

Pinkham School

204-786-5749

Welcome Back

September 2023

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

Dear Pinkham Families,

Happy NEW SCHOOL YEAR!!

It is with great pleasure and enthusiasm that I write this letter of introduction to you as the new principal of Pinkham School. My name is Mrs. Mercy Sackey, and I am truly honoured to become a part of this fantastic community,

WE WELCOME and WELCOME BACK the following staff members to our school for this year: Kevin Guile, Ryan Kennedy and Tiffany Lepla, Margaerite Acero, Angie Budiwski, Tazmeen Kabani, Shae-Lynn Sawchuk, Riane Kandia, Lisa Poettcker, and Amanda Pimentel.

We welcome you and your child(ren) back to our school this year. We all at Pinkham School are excited and looking forward to a fantastic school year filled with great learning opportunities. The start of this school year has been busy, and we have planned well to ensure your child's return to school is safe and joyful.

Each new school year brings many opportunities for the excitement of a new beginning and developing routines. We encourage you to share your child's gifts, strengths, and worries with their teacher when you see them outside.

Thank you for sending your amazing children to our school each day. Always know how important each child and every family is to all our staff here.

We look forward to meeting all our families **on Meet the Staff Evening, which will be on Wednesday, September 20, 2023.** A school year overview and summary will be provided to the families. It will outline themes that your child will be learning about in class this year. If you have any questions, please get in touch with your child's teacher.

Our enhanced school safety entry doors have been very successful. All exterior doors are locked, and entry to the school for students will be through the front and back doors at 8:50 a.m. and 12:55 p.m. If your child is late, they are to enter the school through the main entry on Pacific Avenue. Once inside, they will ring the buzzer, and the office staff will let them in.

Our first **parent council meeting for this year is on Wednesday, September 27, at 5 p.m.** We look forward to meeting all the parents/guardians. We recognize that to succeed in school, our children need

support from home and school. We know a strong partnership with you will significantly impact your child's education. This is an excellent opportunity for the school to get to know you and plan with you for the betterment of your children.

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.

This is an exciting beginning for all of us. We look forward to working together with you and your family.

Mercy Sackey
Principal



Mrs. Sackey and students enjoying the beautiful weather together.



So happy to be back together!!!



We are so excited to have our beautiful new outdoor learning environment. This will be an area to support our students with connecting to nature, and each other.



Pinkham Family Room

My name is Sherrie Houle, and I am the Community Support Worker for Pinkham School. I take care of our Family room which is a beautiful space filled with resources and room for programming. We also use the space for our monthly Parent Council Meetings.

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 will start soon. I will let you know when that happens.

Thank you, Sherrie Houle (204-786-5749)



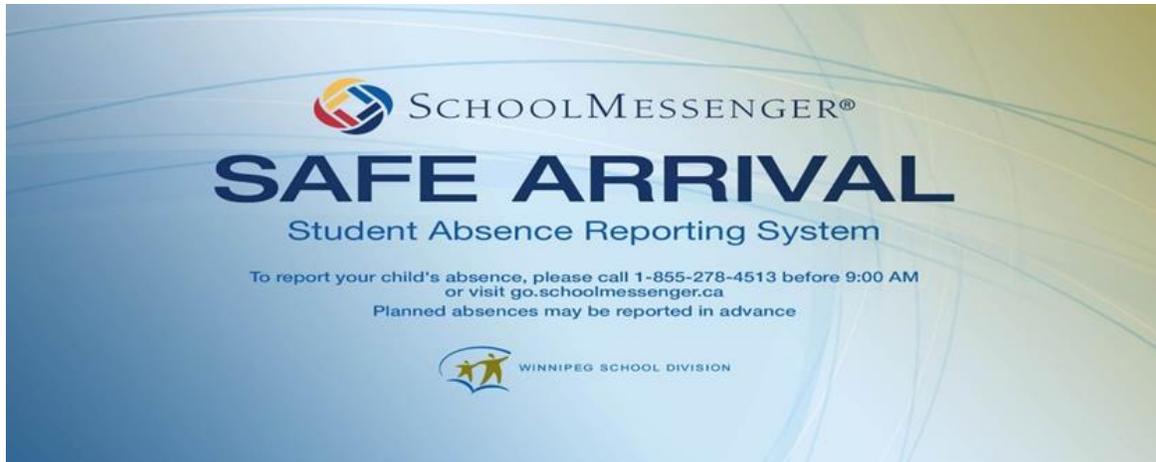
PINKHAM SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL LUNCH PROGRAM

