



December 2023



## Principal's Message

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Dear Kent Road Families,

Well that's a wrap for the 2023 school year! The hustle and bustle during the month of December had us busy with exciting events such as the Blue Bomber Pizza Party, Winter Concert, the Winter Solstice Feast and our Holiday Gift Extravaganza. We also learned teachings about feast, giveaways, Winter Solstice and generosity. Our staff and students had an opportunity to learn from the TecVoc Indigenous Leadership students about why we feast and then created their giveaways. Then Indigenous Ways of Knowing teachers Matt Mousseau and Ocean Bruyere came to Kent Road School to teach about Feast and Winter Solstice. Please ask your kiddo(s) what they know about why we feast, what a spirit plate is and the purpose/intent of a giveaway.

A big thank you to all our families who joined us for our Winter Concert. We loved performing for you and hope you enjoyed our first live show in 3 years. With your support, our Parent Council raised \$4000 from the raffle and also donated funds to purchase 50 Christmas dinners at Silom Mission on behalf of the Kent Road students and community. The Principals raffle (\$106), the Concert Silver Collection (\$159) and the Holiday Gift Extravaganza (\$509) raised \$774.00 which went directly to our family hampers. Thank you so much for your generosity.

A big shout out to all our community volunteers who came out to help us set-up, cook, serve and clean at our Winter Solstice Feast. Without your help and support our staff and students would not have had the opportunity to come together and share a meal of pancakes, sausages, berries and of course whip cream. We look forward to having you all join us at our community feast in June.

Thank you for sending your beautiful children to school each day. They are loved and cared for and will be missed these next 2 weeks. From the Kent Road family to yours wishing you a very Happy Holiday and all the best for 2024. See you January 8<sup>th</sup>!



Our Bomber Pizza Lunch Party



Feast Teachings



Gift Wrapping for the Extravaganza



Volunteers helping with Feast



### Office Hours

The office is open from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday through Friday.

### School Hours

8:45 a.m.	Outdoor Screening begins
8:50	Entry Bell
11:30	Nursery/Kindergarten Pick Up
Noon	Lunch
12:55	Entry Bell
3:30	Dismissal

### Entry and Exit Doors

Please ensure you are using the designated cohort doors.

**Nursery/Kindergarten—North West Doors**

**Rms 9, 10, 11—South East Doors (by the gym)**

**Rms 14, 16, 18—North East Doors (by play structure)**

**Rms 1, 2, 3, 4—Main Entrance**

### Arriving Late

Students who arrive after the bell are asked to use the main entrance to the school and check in at the office and pick up a welcome slip for their teacher and the office will update their attendance.

### Early Pick Up

If you are picking up your child before dismissal, please call the office and we will make arrangements with you.

### School Attendance System

The office no longer accepts calls regarding absences or lates. If your child is going to be late or absent, please call the **SafeArrival Attendance System @ 1-855-278-4513**.

If you would prefer, internet access, go to <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>. Please do not send attendance notes to the office or your child's teacher. All attendance information needs to be updated through the SafeArrival system.

### Patrols

School safety patrols will be on duty each day at 8:40 am, 12 noon, 12:55 pm and 3:30 pm. Please send your child when patrols are on post. Make sure your child comes home immediately after dismissal so they can cross with the patrols. For your child's safety, remind them to obey the patrols at all times. The patrol supervisor is **Ms. Behma**.

### Daycare Spaces Available

The Munroe ECEC Daycare located in room 6 of the school currently has spaces available for students in grades 1-6. Please drop in or give us a call at 204-793-7626. We are open at 6:30 am until 9:00, and then from 3:30 pm until 6:00 pm. We are also open all day during school closure days.

### Breakfast Club

This year will be the 10th year for our breakfast program. We are very excited that the program has become so popular since it started. The Breakfast Program is a great way to get to school on time and have a nutritional start to the day. The kids who attend enjoy meeting with their peers in a mellow and friendly environment.

The continued success of this program means we will continue to offer free nutritional breakfasts, Monday to Friday. We ask that students enter through the back doors by the gym, **NOT THE MAIN DOORS**. Also it is very important to make sure that your children do not leave home too early as the doors for the breakfast program are only open as of 8:30 and there is no supervision outside until 8:50 am. Children will not be allowed to wait in the halls until the Breakfast Program opens.

