



February NEWSLETTER

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Maria Manzano, Principal



Dear Prairie Rose Families,

Groundhog day predicted that we will have an early Spring! However, we still have about six more weeks of this winter season. Please continue to remind your child(ren) to dress warm for the weather. We've had a lot of indoor recesses due to harsh windchills but we're hopeful to enjoy more of the outdoors soon.

This month's focus is *I Love to Read* where every day this month, students will be encouraged to connect their love of literacy with this month's theme on kindness. Thank you in advance to all of our special guest readers and staff who have put together a meaningful learning month for students to be engaged in reading. Please read more about it on page 12.

On February 10th, our registration opens for new students within our school catchment area. All students must register with their catchment schools first. Students returning to Prairie Rose will rollover to the new year which means there is no need to reregister them.

Starting this month, Prairie Rose will be offering Grade 4 to 6 students an opportunity to participate in an after-school heritage language program offered by Manitoba Association of Filipino Teachers, Inc. (MAFTI) to learn one of the most spoken Philippine languages, Filipino. This program is designed for both Filipino and non-Filipino students at a beginner and intermediate level. Classes will start on February 19 and take place every Wednesday in the Multipurpose Room after school from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. and run until June. An orientation meeting for parents interested in their child to attend these classes will occur on Wednesday, February 5th at 4:30 p.m. in the Library.

We look forward to this month's activities, new experiences and celebrations! Thank you for your continued support.

Yours in education,

Mrs. Manzano



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CONTACT

Safe Arrival - 1-855-278-4513 | go.schoolmessenger.ca

Transportation - 204-586-8800 | 204-789-0452





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BLACK HISTORY

Month



Every February, people across Canada participate in Black History Month events, honouring the legacy of Black people in Canada. Since 1996, the Government of Canada's annual Black History Month campaign encourages all Canadians to learn more about Black history in Canada by learning about significant events that have contributed and have made an impact to all parts of society. We encourage families to read more about it by visiting: www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/black-history-month



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5 Canadian Black History Figures You Should Know About

5 Canadian Black Historical Figures You Should Know About Canada has a rich and diverse history, but the stories of Black Canadians have often been overlooked or forgotten. From pioneers and activists to artists and...

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<https://donaldmoorecanada.com/5-canadian-black-history-figures-you-should-know-about/> to learn more



FOLLOW US



We are now on Instagram!

Starting this month, we will start posting events, monthly themes, activities and reminders to keep our school community informed. Many of our Winnipeg School Division schools are also online and you can also follow them here: [@winnipegssd](https://www.instagram.com/winnipegssd)

Please note that Prairie Rose School will only accept followers who use social media in a respectful way. Student photos/videos will only be posted if parents/guardians have consented on their child's media release forms.



CLASSROOM NEWS...

NURSERY, KINDERGARTEN - ROOM 113 | MS. D

I would like to start by saying a very sincere THANK-YOU to all of our parents and/or caregivers, who ensured that the children arrived at school safely and on time every day. As a result of your determination and support, especially on the extremely frigid days, we had a busy and successful month exploring the Ocean and Hawaiian Islands!

February is "I Love to Read" month and the school is celebrating with a variety of fun filled, school-wide activities for the children in relation to BOOKS! Throughout the month, the children will participate in trivia contests, reading activities, guest readers and much, much more!!! They will also have the chance to win some great PRIZES for all of their reading efforts!

In our classroom, we will continue the "I Love to Read" celebration by exploring different authors, sharing books with our room 212 Reading Buddies and participating in our daily Home Reading program, using our knowledge of the letters and their sounds as a reading strategy. We will also focus in on rhyming words, as we explore books by Dr. Suess and continue working on our printing / writing skills, by creating some Valentine greetings for our friends and loved ones, in our new Post Office centre!

In honour of Valentine's Day, we will be having a small Valentine's Day Celebration on Friday, February 14th and a note with further details will be posted on SeeSaw in the coming days.

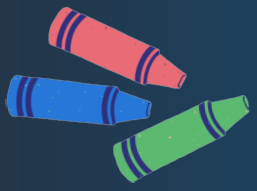
As the winter chill continues, please take care of yourselves and perhaps spend some time curled up with a warm blanket and a good book!

Happy Reading!



