



FEBRUARY 2024

I can't believe how fast January has gone by, and it's been a month since I arrived at Isaac Newton School. I am slowly starting to learn the students' names and experience all the wonderful things we have to offer here. We are halfway through the school year and have many exciting plans for the remainder of the year.

It has been a couple of weeks since we implemented our 'no cell phones during instructional time' rule, and we are pleased to say it is going well. Students have been more focused on learning and engaging in conversations with peers and staff. Of course, breaking this habit is not easy, so we will continue to give reminders. If additional support is needed, we will also call home to encourage parents/guardians to have conversations with their children about the importance of not using phones during instructional time.

All students will start preparing for our Science Fair, which will take place during our student-led conferences on March 14 and 15. We can't wait to see the questions students have and how they gathered information and performed experiments to get their answers.

On February 2nd and February 26th, there will be no classes for students. Staff will be reviewing feedback from students about being part of the Isaac Newton community. Teachers will also be working on assessment data, instructional strategies, student engagement, and ways to enrich student learning opportunities.

We ended January and are starting February with warmer weather, so more students are going outside at lunchtime. We continue to remind them to make sure they return to school on time after lunch.

Tamara Stevenson
Principal



Julie Popke
Vice-Principal



WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION



Mobile Vision Care Clinic

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Winnipeg School Division is working with **Mobile Vision Care Clinic (MVCC)** to bring eye doctors to your child(ren)'s school to test their eye sight and to make sure their eyes are healthy.

One in three children entering school cannot see very well. Many children do not know they could be seeing more clearly. The Canadian Association of Optometrists recommends that children visit an optometrist every year after starting school.

An Optometrist and a team of eye care professionals will come to your child's school to give full comprehensive eye exams and provide them with glasses, if needed. In only rare instances will dilation be required (for more information on dilation, please see the Dilating Eye Drops Information Sheet attached on the back of this letter).

Manitoba Health covers the cost of children's eye tests and Mobile Vision Care Clinic staff can request money from insurance to pay for glasses. Examples of insurance are Employment Income Assistance (EIA), Non-Insured Health Benefits (Status) or a 3rd party insurance company. Families, who do not have insurance and cannot pay for glasses, can receive free glasses. Mobile Vision Care Clinic can give free glasses because of donations. Families have the option of purchasing a second pair of glasses for their child for \$120.00. For more information, please contact Sean from MVCC.

If your child needs glasses and orders them through MVCC, the glasses will be delivered to the school 3-4 weeks after the eye test. If the optometrist has concerns about a student's eyes, he or she will be referred to an eye specialist.

Please complete the attached Eye Examination Consent Form (yellow form). Please complete **one form per child**, and return it to the school immediately.

PLEASE NOTE: Mobile Vision Care Clinic follows the public health orders and requirements put in place by the province regarding COVID-19 safety procedures.

If you have questions, please contact the school.

The Mobile Vision Care Clinic will visit the school on **March 5, 2024**. Make sure to submit all forms a.s.a.p. If you have any questions, reach out to the school or contact **Ti-Oluwani Friesen, the Community Support Worker, at tfriesen@wsd1.org.**



EA Spotlights!

My name is **Upasana Gupta**, and I arrived in Canada in 2014 from India. Initially, I engaged in various survival jobs to support my family. In 2019, I secured a position within the Seven Oaks School Division, dedicating myself to contributing to the education sector. By the beginning of 2021, I transitioned to a role as an **educational assistant** at Isaac Newton School, further aligning my professional endeavours with the pursuit of fostering academic growth and development within the educational community. I find immense fulfillment as an educational assistant due to the rewarding opportunity to actively contribute to students' academic and personal growth. The ability to support their learning journey and witness the positive impact I can make on their lives is both gratifying and motivating.



