



# January NEWSLETTER

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Maria Manzano, Principal



Dear Prairie Rose Families,

Happy New Year!



We hope you enjoyed the Winter Break and you are all ready to start this 2025 year in good spirits! We have a lot of great things to look forward to this month and we are excited to be back.

With the new year, classes will have a busy month setting goals and planning their next steps. Students will be reflecting on their goals and new year's resolutions with S.M.A.R.T. lens and take actionable steps to measure their success.

We would like to welcome student teacher, Ms. Prithka Sandhu, who will be with Mrs. Simons in room 214 and Ms. Anabela Barros who is currently completing her post-baccalaureate studies in counselling and will be completing 40 hrs of her practicum hours with us. Welcome Ms. Sandhu and Ms. Barros to the team.

Please note that there is a slight change in our **Non-Instructional Day** this month: **January 30th** and **31st** are both Professional Development days for all staff, which means no school for all students. We will be attending a two-day Treaty Education PD at Tyndall Park School with two other school teams. This then means, the originally planned PD in June will no longer take place (June 20th). Please take note of these changes in your calendar.

Lastly, we would like to remind families to continue sending their child(ren) in warm winter clothing. Students go outside everyday (three times a day) for recess. They stay indoors only when temperature reaches -28 degrees Celsius.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours in education,  
*Mrs. Manzano*



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    - NO SCHOOL (2-days)

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





# WINTER CONCERT

*Dance Revolution*

We appreciate everyone's support with the Winter Concert. Students did a magnificent job rehearsing their lines, songs and movements! Below are a few pictures captured of that event.



Thank you to Mrs. Higham for an amazing Winter Concert production!





# CLASSROOM NEWS...

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

Welcome back!

We would like to give a HUGE THANK-YOU to all of the parents, family and friends who took time out, during the hustle and bustle of the holidays, to have the children participate in our Winter Concert performances! We also thank you for being such a welcoming and enthusiastic audience! The children worked very hard and did a fantastic job!!! Thanks to all of your support, our concert and the Parent Council raffle was a great success!!!

We would also like to thank all of the parents and caregivers for working so hard (during the few frigid days of early December), to get the children to school every day! Regular attendance and punctuality are so critical to school success, and it is because of your efforts that the children were so successful with their performance at the concert and will continue to be successful in their learning. Thank-you again!

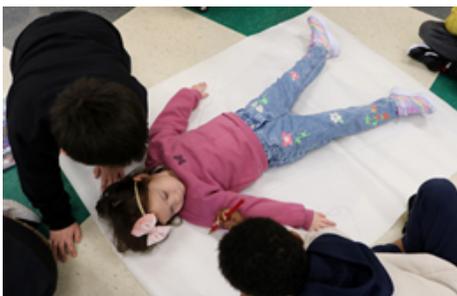
It is a new year and now that our two weeks of fun, rest and relaxation are over, it is time to get back to work!

We will continue to work on our Alphabet sounds and letter recognition and many of our math skills, while we begin to explore a unit on the ocean and Hawaii, as we try to think warm thoughts, during this cold month! We will also continue to practice printing our first names every morning and continue working on being mindful as we practice some Yoga poses!

It should be a very busy and exciting time, so please feel free to stop by and see all of us!

Take Care,

Ms. D





# CLASSROOM NEWS...

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

What a COLD DECEM-BRRRR! It has been! But the cold did not bother us learning! In Math, we learned how to draw and create a number line! Now, we know how to add and subtract using a number line! GREAT WORK CLASS! We also did some group activities where everyone represented a number in various ways. In ELA, we are learning the following parts of speech, nouns, verbs and adjectives. We have constructed some sentences and had fun drawing it out after. We still enjoy and look forward to doing our daily 5 rotations every day! We read a lot of winter story books.

We had fun doing our word work as well.

One more thing! Kudos to their families for doing a phenomenal job for reading and writing with them every night. Thank you! In Science we are learning about the water cycle - learnt new words, evaporation, condensation, evaporation and collection! In Social Studies we are learning about Canadian inventions. We drew some elf, reindeer, and made candy canes and snowflakes for Art. Lastly, we had so much fun attempting to build a snowman outside during outdoor recess!

The Winter Concert was unforgettable and thank you for participating with our Spirit Week! Happy New Year!