Ms. D

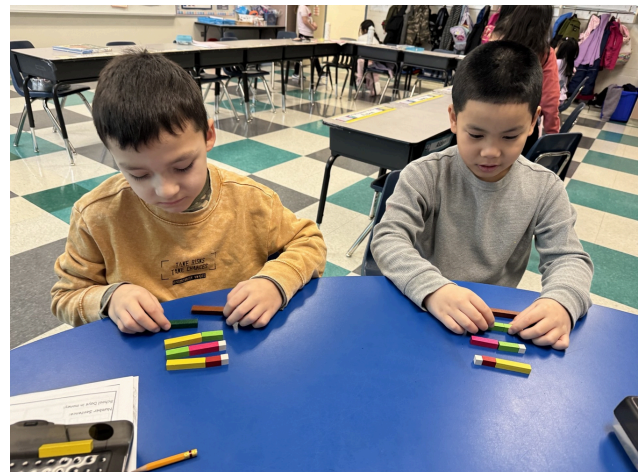
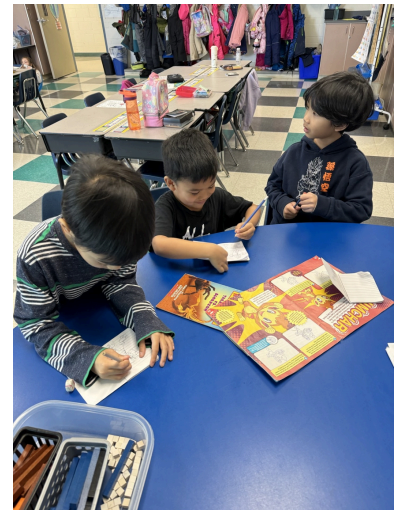




CLASSROOM NEWS...

GRADES 1, 2 - ROOM 208 | MS. CELESTINO

It's been a great start indeed as we welcomed the year 2025! Room 208 fabulous learners are all set and ready to conquer this year's new beginnings. In Math, we started using the Cuisenaire rods, it is a great math manipulative to use when adding and subtracting. The students are having so much fun combining colourful rods in creating an equation. In ELA, we are working on our sight words with a little bit of dancing and singing before hopping to our Daily 5. We are exploring writing poems as well. In Science, we are learning about the water cycle. Our reading buddies from room 211 helped us design our classroom with clouds and raindrops. In Social Studies we are diving in learning about the importance of families. Lastly, in Art, we are being creative in mixing colours together and recognizing different shapes.



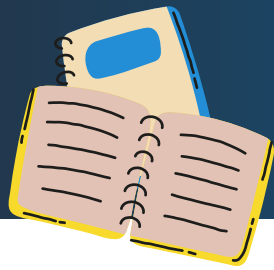


CLASSROOM NEWS...

GRADES 1, 2 - ROOM 209 | MS. TURNER

Wow! Does time ever fly by! January came and left incredibly fast and now it's already February! Even though it has been quite a short and cold month, Room 209 has been very productive! In ELA we have been working on creative writing which focuses on writing stories about different characters that come from our imagination! We have also started Words Their Way In our reading groups to practice our spelling! This is a literacy program that focuses on reading and vocabulary to further enhance each student's understanding. In mathematics we have furthered our capabilities with number sense, addition and subtraction by exploring Cuisenaire Rods as well as using Ones blocks, Tens blocks and Hundreds blocks to learn more about place value. We have also started engaging in SeeSaw activities to deepen our knowledge in both subjects! In Science we have been learning about Growth and Changes in Animals which has also taught us lots about growth and changes in humans! This has also tied into our Healthy Lifestyles subject and has been very beneficial to our learning! Prairie Rose School was lucky enough to have Mrs. Barros come in to teach gratitude to each classroom! Room 209 learnt a lot about the concept of being grateful for all that we have! We are continuing to create many different types of art pieces and can't wait to show you all that we have worked on!





CLASSROOM NEWS...

GRADES 3, 4 - ROOM 212 | MS. DENISE

January has been a super cold month and with a lot of time spent indoors playing games, singing and Lego building. The students in room 212 have been challenging themselves in the morning with math drills with a timer to strengthen their math fluency. During math class, we work through different math stations as a group to help build our math knowledge, cooperative learning and leadership skills. In ELA, we are working on our spelling and creative writing skills as novel study.

In Social Studies, we are learning about Canada's North. Did you know that Nunavut is Canada's newest territory? Did you know that there are more moose than people in the Yukon? We are learning a lot! We have started our Thrival boxes, and we will be learning strategies to help promote positive mental health and mental well-being. The grade 4 will be attending Swimming Matters classes in February so remember to bring your swimsuit and towel to the classes!

Throughout the year we will be experimenting with different art styles, one of our projects was learning about pop art. Check out our masterpieces!

