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Principal: Mrs. J Carvalho



Principal's Message

Can it really be February already? The first month after Winter Break has flown by!

A new tradition has begun at Inkster School, with daily affirmations as part of morning announcements. Staff are also beginning to read brief meditation exercises to the school on Mondays and Fridays. We want our students to know they are worthy and can do anything they set their minds to!

Staff and students will be busy with clubs and activities this month: a plant and book sale, vision screening, I Love To Read month, Black History Month, Frankenstuffy club and more.

The February calendar attached is current to date with events that have already been scheduled. Events may be added as the month continues, so remember to check your email from School Messenger for up-to-date details.

Stay warm,

Mrs. J. Carvalho

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We are continuing with our “Trees of the Seasons” art projects. For winter, students painted backgrounds for their trees using watercolour paint, then added “snow and ice” using glue and baby powder or snow confetti.



Room 34 News



Our January bulletin board in Room 34 is all about art! We made cupcake-liner fireworks to welcome the new year.



Room 6 News

What's Happening This Month



- I Love to Read Month
- Black History Month
- Grade 1/2 Assembly
- Valentine's Day
- 100th Day of School

A Note From Mrs. Gretchen



The students in Room 6 have been very busy with their learning the last few months. You should feel very proud at your child's progress.

A Peek At What We Are Learning



Reading Literacy Groups



Writing Research Projects



Math Place Value.



