



# May NEWSLETTER

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Maria Manzano, Principal



Dear Prairie Rose Families,

I think it's finally safe to say that it is officially Spring in Winnipeg! As we transition to Spring with warmer weather, spring time can still be unpredictable. Please ensure that your child(ren) come to school dressed appropriately for the changing temperatures. Please remind your child to wear proper clothing and footwear to school everyday.

On behalf of the Parent Advisory Council (PAC), we would like to extend our thank you to all of our families that helped with the chocolate fundraiser! We sold over 120 chocolate cases and made about \$4000 profit. We have a few more to sell which will be sold throughout the school year at a lower cost. Thank you again for all of your help in selling chocolates!

This year, our PAC will be throwing a Community BBQ in our school field in June. They will have hotdog meals, cotton candy, bouncy castles and more! Please see the event poster for more information on the next page.

Healthy Minds Week Initiatives has been recognized by our School Division since 2013 to promote mental health literacy and mindfulness among students, staff and community. For the month of May, different initiatives will take place to promote and encourage mindfulness. The overall goal of Winnipeg School Division's Mental Health Initiative, Healthy Minds, is to achieve a culture in WSD where mental health and well-being are embedded into every student's school experience. To help kick-start this, we've hired a Zumba instructor, Alyssa, founder of Energize Z Fitness to teach our Nursery to Grade 6 students (and staff members) three Zumba sessions for 30-45 minutes of moving and grooving!

We're looking forward to an active month of learning, dancing and exploring!

Yours in education,

*Mrs. Manzano*

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## CONTACT

Safe Arrival - 1-855-278-4513 | [go.schoolmessenger.ca](http://go.schoolmessenger.ca)

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





**FREE ENTRY**

# **Prairie Rose School Community BBQ**

**107 Lucas Ave.**

**TUESDAY JUNE 3RD**  
**4:30-8:00 PM**

**BBQ \$3.00**  
**CASH ONLY**

1 HOT DOG, DRINK & CHIPS  
VEGETARIAN OPTION AVAILABLE

**COLLECTOR  
CAR SHOW**



**FACE SLURPEE TRUCK**  
**PAINTING MUSIC**

**Nor'West  
Bear Clan**

**BOUNCERS GAMES**

**ENTER A FREE PRIZE DRAW  
JUST FOR ATTENDING!**

**BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY!**

All proceeds raised go towards  
Prairie Rose Parent Council



# GOT TALENT?

...audition!



## Reminder

### Lights! Camera! Action!

Prairie Rose School it is time to get ready for the Talent Show. This year's show will take place on June 13th starting at 2:00 in the gym.

**Please encourage your children to come out and audition on May 13th.**

If your child would rather participate virtually you can record your talent at home and submit your video via Seesaw.

We are looking for all kinds of talents: dance, magic, juggling, playing an instrument, whatever unique talent you have to offer us!

Students must come prepared to auditions with a rehearsed 2 minute talent to share. All auditions will take place in the music room during the lunch hour (students who go home for lunch will need a bagged lunch for this day).

Mandatory rehearsals will continue through May/June during lunch recess (12:30 pm, students who go home for lunch will need to be back by this time), students must be present for all rehearsals or they will not be in the show. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone's talents!

**If you have any questions please email me at: [mhigham@wsd1.org](mailto:mhigham@wsd1.org).**





# CLASSROOM NEWS...

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

Wow! Where has the year gone? It is hard to believe that we only have two months left together!

Once again, a HUGE THANK YOU goes out to everyone who helped us sell chocolate bars in support of the PAC – Parent Advisory Council fundraiser. It is appreciated more than you know, as all of your efforts will go a long way in supporting important projects and activities in the school.

Throughout the month of May, we are going to extend our classroom to the outdoors, as we continue our explorations of Trees and their seasonal changes, in addition to searching for numbers and letters in our environment and furthering our understanding of 2D and 3D shapes. We will also continue observing our class “garden centre” as we engage in the retelling of the classic Fairy tale Jack and the Beanstalk.

We are excited to see if our beans will grow as high as Jack’s!

We would also like to wish all of the important women in our lives a very Happy Mother’s Day, as we continue working hard on some special gifts to show each of you how much you mean to us. Thank you for everything you do for us, each and every day!

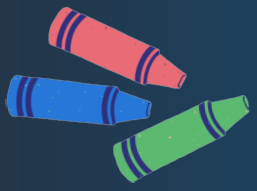
Finally, if you haven’t done so already, please make sure to mark your calendars and clear your schedules for a PARTY in honour of our amazing Nursery / Kindergarten Children and all of their accomplishments -

The Annual N/K Year-End Celebration! This year’s festivities will be held on **Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup>**, with the performance starting at **9:45 am**. An official invitation will be sent home very soon with all of the details, so please make sure to look for it!

