

# December NEWSLETTER

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Maria Manzano, Principal



Dear Prairie Rose Families,

Season's Greetings! Looks like snow is finally upon us and it's starting to get a lot cooler even though it is not quite winter just yet. Just a friendly reminder to ensure your child dresses for the weather. Students are expected to stay outside before school, during morning and afternoon recess breaks and lunch recess for half an hour. Students will be indoors when the weather is poor or when the temperature outside reaches -27 degrees Celsius or colder.

Thank you for taking the time to connect with our teachers during Parent Teacher Interview Conferences last month. It has been a great way to reflect and celebrate our students' success as we plan forward for their next steps. With the first term of the school year completed, we ask that you continue to support your child as a learner as they continue to work towards their goals and celebrate accomplishments!

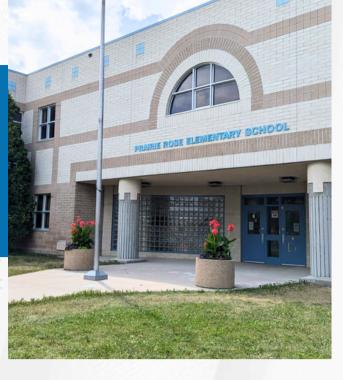
This month will be a very busy month preparing for our Winter Concert. Our nursery and kindergarten students will also join this event and will be held on Tuesday, December 17th at 6:30 pm in our gymnasium. Our Parent Advisory Council will be holding a Pizza Lunch fundraiser this month where proceeds will go towards upgrading Lunch Program's outdoor equipment. So, look out for more information regarding that soon. We will be hosting our second annual Pancake Breakfast on Thursday, December 19th for all of our Nursery to Grade 6 students with a special guest.

On behalf of our Prairie Rose staff, we would like to thank you for your continued support and wish each and every one of you a very joyous holiday season!

Yours in education,

Mrs. Manzano





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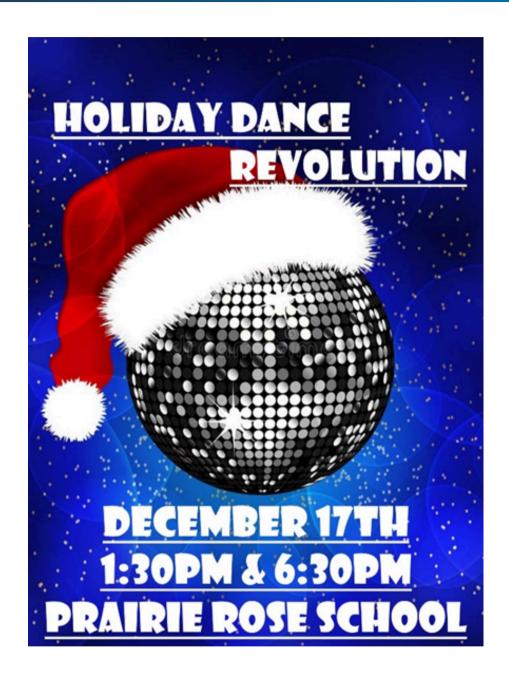
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### CONTACT





# SAVETHE DATE Winter Concert



Please join us for A Holiday Dance Revolution on December 17th at 1:30 p.m. or 6:30 p.m.

Dress code is different in each class.

~ rush seating - arrive early ~ Prairie Rose Gymnasium



### NURSERY, KINDERGARTEN - ROOM 113 | MS. D

It is hard to believe that the holidays are just around the corner!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the families who participated in Parent-Teacher Conferences. It was wonderful to be able to meet in-person and/or speak with you to discuss the children and all of their amazing progress!

Throughout the month of December, we are going to be doing some fun holiday activities while we continue to learn about Penguins and work on our letters and numbers with our new Gingerbread theme. We will be doing some painting, game playing, singing, dancing, acting and even a little baking. We will also continue to practice for our upcoming Winter Concert performance, being held in the afternoon and evening of Tuesday, December 17th, 2024.

Regular morning classes will occur on December 17th with an invitation to the matinee, afternoon performance at 1:30 p.m. If you are available to accompany your child for the afternoon performance, please let us know. Everyone is expected to attend the evening performance at 6:30 pm. We look forward to seeing all of you there!