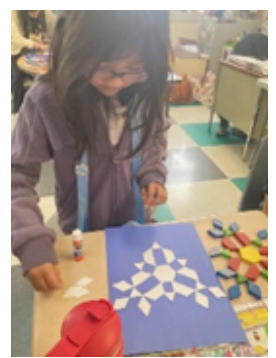
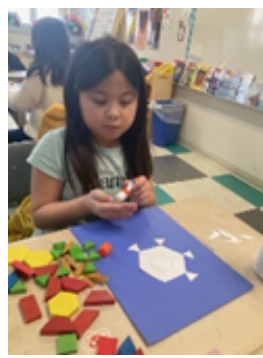
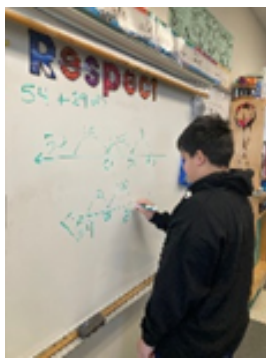
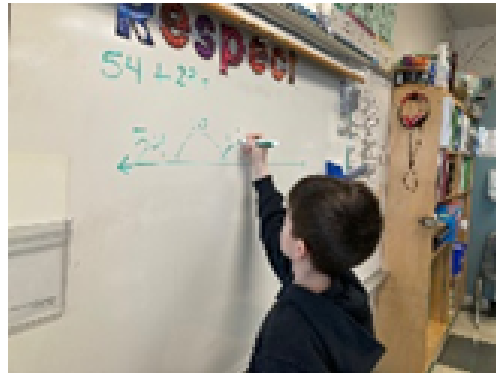




CLASSROOM NEWS...

GRADES 3, 4 - ROOM 214 | MRS. SIMONS

Brrr! January was a cold one! We were busy in 214 starting a lot of new concepts! In math, we worked on different strategies for addition and subtraction. We also started to learn about shapes and space. So far, our focus has been on 2D and 3D shapes. In ELA, we started our new class novel, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* by Roald Dahl. We are really enjoying it so far! Our personal writing, reading activities and creative writing will continue to be part of our ELA program each week. We started to learn about Living in Canada's North in Social Studies. We've been busy learning about the people, the land, the language, animals, and geography through map work, research and projects. Students even did some of their research with (gasp!) books instead of the internet! Our art has been a reflection of our classroom learning with our pattern block snowflakes and Canada's North inspired artwork. To help build our listening skills, we have been listening to a Podcast in class called "Six Minutes". We listen to one short episode a day, have a class discussion and either answer questions, write a journal entry or create Podcast Sketchnotes. So far, each episode has ended in a cliffhanger and we have all been enjoying listening each day! Students are enjoying our new Health program called Thrival, where we focus on taking care of our mental health. We are looking forward to all the fun activities February will have for I Love to Read, Valentine's Day and track! Our classroom's beautiful work is on display in the school showcase near the office for the whole month February. Make sure to stop by to see it if you're ever in the building! Keep warm and have a wonderful month!





CLASSROOM NEWS...

GRADES 5, 6 - ROOM 211 | MR. TOSCHAK



Room 211 had an excellent January so far. It was exciting to return to school after a relaxing winter break and I hope everyone reading this had a good break as well. This month we have started many new activities at school. In science, we have been learning about energy with a focus on electricity. In social studies we have started learning about WW1. In math, we have been creating our own dinosaur zoos and to do it we have to use our knowledge of area, perimeter, multiplication, fractions and decimals. We are really starting to notice how math is used in the real world! I hope you enjoy seeing our pictures below. Have a great February!



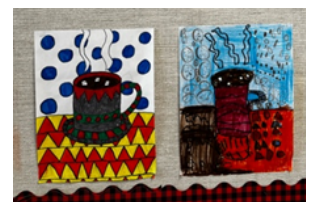
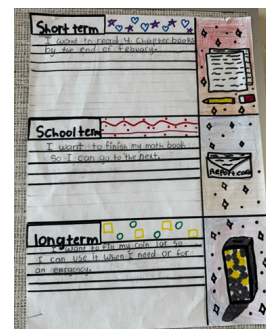
GRADES 5, 6 - ROOM 215 | MR. FORBISTER

Another month flew by in Room 215. We hit the ground running this month!

We started off 2025 with our resolutions for the year. We made sure to make sure our goals were specific, measurable, and fit each and every one of us! Some goals in our room are to read more books, train for the track meet, get faster at solving math problems, and to make more friends!

We started to look at Electricity in science. We just got some electronic kits in and we have started to explore them. It's a lot of fun to look at how the electronic systems work together. We also started our new classroom novel, *The City of Ember*. This is a book where an entire city relies on Electricity to power their lights, and without it, the world is in total darkness. It is a really mysterious book!

Finally in math we are working on our dividing skills. We are learning how to make groups and find new strategies to make division easier to understand. It's going to be another great month!





CLASSROOM NEWS...

PHYSICAL EDUCATION | MS. MCFADYEN

January was a cold but busy month in the gym! We worked on volleyball for the first two weeks of January and then we headed outside for some cross-country skiing. We were able to ski 4 times and had a great time outside. I was so impressed with how well our students did! It was great practice for when our grade 6 students head to camp at the end of the month.