Sincerely,  
Ms. D







# CLASSROOM NEWS...

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

It has been an Amazing April; a fun month celebrating Easter in Room 208!

We did some math egg hunt and also decorated some eggs for art class. We practiced combining our primary colours and made some secondary colours and drew an anime character on our drawing pad. The Grade 2s are practicing adding and subtracting 3 digits in math! We also did a recap of counting monies and will be moving forward to tell time! We are also wrapping up our learning about 2D shapes and counting its vertices and sides. For Science, we made some posters for Earth Day and added ways we can reuse, reduce and recycle. We did an Earth Day clean up at our school yard. Since our weather is getting nicer, we did a nature walk and worked outside under the sun. We did our poetry writing about nature outside. And lastly, we are learning more about PEI's produce and land.

We are looking forward to what May brings for us next month!



Earth Day

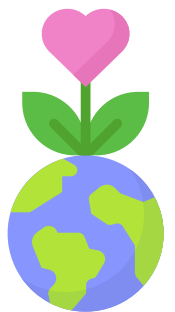




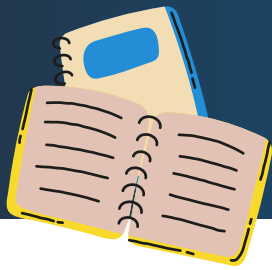
# CLASSROOM NEWS...

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

We are in the last stretch of the school year! Hopefully May brings warmer weather and lots of sun! Earth Day was on April 22, Room 209 worked hard to clean the school playground using supplies donated by Take Pride Winnipeg! In May we are looking forward to taking part in Zumba with other classrooms! A Zumba instructor will be coming in to give all students Zumba dancing lessons, students will get to dance alongside the instructor and learn some new moves! In mathematics, we have been working on mental math strategies for addition and subtraction. Some of these strategies include “making ten”, and compensation (which means adjusting numbers to make them easier to add or subtract). We will be building on these skills for the remainder of the year! In ELA we will be starting our poetry unit. We will be looking at different poets, different types of poetry and will be creating our own poems! In Science, we will be working on the unit Air and Water in the Environment. Students will get to learn about the water cycle, air movement, and different types of water within our environment. We will get to try out some fun experiments that go along with this unit! Our goal as the weather starts to warm up is to spend more time outside and use nature to guide us with our learning!







# CLASSROOM NEWS...

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

We had a great month of learning in April, and we have been enjoying the sunshine and being outside playing, running and enjoying the fresh spring air! We spent the month learning about the Canadian Elections and we had some very interesting conversations with our classmates and families.

We celebrated EARTH DAY by cleaning up the school yard and making a commitment to keeping our planet clean and tidy.



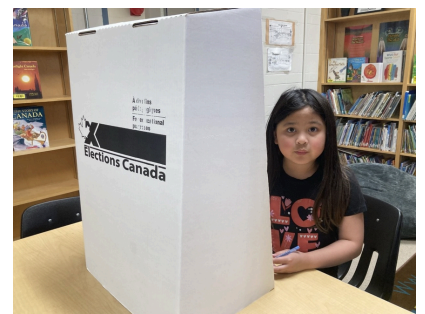
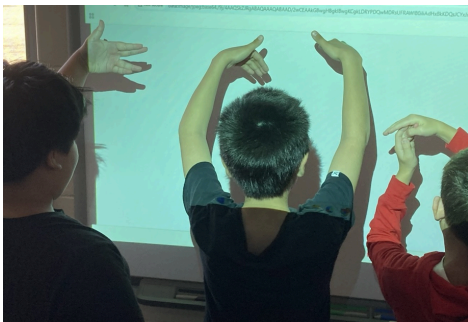
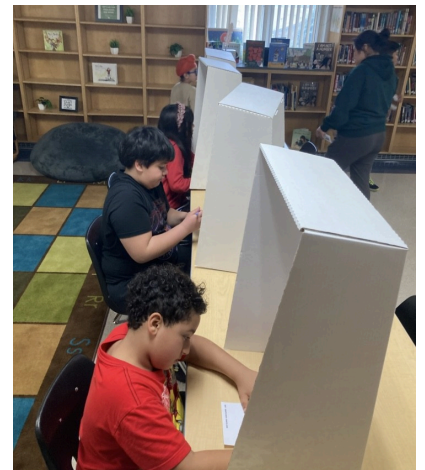


# CLASSROOM NEWS...

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

April was a fun and busy month! It was nice to see everyone after spring break and get right back into learning. I can't believe we only have two months left of the school year! In April, we participated in many activities such as our first Zumba class, Earth Day activities and school yard clean up, Student Vote and Bus Ridership. We finished our class novel "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory." We really enjoyed the book and watching the movie afterwards to compare it to the book. We have now started our new class novel, "The BFG". In Science, we completed our unit about Light. We had fun with different experiments and learning new terms like "refraction", "opaque", "transparent" and "translucent". Next up in Science, we are learning all about plants!