# CLASSROOM NEWS...

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

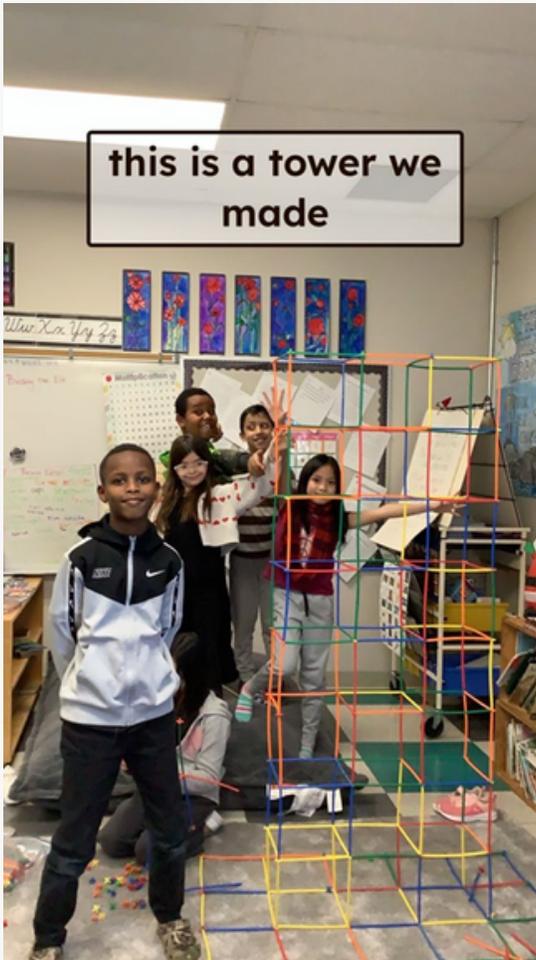
Happy New Year! 2025 came quickly as the last month before winter break was jam packed with so many different activities and events at Prairie Rose School! From the winter concert to the pancake breakfast, to many different classroom activities such as writing letters to the North Pole and making gingerbread houses. Room 209 has continued practicing addition and subtraction through using different objects to help our understanding, but also has been practicing both concepts using mental math strategies which will continue in the new year! We will also be starting to learn about different shapes in mathematics. In ELA we have done many different writing activities, many of which have included our Elf on the Shelf. Some different writing activities included working as a class to vote and write down different possible names of our elf, creative writing ideas that prompted Room 209 to think and write using their own imagination, as well as writing prompts that enabled Room 209 to write about kindness and ways to help others. We have wrapped up our Sense of Belonging Inquiry Unit in Social Studies and will be starting our Growth and Changes in Animals Science Inquiry Unit in the new year!





# CLASSROOM NEWS...

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

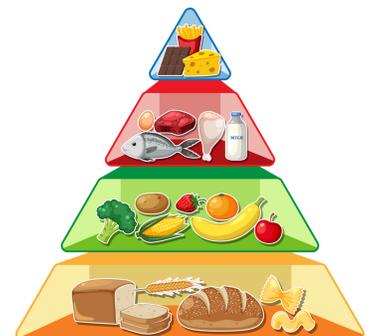
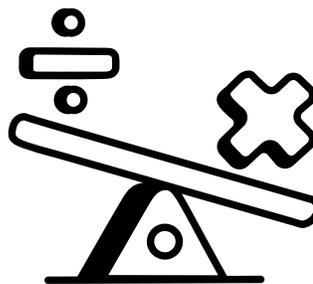


December was a super busy month for room 212. We started our reading groups, challenging each other with spelling words and writing about our creature that we created in art class. In Math, we have been building our multiplication and division with drills in the morning and project-based learning during math class. In Health, we delved into the Canadian Food Guide and how it has changed over the years. Our class made a delicious meal plan based on the criteria and maybe they could plan a healthy and nutritious meal for the whole family over the winter break!

We had some chilly winter days, and the students were able to use their science knowledge to build a tower and then put on their engineering hats and built a stable tower.

The winter concert was a great success, and our class sang and performed like professionals, they should be proud of their performance! Great job room 212! We also enjoyed the pancake breakfast. What a feast!

I hope everyone has a fantastic break and we look forward to seeing everyone in the new year!





# CLASSROOM NEWS...

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

December was a very busy and fun month! Students had so much fun at their winter concert and did such a wonderful job! They should all be so proud of their hard work and performances. Our pancake breakfast was so much fun! This annual tradition is something we really look forward to! In math we continued to work on real-life learning where students planned house decorations, holiday shopping and meal planning. We did our own version of Secret Santa this year. Students exchanged Compliments Presents. We went over positive adjectives that could be used to describe someone's character. Then, students randomly selected 6 of their classmates' names. Each student wrote a small message describing their chosen classmate using positive character traits. Once completed and exchanged, every student received 6 anonymous positive messages from their peers. It was a very heartwarming activity! Students really enjoyed working on and receiving the messages. We worked on crafts, art projects and Christmas ornaments throughout December. Holiday writing was lots of fun, and students did a great job writing their "If I Were Trapped in a Snow Globe" stories. They're so great! During the last 2 weeks before winter break, our class learned about different holidays around the world. Students were given a passport and "travelled" to a new location daily to learn about a holiday and culture! Each day introduced a holiday and country to give students a basic understanding of the holiday, traditions associated with it, and some of the meaning behind each holiday. Once we learned about a holiday students were able to stamp their passports with the country flag. In January we will begin learning about Canada's North in Social Studies, the program Thrival in Health and work on fact fluency in addition and subtraction in Math. I hope you all have wonderful, relaxing, fun and warm holiday! All the best in 2025. See you in the new year!





# CLASSROOM NEWS...

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



December in our room was extremely busy yet rewarding as well. We have all learned so much! This month included preparing for our winter concert and practising everything that goes along with putting on a wonderful performance. During the month of December Ms. Collins taught us all about division and Canadian confederation. It was really interesting, and she is a great teacher!



