



# PINKHAM SCHOOL

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## OCTOBER NEWSLETTER



### Hello Pinkham families!

It's hard to believe that it is already October. We have had a beautiful warm fall and a great month of learning.

Many special events occurred, including Meet the Staff, Terry Fox Run and National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (Orange Shirt Day) assembly. A big thank you to all the Pinkham Staff for their hard work, dedication and working together from the start of the year.

Staff and students have worked hard all September to build C.A.R.E. expectations in routines and the school culture. Congratulations to all the students who attended daily and followed the C.A.R.E. expectations!

It's exciting to walk into classrooms and see the joy of learning that is happening within our building. Keep up the great work! Green Kids Inc and Recycle Everywhere will be here to perform and provide workshops for our Grade 3-6 students on Monday, October 6 in the am.

Thank you to everyone that joined us at our Parent Council meeting on September 24<sup>th</sup>. It was wonderful seeing all the families. Our next meeting will take place on October 29<sup>th</sup> at 3:45 pm. (Please note the new time.) I'm looking forward to more families joining us.

I am looking forward to connecting with you throughout the year. Please know that my door is always open, whether you have suggestions, questions or simply want to share your thoughts. Together as one community we can continue to build a positive and exciting experience filled with joy, love and rigour for all our students.

Sonia Medaglia Dos Santos  
Principal

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

#### PARENT COUNCIL MEETING

October 29 at 3:45 pm (New Time)



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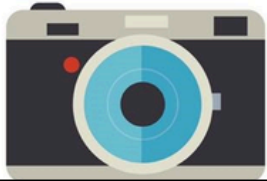
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### OCTOBER

Oct. 8- NO CLASSES  
Oct. 10- Picture Day  
Oct. 13- Thanksgiving  
Oct. 24- NO CLASSES  
Oct. 28- Bus Ridership



# ★ SCHOOL ★ PICTURE ★ DAY ★



**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10**

## **NUTRITION AND LUNCH PROGRAM**

We provide a healthy breakfast and snacks at Pinkham School daily. We also provide a free lunch program and offer a nutritious well balanced meal daily. Students will be supervised by Educational Assistants during the lunch hour from 12:00-1:00 pm. All students eat at 12:00 pm and go outside for lunch recess at 12:30.



Students must follow the lunch program rules:

**Be Kind**

**Be Respectful**

**Be Responsible**



# PINKHAM FAMILY ROOM

Our Family room is a welcoming space. We use this room for programming and Parent Council meetings. We have a free clothing depot, if there are any resources you need, please ask if we don't have I will find out for you.

Parent Council meetings: These meetings are a great way to share school information and meet other Parents/Guardians. We have free child minding and a light lunch is served. The next meeting is on **Wednesday, October 29th starting at 3:45**. This time change was decided by our Parent Council.

Food Security: Unfortunately our potatoes/onions and bread have not started yet. The school division is still looking for a depot to work from.

**Meals to Go(M2G)** is starting each Friday where every student receives a M2G bag with N/K A.M. taking theirs home Monday morning as it is not delivered until Friday afternoon after they go home.

Beading/Sewing: This is a drop in program from **9:15 am- 12:00 pm and 1:00 - 3:00 pm every Thursday**. Whether you are a pro or a beginner, please come by and make a dreamcatcher, earrings, pins, sew a ribbon skirt or make a pillow and meet new Pinkham Parents/Guardians.



I would like to start making pottery. You can make cups, plates, smudge bowls or any other ideas you have. We can do this during the day or after school. Please let me know if you are interested. We can set the times and dates together.

If you have questions, please ask  
Thanks,  
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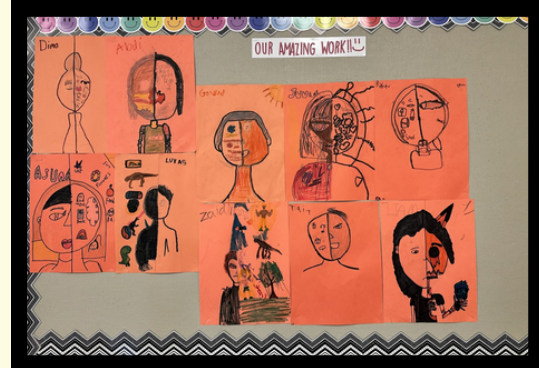
# CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS

## Ms. Singh's Class Room 210

Dear Families,

Welcome to October! Our new school term is off to a wonderful start. Students have been settling into routines, building friendships, and showing great enthusiasm for learning. This month, we will focus on strengthening our academic skills while also celebrating the season of fall with exciting classroom activities.

We recently did a split self-portrait where students learned that identity isn't just about how we look, it's also about what we love, believe in, and enjoy. It is a creative way to express both the outside self and the inside self.



What We're Learning:

ELA (English Language Arts):

- Exploring fall-themed writing prompts and descriptive writing.
- Reading short stories and novels that highlight character, setting, and theme.
- Expanding vocabulary through word work and spelling centers.