We are about to begin our last Social Studies unit where we explore an ancient society. We will be learning all about the Vikings! Next month the grade 4s will continue with their Family Life learning while the Grade 3s explore the Kids in the Know program. We are finally seeing some warm weather and anticipate May being a great month! Students are excited about their field trip to the Manitoba Museum, Fit Run, and stay tuned to hear about our Grade 3 patrol training for next year!





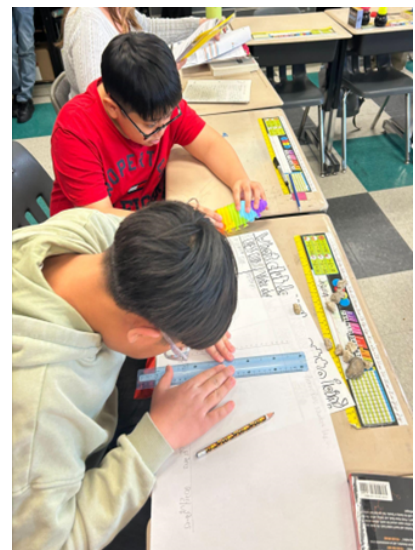
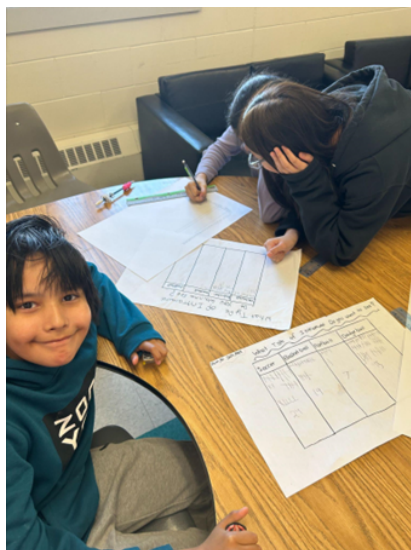
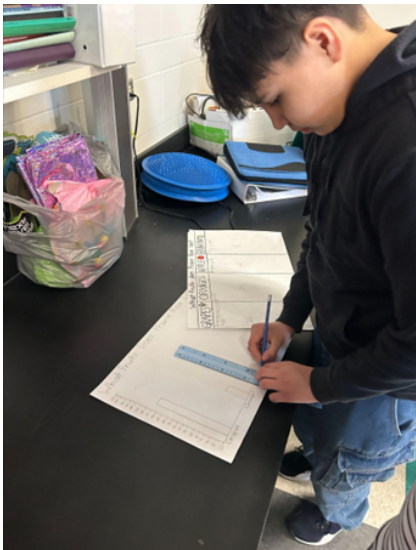


# CLASSROOM NEWS...

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

Room 211 has been buzzing with activity this month, and we're thrilled that the warm spring weather seems to have finally arrived! In Science, our focus has been on the Human Body, with an emphasis on how we can keep it healthy through smart nutrition choices. Students have been developing their skills in reading food labels, analyzing nutrients, and evaluating ingredients to make informed decisions about food. In Math, we've transitioned from bar graphs to line graphs, exploring how these different models can help us represent, compare, and interpret data. Students are learning how each type of graph can tell a different story depending on the information being presented. We even collected data school-wide, so be sure to check out our graphs on display just outside the office starting May 15th! We've also launched an exciting novel study of *Bloom* by Kenneth Oppel. Students are hooked as each new chapter reveals more about a strange, fast-growing, and possibly alien plant species. The mystery is building, and so is their curiosity! Lastly, in preparation for the upcoming Federal Election on April 28th, students have been learning about the voting process and the various political parties in Canada as part of our school's Student Vote initiative. They've been exploring party platforms, analyzing the goals and values behind them, and developing their own informed opinions. It's been inspiring to see students engage in thoughtful discussion, ask meaningful questions, and prepare to cast their own votes in our school-wide simulation!

We look forward to what May has to bring next! - **Ms. Collins**



# CLASSROOM NEWS...

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

Another month has come and gone! We're in the final stretch now!

In Room 215, we kept working hard on our Daily 6 work. A lot of us have been working on our research projects and have presented them! They're a lot of hard work, but it pays off in the end.

April 22<sup>nd</sup> was Earth Day. We went for a community clean up. It was great to do our part to keep our school and the community clean. We had way more fun than we thought we would.