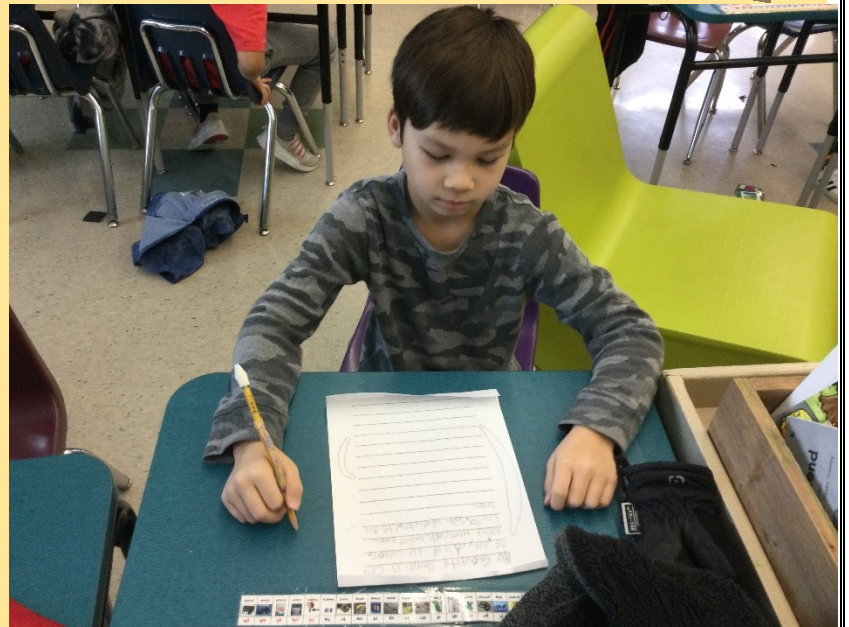
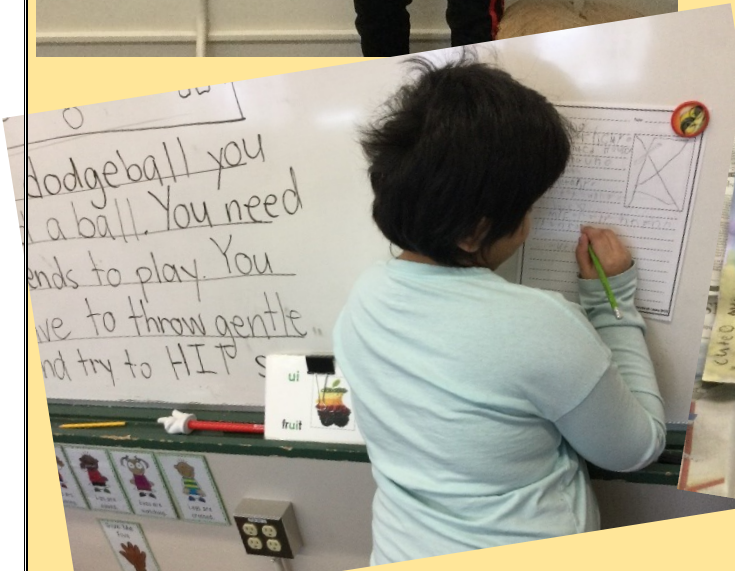
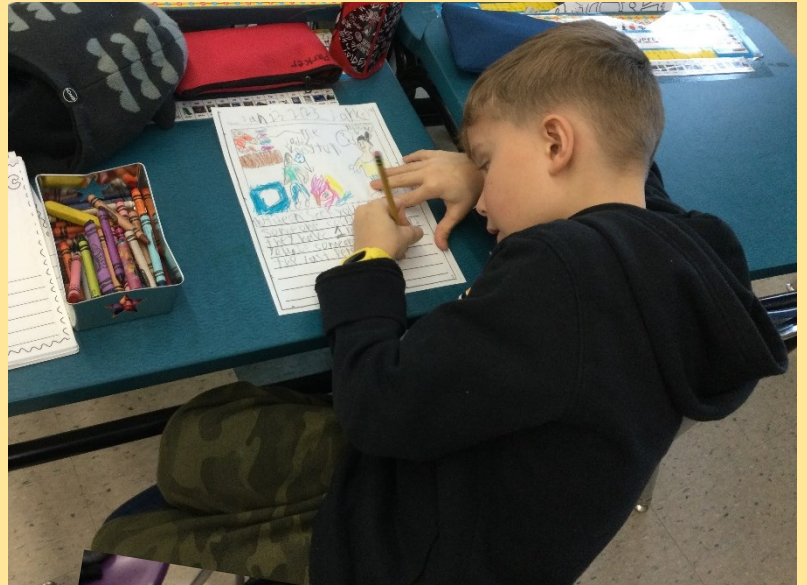
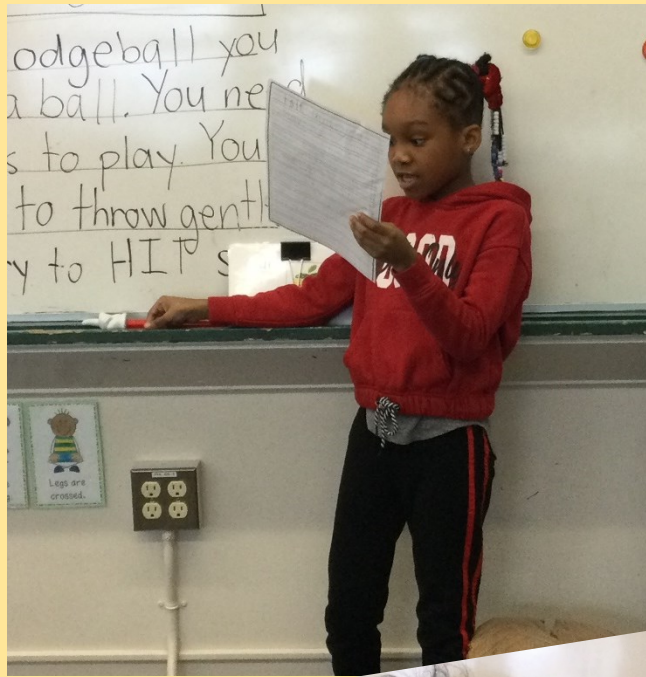
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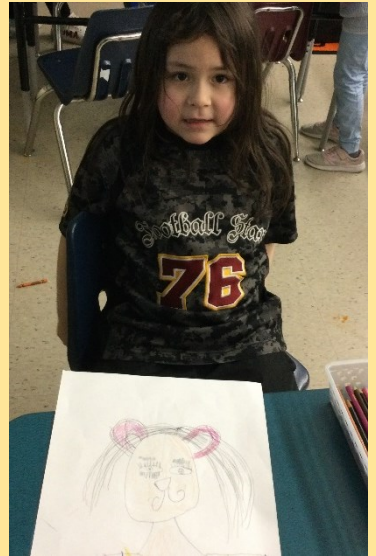


Social Studies Other communities: Iqaluit, Nunavut.

Don't forget to have your child change their home reading books!







Sometimes I feel like a monkey, energetic, smart, strong and playful. I run in the trees, play with my friends. Sometimes I feel like a monkey, Parker.

