



Pinkham School 204-786-5749



C.A.R.E

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R – Ready to Participate and Inquire, E – Everybody Belongs**

Principal's Message – October 1, 2024

Welcome to October Pinkham Families!!

It is hard to believe it's October already! September flew by so quickly right before our eyes; they say, 'Time flies when you are having fun!' We had a great month of September, and many exciting things happened during September.

Many special events occurred, including Meet the Teacher, the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (Orange Shirt Day) Assembly and the Parent Council Meeting. A big thank you to all Pinkham staff for their hard work and dedication from 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!

It's exciting to walk into classrooms and see the high level of teaching and learning that is happening within our building. Keep up the great work!

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 Pinkham staff, who worked tirelessly to make this possible!

On September 27, we held our first assembly to observe the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation. The whole school took time to smudge, reflect, and participate in meaningful discussions about the impacts of residential school, and pledged to continue working on reconciliation. This will be an ongoing theme during the school year.

Thanks to everyone who joined us on our Parent Council meeting on September 26, it was fantastic seeing all the families. We hope to see more families next month. In this month of October, we have several things to look forward to! Please take note of the important dates on the calendar.

We have some students with food allergies such as nuts, please help us keep those students safe and healthy. It takes a village to raise a child, and I am honoured to be part of this amazing community.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Together we are stronger!
Have a fantastic Fall filled with great celebrations!

Mercy Sackey
Principal

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Hello from Room 205 (Grade 4/5)!

We've had a busy and exciting start to our school year, and we're thrilled to share what we've been learning so far!

Math Exploration

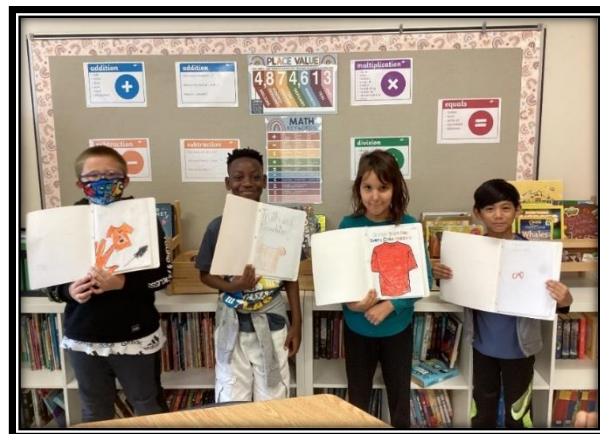
We've been diving into skip counting and discovering various patterns in numbers. Students are learning to use T-charts to organize their ideas and recognize relationships between numbers. These foundational skills are essential as we prepare for more complex concepts, such as multiplication and division.

Persuasive Writing

In our writing lessons, we've jumped into persuasive writing using the O.R.E.O. strategy, which stands for Opinion, Reason, Example, Opinion. Students are working on their ability to express their opinions clearly, supporting them with solid reasons and examples. We've been practicing writing persuasive pieces on engaging topics, which is helping them become confident writers capable of making strong arguments. This approach not only enhances their writing skills but also fosters critical thinking and creativity.

Truth and Reconciliation Unit

Our class has also begun a meaningful unit about Truth and Reconciliation and the history of residential schools in Canada. We're exploring the stories and experiences of Indigenous Peoples, emphasizing the importance of acknowledging this history and honoring Indigenous voices. Through thoughtful discussions, activities, and reflective writing, we are learning about respect, kindness, and inclusivity. This unit is helping us build empathy and understanding while connecting with our community and becoming advocates for reconciliation.



Science Exploration

We recently began our science unit on simple machines, focusing specifically on pulleys. Students engaged in hands-on activities to build their own pulley systems, learning how these machines can lift heavy objects and make work easier. This exploration of pulleys sets the stage for our upcoming lessons on gears, levers, and inclined planes, allowing students to make connections to the world around them. Despite the busy month, the students have been working diligently, and I am incredibly proud of their efforts. Their enthusiasm and dedication are truly inspiring, and they are showing remarkable growth every day. Keep up the great work, Room 205! Warm regards,



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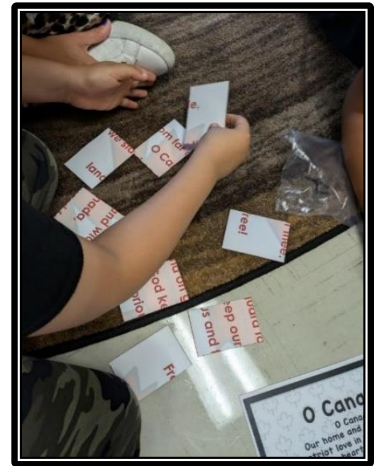
Music

It has been a great month in the Music Room! I am Ms. Katie and I'm so excited to be here at Pinkham School. I come to Pinkham with Music and classroom experience in Brandon, Norway House, and Winnipeg. I have studied many instruments, but my main loves are the clarinet and the voice! Personally, I can be found singing in the Rainbow Harmony Project choir.