Part of the success of the Breakfast Program is achieved by getting volunteers between 8-9 am to help prepare, serve and clean. It is a great way to meet and get to know the students and it's a lot of fun. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the office at 204-669-1228.

### Volunteers

Kent Road School always welcomes volunteers to our buildings. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer in the school, please contact Ms. Calado in the office of call 204-669-1228.

### Lunch Program

Our Parent Council Lunch Program is up and running. Only students whom are registered and have paid are able to stay for lunch. Our lunch program director is Shelley Gauthier and she can be reached at 204-914-2818 or via e-mail at [kentroadpclp@gmail.com](mailto:kentroadpclp@gmail.com). They are currently hiring more staff to help support the lunch program .If you are interested, please contact Shelley.

### Health Care Plans

Volunteers make the difference!

Every child with special health care needs, such as a puffer, medication or an Epipen, requires a health care plan. The plan gives detailed information so the school may respond quickly.

It is a parent responsibility to inform the school about the health care needs of their child. If your child's plan has changed, please notify the school.

### Administering Medication to Students

We know that from time to time, children need to receive medication while at school, and we're happy to oblige, within Winnipeg School Division guidelines. There is a form which you will need to fill out. As well, when you send the medication to school, it must be in the **original prescription bottle with the child's name on it**. Call the office for more information.

### Kent Road School Doors Are Now Locked

For the safety of our students and staff, Kent Road School exterior doors are locked during most of the school day. Please use the main door near the office.

### Parent Council

Co-Presidents: Aubrey Sesak & Sheena Dreger  
 Secretary: Barry Sesak  
 Treasurer: Anna Stevens  
 Fundraising: Jessica Lemky  
 Lunch Program: Shelley Gauthier

Parent Council is open to all parents and is made up of volunteers who want to work on behalf of the school. Coming to Parent Council is an invaluable way to contribute to your child's education and overall school experience.

We have a lot of exciting ideas to bring forward this year, and we need your input and ideas. The more parents become involved in Parent Council, the better our school can be. Whether you can join us for one meeting or all five, your presence is important.

### Head Lice at School

Please ensure you are checking your children regularly for head lice. Head lice is not a communicable disease, however they are a challenge to deal with.

If a student is found to have head lice at school, families will be notified via letter that head lice has been discovered. The rest of the class will also receive a letter stating that head lice has been found in the classroom.

It is our goal to work with families to deal with head lice as quickly as possible. If you need any support, please contact the school office at 204-669-1228.

Kent Road was very fortunate to participate in the "Shopping with Cops" program this year. We selected 2 students that were picked up by the officers and taken to St. Vital Centre where they chose gifts for their loved ones.

### Discounts from Lifetouch

Don't Forget to Order This Year's  
 School Pictures

# ENJOY 10% OFF

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**CODE: F2310OFF**

EXPIRES: May 1, 2024



## Room 4

Hello Room 4 families!

Congratulations to all students in Room 4 for working so hard each and every day! You should be so proud of all you have accomplished so far this year. We are becoming more independent using a variety of reading strategies on our own and reading fluently and smoothly...make it "sound like talking" instead of "robot reading"! We certainly enjoy our "book buddy" time with the grade 5/6 students in room 11 once a cycle. In our writing, we are working on expanding our sentences by using words like "so, and, but, because" to make our sentences longer and more descriptive. Math has been a lot of fun, especially working with math manipulatives, playing Math card matching games and other fun games.

A few highlights this past month were certainly our Winnipeg Blue Bomber pizza lunch and our first winter concert in 3 years! The students sure enjoyed seeing Buzz and Boomer deliver pizza to the whole school and they certainly entertained us all! Congratulations to all the students (and teachers!) who worked so hard for our concert. What an awesome turnout of family and friends!



I hope you have a wonderful, peaceful holiday and Happy New Year to all! As always, if you ever wish to communicate with me, email me any time at [dbaschuk@wsd1.org](mailto:dbaschuk@wsd1.org). Thank you!

## Room 6

Hi everyone!