Sometimes I feel like a dog, like a Corgi. I like to run and play with my friends. I love to eat and sometimes I feel like a dog, Becky.

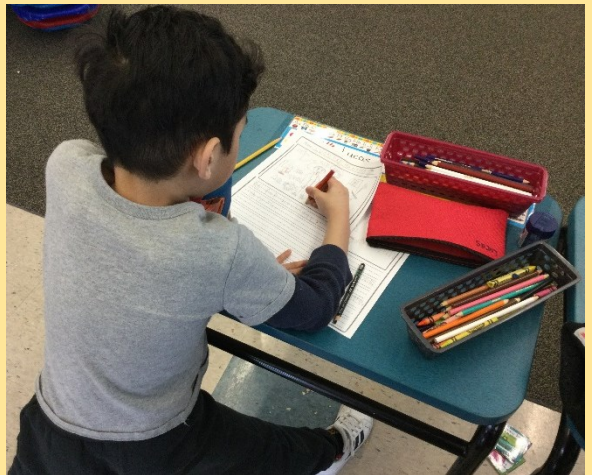
Sometimes I feel like a girl, like a girl with a flower on her head. I like to play and sometimes I feel like a girl, Christen.



Sometimes I feel like a cat, like a white cat with black spots. I like to play and sometimes I feel like a cat, raven.

Sometimes I feel like a girl, like a girl with a blue cape. I like to play and sometimes I feel like a girl, Wolf.

Sometimes I feel like a girl, like a girl with a pink and purple background. I like to play and sometimes I feel like a girl, Wolf.



Room 7 News



Room 7 has combined their research, writing, and art skills to create informational dioramas! Each diorama is accompanied by an original essay with interesting facts about the student's chosen animal and its habitat. From frogs to leopards to dogs, the animal kingdom is well-represented outside of Room 7!



Cool facts about Jaguars

(Jaguar size) jaguar size is 85 m and 6ft long. That is 2 of the tables combined that is amazing. (Jaguar Height) Jaguar length is 63-76 cm that is longer than the average man :o. (Jaguar Color) Jaguar color can be orange or black well black is rare, so orange but did you know that the color black can help them hide like a shadow . (Jaguar Weight) 56 to 96 kg That is as heavy as 1 Mr Preyma wow... . (Jaguar food) Jaguars eat deer tortoises, iguanas, fish birds and monkeys. Now that's what I call a big eater.

Fun fact about foxes. Today it is a mammal. Their height is about 18 inches and how long is it? It 12, how does it look? It looks like a wolf but it orange and white. Their feet are brown? It has fur I think. Their nose is black. It eats rabbits, rodents, birds, frogs and earthworms. It lives in the forest. Its predators are a coyote, wolf or other predator and it lives for 3-4 year :o.

3 interesting
FACT about fox.

- 1) They are very smart.
- 2) They can make 40 different sounds.
- 3) They live in the forest.



FUN FACTS ABOUT SHARKS! Did you know sharks can live for 20-30 years that's a lot of time! A cool fact about Sharks is that they do not have bones. **WHAT?** I know! The weight of a shark is 2270 kg and about 5,000 pounds, that's a lot!!!!!! A shark can be gray, white, black. Did you know that sharks are fishes! Did you know that sharks eat snails, fish, clams, and seals. The skin is made of leather and it is hard! The predator is a killer whale. The killer whales are a big animal but not the biggest animal. **Did you know that sharks go into a type of trance!**

(By Tanner)

By Shianna

Did you know that an african wild dog can live up to 10 years and it also eats rats and birds. African wild dogs can weigh up to 22kg that is about 50 pounds. People also ask what are its predators? Its predators are lions and hyenas. African wild dogs live in southern Africa and the southern part of east Africa mostly in the countries of Bolswana, Zimbabwe, Namibia, Zambia, Tanzania, Mozambique. Did you ever wonder how tall an African wild dog can be? It can be from 15 to 110cm also it generally lives up to 11 years when living in the wild but they are mostly found in the savannah. I hope you liked my story.



Room 8 News

Room 8 has worked incredibly hard to sew and paint these beautiful tote bags. The students had to select and cut their fabric and handles. Next, they began assembling their book bags. This process took about two months for everyone to finish; and it was some of the students' first time sewing. This proves that you can do anything, as long as you work hard and never give up!



WOW!



