



PINKHAM SCHOOL

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PRINCIPAL: MRS. SONIA MEDAGLIA DOS SANTOS

WELCOME BACK NEWSLETTER



Hello Pinkham families!

Welcome back to school! We are off to a great start this year. We are all very excited to be embarking on a fantastic year of learning and building community together. Please say hello when you drop off or pick up your child(ren) from school. We also encourage you to check out our website for information and read the newsletter for important dates over the year. We would be more than happy to answer any questions you may have or to support you with any needs. Please let us know if you require a paper copy of the newsletter.

I'm so grateful to be the principal of Pinkham School. Each school year brings many opportunities and excitement. We encourage you to share your child's gifts, strengths and questions with their teacher. Always know how very important each and every child and every family is to all our staff at Pinkham. A full list of contact information is included in our newsletter.

We will be hosting a **Meet the Staff** on Wednesday, September 17 from 3:45-5:00 pm. A year overview will be shared with you and you will have an opportunity to tour the school and meet the staff. If you have any questions please contact your child's teacher.

The new school year is an exciting beginning for all of us. We are bringing joy, love and rigour to learning this year.

Please note that there is no school on Tuesday September 30th, as this is the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

On behalf of the entire Pinkham School team, we wish you a wonderful September!

Take care,

Sonia Medaglia Dos Santos
Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sept. 17- Meet the Staff 3:45-5:00 pm

Sept. 30- Truth and Reconciliation Day
NO CLASSES

OCTOBER

Oct. 8- NO CLASSES

Oct. 10- Picture Day

Oct. 13- Thanksgiving

Oct. 24- NO CLASSES



PINKHAM SCHOOL STAFF LIST 2025-2025

Principal: Mrs. Sonia Medaglia Dos Santos

Secretary: Margaret Woodason

Classroom Teachers:

N/K Angie Budiwiski 115
Grade 1/2 Tazmeen Kabani 217
Grade 1/2 Rosario Antioquia 215
Grade 2/3 Angelie Falco 218
Grade 3/4 Kaileigh Todd 216
Grade 4/5 Semira Ramlasingh 210
Grade 5/6 Tiffany Fernando 205
Grade 5/6 Lin Ruttan 203



SPECIALISTS:

Physical Education	Mattina Lisi 105 (Gym)
Music/Arts	Katherine Prescott 208

SUPPORT TEAM:

Amar Basra	Learning Support/Resource N-2 110
Kelsey Cherepak 50%	Learning Support/Resource 3-4 119
Colleen Rana	Learning Support/Resource 4-6 119
Vanessa Bartlett	Learning Support/Resource 3-4 109

EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANTS:

Luz Maldonado	Marciel Gaza	Babtonde Ayoko
Maragrita Villegas	Stacey Nickel	Temitope Ayoadé
Wayne Lewis		

FOOD COORDINATORS:

Noah Rexer

COMMUNITY SUPPORT WORKER:

Sherri Houle 101

CUSTODIANS:

Kevin Prescott (Head Custodian) Wilfredo San Miguel (Evening Custodian)

CLINICIANS:

Steven Andrew- Psychology	Mande Smith- Social Work
Kim Siwak-Reading Clinician	Danit Hassan- SP&L

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.




Students must follow the lunch program rules:

Be Kind

Be Respectful

Be Responsible



IF you require lunch program, please complete the lunch program registration and return to the office ASAP!

PINKHAM FAMILY ROOM

Welcome to the Family Room!

Our Family room is a welcoming space where we have our monthly Parent Council meetings and programming throughout the year. We have a free clothing depot and sewing machines. I can help with any resources you need. You can call, email, or speak to me live.

Weekly food security for potatoes, onions, and bread. The program will start later in the month. They are looking for a depot to work from as the former depot no longer has space.

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, cheese strings and milk. This program will start in the next couple of weeks.

Parent Council Meetings - These meetings are a great way to share school information and meet other Parent/Guardians. We offer free childcare and a light dinner. Our first Parent Council Meeting is on **Wednesday, September 24th at 5:00 p.m.** Please let me know if you are attending to make sure we have enough food. I have some ideas for programming such as pottery and learning indigenous languages. I want to hear from you. If you have any suggestions of something you would like to learn or learn more about, please let me know. Our beading/sewing was fun last school year. Our Parents/Guardians met new people, learned to make dreamcatchers, earrings and had good snacks.