My name is **Baljeet Kaur**, and I am an **educational assistant** at Isaac Newton School. It brings me immense joy to be part of a dynamic environment where I can collaborate with creative and delightful students. Having recently relocated to Canada from India in February 2023, I bring with me over six years of experience in teaching physics and mathematics in my home country. I have a genuine passion for working with children, taking a keen interest in understanding their individual interests, and consistently providing encouragement and motivation. The supportive and cooperative Isaac Newton School staff have played a pivotal role in facilitating my transition, and I am sincerely grateful for their assistance. I look forward to contributing positively to the educational journey of all students.





COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITY

Get Ready to Cook: Butter Chicken Night on February 16th!

Dear Isaac Newton School Families,

Exciting news! We're hosting a **Butter Chicken cooking class** in the school cafeteria on **Friday, February 16, 2024, from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm**. It's a fantastic chance for parents to bond while making a tasty meal together.



Why Butter Chicken?

Beyond being delicious, cooking together builds connections. This workshop is a fun way for families to enjoy time together, learn a new recipe, and celebrate our school community.

Why Join?

Make New Friends: Cooking side by side creates friendships between parents, students, and school staff.

Explore Cultures:

Butter Chicken is a flavourful dish from Indian cuisine. We'll learn together and celebrate our school's diverse backgrounds.

Support Our School:

Your participation shows kids that school is a place for fun, learning, and community.

Sign-Up Details:

To join, just email **Mr. Dhalla** at navdhalla@wsd1.org. Hurry, as spots are limited! Let's cook up some memories and Butter Chicken together.

We can't wait to see you there!

Mr. N. Dhalla (Math, Science, and Technology Teacher)



Science Fair 2024



Exciting news! This year, students in **Grades 7-9** will join our **annual school Science Fair**. It's a fantastic chance for young scientists to explore and discover through experiments. Science Fairs help students satisfy their curiosity, improve critical thinking, and understand the scientific method. Participating in the fair lets students use what they've learned in class and develop important skills like research, experimentation, and presentation.

Parental Support: A Key Ingredient for Success

We believe that **parental support** plays a crucial role in the success of our students' projects. Your encouragement and involvement can make a significant difference in their confidence and enthusiasm for scientific inquiry. As parents, you can help by providing materials for experiments, engaging in discussions about project ideas, and creating a conducive environment at home for project work.



Home Work Sessions: A Nurturing Ground for Innovation

To make the most out of this experience, we encourage students to spend extra time at home working on their projects. These home work sessions not only allow students to delve deeper into their chosen topics but also foster a sense of responsibility and dedication. Your support in creating a quiet and focused environment for your child's project work will be highly appreciated.

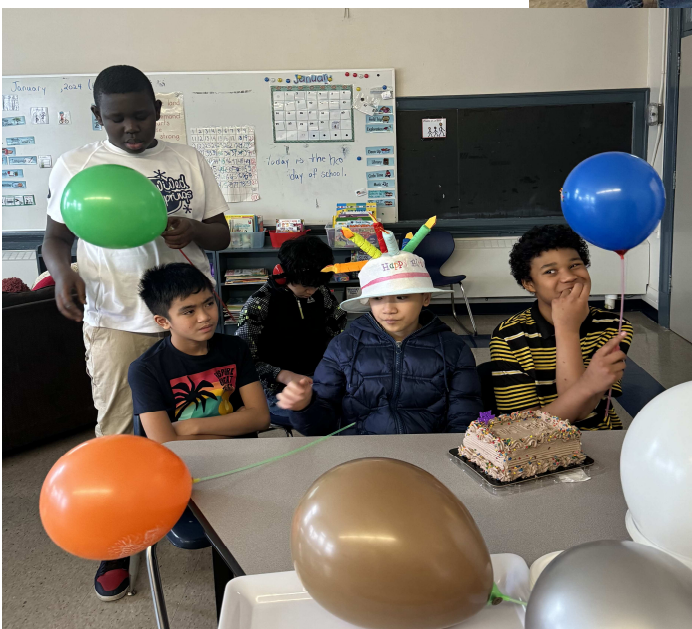
The Winnipeg School Divisional Science Fair

The best projects from our Science Fair will go on to represent our school at the Winnipeg School Divisional Science Fair after spring break. It's a great chance for our students to compete with others on a bigger platform.