Phys. Ed. News

Jump Rope Ninjas is a fun, self-progressive, week-long challenge for all grades. Students earn the Ninja Belts by performing the number of consecutive jumps the belt for their grade requires. Once students are able to complete that number of jumps in a row, they earn that belt and sign a big poster paper showing off their accomplishment to the entire school! At the end of the week students had the opportunity to make a bracelet that showed off all the belts that they were able to earn!



Meet the Teacher

Bailey is a student teacher from the University of Manitoba. She spent the first term working with Mrs. Gretchen in her Grade 1 and 2 classroom, and is now working with Mr. Dunning in the gymnasium until the end of April. Welcome Bailey!



Music News: Grade 3-4 Spotlight

In Music class, Grade 3-4 students learned that the ukulele was invented by Native Hawaiian musicians, based on a Portuguese instrument called a machete or cavaquinho. They then heard songs by a variety of ukulele players including Israel Kamakawiwo'ole, Jake Shimabukuro, and Taimane. Students also listened to "Aloha O'e," and learned its composer was Queen Lili'uokalani, the last queen of Hawaii. Students are doing a great job drawing connections between music and the historical context it comes from!



In choir, Grade 3-4 students are beginning to learn a variety of traditional and modern Blues songs.



Grade 3-4 students are also learning to read and play F, A, and C using sheet-music and xylophones! Students are working in teams of two, and will soon be trying their hand at composing their own xylophone songs.

Leadership News

Volunteers from Leadership were recently spotted washing and rinsing 70+ empty pop and water bottles! Why? Read the March newsletter to find out!



Clothing/Coin Drive Results

The Inkster School community has done it again! Our December Coin Drive raised \$278.40, \$265.40 of that going directly to Ronald McDonald House! The other \$13 paid for balloons and colouring cloths for our students to celebrate. (Great job Leadership for doing all that counting and coin-rolling, and blowing up 200 balloons!)

Our Clothing Drive was a great success, bringing in nearly 200 items! Those have all been brought to the Nearly New Shop on Portage, where they will be sold at low prices with every penny going directly to our Children's Hospital. GREAT JOB, INKSTER!



Pow-Wow Club Is Coming!



Pow-Wow Club will begin in March!

Meetings will be held after school on Thursdays from 3:30 to 4:30.

Meetings will be open to students in grades 1-6.

No experience necessary, and all students are welcome.

Dances will include Grand Entry, Grass, Fancy Shawl, Jingle, Hoop, and Round dance.

Inkster School would like to invite community members and knowledge keepers to share their skills or teachings with some of our Grade 1-6 students during these times!

If you are interested in sharing, please contact Mrs. McGregor at smcgregor@wsd1.org or Ms. Armstrong at siarmstrong@wsd1.org

Coming Up: Family Night

Family Night is scheduled for February 22nd, 5:30pm-7pm.

Details will be announced soon!

Keep watching your School Messenger.

Coming Up: Black History Month

During Black History Month, Canadians celebrate the many achievements and contributions of Black Canadians and their communities who, throughout history, have done so much to make Canada a culturally diverse, compassionate, and prosperous country. This year Inkster School will be celebrating Black History Month in several ways:

Historical facts about the achievements and contributions made by Black Canadians will be featured in the morning announcements and on signage around the school.

A book display in the hallway near the office will celebrate Black families, experiences, and accomplishments, with the intent of sparking student interest while inviting teachers to select books to borrow and read with their students.

An interactive bulletin board in the hallway will feature pictures of famous and/or accomplished Black Canadians. Grade 3-6 classrooms will be asked to select one person from the board to do a mini research project on!

We are also arranging a visit from local author, Devon Clunis! (Date to be announced.)

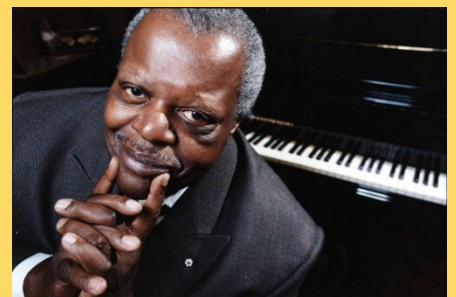
Three Awesome Black Canadians You Should Know!