Math:

- Continuing with Number Sense (place value, addition & subtraction strategies).
- Introduction to Patterns & Equations.
- Math centers with games and problem-solving challenges.

Science (Healthy Body):

- Learning about how our bodies work and ways to stay healthy.
- Exploring nutrition, exercise, and positive lifestyle habits.

Social Studies (First Peoples):

- Beginning our unit on First Peoples and their rich histories and traditions. Discussing respect, land, and community values.

Leaf Art Project

Room 210 did an amazing fall-inspired leaf activity! Students gathered leaves from outside and used them to create unique and beautiful art pieces. It was a wonderful way to connect with nature, celebrate the season, and showcase their creativity.

Warm Regards

Mrs. Singh

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## Hello from Room 205! (Grade 5/6)

The Grade 5/6 students in Room 205 have had a fantastic start to the school year! We've been settling into our routines, getting to know each other, and starting to explore some exciting learning opportunities.

### English Language Arts

In ELA, our class has been diving into writing every day! We have been practicing our skills through engaging prompts on We Will Write, a fun collaborative writing game online that students really enjoy. We are also beginning persuasive writing using the O.R.E.O. strategy (Opinion, Reason, Example, Opinion). To celebrate identity and where we come from, students have created pictures of their inner and outer selves and will soon be writing "Where I'm From" poems, sharing their unique stories and experiences. These activities are helping us grow as a classroom community, encouraging collaboration, understanding, and appreciation for each other's perspectives.

### Science Exploration

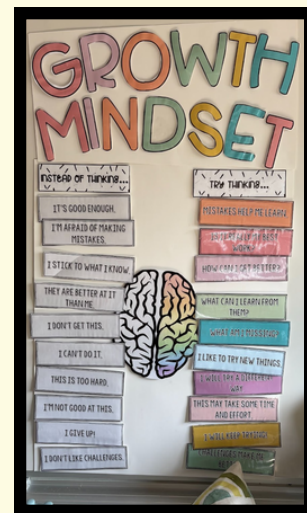
We have begun our unit on Properties of and Changes in Substances. We have already completed some fun investigations as a class, including making Oobleck, which helped us explore how substances can behave in surprising ways. Over the coming weeks, we will be diving deeper into the properties of solids, liquids, and gases, and exploring concepts such as density, buoyancy, and viscosity. Hands-on experiments like these are strengthening students' scientific thinking while encouraging teamwork, curiosity, and a sense of discovery as we learn together.

### Health & Well-Being

Our Grade 5/6 students have begun exploring the concept of Growth Mindset. We have discussed how our brains can grow and learn when we embrace challenges, persist through difficulties, and learn from mistakes. Students have also decorated their Thrival Kits, which we will be using to practice mindfulness and reflect on our thoughts and feelings. This combination of reflection and creative expression is helping students develop resilience, confidence, and a positive attitude toward learning, while also fostering a supportive and caring classroom community.

Ms. Fernando

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# PHYSICAL EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS

Hi Families,

Here's a look at what we've been learning in the gym this month! Over the past few weeks, students have been focusing on learning gym routines and procedures to help ensure that everyone can participate safely and respectfully.

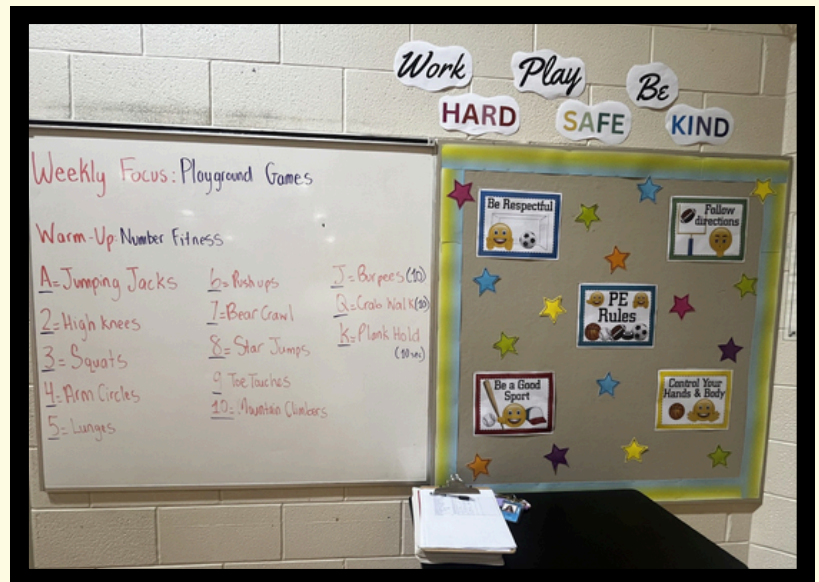
We've also been working on developing teamwork and cooperation skills through fun group activities. In addition, students have been introduced to classic playground games such as kickball, hopscotch, and wall ball – games they can enjoy both in and out of school!

