

JMK Jaguar Journal

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Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Happy New Year! We hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday and that you are well rested and ready to jump back into learning this month.

We had a couple of additions in staffing this month. We would like to welcome Ms. Bernadette Luna who is our new Student Support Teacher. We also would like to welcome Ms. Rosario Antioquia who is our new Math Support Teacher. Both teachers will be working with our staff and students until June 30, 2023.

This will be our first full month of winter and with the cold weather settling in, it is important that children do not come to school too early. Children are not to arrive at school until 8:50 a.m. and 12:50 p.m. Please help your child watch the time and let them know when to leave for school so they arrive at the right times. The Breakfast program opens at 8:30 a.m.

Please speak to your children about winter safety. It is important that they do not play on the snow banks. They need to walk on the sidewalks safely and only cross streets at street corners, after they have checked for traffic both ways. Children also need to stay away from the rivers as the ice is unpredictable during the winter.

It was great to see so many families out for our Holiday Breakfast on December 13th. We had over 200 people attend. Thank you to all of the families who participated in our Family Craft Night on December 15th. The staff at the school and from Evermore After School Program worked hard to create an evening of fun for all.

Please remember that the school will be closed for professional development days on Monday, January 16th as well as Friday, February 3rd.

We wish all of our families a wonderful 2023!

*May your world
Be filled with warmth,
Joy and good cheer...
Wishing you a
Happy New Year!*

Warm regards,

Mrs. T. Karagiannis Bell
Principal

Mrs. K. Melnyk
Vice-Principal



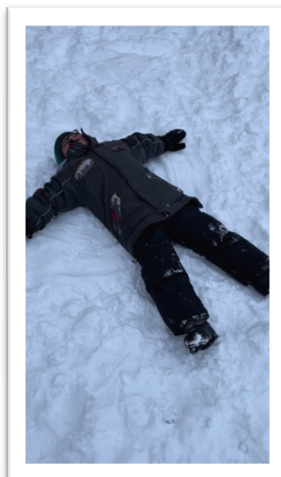
Physical Education

It is so important for people of all ages to get outside during the winter months. One of the easiest ways to do that is by enjoying the fresh snow in our school yard, or by enjoying walks around our community.

During the month of December, students had the chance to spend time during their physical education classes and recess outside enjoying the simple pleasures of childhood. Many students participated in snowman and fort building, the making of snow angels, and catching snowflakes on their tongues. There was a lot of teamwork and collaboration taking place during these activities.

While there is the potential for hazards such as icy surfaces and hard packed snow, it is important to remember that safe winter movement is possible by being prepared. At John M. King, all students should come to school with winter gear including: jacket, snow pants, boots, gloves, scarf, and a toque. As we move into 2023, we want to remind all students to come prepared for indoor and outdoor physical education classes.

- Ms. Etkin & Mr. Warkentin



Musical Notes

Ms. Katie

Happy New Year from the Music Room! I hope everyone was able to relax and enjoy time with family and friends. We finished out the month of December with some caroling as a school. It was wonderful to hear so many voices joined together in song!

In December the Grade 1/2s worked on identifying high and low sounds as well as melodic contours. The Grade 3/4s continued learning about the instrument families of the orchestra. The Grade 5/6s continued working on their Recorder skills, rhythm reading and exploring the Chrome Music Lab app.

The choir is now practicing on Wednesdays to accommodate students attending more clubs. New singers are welcome in the month of January! See Ms. Katie for permission forms.



The Learning Lens

An In-Depth Look into Classroom Learning in Ms. Lunney's Nursery/Kindergarten Class

Thank you to all who were able to attend the NK Winter Concert. It was truly a memorable experience.

I hope that all of you had a wonderful winter break and enjoyed some quality family time. The beginning of a new year is an exciting time filled with exciting possibilities and goals for the future!