Viola Desmond
Civil Rights activist, business owner, founder of The Desmond School of Beauty Culture



Juliet Daniel
Cancer researcher, professor, founder of "Canadian Black Scientists Network"



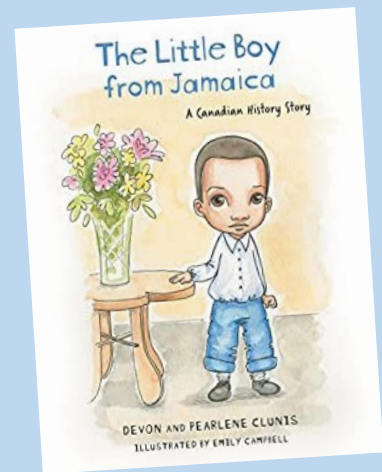
Oscar Peterson
Jazz pianist, composer, Chancellor at York University, founder of "Advanced School of Contemporary Music"

Author Spotlight: Devon Clunis

Devon Clunis worked as Chief of Winnipeg Police Service from 2012 through 2016, and was the first Black Canadian ever appointed to that position in Canada. He believes community relationships are the key to positive policing.

He has also written a children's book! Based on his own life story, "The Little Boy From Jamaica" shows how Mr. Clunis grew up with no lights or running water, immigrated to Canada, and ended up achieving spectacular things. Readers learn that hard work, help from others, and belief in yourself all power the potential for greatness that resides in each of us!

Mr. Clunis will visit Inkster School at a date to be announced.



Coming Up: "I Love to Read" Month

February is "I Love to Read" month in the Winnipeg School Division! Inkster School will mark the month with a variety of in-school activities. Here are some examples!

* **"Drop Everything and Read"** *an announcement is made some time during the school day. As soon as they hear it, students stop whatever they're doing, wherever they are, and start reading!*

* **"Classroom Library"** *posters of empty bookshelves are placed outside each classroom. As students read, they add "book spine" tokens onto the shelves! Which class will read the most?*

* **"Teacher Swap"** *teachers go read to a class that isn't theirs!*

* **"Guest Reader"** *community-members read to select classrooms.*

Coming Up: Room 3 Book & Plant Sale

Room 3 is very excited about our fundraiser for the Winnipeg Humane Society!



BOOK SALE

Book Sale!

We are asking all our Inkster School families to check their libraries at home for books that are no longer being used, and to donate them to our book sale. We will add them to our sale and sell them the last week in February (Feb.21st-24th). Books can be brought in any time during school hours, and left in the box by the office.

Feb.21st-24th, students are invited to bring in a quarter to buy a book to take home. The more quarters or money you bring, the more books you can buy! We hope to encourage a lot of reading with this sale. Thank you so much for your support!

Plant Sale!

We are also going to sell plants for twenty-five cents to one dollar that week!

If you would like to donate any plants, please bring them (or have your child bring them) to the school between February 16th and 21st.

FEBRUARY 2023						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28				



Coming Up: Smoothie Snacks



Inkster School is excited to be the recipients of a Healthy Schools Grant that will allow Inkster School students to have a nutritional snack each month! For the month of February, students will receive a nutritional fruit smoothie!

We will be careful to avoid known allergens in each classroom. If your student has new allergies or any dietary restrictions that involve fruit, juice, or dairy, please email your child's classroom teacher A.S.A.P.

Families are invited to email the school at inkster@wsd1.org to share their favourite smoothie recipes to be featured in our March newsletter!

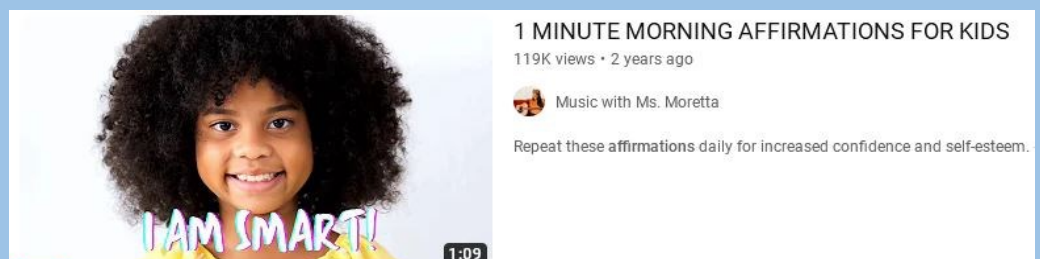
Daily Affirmations



Twice per week, staff are reading from "Relax Kids: The Wishing Star – 52 meditations for children ages 5+" by Marneta Viegas.