Mr. Dhalla, Mr. Datuin, Mr. Pillay, Mr. Mirzapour, Mr. Tahimic & Mr. O Reggio

From Ms. Regehr:

Greetings, friends and families! This month, we engaged in **cookie baking** and extended a warm welcome to Ms. Stevenson at our school. Today, we joyously marked **Nathan's 14th birthday (January 26th)**. Wondering how birthdays are celebrated in our Autism program? Well, it begins with donning the birthday hat, followed by lively tunes, dancing, balloon inflation, cake cutting, and the highlight—our **Birthday Parade** walk. This allows the broader school community to join in, offering high fives, applause, and additional singing to greet the birthday boy. It was a delightful and enjoyable celebration!



happy
birthday



Winter Night of the Arts

We are delighted to share the tremendous success of our recent **Winter Night of the Arts Concert**, where our talented students showcased their creativity and artistic prowess. The auditorium buzzed with energy and excitement as families, friends, and faculty gathered to witness a spectacular evening filled with music. The performances were nothing short of breathtaking, reflecting the dedication and hard work our students put into perfecting their craft. From soul-stirring musical performances to captivating solo routines, each act demonstrated the incredible talent within our school community.



A heartfelt thank you goes out to **all the students** who poured their hearts into their performances, creating an unforgettable experience for everyone in attendance. Additionally, special commendation is due to **Mr. Vanderhout**, whose tireless efforts and passion for the arts were evident in the



seamless coordination of the event. His guidance and mentorship have undoubtedly played a significant role in nurturing the artistic abilities of our students.

The Winter Night of the Arts Concert was a true testament to the strength of our school's arts program, and we look forward to future events that will continue to showcase and celebrate the remarkable talents of our students.



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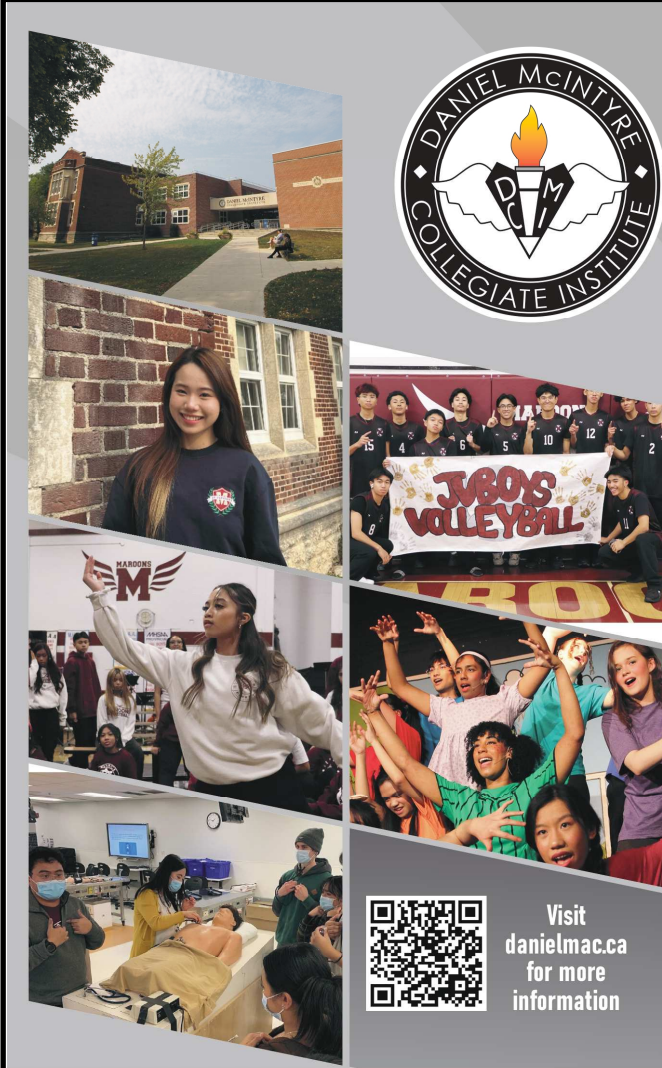


NO CELL PHONES

Please be sure to put your cell phones
away unless instructed otherwise.
Your participation in class is appreciated!