December is here and gone! This month we have been busy little elves that's for sure! Here in room 6, we had quite a few projects happening. In art, we learned how to draw perspective snowmen (which turned out amazing!), our class took charge of making all of the centrepieces for our feast on December 20<sup>th</sup> and you might have noticed but every staff and student received a special little gift the last week of school. In math, our class has been working on place value of numbers to 100! One last thing, this month has been filled with so much singing and dancing! The concert was a great success and the kids all did such an amazing job. Congratulations grade 1's and 2's on doing your first concert! It was really exciting being a part of my first concert here at Kent Road as well. I want to wish you all a great winter break and happy New Year! Looking forward to seeing what 2024 will bring us all. If you would like to contact me please feel free to email me anytime [sroach@wsd1.org](mailto:sroach@wsd1.org) or reach out on Seesaw.

Take care,  
Ms. Roach



## Room 7

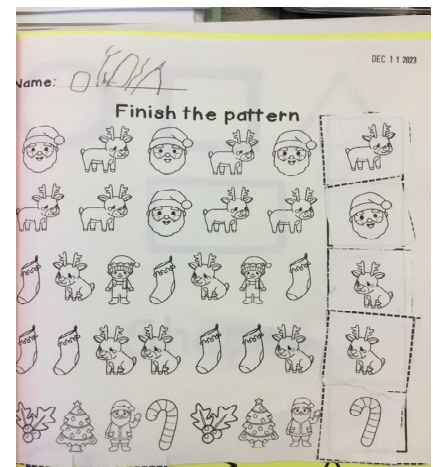
Room 7 has been working really hard! In math, we are working on extending and creating AAB, ABB and ABC patterns, identifying the number of sides and corners on 2D shapes and counting. In ELA, we are working on our reading skills; anchor hand, pointer, turning the pages top corner, and reading slowly. We continue to work on reading and recognizing the sight words; a, I, the, and, to, in.

We learned about different holidays: Hanukkah and Kwanzaa.

In January we will begin our Winter unit.

I would like to wish you all a HAPPY HOLIDAYS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Ms. Morand

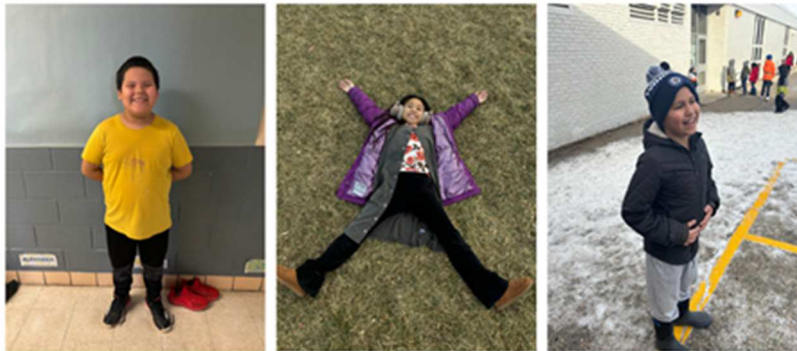


## Room 9

December is always a whirlwind of fun activities! For our learning this month, we have focused on multi-digit multiplication, figurative language, narrative writing and treaty education. We are still working on our zoo exhibit project which we will finish once we're back in January. You'll be able to see their hard work as they will be displayed for student-led conferences in a few months.

As the 2023 year is coming to an end, we are ready for a much needed break! I hope that you stay safe and have a restful two week break. Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

Ms. Behma



Hello Room 10 Families!

I can't believe it is already the end of December!

In ELA we finished our novel studies– Charlie and the Chocolate Factory or The Barren Grounds.

This month in Math some students have been focusing on multiplication: repeated addition, arrays, basic facts and going onto multi-digit multiplication. While other students have been learning about multiplication and division, and divisibility rules.

The students worked so hard to prepare for the Winter Concert! They did an amazing job! I am so proud of them!

Above is a picture of our water colour winter trees! They turned out beautiful.

Reminder that students should be doing the following for homework: home reading logs, spelling practice and Xtra Math practice. Students can practice their basic math facts to mastery using the XtraMath.org website! This is so important so that students can solve multi-digit questions with ease.

## Room 11

It is hard to believe that is almost end of the 2023 year.

It was a pleasure to meet with all of the parents/guardians who attended the Parent-Teacher Conferences and talk about your child's school progress. It is important to have a good connection between school and home, and I very much appreciate your ongoing support.

Winter Concert was very successful. Room 11 students were busy practicing and memorizing songs and choreography for the concert. Five of our students were MC's crew team who were leading the program and entertaining the guests, at both, the afternoon and evening shows. Special thanks to a music teacher Ms. Drewniak for her time to make this event festive. We were happy that so many families were able to come and support our concert.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a joyful, healthy, safe and peaceful holiday time!