Every morning as part of announcements, Inkster staff and students listen to an affirmation. In January it was "1 Minute Morning Affirmations For Kids." You can find it on YouTube!

The words are: "I am Smart, I am Brave, I am Strong, I am Loved, I can Face my Fears, I Believe in Myself, I am a Good Friend, I am Special, I Deserve Respect, Today will be a Good Day!"



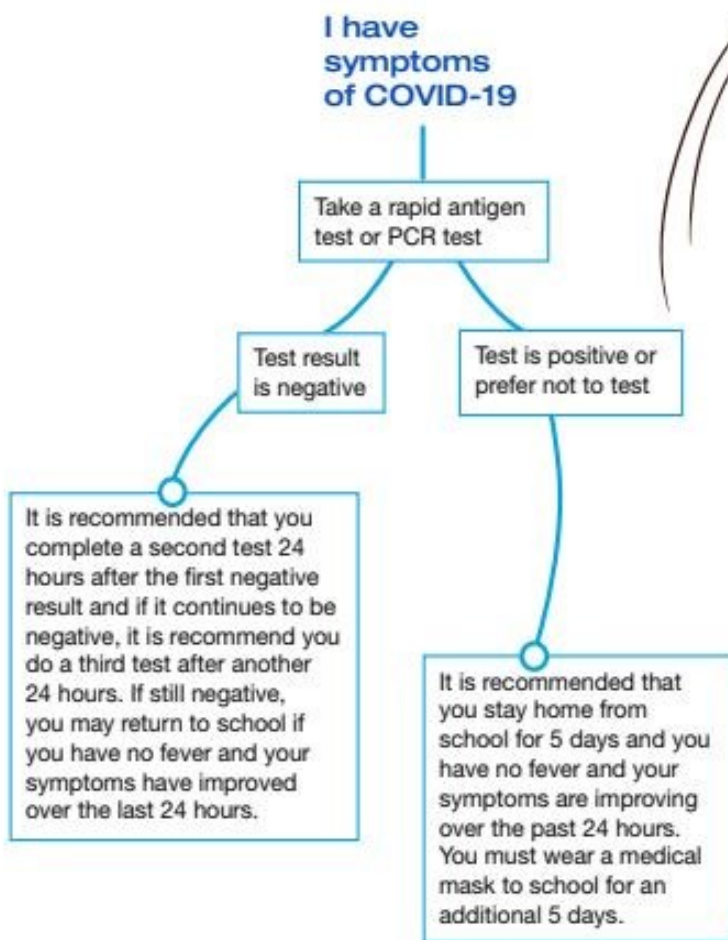


WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION

COVID Guidelines for WSD Students

Safe school attendance is a priority for student learning.

All students should complete daily COVID-19 Screening Tool
prior to attending school.



February 2023 at Inkster School

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
			1/ Day 4 Fiddle club Basketball club	2 / Day 5 Spelling Bee club Fiddle club Chess club	5 / Day 6 Non-Instructional Day – NO SCHOOL	
	6 / Day 1 Basketball club	7 / Day 2 Volleyball club Frankenstuffy club Chess club	8 / Day 3 Assembly 1:15pm Fiddle club Basketball club	9 / Day 4 Spelling Bee club Frankenstuffy club Fiddle club Chess club	20 / Day 5 Rm.6: Monarch MB Volleyball club Guest Reader	
	13 / Day 6 Basketball club	14 / Day 1 Volleyball club Frankenstuffy club Chess club	15 / Day 2 Gr.5-6 Volleyball at Tyndall Fiddle club Basketball club	16 / Day 3 Spelling Bee club Frankenstuffy club Fiddle club Chess club	17 / Day 4 Volleyball club	
	20 Louis Riel Day – NO SCHOOL	21 / Day 5 Volleyball club Frankenstuffy club Chess club Vision screening Book/Plant Sale	22 / Day 6 Fiddle club Basketball club Vision screening Book/Plant Sale Literacy Night 5pm-7pm	23 / Day 1 Frankenstuffy club Basketball club Spelling Bee club Fiddle club Chess club Vision screening Book/Plant Sale	24 / Day 2 Volleyball club Spelling Bee Vision screening Book/Plant Sale Smoothie day	
	27 / Day 3 Basketball club	28 / Day 4 Volleyball club Frankenstuffy club Chess club				



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