Our grade 5 and 6 students have been practicing for their upcoming tournament. We will be headed to Meadows West on February 5th for a grade 6 volleyball tournament and we will be going to Waterford Springs on February 7th for a grade 5 and 6 volleyball tournament. Good luck to both of our teams!

We also started to practice for our upcoming track meet. Students in grades 3-6 will be going to a track meet on February 25th at MaxBell Centre. Please make sure to send your child with a bagged lunch, running shoes and a water bottle on the day of the track meet.



CLASSROOM NEWS...



MUSIC | MRS. HIGHAM

Happy February Prairie Rose community! Here is what is going on in the music room this month: Our featured composer this month is Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, he is a famous classical composer. Ask your child if they can identify some of his famous piano music. The students should also be able to tell you a bit about his life and background.

We are also working in the classroom on some new and interesting units. Rooms 209 and 208 will be working on bringing music and literary works to life with a special focus on Robert Munsch's and MMM Cookies to celebrate I Love to Read month this February. Rooms 212 and 214 are working on identifying notes in the music staff, as well as their next recorder song *My Paddles* for their yellow belt. Then rooms 211 and 215 are focusing on the instrument families which they will have a test on at some point this month. As well as continuing learning keyboards; we have been working on – *Here We Go Round the Mulberry Bush*, *Row Row Row Your Boat*, and *London Bridges*. On recorders the Grade 5/6 students are working on *Hush Little Baby* which they will test for their next recorder belt at the beginning of the month.



Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart





I LOVE TO READ

Month

I LOVE TO READ *month* *Cool to be Kind*

This year, “I Love To Read” will be celebrated throughout the entire month of February! We have I Love to Read each year at Prairie Rose School to encourage reading, writing and sharing in the joy of literacy! This year, our theme is “Cool to Be Kind”. We will be focusing on showing kindness this month and beyond!

We are looking forward to all kinds of activities, contests, guests readers, dress-up days, and more!

We love to read!

I ♥ READING

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HOUSING AND I.D.

Resource Event - Meeting

Housing and I.D. Resource Event

February 13, 2025, 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.
R.B. Russell Vocational High School
364 Dufferin Avenue

Winnipeg School Division and End Homelessness Winnipeg are hosting events to help our community members get income and housing supports they qualify for.

Join us to receive on-site sign-up services and information on available resources for individuals and families.

To sign up for services you will need some ID such as:

- Manitoba Health Card
- Government Issued Photo ID
- Proof of Income/Option C
- Current Tenancy Agreement
- Direct Deposit/Banking Information
- EIA Budget Letter
- Proof of Status/Residency
- Completed Guarantor Form

If you are unsure of which documents you will need to bring, or if you require assistance in filling out forms please contact:

Kasia (Katarzyna) Guzzi
Community Support Program
Coordinator
kguzzi@wsd1.org
204-788-0203



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LUNCH PROGRAM

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

PROCEDURES / EXPECTATIONS

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.

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



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SCHOOL

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.

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 [here](#).



DAYCRE PARKING

Please use the designated Daycare parking stalls in the Lucas Parking lot accordingly. The main parking lot are reserved for Prairie Rose School staff only. From 3:45 pm, families are welcome to also use the bus loop if you are only parking your vehicle for less than 10 minutes. Otherwise, please use the daycare spots at all times.

NEWS

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.

Our new fenced in area has been working out really well to access outdoor play more efficiently and keep everyone safe. We try to have outdoor play every day (weather permitting) so please remember to dress your child accordingly.

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





FEBRUARY 2025



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
3/ Day 1	4/ Day 2	5/ Day 3 	6/ Day 4	7/ Day 5
		Filipino Heritage Orientation Parent/Guardian Meeting Library 4:30 pm 	Gr. 4 Swimming Counts Lesson 10:30 am -12:00 pm 	
10/ Day 6	11/ Day 1	12/ Day 2 	13/ Day 3	14/ Day 4
Registration Opens for NEW students	Grades 3-6 Track Practice 12:25 pm 	North Advisory PAC meeting Inkster School 7:00 pm	Gr. 4 Swimming Counts Lesson 10:30 am -12:00 pm Grades 3-6 Track Practice 12:25 pm	HAPPY Valentines DAY 
17	18/ Day 5	19/ Day 6 	20/ Day 1	21/ Day 2
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24/ Day 3	25/ Day 4	26/ Day 5 	27/ Day 6	28/ Day 1
 Mobile Vision Clinic	Grades 3-6 Track Practice 12:25 pm 	I LOVE TO READ PJs Day 	Pizza Lunch PAC fundraiser 	Grade 6 Camp Day 9:00 am - 5:00 pm 

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