Ms. Tomic



## Room 14

Whew! December was a whirlwind of activity. I am so very proud of all of our room 14 kiddos who performed so well at the Winter Concert. Well done room 14 family!

You may have noticed our Reading Briefcases have not been coming home regularly this month due to many extra seasonal activities. Aside from all the concert preparation, students have been busy learning to write expository "How To" pieces using transition words, an introduction and a conclusion. Learning how to write instructions without run on sentences (...and then...then...then...then...) has proven to be very difficult for our little authors. Changing up the beginning of our sentences using words like next, first, second, at last, and lastly, makes for a more interesting and informative read!

In math we are learning about equality and how to balance two sides of an equation. Did you know that the equal sign (=) does not mean the answer? It is like a fulcrum on a balance scale. What is on the left of it, must balance what it on the right! This concept is a precursor to early algebra to come.

In January, we will be starting anew with units in all subjects that will fit nicely with our Leaf Residency at the end of February. Our residency will be from February 29 - March 6. Mme. Bouchard and I are so excited to start planning the learning experiences for our residency, and the learning activities leading up to it!

I hope you have a happy, healthy and restful holiday season and I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year!

Ms. Shore





## Room 15

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Throughout December, we have been improving our skills in using rulers correctly to measure different objects. Once we perfected measuring, we began learning about measuring and calculating the perimeter of regular and irregularly shaped objects. As part of our regular problem-solving class, the students were challenged to use blocks to try to build as many objects as they could that have the same perimeter but different shapes

In January the students will have the opportunity to continue to develop their speaking, listening and questioning skills. Starting January 12<sup>th</sup> they will be presenting something they did during Winter Break. It could be a Christmas tradition that their family has, an outing that they did with their family or anything else from their two weeks away from school. I hope everyone had a wonderful break and I look forward to hearing all about it.

- Darrel Izzard



## Room 16

Hello Friends,

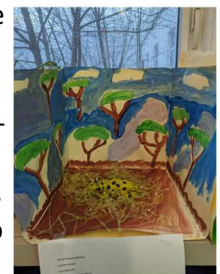
We asked for a Snow Day at the Winter Concert- let's see what January brings!

December was a month full of sparkle! Literally, we did several art projects with glitter at the beginning of the month and we are still finding it all around the classroom!

Students were putting the finishing touches on their zoo habitats, the beginning of the month. Students had to measure their animal's cage area and perimeter according to their animal's size and convert the measurements to diorama size. Students used modeling clay to create their animals, researching physical adaptations (example; long skinny beak, webbed feet, white camouflaged fur) that help the animal survive in their environment (Disclaimer: Animals not to actual size.) Using a variety of natural materials (rocks, sand, sticks, moss, wood) and art materials (paint, markers) students created their animal zoo habitats. Students reflected on their habitats and thought about what they are proud of about their work and what something they would do differently is.

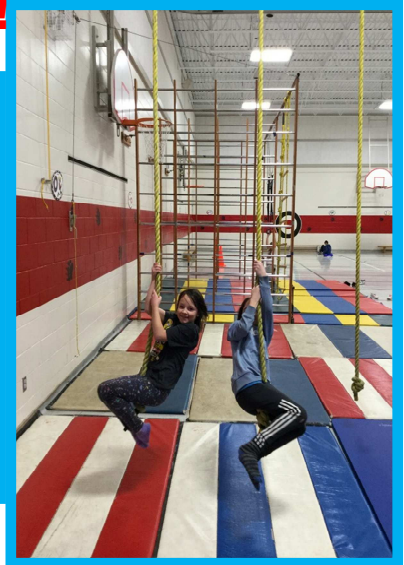
Students have been doing some group math problem solving, and it is wonderful to hear math conversations and watch students explain their thinking to each other. It is also wonderful to see the student's social problem solving, leadership and inclusion skills growing every day! 😊

Have a safe and warm winter break!



# PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS...

**Good times in our gym!**



**Lunch Intramurals**



**Phys. Ed Class**



**Bombers Lunch**



**Leadership**



**Once a Kodiak Always a Kodiak**



**Be active, stay safe and have fun!**

S de Jong

## Music News

Welcome back everyone! We have finished up our winter concert, SNOW, and it was a huge success. Thank you to the families that were able to attend the matinee and the evening showings. The students worked hard in perfecting the words, songs, movements, and instruments. As you may have seen and heard, many took their role very seriously and practised at home. Thank you to the staff that dedicated practice time in their classrooms to ensure their students were performance ready. The students completed self-evaluations of their process and personal feelings of their own products.

We will be continuing our theme of "Snow" this month with some drama, readers theatre, creative movement, and snow music.

At the end of the month, we will be welcoming the Royal Winnipeg Ballet choreography team to the school to teach an extra-curricular dance to some students. More information will follow.



**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**

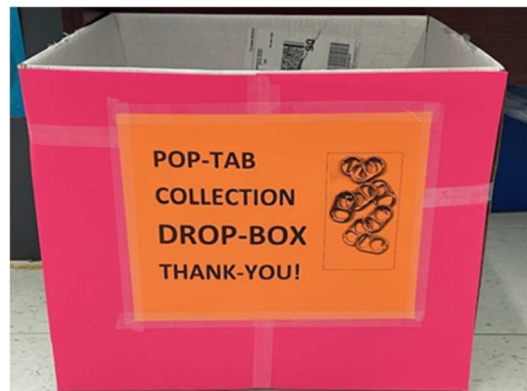
# HELP US HELP OTHERS!!



**Please help us  
collect Pop-Tabs  
for Wheelchairs!**

Please drop off your  
Pop-Tabs in the Drop-Box  
located in Room 1,  
(Resource Room).

Ms. Mason,  
Resource Teacher ☒



A Reminder from Resource

The Mobile Vision Care Clinic (MVCC) will be back at Kent Road School in January to assess the vision needs of our students. They give a full comprehensive eye exam and provide our children with glasses if needed.

## MOBILE VISION CARE CLINIC (MVCC)



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

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

An Optometrist and a team of wee care professionals will come to Kent Road School to give a **FREE** full comprehensive eye exam and provide children with glasses, if needed on **January 16-20, 2023.**

**Please complete the Eye Examination Consent Form (yellow form, all sections, front and back). Please complete one form per child, and return to school immediately.**

If you have any further questions, please contact Carla Mason, Resource Teacher at [cmason@wsd1.org](mailto:cmason@wsd1.org)

WISDOMS SCHOOL DIVISION

**EYE EXAMINATION CONSENT FORM**

**A. STUDENT INFORMATION** Please Print Clearly

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sex:  Male  Female  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ Province: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

**DO YOU WANT YOUR CHILD TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MOBILE VISION CARE CLINIC PROGRAM?**

Yes, Please complete and return form to the school.  
 No, \_\_\_\_\_ Please complete Section B and return form to the school.

**B. STUDENT'S MEDICAL INFORMATION**

Medical History (Include allergies): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Current Medication: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Yes  No, Date of Last Exam: \_\_\_\_\_

**DO YOU HAVE ANY OTHER MEDICAL INFORMATION THAT MAY AFFECT YOUR CHILD'S VISION?**

Yes  No

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(OVER ->)

**C. COVERAGE FOR PRESCRIPTION EYEGLASSES**

In order to ensure timely provision of prescription eyeglasses (if required), please provide the following information:

Do you have insurance?  No, Please attach to this form  Yes, Please complete the appropriate section below:

Province of Ontario: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Health Insurance Plan Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Health Insurance Plan Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Private Insurance Coverage (optional):  
 Insurance Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Policy Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contact Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**D. INFORMATION TO COMPLETE FINANCIAL**

Will you be able to pay for glasses, or a device, as agreed to in the consent form?  
 Yes  No

Will Winnipeg School Division fund the cost of glasses or a device?  
 Yes  No

**E. COMMENTS**

Please add further comments related to your child's vision or participation in our examination, including details of concerns. If a child is blind and/or visually impaired, please call (204) 984-2100. Details of signatures and dates must be provided on both sides of this consent form.

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# KIDS IN THE KNOW

The Kids in the Know is a Winnipeg School Division mandated comprehensive educational program for increasing the personal safety of children. We will be continuing this program with your son/daughter in all grades and throughout their school years.

This program consists of lessons that help children develop an awareness of their world; learn skills and feel empowered to keep themselves safe from victimization as well as to develop the confidence to respond appropriately to threatening situations. It is designed to build children's self-esteem, teach assertiveness, as well as critical thinking skills to protect themselves from abduction and sexual exploitation.