It's been a wonderful start to the school year. The students are staying active, learning new skills, and having a great time in the gym!

Warm regards,

Ms. Lisi

Phys. Ed Teacher: [mlisi@wsd1.org](mailto:mlisi@wsd1.org)





## September in Room 115 :)

The nursery and kindergarten students have had a wonderful first month of the school year! Students are expressing comfort, curiosity and joy while exploring various learning centres in the classroom. Learning centres provide students with the opportunity to explore shapes, letters, numbers and colours!

This September, the nursery and kindergarten students focused on learning and following Pinkham School's guiding principles. Students come to school prepared to learn by putting their belongings away independently and sitting quietly on the carpet. Students express that they are ready to participate by sharing their thoughts and ideas with others during sharing circles or by dancing and singing during music class. Students demonstrate active listening during story time or while their peers are talking. Most importantly, students are learning to express that everybody belongs by sharing, including others while playing and using kind words while communicating with each other.

We're beginning to learn and express the Indigenous teaching of Love through listening, sharing stories and creating art. Students are also observing the beauty of Mother Earth through exploring outside each day. Students express great enthusiasm while playing and moving in the gym or while dancing and singing during music class!

What a lovely September it has been!

Love, Ms. B









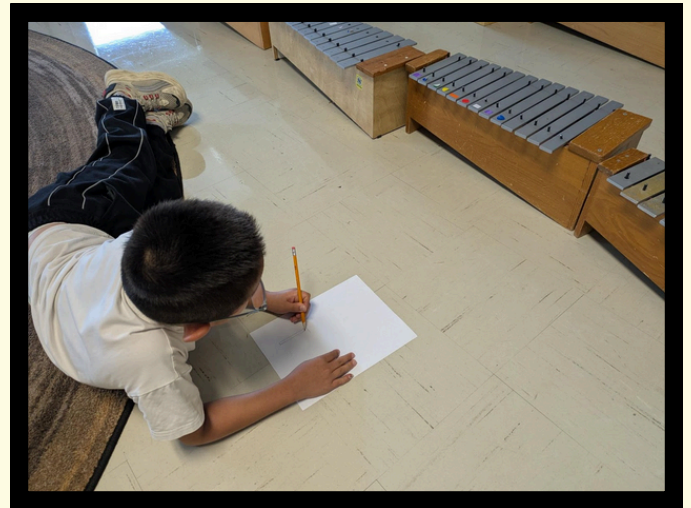
# MUSIC HIGHLIGHTS

It's been a great start to the new school year for the musicians of Pinkham School. We began the year with establishing our routines and learning about what C.A.R.E looks like and sounds like in the Music Room. As part of beginning to learn about beat and rhythm we learned poems and some ostinatos (repeated rhythms) that we put on body percussion and the xylophones. For fun, all classes learned some different drama games to warm up our creativity skills!

In preparation for Truth and Reconciliation, Orange Shirt Day Assembly, the Grade 1-6 students have all learned the song Music Alive. This song is composed by Sherryl Sewepagaham. Sherryl is a Cree/Dene musician and composer from Little Red River Cree Nation in Alberta. The song includes English and Cree words and talks about the importance of the children raising their voices together.

Choir began on Tuesday, September 23rd for Grades 3-6. We are preparing songs for the Remembrance Day service to begin. This year we also plan to participate in ChoralFest and the Winnipeg Music Festival. Send those wonderful voices to me!

Musically yours,  
Ms. Katie



# STUDENT SUPPORT PROCESS

Restorative practices can help strengthen relationships among students, families, and staff when concerns arise at school.

Let's work together to resolve matters and make sure everyone has a safe learning environment.



1

Speak with your child about the situation to gain their perspective.



2

Contact the classroom teacher. Teachers are directly involved with students and offer the best insight.



3

If concerns are not addressed, reach out to the school principal for support.

4

For ongoing issues, call the Superintendent's Department at 204-775-0231. Indicate the school you are calling about. WSD leadership will respond.

5

If challenges persist, contact the Board and Community Liaison Officer at 204-789-0469. They work with families and the Board of Trustees to reach a solution.

More information: [Restorative Practice Policy](#)



WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION

## ATTENDANCE AND ENGAGEMENT

*We encourage students to attend school daily. Regular attendance ensures that students receive the instruction and support that they need and helps them build a sense of belonging and love for learning. Please let us know if we can support you in any way.*



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## SAFE ARRIVAL

Student Absence Reporting System

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

Planned absences may be reported in advance



WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION



# October 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 	2  Fire Evacuation Practice @1:15	3	4
5	6 	7	8 	9	10 	11
12	13 	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22  Grade 6 Immunizations	23	24 	25
26	27	28  Bus Ridership	29  Parent Council Meeting  3:45- 5:00 pm	30	31 	



**C**

– Come prepared to **LEARN**

**A**

– **ACTIVELY** listening

**R**

– Ready to **PARTICIPATE & INQUIRE**

**E**

– Everybody **BELONGS**