittings and apparatus adopted in the training schools in England." Day classes for children were not the only activities that occurred in this school. During the late 1800's, E.H.G.G. Hay taught night school which was open to any adult who had an interest in learning. In March of 1857, Rev. James Hunter held meetings at the schoolhouse for the St. Andrew's Temperance Society, a committee that aimed to abolish drinking in the area. Vocal music lessons, led by John Hudson, were held every Saturday evening during the 1860's. Condemned in 1900 after almost fifty years of use, the building was then used as a parish hall until 1926 when it was repaired and converted back into a school. Two rooms were made in 1935 and in 1947 it was sold to a local farmer.

After the building of the fifth school in 1964, the fourth school became vacant. When St. Andrew's School District #2 joined the Lord Selkirk School Division #11 in 1967, more students from the growing area were brought into the school. As a result the fourth school was reopened in order to accommodate the student numbers. In June, 1964, the construction of yet another school began.

Like the buildings themselves, school curriculum has evolved over the decades to meet the needs of a growing and changing community. The following is a list of subjects that have been taught over the years at St. Andrew's School. Although the most common subjects such as reading, writing, spelling, and math have been constants throughout the years, this list shows the more original subjects provided:

1831-1847

Boys – carpentry, carving, farming, weaving, animal husbandry, additional farm training for older school boys such as the handling of farm equipment.

Girls – spinning, weaving, milking, knitting, sewing, domestic skills.

Both – English, Bible studies and other Christian teachings.

1847-1865 – Bible studies, geography, grammar, history, geometry, music, minor industry subjects, boys of the first class were taught more advanced English studies and how to read maps and globes.

1886 – hygiene, composition, grammar, geography, bookkeeping, history.

1894 – hygiene, euclid (algebra), temperance, composition, grammar, geography, physiology, music, bookkeeping, history, botany, drawing.

1900 – hygiene, euclid, temperance, composition, grammar, geography, physiology, music, physics, bookkeeping, history, botany, drawing.

1915 and 1925 – games, drawing and colour, physical education, manners and morals, nature study, music, hygiene, school gardening.

Grade 3 – composition.

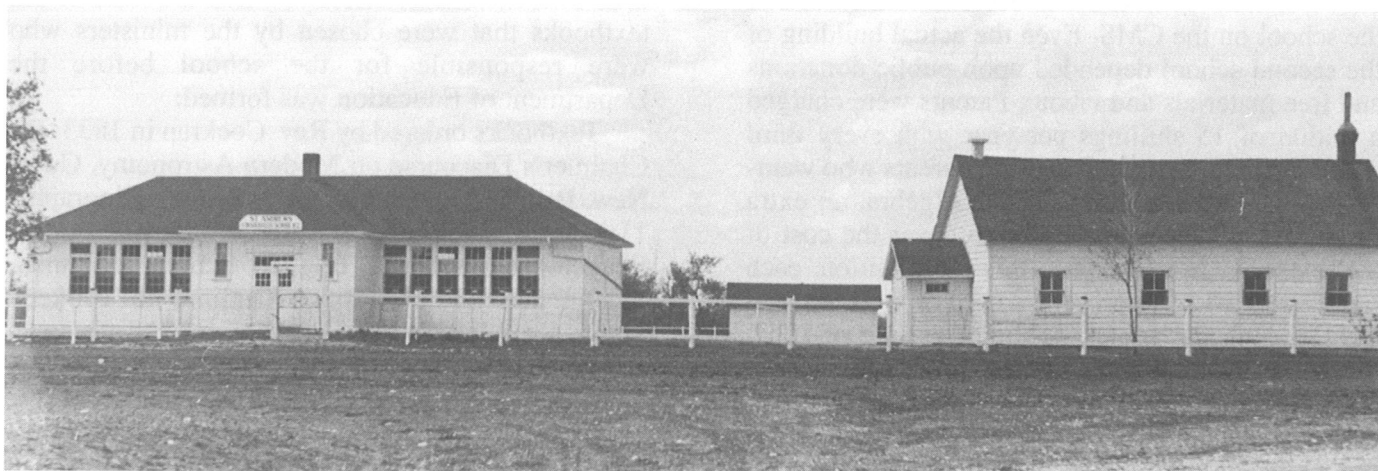
Grade 4 – geography, history-British.

Grade 5 – history-government, physiology, agriculture, science, grammar.

Grade 6 – history-Canadian.

Grade 7 – literature.

Grade 8 – geometry, bookkeeping.



Original St. Andrews School (logs covered with siding) and new school, approx 1937.

Present day – French, physical education, arts and crafts, general science, grammar, history.