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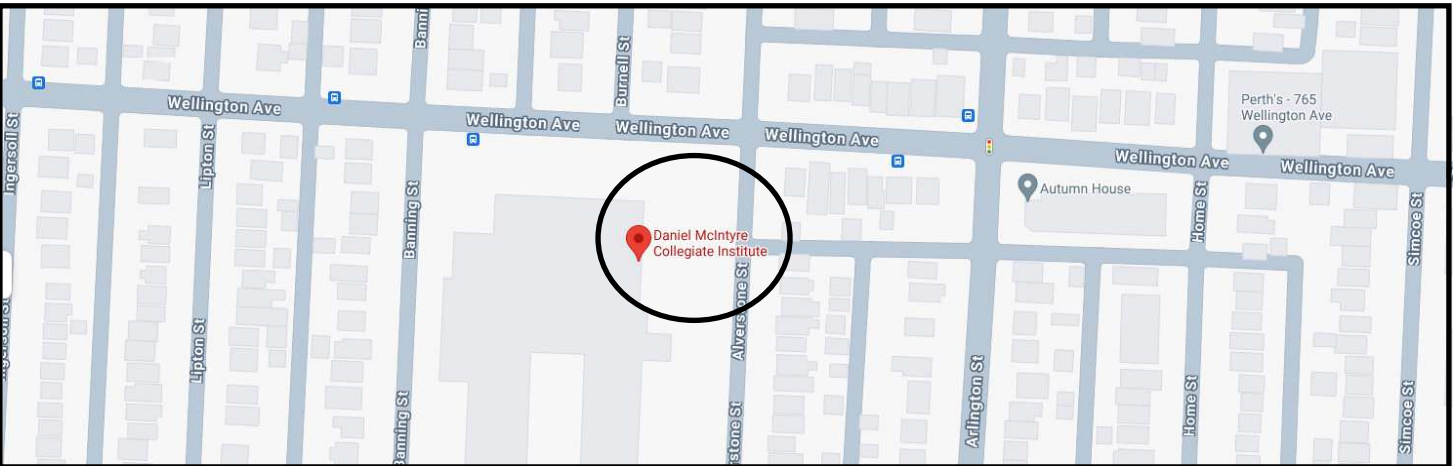
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH
6 PM TO 8 PM

Discover the educational opportunities at DMCI! Join us for a tour of our classrooms and explore the latest additions in our new school store. Enjoy captivating performances by our talented performing arts groups. Uncover the diverse extracurricular, sports, and enrichment opportunities available at Daniel Mac. Connect with our dedicated teachers and learn how we can assist your student in reaching new heights.

Come explore DMCI's exceptional Academic, Athletic, and Performing Arts Programming.

- Programming for Grades 9 through 12.
- A Tradition of Academic Excellence
- Safe, Caring Environment
- Advanced Placement Program
- AP Capstone Certified School
- Medical Professionals Program
- Champion Sports Teams
- Award-Winning Performing Arts
- Wide selection of Extracurricular Activities

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR



February 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Day 1	2 Day 2	3	
4 CEDA Tutoring with Mr. Dhalla 11:00 am - 2:00 pm 541 Selkirk Ave	5 Day 3	6 Day 4	7 Day 5	8 Day 6	9 Day 1 All Grade Activity Day	10
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25 CEDA Tutoring with Mr. Dhalla 11:00 am - 2:00 pm 541 Selkirk Ave	26 Day 5 Non-Instructional Day No School	27 Day 6	28 Day 1	29 Day 2		