Thank-You
Sherrie Houle
Community Support Worker shoule@wsd1.org
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2025-2026



Important
Dates

September 2025

- 2 Administration Day – Opening Day Staff Meeting
- 3 First day of school for students Grades 1-6
- 5 New School Year assembly – Administration hosting – 9:00 AM
- 8 First full half-day for Nursery – Kindergarten
- 11 Dental Screening
- 17 Meet the Staff Night 3:45 – 5:00 PM
- 26 Terry Fox Run –am
- 29 Orange Shirt Day Assembly
- 30 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – SCHOOL CLOSED

October 2025

- 2 Whole School Evacuation Day- Salem Community Bible Church
- 8 WSD All Staff Meeting – NO CLASSES
- 10 School Photos
- 13 Thanksgiving Day HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
- 24 MTS PD Day – SCHOOL CLOSED
- 28 Bus Ridership
- 31 Halloween

November 2025

- 10 Remembrance Day Assembly—11:00 AM
- 11 Remembrance Day – SCHOOL CLOSED
- 13 School Photos – Re-takes
- 18-19-20 Hearing Screening
- 20 Student-Led Conferences—Evening
- 21 Student-Led Conferences—NO CLASSES
- 24-25 Class Data Review Meetings

December 2025

- 11 Winter Concert
- 12 Professional Development Day- NO CLASSES
- 19 Movie Day
- Dec 22 – Jan 2 WINTER BREAK – SCHOOL CLOSED

January 2026

- 5 School re-opens after Winter Break
- 21 Mobile Vision Clinic

February 2026

- 2 Professional Development Day- NO CLASSES
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 16 Louis Riel Day—HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
- 28 Jump Rope for Heart assembly 2:30 PM

March 2026

17-18	IEP Meetings
19	Student-Led Conferences – evening
20	Student-Led Conferences – all day – NO CLASSES
23-27	Spirit Week
26	Family Movie Evening

Mar. 30-Apr. 4 SPRING BREAK – SCHOOL CLOSED

April 2026

6	School re-opens after Spring Break
8-9	Class Data Review Meetings
10	Professional Development Day—NO CLASSES
28	Bus Ridership
	Day of Pink TBA

May 2026

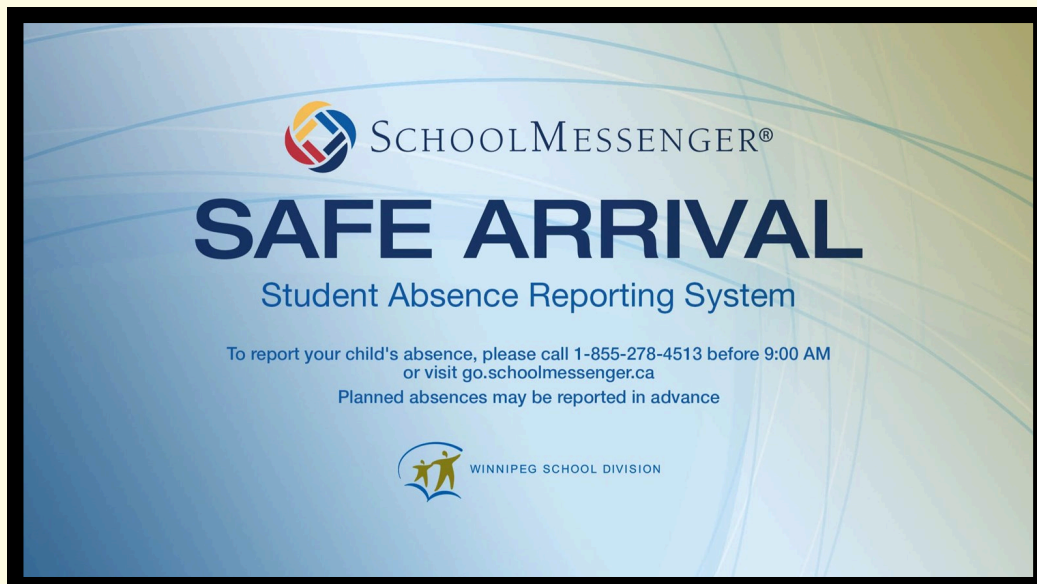
8	School Planning Day—NO CLASSES
18	Victoria Day—HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED

June 2026

5	PD/School Planning Day—NO CLASSES
19	Year End Celebration—9:00 AM
22	*TBA* Grade 6 Farewell—1:15 PM
22	Report Cards go home
21	National Indigenous Peoples Day
26	Talent Show – 9:15 AM
30	Last Day of School—Student Dismissal at 11:30 AM

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.



September 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 	4	5	6
7	8 First day of Nursery and Kindergarten 	9	10	11 S.M.I.L.E. Dental Screening 	12	13
14	15	16	17 Meet the Staff 3:45-5:00 	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 	27
28	29 	30 	 We Honour National Day for TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION			



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– Come prepared to **LEARN**

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– **ACTIVELY** listening

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– Ready to **PARTICIPATE & INQUIRE**

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– Everybody **BELONGS**