Before Manitoba became a province in 1870, students were taught by devoted Christian teachers and the minister of St. Andrew's Church. In 1871, the Provincial government developed regulation codes concerning school texts, grading, examination standards, and teacher licensing. The importance of Anglican studies in the school decreased when more general topics were emphasized within the new provincial education system. However, optional Bible studies were still being taught after school hours to children because of the institution's continuing strong ties with the Anglican church.

Past grading and examination systems at St. Andrew's School were very different from those of the present. During the late 1800's and early 1900's, children passed their grades on a half yearly basis. When it was time for children to enter an intermediate school, the province required each child to take and pass a variety of exams. However, rural schools were given the option to waive examinations; a possible incentive could have been that exam booklets had to be bought by the school. This option was known as "Pass By Permission", meaning that children were evaluated by their teachers and passed to a higher school level based on their achievements throughout the year.

Attendance rates show a steady increase over the decades (with few exceptions) as indicated in the list below:

1831 – 23; 1835 – 90; 1840 – 60; 1850 – 60; 1915 – 74; 1920 – 112; 1925 – 107; 1930 – 113; 1935 – 77; 1940 – 95; 1945 – 100; 1965 – 272; 1979 – 500; 1999 – 499.

Up until 1870, there were no tuition fees. The teachers' salaries, textbooks, and grants were all provided by the Church Missionary Society (CMS). In the 1850's, the schoolmasters decided to introduce a tuition fee in order to decrease the burden of the school on the CMS. Even the actual building of the second school depended upon public donations and free materials and labour. Parents were charged a tuition of 15 shillings per year with every third child admitted for free. For those parents who wanted their children to learn Euclid Algebra, an extra fee of one pound was charged to cover the cost of the textbook. In addition to this basic tuition, each family was asked to provide a cord of wood to heat the school in the winter. At the beginning of 1867, the CMS gradually cut the funding of all parish schools, leaving each school responsible for their own upkeep. In 1871, the CMS completely withdrew educational support. "For over 40 years the Church Missionary Society controlled education at

The Rapids. The close association between church and school had long been a feature of education in Red River where the missionary was usually the only educated man whose efforts were not devoted to the fur trade. The public school system [was] no longer tied to the finances and administration of the parish church after 1871...." With the birth of both the province of Manitoba and the public school system, came a different system of supporting schools. Tax dollars replaced the offering of a donation or a yearly fee that was used prior to 1870. Here are two samples of school budgets from different time periods. It will give an idea of how money rates have changed.

Budget Estimate for 1887

Payments: Teacher's Salary	\$500.00
Firewood	20.00
Map 6.00, globe 10.00	16.00
Platform	5.00
2 Blackboards	5.00
Assistant teacher	100.00
Balance due teacher	37.50
Repairs	50.00
Clock	4.00
Books	50.00
Total	\$837.50
Revenue Balance	200.00
Government Grant	100.00
Total	\$300.00

Estimated Expenses for 1887: \$837.50 – \$300.00 = \$537.50

Estimated Expenses for 1999 – \$1,000,770.00

Before the formation of the Department of Education, school textbooks were chosen by the minister of St. Andrew's Church who served as the schoolmaster. These textbooks, provided by the CMS, reflected their views on how the school should be run and what subjects should be taught. After 1890, the Department developed and approved their own textbooks. These two lists are titles of old textbooks that were chosen by the ministers who were responsible for the school before the Department of Education was formed:

Textbooks ordered by Rev. Cockran in 1833: Dr. Chalmer's Discourse on Modern Astronomy, Guy's New British Expositor, Guy's School Biography, 11th ed., Enlarged Edition of Guy's Pocket Encyclopaedia, Guy's English School Grammar, Syntax and Ky, and Guy's Outlines to Walker's Themes and Essays

Textbooks ordered by Rev. Kirby in 1853: Rev. W.B. McKenzie's Sermons, The Bible and the Working Class, Read Conversations, Martin's Illustrated Natural Philosophy, Cornwall's Young Composer, Tate's Euclid's Elements, Tate's

Principles of Mechanism, Heley's Grammar Exercise, and Hughes Explanatory Arithmetic.

The racial origin and source of income has changed greatly during St. Andrew's past. Aboriginal people were the first to occupy this area over 12,000 years ago. The Cree and Ojibway were the two primary tribes of this region. The fur trade period brought the arrival of the Hudson's Bay Company (HBC) with their European employees. After the amalgamation of the HBC and the North West Company in 1821, the HBC retired many employees and gave them free land in the St. Andrew's area to settle and raise families. Primarily, these employees were from the Orkney Islands of Scotland. They were tough, rugged, and very suitable to Manitoba's harsh climates. Once they settled on their land, the men took Aboriginal wives and began to raise families. This intermarriage led to the growth of a new culture that was neither Aboriginal nor Scottish. These children and their families came to be known as English Metis. And the population continued to grow. By 1870, 85% of the entire St. Andrew's population was of mixed Aboriginal and Scottish ancestry. During the 1870s and 1880s, there was a mass movement of Ontario British settlers looking to settle in Manitoba following the creation of the province. The new arrivals consisted of rural