Wishing you and yours a very Happy Holiday Season and all the Best in Health, Wealth, Love and Happiness for 2025!

Sincerely,

Ms. D 😊















### GRADES 1, 2 - ROOM 208 | MS. CELESTINO

It has been NOVEMBER-RIFIC month of learning experience for grade 1s and grade 2s in room 208. We start our Math everyday with the number of the day, so far we learned to spell number words from one to ten! Also, our excellent students from room 208 are always excited to write their number sentence on the board (always a big line-up as everyone wants to showcase their number sentence on the board). ELA, they enjoy reading, listening to reading and working with their word work during our Daily 5. They have been fabulous with reading every night at home with their home reading books. They also created a book review, they made a pop-out book review featuring their favourite book and they wrote what they liked about it. In Science, we are given the opportunity to show the school what the class enjoys doing at day and at night (our artwork is displayed by the office hall). In Social Studies we had a chance to explore our community, we went for a scavenger hunt with room 209 one afternoon. We still enjoy and appreciate room 212 for being awesome reading buddies. We also celebrated Dominic's 7th birthday, thanks Dominic for our pizza lunch. We also presented our PEACE poem for remembrance day school service at the gym. Last week of this month we finally got to see some snow. We are looking forward to building a snowman!













### GRADES 1, 2 - ROOM 209 | MS. TURNER

How is it already December!? Time sure has been flying by this term! Room 209 and 208 have started Common Learning where we all get together once every week or two and take on different activities! So far we have gone on a nature walk and scavenger hunt.

We are looking forward to continuing on with different activities and experiments with Room 208! In mathematics, we have been learning new math strategies using many different types of counters to help build number sense. We have also started addition and subtraction, and will continue to build on these concepts throughout the year! In social studies we have been learning a lot about our community, resolving conflict and our responsibilities to name a few!

In ELA, we have been continuing with our Writer's Workshop and learning new skills and techniques to use when we are writing! We will continue this through the rest of the year! We are very excited and have been practicing for our winter concert that will take place on December 17th!







### GRADES 3, 4 - ROOM 212 | MS. DENISE

Room 212 has had a busy month. Did you know that World Kindness Day was on November 15th? Well, we did! Our class made sure all the adults felt appreciated and loved with a handwritten note detailing what was special about them and how they made the world better. The students hand delivered the notes and shared how those simple words of kindness had a positive impact on the recipient. We had an opportunity to complete a challenge with Room 214, we had to build a chair but one of our classmates had to sit on it without it collapsing! It was a success and a great team building exercise.

We also worked hard on creating an acrostic poem about Autumn. We have a lot of creative writers in our classroom. We also made some beautiful artwork to accompany our writing and have it displayed for all to see in the hallway. December will be a busy month and we can't wait to share our singing talents with our friends and family on December 17th! Please contact me via Seesaw or <a href="mailto:ddesjarlais@wsdl.org">ddesjarlais@wsdl.org</a> if you have any questions or concerns.







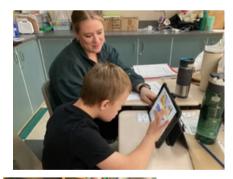


### GRADES 3, 4 - ROOM 214 | MRS. SIMONS

I can hardly believe we are already in the last month of 2024! November was a busy month for us in room 214 filled with research projects, engineering challenges, planning, building, mathematical thinking and heaps of creativity! We have completed our classroom novel, Matilda and are looking forward to watching the movie soon! We continue our weekly journal writing, Daily 5 and creative writing in ELA.

In December, we will look at seasonal creative writing and poetry. In math we are working on number sense, building fact fluency, mental math strategies and recently, patterns. Patterns will continue into December along with a real-life winter math project. We completed our Science unit where we focused on Materials and Structures. Students planned and designed different structures, participated in structure challenges, collaborated with our other grade 3 & 4 class and completed a research and art project on a chosen famous structure. We finished our Social Studies unit called "Connecting with Canadians". We look forward to beginning our new Science and Social Studies learning after winter break. Students did a wonderful job on their Remembrance Day service presentation and worked hard to prepare for it. Their Remembrance Day art is so beautiful it is still up on our bulletin board! We are busy preparing for our Winter Concert and can't wait to perform for families! It was wonderful speaking with families about your child's learning and successes during parent-teacher conferences.