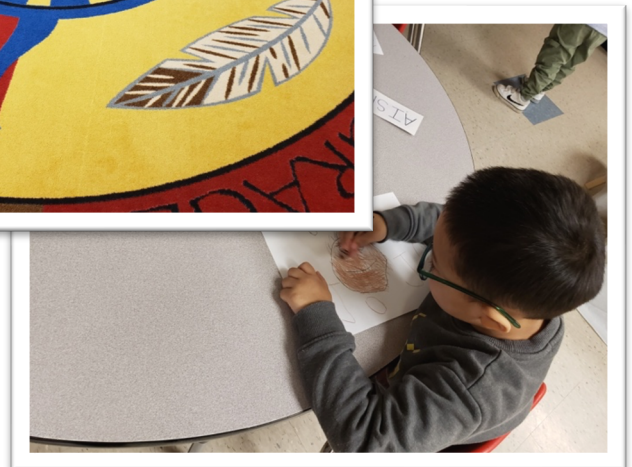
The students in Room 111 have done a great job of adjusting to our daily routine. For some students, it is their first school experience and we are so excited to be a part of this special time of embracing learning. We continue to review classroom rules and expectations such as indoor voice, walking feet and being kind to others.

The students have been learning about feelings, not only recognizing different ones, but also identifying how they are feeling at any given time. They look forward to sharing their feelings and unique personal experiences during our weekly sharing circle. This has provided many opportunities to encourage students to use their words and grow their vocabulary.

We have been brainstorming different ways to demonstrate the TLC values of John M. King School in our everyday school life. We have been learning to take care of our school environment (belongings, supplies), as well as take care of those around us.

We are learning this can take many different forms. Maybe they help to put toys away during cleanup time or they comfort a friend who feels sad. There are many opportunities to show kindness and be a "Bucket Filler".

We are expanding our learning about how the TLC values and the Seven Teachings are connected to grow our understanding of acceptance, compassion and empathy. In an effort to demonstrate these values, I am pleased to announce Room 111 has started a collection of metal tabs from pop cans. We are off to a great start, but we need your help! We are planning to collect as many tabs as we can before the end of the school year and give the collection on behalf of the school to the Tabs For Wheelchairs Program here in Winnipeg. If you wish to help us, you can give your metal tabs to your classroom teachers or you can drop off your metal tabs at Room 111. Let's all work together to give someone a wheelchair and change their life! Remember, everyone can make a difference, no matter how small!



Community Events and Open Houses

Gordon Bell Open House!

February 16th 2023

5:00 - 6:00 PM

3 Borrowman Place

Please join us in person to meet teachers, check out offered programs, and tour the school.

A light snack will be provided.

Contact information:

email: gboffice@wsd1.org

phone: 204-774-5401



Reconciliation - Kinship - Generosity

Congratulations to our December winners!

Great Job!
Keep up the GREAT work
John M. King!



Kalei	Room 102
Vanelope	Room 103
Gabby	Room 104
Mason	Room 105
Arabelle	Room 106 PM
Jo Jo	Room 111
Alexis	Room 202
Amina	Room 203
Azan	Room 204
Mariam	Room 205
Melia	Room 208
Kuot	Room 209

WE ARE HIRING

John M. King School is looking to hire an Adult Crossing Guard for the school year. It is a 3 hour per day position staggered through the school day, coordinating with school starting, noon hour, and ending hours. This is a paid position. Applicant must have or be able to obtain a Child Abuse Registry and Criminal Record Check.

This is an important position to ensure the safety of our students and families in coming to and from school.

Position starts as soon as possible. Please contact Principal, Mrs. Karagiannis Bell or Vice-Principal, Ms. Melnyk for further information.

Highlights from December

Turkey Lunch

December 6, 2022



Holiday Breakfast

December 13, 2022

Family Craft Night

December 15, 2022



Spirit Week

December 19-21, 2022



January



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	3	4 Winter Break Ends	5 Day 3 School Reopens ILTR Club (Lunch)	6 Day 4
9 Day 5	10 Day 6	11 Day 1 Choir (Lunch)	12 Day 2 ILTR Club (Lunch)	13 Day 3 WSO Field Trip
16 Day 4 Non- Instructional Day No School	17 Day 5	18 Day 6 Choir (Lunch)	19 Day 1 ILTR Club (Lunch)	20 Day 2
23 Day 3 Zoo Field Trip (102)	24 Day 4	25 Day 5 Choir (Lunch)	26 Day 6 ILTR Club (Lunch) School Assembly 1:15 PM	27 Day 1
30 Day 2	31 Day 3	Feb. 1 Day 4 Choir (Lunch)	Feb. 2 Day 5 ILTR Club (Lunch)	Feb. 3 Day 6 Non- Instructional Day No School