

GLADSTONE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2024

IMPORTANT DATES

- Dec 3 – Rudolph vs. Grinch
(Wear Red or Green)
- Dec 4 – Feeling Fancy (Dress to impress, wear your favorite clothes)
- Dec 5 – Mistle Toes (National Sock Day! Wear festive socks)
- Dec 10 – “Present” your team
(Wear sports gear)
- Dec 11 – Fleece Navidad (Wear your favorite fleece)
- Dec 12 - Tree Topper Day (Wear hats, headbands or accessories)
- Dec 16 – Family Library Night
(3:30 pm -5:00 pm)
- Dec 17 – Two Turtle Doves
(Twin Day)
- Dec 18 – Festive Style (Wear holiday colors and styles)
- Dec 19 – Pancake Breakfast / Comfort & Joy (PJ Day)
- Dec 20 – Last day before Winter Break (Dec 23-Jan 3)

Classes resume on January 6th

Dear Gladstone Families,

Well, after a long and lovely extended fall, it is clear that winter is upon us! It has been so great to see all of the children playing in the snow and exploring how the land changes with the seasons. With winter here for a while, we encourage you to make sure your children have all the clothing they need to enjoy the outdoors. If you have any needs around winter clothing, please contact the office.

I want to thank those of you who filled out the survey sent to families last month. I was very interested in the responses to the types of events that families were most interested in attending at Gladstone. The top answer was to come to the school for a celebration of student learning with almost half of those who responded choosing this activity. This was shown to be accurate by the fantastic turn out for Student Led Conferences two weeks ago. It is clear that engaging with your children and their learning is a high priority for families. We will look at planning an event where students can showcase more of their learning in the new year. The second activity identified by families was a community feast (40% chose this). I will be bringing this to staff at our staff meeting this week. We will be looking to our families to help with the planning of this event and will send out a request for your input in the new year.

Sincerely,

Mr. Nikkel



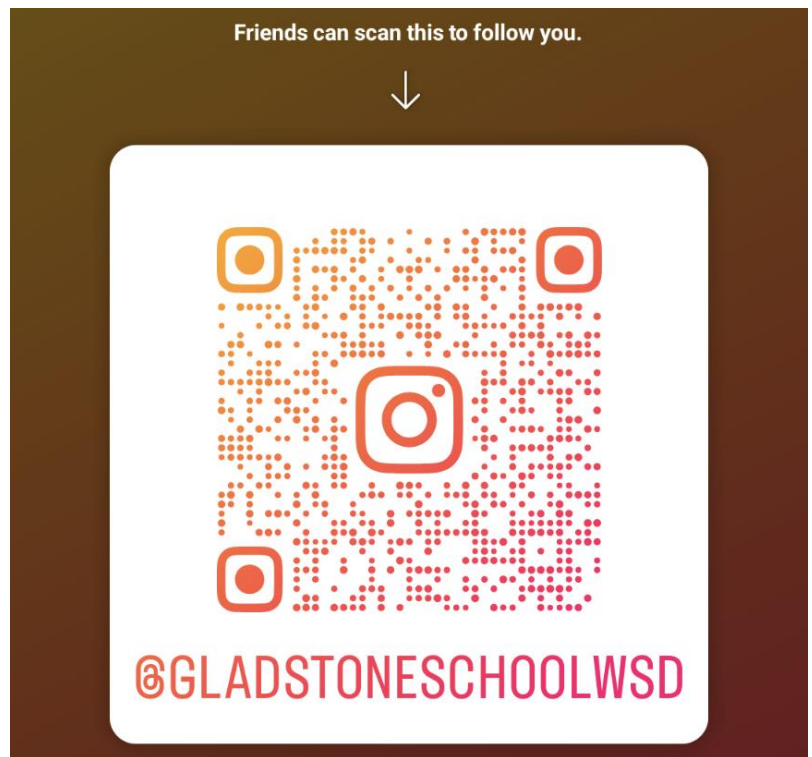
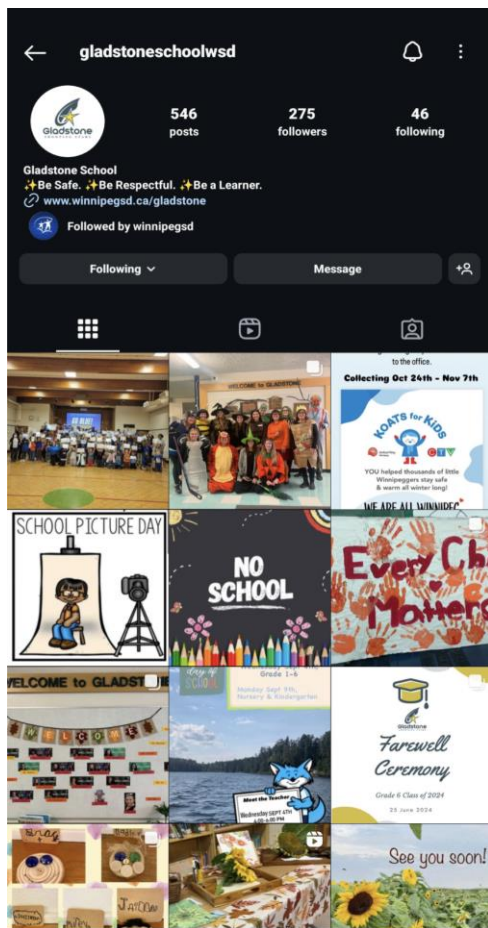
December

Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
1	2 Day 2	3 Day 3 SPIRIT DAYS Rudolph vs. Grinch	4 Day 4 SPIRIT DAYS Feeling Fancy	5 Day 5 SPIRIT DAYS Mistle Toes	6 Day 6	7
8	9 Day 1	10 Day 2 SPIRIT DAYS "Present" your Team	11 Day 3 SPIRIT DAYS Fleece Navidad	12 Day 4 SPIRIT DAYS Tree Topper Day	13 Day 5	14
15	16 Day 6 LIBRARY NIGHT (3:30-5:00 pm)	17 Day 1 SPIRIT DAYS Two Turtle Doves	18 Day 2 SPIRIT DAYS Festive Style	19 Day 3 SPIRIT DAYS Comfort & Joy PANCAKE BREAKFAST	20 Day 4 LAST DAY BEFORE WINTER BREAK	21
22	23 WINTER BREAK	24 WINTER BREAK	25 WINTER BREAK	26 WINTER BREAK	27 WINTER BREAK	28
29	30 WINTER BREAK	31 WINTER BREAK *Classes resume on January 6 th *				

SPECIAL NOTES

KEEP UP WITH GLADSTONE NEWS

In addition to receiving our monthly newsletters, you can also find us on Instagram! Keep up with school updates/closure days, community events, and classroom experiences...give us a follow!



<https://www.instagram.com/gladstoneschoolwsd>

WEATHER APPROPRIATE CLOTHING

Friendly reminder to families to ensure that your child(ren) come to school with the appropriate clothing for the weather. Now that we are in our colder months, it is important that everyone is dressed for warmth as we do still enjoy the outdoors during morning, lunch and afternoon recess (weather permitting). Proper clothing consists of mitts/gloves, neck warmer/scarf, toque, ear band/earmuffs, winter boots, and snow pants/snow suit.

SPECIAL NOTES

COUNTDOWN TO WINTER BREAK










Our Grade 6 Student Council has organized “Spirit Days” in celebration of our countdown to winter break. It will take place starting December 3rd on every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday throughout the last week before winter break.

Participation is not mandatory, but we ask students to try join in the fun and participate where they can.

December

Countdown to Winter Break

2024

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
02	03 Rudolph vs. Grinch Wear Red or Wear Green 	04 Feeling Fancy Dress to impress, formal or cultural attire 	05 Mistle Toes It's National Sock Day! Wear festive socks 	06
09	10 "Present" your Team Wear sports attire 	11 Fleece Navidad Wear your favorite fleece 	12 Tree Topper Day Wear hats, headbands or accessories 	13
16	17 Two Turtle Doves Twin Day 	18 Festive Style Holiday Colors & Style 	19 Comfort & Joy Pajama Day 	20

SPECIAL NOTES

FAMILY LIBRARY NIGHT

We would like to invite you to attend **Library Night** at the school on **Monday December 16th** from **3:30 pm-5:00 pm.** Please come in from the front door of the school and go upstairs to the library.

Students can sign out some books, take part in activities and have a snack! We look forward to seeing Gladstone families and hopefully you will find some great books to read over the holidays. Books can be returned on the next library night or given to their classroom teacher when they return in January.



CLUBS

There are currently a variety of clubs being offered for students to enjoy over the lunch hour. See below for further information.

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Location</u>
1	Lunch	Yoga	Gym
2	Lunch	Games	Rm 14
5	Lunch	Grades 3-4 Soccer	Gym
6	Lunch	Grades 5-6 Soccer	Gym
**Tuesday's	Lunch	Grades 4-6 Friendship	Library
Varies	Lunch	Student Council	Library

****Friendship Club starts Dec 17th****

AROUND THE SCHOOL

ROOM 4

PSSSSHHHHHEW!!!!

That is the sound of rocks hitting the



phenomenal light teal coloured water. Our class went on a field trip with Ms. Petit's class to Fort Whyte.



The **BEST** 😊 part of the field trip was relaxing by the warm fire, skipping rocks from the



dock, going inside the Tipi, seeing and touching all the different Manitoban animals and sea life,



trekking through the forest, and using a mallet to chop firewood. The Worst part of the field trip was leaving and the light sparkling rain.



Written by: The Students in Room 4

AROUND THE SCHOOL

ROOM 7

We've been talking about how snow affects animals, as it begins to fall in autumn. I created a snow like mixture for the children to imagine, create and play. Their small world wonders consisted of amazing stories, including those of animals walking through blizzards, animals foraging for food in preparation of a long winter to come, penguins gliding on ice on their tummies, rabbits having very important meetings about where they would burrow to keep warm, bears preparing their dens for hibernation, wolves gathering their packs and searching for food, animals playing in the snow together, as well as penguins diving into ice cold



waters in search of fish to eat. The children were so proud of their creations and practiced speaking aloud to one another. They beamed with excitement and wonder! For many of the children, I could see how confident they are becoming in voicing their ideas aloud. Their vocabulary banks are growing and becoming filled with many descriptive words. I heard them use words

such as chilly, trudging, frozen, blizzard, storm, dark, starving, soaked, sparkling, heavy, prey, trail, lumber, enjoying and frightened 🤍 🐧 🐱 🐰 🐻 – Ms. Amaral

The recipe for the mixture is 1 part hair conditioner (ensure your students do not have allergies) and 2 parts cornstarch. I mixed with my hands and added more of each ingredient until I was happy with the texture and consistency. Then I added blue sparkles and mixed some more! Fun!