



# Dufferin School

## Newsletter

March 2025



### Room 12 - Mr. Peter Espinola

Room 12 have been learning about Indigenous life before European contact with knowledge keeper Ms. Stefanie Cochrane. She shared the importance of knowing one's identity and used the medicine wheel to guide discussions on Indigenous medicines, storytelling, ceremonies, and stewardship of the land and animals.



This led us to our inquiry about the truth about first contact with Europeans. Students took particular interest in Leif Eriksson and the Vikings. We explored local connections, including the Icelandic Festival in Gimli, Manitoba, and L'Anse aux Meadows, the first known European settlement in North America. To bring history to life, students built Viking longboats and explored how the Norse sailed across the Atlantic well before names like Columbus and Cartier.



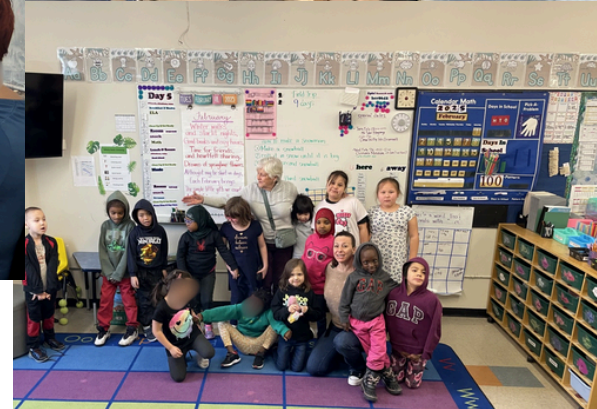
### Room 26 - Mr. Korakan Kimanivong

This past month room 26 had a lot of fun learning about our connection to the land and we took a field trip to Fort Whyte Alive! We have also learned about the importance of the Metis sash, who Louis Riel is, and why we are the homeland of the Metis Nation.

### I love to Read Month.



This month we celebrated "I Love to Read" month. We welcomed many guest readers to share in their joy of reading and a few classes learned how to read Braille. We are very appreciative of all our guests who gifted their time with all learners. We are so grateful for our guest readers who made an effort to come and read to our students: Tyler Magnaye from Virgin Radio 103.1, Ms. Heidi Schreck, Wilhelmina Bramwell (Ms. Frost mom), Caroline Toews (from CNIB-Canadian National Institute for the Blind) & Zahra Nanji (Natural resource management master's student).



### Upcoming Events:

- March 14 - Non-Instructional Treaty Education
- March 19 - Student Led Conferences  
4:00 pm - 7:30 pm
- March 31 - Start of Spring Break



# March 2025



SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

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2	3 Basketball Intramural Game @ 12 pm	4	5 <b>STAR DOME</b>	6 <b>STAR DOME</b> Flag Football @ UW	7 Pokemon Club @ 12pm	8
9	10 Basketball Intramural Game @ 12 pm	11	12 Soccer Practice @ 12 pm	13	14 <b>No Classes Non- Instructional</b>	15
16	17 <b>Report Cards go home!</b> Basketball Intramural Game @ 12 pm	18	19 Soccer Practice @ 12 pm <b>Student Led Conferences 4-7:30 pm</b>	20	21 Pokemon Club @ 12pm	22 <b>MTYP School Program</b>
23 <b>Spirit Week Monday-Friday!</b>	24 Basketball Intramural Game @ 12 pm	25	26 Soccer Practice @ 12 pm <b>Spring Sing - All School Assembly</b>	27 Room 3 & 15 Field Trip MTYP	28 <b>School Assembly @ 10:15 am</b>	29
30	31 Spring Break!					

**WSD INNER CITY BASKETBALL LEAGUE GAME**

March 5, March 12 &  
March 26

**WSD INNER CITY BASKETBALL PRACTICE @  
DUFFERIN SCHOOL (LUNCH HOUR)**

March 4, March 11, March  
18 & March 25

"The students, staff, and communities of Winnipeg School Division are committed to truth and reconciliation through building relationships with Mother Earth, the original peoples of this land, and the stories that bring us together. We acknowledge the place in which we gather is on Treaty 1 territory, the homeland of the Red River Métis, and the ancestral lands of the Anishinaabe, Ininiwak, and Dakota Oyate peoples."

*Spring  
Break*

**Spirit Week March 24- 28 - Details to follow!**

**Spring Break starts March 31 - April 4!**

**Dufferin School**

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**Principal : Ms. Camie Lawson**

**Vice-Principal : Mr. Dan Shynkaryk**

## Looking Ahead...

- April 7 - School reopens
- April 11 - Non-Instructional Day - No Classes
- April 18 - Good Friday - No Classes



# Family Room

# MARCH

Events in the Family room for this month of March....

- **Wednesday, March 5**  
Little Food Explorers at 1:15 p.m.
- **Thursday, March 6**  
Wiggle Giggle & Munch at 9:30 am
- **Friday, March 7**  
\*Lanyard Workshop at 9:00 a.m.
- **Tuesday, March 11**  
Food Security Table with Weetamah at 3:00 pm (Please bring reusable bag)
- **Thursday, March 13**  
Story in a Bag at 1:15 p.m.
- **Monday, March 17**  
U of M Nursing Students Women's Health Education at 1:15 p.m.
- **Thursday, March 20**  
Bookmates at 1:15 p.m.
- **Friday, March 21**  
School Spring Feast at 1:15 pm Upper Gym
- **Monday, March 24**  
Metis Octopus Paper Bag Workshop at 1:15 p.m.
- **Tuesday, March 25**  
Adult Painting Class at 9:15 am  
Food Security Table with Weetamah at 3:00 pm (Please bring reusable bag)
- **Wednesday, March 26**  
Rhyme Time at 1:15 pm

***Please note any program with a \* is a provincially funded program specifically for Indigenous Families.***