September included many name games as we got to know one another. With those we have begun to learn about beat and rhythm through songs, games, and playing rhythm sticks. In addition, the grades 3-6 began reading some basic rhythms. All students have been learning and practicing the English words to O'Canada. In recognition of Truth & Reconciliation Day the students have also been learning a song, called 'Music Alive', by Canadian composer Sherryl Sewepagaham to sing together at our assembly on September 27th. Sherryl is a composer, musician and music educator from Treaty 8 territory in northern Alberta.

On September 24th, the Pinkham choir will begin rehearsing. The choir will begin with Grades 3-6 students. Interested students have brought home permission forms for this noon hour group. We will prepare songs for Remembrance Day, music festivals and assemblies. I can be contacted by phone or email with any questions you may have about choir or our Music program.

Musically yours,
Ms. Katie Prescott kprescott@wsd1.org



Physical Education

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 and the hoop challenge. Thank you to all the students for working so hard and showing C.A.R.E. inside the gym!

Mrs. Sawchuk ssais@wsd1.org



PINKHAM FAMILY ROOM

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. We have a free clothing depot and small housewares available to all our families.

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 is available on Wednesday mornings at 8:45 outside the gym doors.
- Meals to go - 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 provide free childcare services, serve light snacks and an opportunity to win door prizes. We can also provide translators if you let us know your ahead of time. We look forward to seeing you on our next meeting on Wednesday September 25th at 5:00 p.m.
- Grandparents Lunch – We started this last school year and was unanimously agreed to continue monthly. It was great! We shared stories, laughed, cried and made good connections with each other. We also played bingo and shared a good lunch together. This year we are going to be making earrings, chokers and bracelets for our Pow wow circle students as well as smudging, sharing circle and enjoying a good lunch together. Please call or email me if you would like to attend to sure enough food for everyone. I look forward to hearing from you.
- Cooking Club – I would like to start a cooking club. This will be a great way to learn a new dish and meet other Parent/Guardians. We would take turns making a dish of our participants recipe. We will cook together, and participants take home what they made. This will take place in the afternoon and after speaking with our participants which day works best for everybody that wants to join. We will start late October. If you are interested or have questions, please call or email me.

Thank you,
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PINKHAM IN PICTURES



WE PLEDGE ...

TO REMEMBER

Truth and Reconciliation is not just a day. At Pinkham School, we pledge to remember - today and every day.

STAY CONNECTED

HOW SICK IS TOO SICK FOR SCHOOL?

Cold and flu season is here.
See our tips for parents and caregivers:



KEEP ME HOME:

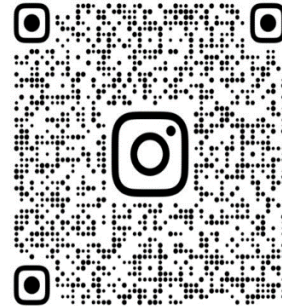
Fever
(higher than 38°C or 100° F)
Sore Throat
Persistent Cough
Strep Throat
Vomiting or Diarrhea
Abdominal Pain
(severe or long-lasting)
Illness
(prevents from participating comfortably in activities)

SEND ME TO SCHOOL:

No Fever
(without fever-reducing medicine for 24 hours)
Occasional Cough
(but no other symptoms)
Strep Throat
(after 24 hours of treatment)
No Vomiting or Diarrhea
(for 48 hours)



Did you know Pinkham School is now on Instagram? Follow us on Instagram to stay updated on events happening in the school!



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UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

October 9th – No School

October 10th – Picture Day

October 14th – No School

October 25th – No School

October 30th – Parent Council Meeting 5pm

October 31 – Assembly 2:30pm

Student Absences

To report your child's absence, please call
1-855-278-4513 before 9:00 AM or visit
go.schoolmessenger.ca

October

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1	2	3	4
7	8 Intramurals – Grade 1/2	9 NO SCHOOL – PD DAY	10 Intramurals – Grade 5/6 Picture Day 	11
14 NO SCHOOL - THANKSGIVING	15 Intramurals – Grade 1/2	16 Intramurals – Grade 3/4	17 Intramurals – Grade 5/6	18
21	22 Intramurals – Grade 1/2	23 Intramurals – Grade 3/4	24 Intramurals – Grade 5/6	25 NO SCHOOL
28	29 Intramurals – Grade 1/2	30 Intramurals – Grade 3/4 Parent Council Meeting – 5pm	31 Halloween Intramurals – Grade 5/6 Assembly at 2:30pm 	