

Pinkham School

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OCTOBER 2023

C.A.R.E.

Dear Pinkham Families!

Welcome to October!! September flew by so quickly right before our eyes; they say ‘time flies when you are having fun’! Many exciting things happened during September!

A big thank you to all Pinkham staff for their hard work and dedication since the start of this year. Staff and students have worked hard throughout September to build C.A.R.E. expectations in routines and the classroom culture. C - Come prepared to Learn, A – Actively Listening, R- Ready to Participate and Inquire and E- Everybody Belongs. Congratulations to all students who attended daily and followed the C.A.R.E. expectations! Keep up the great work!

“Meet the Teacher” - A huge thank you to everyone who attended the “Meet the Teacher night. Seeing families in the hallways and classrooms conversing with teachers and building relationships was exciting! Thanks to our staff who worked tirelessly to make this possible! On September 29, we held our first assembly to observe the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation. Teachers and students took time to smudge, reflect, and participate in meaningful discussions about the impacts of residential school and ways to move toward reconciliation. This will be an ongoing theme during the school year.

We also had our first Parent Council meeting on September 27, and it was nice to see all the parents who were able to join us. We hope parents will continue attending the meetings to build a stronger relationship with the staff.

October is a busy month, please take note of those important dates on the calendar.

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

It takes a village to raise a child, and I am very honoured to be part of this amazing community. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns, my door is always open. Together we are stronger.

Have a fantastic Fall filled with great celebration!

Mercy Sackey
Principal

C.A.R.E. in Room 115

Nursery and Kindergarten students have been learning about how to follow C.A.R.E. while exploring and playing in the classroom. Students are learning how to demonstrate that 'Everybody Belongs' by sharing, taking turns and including others while playing. After listening to the story, 'Have You Filled a Bucket Today' by Carol McCloud, students are learning to understand their role in creating a kind, caring classroom. I am so proud to see students acting as 'bucket fillers'!



The nursery and kindergarten students are also learning about the C. in C.A.R.E. which is, 'coming to school prepared to learn.' Students are learning how to communicate their feelings and ideas with their teacher and peers. They are also learning how to follow the routine of the school day, such as cleaning up after playtime and going to play in the gym.



I am so grateful to be a part of such a caring and joyful classroom! -Ms. B

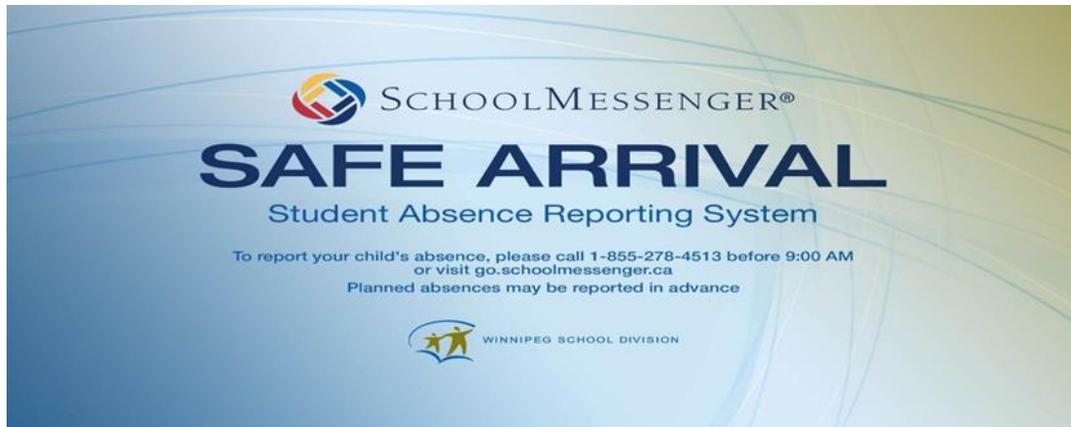
Welcome to Physical Education at Pinkham School!

My name is Mrs. Sawchuk and I will be the Physical Education teacher this school year. We have a lot of fun inside the gym and play many different games and activities that will improve your child's fundamental movement skills. The physical education curriculum content is organized within the following five general learning outcomes: movement, fitness management, safety, personal and social management, and healthy lifestyle practices.



This month we have been focusing on routine and procedures when inside the gym. We have also been working on spatial awareness and making sure that everyone stays safe when playing tag games. We've been having fun playing banana tag, line tag, helping hand tag, and hotdog tag. Another thing we have just started this month is team building activities. The students have been working on their communication and cooperation skills by participating in our hula hut relay. Thank you to all the students for working so hard and showing C.A.R.E. inside the gym!





COMMUNITY SUPPORT MESSAGE

Our Family room is a beautiful space filled with resources and room for programming. We also use the space for our monthly Parent Council Meetings. Thank you to those who participated in September's Parent Council meeting, it was a great success! You are able to use our computers, sewing machines and phone. I can fax and photocopy for you. We have a free clothing depot and small housewares.

I have some ideas for programming such as a soup and pottery club.

If you have any ideas for programming that you would like to see or if you want to come in and check out any of our resources please call or email me and we can schedule a time that works for both of us.

Weekly food security of potatoes, onions and bread has started. It will be available Thursday mornings starting at 8:40 out the gym doors.

Meals to go will start at the end of October. Every Friday Meals to go bags will be given to every student to take home. N/K a.m. students will theirs on Monday mornings as meals to go are dropped off at our school late afternoons. Bags will be filled with food items such as fruit, yogurt and cereal.

Thank-you,

Sherrie Houle (shoule@wsd1.org)





UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

OCTOBER 3	No Classes – Teacher Professional Development
OCTOBER 9	No Classes – Thanksgiving Day
OCTOBER 11	Picture Day
OCTOBER 20	No Classes – Teacher Professional Development
OCTOBER 25	Parent Council Meeting at 5:00 p.m.
OCTOBER 31	Halloween

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If you have not already paid your school fees, please pay them to your child's teacher. Grades 1-6 \$30 per student and N/K \$15 per student

October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 NO CLASSES Teacher Professional Development	4	5	6	7
8 	9 NO CLASSES Thanksgiving Day	10	11 	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 NO CLASSES Teacher Professional Development	21
22	23	24	25 Parent Council at 5:00 p.m.	26	27	28
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