I hope everyone has a safe, warm and fun winter break!

















### GRADES 5, 6 - ROOM 211 | MR. TOSCZAK



November has been full of exciting changes in Room 211! From our new desk groups and revamped classroom corner to having our teacher candidate, Ms. Collins, here full time, we've been busy! In social studies, we've kicked off a new unit focused on Canada and the important people who helped shape its history. In ELA, we continue to strengthen our reading and writing skills through daily practice, and we've started integrating concepts from social studies to deepen our understanding. In math, we've formed new groups and have begun working on division! Each week, our groups collaborate on different math foundations, learning new ways to work together. It's been an exciting month of growth and teamwork, and we can't wait to see what's next!









### **GRADES 5, 6 - ROOM 215 | MR. FORBISTER**





It's hard to believe that it is already December! Thank you to all the parents who came out to talk to Mr. Forbister at conferences!

It's going to be another busy month!

In November, we finished our classroom Novel, *Kiki's Delivery Service*. What a fun story! We got to watch the movie after too! It was different, but we liked it too! We also studied the poem In Flanders Fields and read it to the school during the Remembrance Day assembly. It's important to look at the contributions of the soldiers who helped to keep us safe.

We continued to study our Space unit too! We have had a bunch of investigations of gravity, asteroids, planets and more. Space is a really fun unit to study. In groups, we thought about all of the things that scientists need to think about when they send people into space.

It must be scary, but also exciting.

This month will be the Winter Concert! We are going be dressing up in red, black, or white. We hope to see you there!



### PHYSICAL EDUCATION | MS. MCFADYEN

This month we finished our Team Handball unit and started out Tchouck Ball unit. Tchouck Ball is a fun and inclusive throwing and catching game. Students pass the ball back and forth to move it towards the rebounder. At the rebounder, the student with the ball will throw it at the rebounder and the other students will try to catch it off the bounce. Tchouck Ball is our Intramural sport for the month of December.

At the start of December our school will be receiving the divisional snowshoes. Students will need to dress for the weather as we will be spending some classes outside. Students will be playing games and will participate in orienteering with snowshoes.







### MUSIC | MRS. HIGHAM

It's that time of year again and we are happy to announce our Winter Concert!

Please join us for **A Holiday Dance Revolution on December 17th** at 1:30 pm or 6:30 pm. This is the time of year that the students have been practicing so hard for and I am excited to share with you the result of their work.

This year's concert is all about singing and dancing from all different eras. Dress code is different in each class. If you have any questions, please email your child's homeroom teacher. If your student has a shirt with writing on it, please turn it inside out or backwards for performance day.

The concert will start with two whole school songs and then will continue through Nursery/Kindergarten all the way up to Grade 6 and end with a whole school song. The theme song this year includes two solos which will be sang by Kylie & Austin in room 211. We also have student MCs which will be the Grade 6 leadership team.

We can't wait to see the big crowd that always comes out and joins us for these shows. It excites me to see so many parents and guardians who want to see their children shine. I can't wait to see you all on December 17th and remember that the show is rush seating so please arrive early.



### **REMEMBRANCE DAY**

pictures of the assembly



**Wreath Bearers** 



**Student Leader MCs** 













PANTHERS Every day, share ore heroes whe never mean to be.

**Singers** 

### **SPIRIT WEEK**

# dress up with us on the last week

### DECEMBER 16 TO DECEMBER 20

We're encouraging everyone to participate this month by dressing up in something FUN on the last week before the Winter Holiday

Mon, Dec. 16

### SILLY / HOLIDAY SOCKS

Wear mix-matched socks or holiday socks



Tues, Dec. 17

### **UGLY SWEATER DAY**

Wear your festive, holiday shirts/sweaters







Wed. **Dec. 18** 

### WHITE-OUT / JETS DAY

Wear your Winnipeg JETS gear or wear all white to support their game



Thurs, Dec. 19

#### **PAJAMA DAY**

Get cozy in your PJs while we have our pancake breakfast



Fri, **Dec. 20** 

#### **HOLIDAY HATS/HEADBAND**

Rock a holiday headband or hat just in time for the holidays





### **LUNCH PROGRAM**

Lunch Program Supervisor - Ms. Kim Cychowski | PrLunchprogram@gmail.com

Prairie Rose School Parent Council oversees the Lunch Program at the school in coordination with the principal, Mrs. Manzano. The Lunch Program follows all regulations and policies as outlined by the school and Winnipeg School Division.