and urban settlers from Eastern Canada, mainly from Ontario but with small numbers from Quebec and the Maritimes. When they arrived, they numbered just as high as the English Metis. In 1890, the Canadian government started a massive recruitment campaign in Northwestern and Eastern Europe for good farm settlers. British immigrants were the most desirable, however, people from other European countries were accepted. People from Eastern Europe, like the Ukraine, Germany, and Romania, came to Manitoba in order to leave the poverty and oppression of their homeland. The 1940's marked the beginning of allowing people from non-European countries in Asia, Africa, the Middle East, the Caribbean and Latin America. With the entrance of these new cultures, St. Andrew's became a truly multicultural community.

The following is a list of some of the more famous students and teachers at St. Andrew's School:

John James Bird. Born in 1844, he was a student of St. Andrew's School during the 1850's. He married Margaret Peebles in 1871 and began to raise a family of eleven. He served as one of the first councillors and reeves of the Municipality of St. Andrews. **George and Annie (Leask) Sutherland.** Attended St. Andrew's School during the 1870's,



One of two school "buses" driven by Mr. Beaton. This served the area south of the school; another served the north & west area. Bricks were used to keep feet warm in winter.

these two former schoolmates and choir members married in 1884. They settled in Clandeboye and raised a large family.

Walter McDonald. Born in 1884, he received his education at St. Andrew's School during the 1890's. He married Elizabeth Anderson, moved to Rossdale, and raised a family of eight. **Thomas Norquay Family.** The children of Thomas Norquay were also former students at St. Andrew's Church. His youngest son, Jacob, served in the first World War and became principal of St. Andrew's School in the early 1920's. **Sara Liss** was a student at the school during the early 1910's. She became a teacher, starting at the Plankey Plains School in 1917.

Myrtle Goldstone was a student during the late 1910's and early 1920's. She became a school teacher at Rossdale in 1929. **John Norquay** was a student of the school during the 1920's. He studied veterinary medicine and then began a successful career as a veterinarian in the Federal Government. He was the grandson of Premier Norquay.

Teachers: **William Cockran**, the founder of St. Andrew's School, with a background in farming and animal husbandry established the first technical school in North America. His school focused on teaching farming skills to local settlers and their children so that their families could successfully live in the unsettled area. He taught at this school until 1847.

Donald Gunn was a school teacher at St. Andrew's between 1829 and 1851. He was the first librarian of the only public collection of books in Red River. After 1870, he served as a police magistrate, justice of the peace, postmaster, inspector of fisheries and as a member of the Legislative Council of Manitoba.

Rev. Robert James served as St. Andrew's Schoolmaster between 1847 and 1852. He was completely responsible for the school after Cockran's departure. Being a highly educated person, he found that the school lacked formal education. In an opposite style to Cockran's school system, he emphasized academic learning, catechism, and religious instruction and less on farming and gardening skills.

Rev. William Kirkby was St. Andrew's Schoolmaster between 1852 and 1859. He helped to focus education upon traditional academics and theology studies. **Rev Hunter** served as St. Andrew's Schoolmaster between 1863 and 1865. During that time, he maintained Rev. Kirkby and **Rev. James'** standards of academic studies. He was also the founder of the St. Andrew's Temperance Society in 1857. The Society held their meetings in the school house.

E.H.G.G. Hay taught adult night classes at the school during the 1860's. They were open to any adult who wanted to learn how to read and write. He then continued to become the first member of the Manitoba Legislature from the area.



Staff, circa 1938. Homer McAllister, Muriel Sparling, Irene Darkes, Ruth Kenway.

Wm. S. Patterson School – Clandeboye



Female Athlete Award – Jennifer McLay, with Natasha Penner and Curly Gagnon, June 30, 1999.



Wm. S. Patterson School – Excellence Awards for Canada Fitness Test, 1998-1999. Back row – John Murray (Principal), Matt Jacobucci, Jennifer McLay, Kerri Flett, Erin Brown, Colin Harris, Kayla Nielsen, Herb Streich (Physical Education Teacher). Middle row – Carleigh Fielding, Jillian Harris, Brooklyn Doty, Stefanie McLay, Tyson Clark, Derek Grocholski, Darcy Kerr, Zachary Pearson, Devon Gagnon. Front row – Cody Williams, Matthew Keats, Morgan King, Jana Charlo, Chelsea Fielding, Greg Kargus.



Highest academic standing for Grade 6 – Ian Alexander, presented by Joan English. Most improved student – Kayla Henderson, presented by John Murray. June 30, 1999.