



PINKHAM SCHOOL 204-786-5749

JANUARY 2025



C.A.R.E

***C – Come Prepared to Learn, A – Actively Listening
R – Ready to Participate and Inquire, E – Everybody Belongs***

January 2025

Happy New Year, and welcome back Pinkham Family!

I hope everyone had a restful and meaningful time with your family during the winter break!

The new year is always a great time to look back on the past, but more importantly, it is a time to look forward to the new year. The new year is a time to reflect on the changes we would like to make and resolve to follow through on those changes.

As we begin 2025, Pinkham School's high academic expectations continue from the beginning of the year. At Pinkham, we are committed to academic excellence and a stronger relationship with our community members. I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to our staff, students, and parents for your dedication to helping make Pinkham School a fantastic place where everyone belongs.

January is a busy month of learning and gaining more knowledge and skills. All of us at Pinkham School have one vision for our students: to get all the support they need academically and emotionally to help them become all they can be.

We invite you to our Parent Council meeting on January 29th and the Assembly on January 30th, a perfect way to connect with the school community and to help us celebrate all the wonderful learning.

Attendance plays a critical role in how well students who attend school regularly are likelier to do well in literacy, numeracy and assessments than those who do not attend regularly. By attending classes on time regularly, students can keep up with daily schoolwork to help them reach their academic goals.

Please remind your children to dress appropriately for the weather, remembering that students are expected to go outside twice daily until the temperature drops to -25 degrees Celsius.

We have some students with food allergies such as dairy and nuts, so please help us keep those students safe and healthy.

I am honoured to be part of this amazing community that loves and cares for its children.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns; my door is always open.

Thank you for partnering with us with your child's education. Have a wonderful January!

Together, we stand stronger.
Have an amazing January month!



Mercy Sackey, Principal

The following is the list of all the teachers' emails if you would like to communicate with your child's teacher.

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CLASSROOM NEWS!

ROOM 210 (Grade 3/4)

Room 210 has had a busy school year so far and are excited to share their learning! We have been learning about the importance of oral storytelling and how it can be used to pass along knowledge. Our classroom loves to share their ideas and stories with each other. They have had the opportunity to share a personal narrative (true stories that really happened to them) with the class through oral storytelling. Students were able to experience being leaders in the classroom, share a meaningful story, answer questions, and get feedback from their classmates. After the holidays we will be writing our stories down and creating books with them. Ask your child to share a personal narrative with you!



In November, we had our first field trip! The class visited the Living Prairie Museum and Forest. We were able to spend the afternoon exploring and enjoying the land. Our focus was spending time in nature, discovering ways to play/interact with the land, and showing respect for the land. Jamie and Brit from Nature Manitoba joined us and helped facilitate our learning. The class had a lot of fun climbing trees, using different tools, building with mud, and playing games in the forest. We were all tired at the end of the day but did not want to leave!



Ms. Sweett,
Grade 3/4 Teacher

MUSIC NEWS

Thank you so much, everyone, who came out and made our winter musical, Flakes, a success! The children worked really hard on learning the music, lines and actions so much so that I think the music is still stuck in our heads! We discussed how it felt performing and some of the words students shared included: nervous, excited, happy, scared and proud.



During the month of December, the Grade 5/6 classes continued their work on the recorders. They have been participating in Recorder Karate. In Recorder Karate, the students work through songs with increasing difficulty to earn different coloured belts. As they play, they are learning and practicing reading rhythms and notes.

The Grades 1-4 rounded out the month of December learning with Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker. We learned about the story of Clara and the Nutcracker, listened to and moved to the music. One of the upcoming highlights for the month of January will be our continued rhythmic learning on the djembe drums. We will look forward to sharing at the end of January at our assembly!

Musically yours,

Ms. Katie Prescott

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PINKHAM FAMILY ROOM

- Weekly food security of potatoes, onions, and bread is available on Wednesday mornings at 8:45 outside the gym doors.
- Meals 2go - Every student will take home a m2go bag every Friday. N/K a.m. students will be given to them on Monday mornings as meals to go are dropped off at our school in the late afternoons. Bags are filled with food items such as fruit, yogurt and cereal.
- Parent Council Meeting are always the last Wednesday of the month, starting at 5:00 p.m. These meetings are great way to meet other Parents/Guardians and share school information. We offer free child-minding, and we always serve a nice lunch. Our next meeting is on Wednesday January 29th at 5:00 p.m. Please let us know if you are attending and how many to ensure enough food, let us know if you need a translator or childminding.
- Indigenous Grandparents Lunch – This school year we will be making beaded regalia for our Pow Wow circle such as chokers, barrettes and earrings. Make something for yourself and make one for our Pow Wow circle. Please call or email me if you would like to attend or if you have any questions.
- Weekly smudging – Every Wednesday morning I will be offering to smudge to any student/families who wish to participate. A great way to start our day
- In December we had fun making and decorating cookies with room 203, 217 and N/K.



Thank you,

Sherrie Houle

Community Support Worker

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PINKHAM IN PICTURES



C.A.R.E. Awards



Congratulations to the November C.A.R.E. Award Recipients!

The following are students who excel at showing C.A.R.E. in the classroom and playground setting.

Naymar, Chelsey, Naya, Fabien, Yoab

Eternity, Zoe, Trixi, Emily, Mahaliyah

Upcoming Important Dates:

January 6th – School Reopens

January 28th – Grade 4's swimming

January 29th – Parent Council Meeting 5pm

January 30th – Assembly 9:15am

January 30th – Indigenous Grandparents Lunch 1pm

January 31st – No School

January 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	2	3	4	5
WINTER BREAK	WINTER BREAK	WINTER BREAK	WINTER BREAK	WINTER BREAK
6	7	8	9	10
School Reopens 	Choir Grade 3-6 Intramurals Grade 1/2	Intramurals Grade 3/4	Intramurals Grade 5/6	
13	14	15	16	17
	Choir Grade 3-6 Intramurals Grade 1/2	Intramurals Grade 3/4 CanU Program	Intramurals Grade 5/6 STEAM Club	
20	21	22	23	24
	Choir Grade 3-6 Intramurals Grade 1/2	Intramurals Grade 3/4 Mobile Vision Care Clinic – Eye Exams CanU Program	Intramurals Grade 5/6 STEAM Club	
27	28	29	30	31
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