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

Happy New Year! We are ready to get the year started here in Room 215. Here's a look at some of the things that we did last year!

We read the novel *War Horse*. This was the story of a horse, Joey, who is bought by the English army in World War I. He has to survive and find his way back to his owner, a boy named Albert. This story was really exciting and made us think about the troubles that humans and animals went through during the war.

We continued to practice our Multiplication skills in Math. The more we do, the better we are getting. We are also learning about Canada in our Social Studies classes.

Finally, we hope that everyone enjoyed the concert! We worked really hard on our song and hope that everyone had a good time. 2025 is going to be great!





# CLASSROOM NEWS...

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION | MS. MCFADYEN

I hope everyone stayed warm over the Holiday Break. During the month of December, we spent some time outside snowshoeing. We did wordle, relay races and played kickball with snowshoes. We also finished up our Tchouck Ball Intramurals.

At the start of January, we will be starting our volleyball unit. Grades 1 and 2 will be using balloons and beach balls to learn some of the skills of volleyball. Grades 3 and 4 will be using beach balls and large training volleyballs to develop their skills. Grades 5 and 6 will be using soft volleyballs and will be learning the rules of triple ball. Students in grades 5 and 6 will also have the opportunity to play in a tournament at the start of February.

Students will have to bundle up from the end of January for cross country skiing. Our school will have the cross-country skis from January 17-29.

Looking ahead to the month of February, students in grades 3-6 will be going to a track meet. The track meet will be held on February 25th at Max Bell Centre. Students will be expected to attend lunchtime practices (12:25-1:00). Practices will be held on Day 1 for the month of January and Day 1, 3 and 5 in the month of February.

Permission slips with practices dates will be sent home.





# CLASSROOM NEWS...



## MUSIC | MRS. HIGHAM

Welcome back to school and Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a restful and relaxing break. The busiest month in the music room has already come and gone. I would like to take this time to acknowledge a few people who helped December run so smoothly. Thank you to the staff who put up with all the schedule changes and practices that the winter concert demands. A special shout out to Ms. Edelyn who helped with backdrop ideas and art projects! To Ms. McFadyen who let us take over the gym for two days, as well as her help with tech and lighting. Mr. Darryl and Mr. Surwinder who put together the stage, lights, and chairs. I would now like to thank the students, whose hard work paid off with the success of this year's winter concert. A Holiday Dance Revolution came to life in front of our eyes and each class showed off their songs and dance with their performance. It was so nice to also have the N/K room 113 class join us for the concert this year. Thank you to all the students families who joined us and made our show a success, we look forward to more concerts in the future. Thank you for all of your support!



Thank you to our emcees that did an amazing job leading the event!

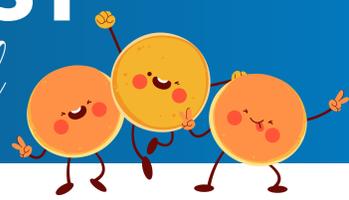


This year, we had our Nursery and Kindergarten students join our concert instead of having two different concerts; it was a great success!



# PANCAKE BREAKFAST

*pictures of our morning meal*





# SPIRIT WEEK

staff participation



Just like the students, staff also participated in Spirit Week!  
Here are just a few of the staff pictures captured that week!

## SILLY / HOLIDAY SOCKS

Wear mix-matched socks or holiday socks



## UGLY SWEATER DAY

Wear your festive, holiday shirts/sweaters



## WHITE-OUT / JETS DAY

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



## PAJAMA DAY

Get cozy in your PJs while we have our pancake breakfast



## 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.

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.

## PROCEDURES / EXPECTATIONS

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



## Reminder

The Lunch Program does not provide cutlery or napkins.

There will be **NO MICROWAVE SERVICE** to heat up food.

~Thank You~



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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.

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](mailto: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](#).

## 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





# JANUARY 2025

Starting the new year off right by being active this month! Please note this month's phys. ed. lunch hour schedule: dodgeball, volleyball and track



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
 <p><b>Welcome Back - Classes resumes January 6th</b></p>				
6 / Day 5	7/ Day 6	8/ Day 1	9/ Day 2	1/ Day 3
Grades 5-6 <b>Intramural</b> 12:30 pm 	Grades 5-6 <b>Volleyball Practice</b> 12:30 pm 	Grades 3-6 <b>Track Practice</b> 12:25 pm 	Grades 5-6 <b>Volleyball Practice</b> 12:30 pm 	Grades 3-4 <b>Intramural</b> 12:30 pm 
13/ Day 4	14/ Day 5	15/ Day 6	16/ Day 1	17/ Day 2
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20/ Day 3	21/ Day 4	22/ Day 5	23/ Day 6	24/ Day 1
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27/ Day 2	28/ Day 3	29/ Day 4	30/ Day 5	31/ Day 6
	Grades 3-4 <b>Intramural</b> 12:30 pm 	Grades 6 (only) <b>Volleyball Practice</b> 12:30 pm	<b>NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY</b> 2-days NO SCHOOL Staff at Treaty Education Professional Development	