Pinkham School offers a lunch program for students whose parents/guardians are either working or going to school. There are limited lunch program spots, and the cost is \$200 per child for the year.

Payment is either made in full by September 30th, 2023, or payment can be made in 2 installments; \$100 by September 30th, 2023 and \$100 by January 30th, 2024.

Please contact the office for a Lunch Program Form and Lisa Poettcker to make payment.





Teacher Contact Information

Mercy Sackey	Principal	Office	msackey@wsd1.org
Angie Budiwski	N/K Teacher	RM 115	abudiwski@wsd1.org
Tazmeen Kabani	Gr. 1/2 Teacher	RM 217	tkabani@wsd1.org
Margaerite Acero	Gr. 1/2/3 Teacher	RM 218	macero@wsd1.org
Kevin Guile Teacher	Gr. 3/4 Teacher	RM 215	kguile@wsd1.org
Tiffany Lepla	Gr. 4/5/6 Teacher	RM 203	tlepla@wsd1.org
Ryan Kennedy	Gr. 4/5/6 Teacher	RM 205	rykennedy@wsd1.org
Amanda Pimentel	Support Teacher	RM 110	ampimentel@wsd1.org
Lisa Poettcker	I.E.R.T./ Resource	RM 119	lpoettcker@wsd1.org
Sherrie Houle	Community Support Worker	RM 101	shoule@wsd1.org

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

SEPTEMBER

20 Meet the Staff – 3:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
27 Parent Council - 5:00 p.m.
Grade 6 Vaccine Clinic
29 Assembly – Truth and Reconciliation

OCTOBER

3 NO CLASSES – Teacher Professional Development
9 NO CLASSES – Thanksgiving Day
11 Picture Day
20 NO CLASSES – Teacher Professional Development
25 Parent Council – 5:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER

14 Report Cards Go Home
Picture Retakes
16 Tri-ad Conferences beginning at 4:00 p.m.
17 NO CLASSES – Tri-ad Conferences
29 Parent Council – 5:00 p.m.

DECEMBER

8 NO CLASSES – Teacher Professional Development
22 Last day of classes
25 Winter break begins

JANUARY

8 School Reopens
29 Mobile Vision Care Clinic
31 Parent Council – 5:00 p.m.

FEBRUARY

2 NO CLASSES – Teacher Professional Development
19 NO CLASSES – Louis Riel Day
28 Parent Council – 5:00 p.m.

MARCH

12 Report Cards Go Home
14 Student Led Conferences beginning at 4:00 p.m.
15 NO CLASSES – Student Led Conference
20 Parent Council – 5:00 p.m.
25 – 29 Spring Break

APRIL

19 NO CLASSES – Teacher Professional Development
24 Parent Council – 5:00 p.m.

MAY

2 NO CLASSES – Teacher Professional Development
20 NO CLASSES – Victoria Day
16 Spring Celebration – 6:00 p.m.
29 Parent Council – 5:00 p.m.

JUNE

14 NO CLASSES – Teacher Professional Development
25 Report Cards Go Home
Grade 6 Celebration
28 Last Day of School – Dismissal at 11:30 a.m.

September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4 Labour Day	5 School Reopens No Classes	6 	7	8	9
10	11 First Day of Classes Nursery/ Kindergarten	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 Meet the Staff 3:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 Parent Council – 5 pm Grade 6 Vaccine Clinic	28	29 Truth and Reconciliation Assembly	30 