PROCEDURES / EXPECTATIONS

The Lunch Program's supervisor, **Kim Cychowski,** recognizes that the safety and well-being of all students over the lunch hour is of the utmost importance. The Lunch Program is a non-profit organization. The lunch fees are used to pay the wages of adult lunch supervisors who provide indoor and outdoor supervision during the lunch hour.

Children are expected to bring a lunch. Please make sure that lunch is carried to school in a strong bag and all items are labeled with your child's name and room number.

Children are supervised during the 12:00- 12:55 p.m. lunch period. Children eat their lunch from 12:00 p.m. to approximately 12:30 p.m., at which time they will be supervised on the playground (weather permitting), or dismissed to noon hour clubs. Inside activities will occur during inclement weather.



NOTE: bagged lunches only





Please be mindful of what you pack in your child's lunch kit as we have students who are allergic to peanuts and tree nuts.

### Reminder

The Lunch Program does not provide cutlery or napkins.

There will be NO MICROWAVE SERVICE to heat up food.

~Thank You~

If your child is not participating in the Lunch Program and goes home for lunch, outdoor supervision starts at 12:45 p.m.





### **NORWEST DAYCARE**

NorWest's Early Learning Childcare Centre is a non-profit child care centre licensed through Manitoba Early Learning and Child Care. We have been in operation for more than 40 years. We have two sites: our Lucas Ave location is licensed to accept 66 children aged 1-12 years (4 infant, 32 preschool and 30 school age) and our Keewatin location is licensed to accept 12 infants (age 3 months to 24 months). Both sites are open throughout the week from 7:00 am – 5:00 pm except statutory holidays.

We recognize each child as an individual with different interests, strengths, and levels of development. Our team of certified Early Childhood Educators and assistants deliver age-appropriate activities aimed to enhance a child's social, emotional and physical development. We also help your child build strong cognitive, language, motor, and self-help skills.

To register please contact Tracy Krulicki at (204) 940-2165 or tkrulicki@norwestcoop.ca. You can also get more information on child care and subsidies by visiting Manitoba Early Learning and Child Care.

\*Please note: once your child is accepted into one of our daycare locations, you must become a member of our co-op. More information on our membership can be found <a href="https://example.com/here/">here</a>.

Reminder that the **front doors of Prairie Rose School will now be locked.** Please call (204)795-0547 upon your arrival and a staff member will let you inside. Another option is to access through the Lucas side doors and Press #2 on the outdoor keypad and wait to be buzzed into the building.

We are installing a **new fence** near the school for children attending daycare to access outdoor play more efficiently and safe. Installation has already commenced. More information to follow.

### **Child Care Centres**

#### Address:

Prairie Rose School 105 Lucas Avenue Winnipeg, MB R2R 2S8

### Address 2:

Access NorWest 785 Keewatin Street Winnipeg, MB R2X 3B9

#### Hours:

Open Monday – Friday 7:00am – 5:00 pm Closed on statutory holidays.

#### Phone:

(204) 940-2165 (Lucas) (204) 938-5965 (Keewatin)

#### Fax:

(204) 633-4902









# DECEMBER 2024



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
// Day 2	3/ Day 3	4/ Day 4	5/ Day 5	6/ Day 6
		Grades 3-4 Intramural 12:30 pm	Colouring Club 12:30 pm	Grades 5-6 Intramural 12:30 pm
9/ Day 1	10/ Day 2	11/ Day 3	12/ Day 4	13/ Day 5
Colouring Club 12:30 pm		<b>Pizza Lunch</b> Gr. 1-6	Grades 3-4 Intramural 12:30 pm	Patrol Pizza Party 1:00 pm
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6/ Day 6	17/ Day 1	18/ Day 2	19/ Day 3	20/ Day 4
	Winter Concert Nursery to Grade 6 6:30 pm gymnasium		Pancake Holiday Breakfast Nursery to Gr. 6	
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