



Pinkham School 204-786-5749



C.A.R.E

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

September 2024

Hello Pinkham Families,

HAPPY NEW SCHOOL YEAR!

My name is Mrs. Mercy Sackey, and I am the principal of Pinkham School. We are thrilled to welcome you and your child(ren) back to our school this year. We all at Pinkham School are eagerly anticipating 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. We can't wait to see what this year holds for your child(ren)!

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

Thank you for entrusting your amazing children to our school each day. We deeply appreciate the trust you place in us, and we want you to always know how important each child and every family are to all our staff. Your role in our school community is invaluable, and we look forward to working together for the success of your child(ren).

WE WELCOME and WELCOME BACK the following staff members to our school for this year: Ms. Margaerite Acero, Ms. Sukhmandeep Aulakh, Ms. Angie Budiwski, Ms. Amarpreet Basra, Ms. Mahawa Bendu, Ms. Tazmeen Kabani, Ms. Brigitte Kosmac, Ms. Katherine Prescott, Ms. Christina Rocha, Ms. Shae-Lynn Sawchuk, Ms. Kerry Sweet and Ms. Jenelle Varis.



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We are very excited to welcome your children to Pinkham on Wednesday, September 4th. The Pinkham staff will be waiting on the hard top from 8:45 to direct students to their respective classrooms. Please bring your children to the hard top at 8:45 a.m. and the staff will be happy to welcome them and direct them to their classroom teacher.

We look forward to meeting all our families **on Meet the Staff Evening, which will be on Wednesday, September 18, 2024.** The families will receive a school year overview and summary, outlining themes that their child(ren) will be learning about in class this year. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher.

Our enhanced school safety measures, including the successful implementation of entry doors, have been designed with our students' safety in mind. All exterior doors are locked, and students enter through the front and back doors at 8:55 a.m. and 12:55 p.m. If your child is late, they enter through the main entry on Pacific Avenue. Once inside, they ring the buzzer, and the office staff let them in. These measures are in place to ensure a safe and secure learning environment for your child(ren).

Our first **parent council meeting for this year is on Wednesday, September 25, at 5 p.m.** We eagerly anticipate meeting all the parents/guardians in the family room. We understand that our children need support from home and school to succeed in their education. We believe that a strong partnership with you will significantly impact your child's education. This meeting is an excellent opportunity for the school to get to know you and plan with you for the betterment of your child(ren).

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.

We are excitedly looking forward to working together with you and your family.
Have a fantastic long weekend with your family!
Please contact the office at 204-786-5749

Together, we stand stronger!

Mercy Sackey,
Principal



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PINKHAM SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

- If you are interested in having your children join our lunch program, please register in the office as soon as possible. The forms will be available in the office on the first day of school.

The school supply fee for 2024-2025 school year is:

- \$30.00 for Grade 1-6
- \$15.00 for Nursery/Kindergarten

Students will need to bring the following items to school:

- **backpack** with their name marked on it
- **pair of runners** (no black soles, platform runners, or backless shoes) for
- **Physical Education classes** with their name marked on them
- **1 box of Kleenex**
- **Reusable water bottle**

Teacher Contact Information

Ms. Angie Budiwski	N/K Room 115	abudiwski@wsd1.org
Ms. Tazmeen Kabani	Gr. 1/2 Room 217	tkabani@wsd1.org
Ms. Mahawa Bendu	Gr. 1/2 Room 215	mbendu@wsd1.org
Ms. Margaerite Acero	Gr. 2/3 Room 118	macero@wsd1.org
Ms. Kerry Sweett	Gr. 3/4 Room 210	ksweett@wsd1.org
Ms. Jenelle Varis	Gr. 4/5 Room 205	jenvaris@wsd1.org
Ms. Christina Rocha	Gr. 5/6 Room 203	crocha@wsd1.org
Ms. Sukhmandeep Aulakh	Gr. 5/6 Room 204	suaulakh@wsd1.org
Ms. Katherine Prescott	Gr. N-6 Music Room 208	kprescott@wsd1.org
Mrs. Shae-Lynn Sawchuk	Physical Education Room 105	ssais@wsd1.org
Ms. Brigette Kosmac	LST/Resource	bkosmac@wsd1.org
Ms. Tazmeen Kabani	LST/Resource	abasra@wsd1.org




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Student Absences

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




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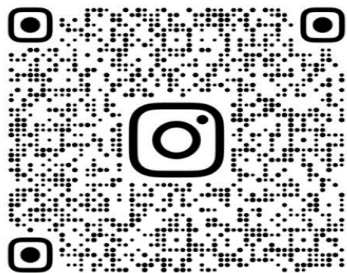
SAFE ARRIVAL

Student Absence Reporting System

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Planned absences may be reported in advance



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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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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 can 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

Community Support Worker

shoule@wsd1.org





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Upcoming Important Dates **Calendar of Events 2024 -2025**

SEPTEMBER

- 18 Meet the Staff – 3:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- 25 Parent Council - 5:00 pm
- 27 Assembly – Truth and Reconciliation
- 31 NO CLASS – National Day of Truth and Reconciliation

OCTOBER

- 9 NO CLASSES – Teacher Professional Development
- 14 NO CLASSES – Thanksgiving Day
- 10 Picture Day
- 25 NO CLASSES – Teacher Professional Development
- 30 Parent Council – 5:00 p.m.
- 31 Assembly

NOVEMBER

- 18 Report Cards Go Home
- 12 Picture Retakes
- 21 Tri-ad Conferences beginning at 4:00 p.m.
- 22 NO CLASSES – Tri-ad Conferences
- 27 Parent Council – 5:00 p.m.
- 29 Assembly

DECEMBER

- 6 NO CLASSES – Teacher Professional Development
- 20 Last Day of classes / Assembly
- 23 Winter break begins

JANUARY

- 6 School Reopens
- 22 Mobile Vision Care Clinic
- 29 Parent Council – 5:00 p.m.
- 30 Assembly
- 31 NO CLASSES – Teacher Professional Development



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FEBRUARY

- 17 NO CLASSES – Louis Riel Day
- 26 Parent Council – 5:00 p.m.
- 28 Assembly

MARCH

- 10 Report Cards Go Home
- 13 Student Led Conferences beginning at 4:00 p.m.
- 14 NO CLASSES – Student Led Conference
- 26 Parent Council – 5:00 p.m.
- 28 Assembly
- 31 Spring Break Begins

APRIL

- 7 School Reopens
- 11 NO CLASSES – Teacher Professional Development
- 18 NO CLASSES – Good Friday
- 30 Parent Council – 5:00 p.m.

MAY

- 9 NO CLASSES – Teacher Professional Development
- 20 NO CLASSES – Victoria Day
- 22 Spring Celebration – 6:00 p.m
- 28 Parent Council – 5:00 p.m.


JUNE

- 6 NO CLASSES – Teacher Professional Development
- 13 Grade 6 Celebration
- 24 Report Cards Go Home
- 27 Last Day of School – Dismissal at 11:30 a.m.



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September

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Labour Day	3 School Reopens No Classes	4 First Day of Classes 	5	6
9 First Day of Classes Nursery/ Kindergarten	10	11	12	13
16	17	18 Meet the Staff – 3:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	19	20
23	24	25 Parent Council - 5:00 p.m.	26	27 Truth and Reconciliation Assembly
30 NO CLASS – National Day of Truth and Reconciliation 