We encourage parents to visit [kidsintheknow.ca](http://kidsintheknow.ca) to access and download the Kids in the Know parent-child lessons for more information.

If you have any questions about the program please feel free to contact me at the school for more information or any concerns you'd like to share.

**7 Root Safety**  
kidsintheknow.ca

- SHOUT NO! RUN — TELL Someone**  
If someone asks you to do something that makes you feel confused, uncomfortable or sad, leave the situation as soon as you can and tell a safe adult about it.
- Trust Your INSTINCTS**  
Your instincts are the feelings inside of you that warn you of danger. Pay attention to your body's alarm.
- DIGNITY and RESPECT**  
All people deserve to be treated with dignity and respect. Everybody is equal regardless of where they come from, or the experiences they have had. You need to recognize your own self-worth and expect to be treated well.
- KEEP and SPEAK Secrets**  
KEEP Secrets have endings. They don't hurt or make you feel mixed-up. They have an ending, like a surprise birthday party. SPEAK Secrets do not have an ending. All secrets about touching are SPEAK Secrets. They need to be told to a safe adult.
- The Buddy System**  
There is safety in numbers. Bring a buddy with you when you go places.
- If asked to go and your parents don't know, SHOUT NO!**  
Always ask your parents/guardians before going anywhere. No matter who asks you to go, say "No!" if you haven't asked your parents/guardians first. Your parents/guardians must know before you go!
- If asked to share and your parents aren't aware, SAY NO!**  
Always ask your parents/guardians before sharing or accepting texts or gifts from someone. Your parents/guardians must be aware before you share online, too!

CANADIAN CENTRE FOR CHILD PROTECTION

[kidsintheknow.ca](http://kidsintheknow.ca)



### Student Attendance System School Messenger / Safe Arrival

When your child is away from school, please do not call the school office to advise the school of your child's absences.

With Safe Arrival, you are asked to report your child's absence in advance using any of these three methods:

Using your mobile device, download and install the SchoolMessenger app from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store (or from the links at <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>). The first time you use the app, select Sign Up to create your account. Select **Attendance**, then **Report an Absence**.

Use the SafeArrival website, <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>. The first time you use the website, select Sign Up to create your account. Select **Attendance**, then **Report an Absence**.

1. Call the toll-free number 1-855-278-4513 to report an absence using the automated phone system.

These options are available 24 hours/day, 7 days a week. Future absences can be reported at any time.

# January 2024

<b>1</b> <i>New Years Day</i>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> <i>Winter Break Ends</i>
<b>8</b> <i>Day 1</i>  <i>School Reopens</i>	<b>9</b> <i>Day 2</i>  <i>Staff Meeting @ 3:30</i>	<b>10</b> <i>Day 3</i>  <b>Gr. 3</b> <b>INTRAMURALS</b>	<b>11</b> <i>Day 4</i>	<b>12</b> <i>Day 5</i>  <b>Gr. 6</b> <b>INTRAMURALS</b>
<b>15</b> <i>Day 6</i>	<b>16</b> <i>Day 1</i>  <b>Gr. 5</b> <b>INTRAMURALS</b>	<b>17</b> <i>Day 2</i>	<b>18</b> <i>Day 3</i>  <b>Gr. 4</b> <b>INTRAMURALS</b> Pizza Lunch Notes go home	<b>19</b> <i>Day 4</i>
<b>22</b> <i>Day 5</i>  <b>Gr. 3</b> <b>INTRAMURALS</b> Mobile vision Clinic ->	<b>23</b> <i>Day 6</i>  Mobile vision Clinic	<b>24</b> <i>Day 1</i>  <b>Gr. 6</b> <b>INTRAMURALS</b> Mobile vision Clinic	<b>25</b> <i>Day 2</i>  Pizza Money Due Mobile vision clinic <i>PLC 11:00-12:00</i>	<b>26</b> <i>Day 3</i>  <b>Gr. 5</b> <b>INTRAMURALS</b> Mobile vision Clinic
<b>29</b> <i>Day 4</i>	<b>30</b> <i>Day 5</i>  Jungle Gym <b>Gr. 4</b> <b>INTRAMURALS</b>	<b>31</b> <i>Day 6</i>  Jungle Gym		