Finally, we got to participate in the Student Vote at school! The Student Vote is a nationwide program where students from across Canada get to participate in a mock election. We researched all of the parties and candidates for the Federal election, then cast our votes for who we think would be a good leader for Canada. It's very cool to see how our results compared to the national results.

Only 2 months left! We have some fun field trips planned for May!







# CLASSROOM NEWS...



## PHYSICAL EDUCATION | MS. MCFADYEN

This month we finished up our floor hockey unit. Students learned how to shoot, pass, stick handle and had fun playing some floor hockey games. Floor hockey was the last intramural sport for the year. Students will be busy preparing for the Fit Run, the ultimate football tournament and softball tournament. Fit Run is taking place at the Old Exhibition Grounds on June 4th. Students in grades 4-6 are invited to participate in a 2 KM race. Students in grades 5 and 6 are also practicing for the softball tournament that is taking place at Little Mountain Sportsplex on May 29th and the ultimate football tournament that is taking place at Garden Grove on June 6th. Please check the permission slips and newsletter calendar for the practice dates.



## MUSIC | MRS. HIGHAM

May is here and spring is finally in full bloom! I hope that you are all taking the time to enjoy this warmer weather. May is usually a busy month in the music room with students getting ready for the June talent show. Our talent show will take place on June 13<sup>th</sup> in the gym! Talents are anything from singing, dancing, gymnastics, juggling, art, sport skills, etc. There are two ways you can be involved this year: 1 – you can practice and perform your talent at home where a family member can record and send your video via seesaw by May 13<sup>th</sup>. Or 2- you can practice something solo or with a friend and audition on May 13<sup>th</sup> during lunch in the music room. In music the students in rooms 208, and 209 are working on the song A Grizzly Bear, to reinforce our new note from last month Fa. The students in rooms 214, and 212 are still continuing their recorder songs with the notes BAGE. They are also starting off the month with creating songs and rhythms in small groups on a project called Build A Burger. Rooms 211, and 215 are starting a new project on song writing by writing an “I Want Song” they will be writing this song on their own or in partners and sharing it with the class. We are taking inspiration from movies with music like Beauty and the Beast and the Little Mermaid. An “I Want Song” is the part of the movie where the hero expresses to the audience something that they want—example The Little Mermaid wants to be where the people are. Pictured below are the students in rooms 211, 212, 208, and 209 playing the xylophones and recorders.



# PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE

*letter to parents*



Health, Seniors and Long-Term Care  
Public Health  
300 Carlton Street  
Winnipeg, Manitoba Canada R3B 3M9

March 20, 2025

## Re: Update on Measles in Manitoba

Dear Parents/Guardians and Caregivers:

The number of measles cases is rising in Manitoba, in Canada and around the world. As of March 6, 2025, Canada has recorded 227 measles cases with six cases in Manitoba. Many of the cases are children who were unvaccinated. Many of these cases also needed hospitalization.

With the current measles situation, it is important to know the following about measles:

1. The early symptoms of measles include fever, runny nose, cough and red eyes. The most recognized symptom of measles is a red, blotchy rash, which often begins on the face and spreads down the body. Measles is a serious illness, especially for young children, pregnant people and those with a weakened immune system. It can result in lung and brain infections and other conditions that lead to serious complications or death.

We encourage parents/guardians and caregivers to watch for measles symptoms, especially after travelling. If you suspect you or your child may have measles, please call your health care provider or call Health Links – Info Santé (toll-free in Manitoba at 204-788-8200 in Winnipeg or 1-888-315-9257 outside Winnipeg) and get their advice on next steps.

2. Measles is very contagious. Immunization is the best way to protect your child(ren) against it. Keeping your child(ren) up to date with their measles immunization can help keep them in school or child care after an exposure to a measles case. If your child is exposed to a case of measles in their school or child care facility and is not up to date with their measles immunizations, you may be asked by public health, the school or child care facility to keep your child at home for up to three weeks to ensure their safety as well the safety of their peers.

In Manitoba, children can receive two doses of a measles vaccine free of charge. Children are recommended to receive the measles vaccine at 12 months of age and between ages four and six. Both the measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) and the measles-mumps-rubella-varicella (MMRV) vaccine are available.

Children aged 6 months to under 12 months can get one dose of the MMR vaccine if travelling to a country where measles is spreading consistently (endemic). The full list of eligibility criteria for the measles vaccines in Manitoba can be found at: <https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/vaccineeligibility.html>.

READ MORE



<https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/diseases/measles.html>



# RESOURCE EVENT

*Stanley Knowles School*

## Housing and I.D. Resource Event

May 7, 2025, 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.  
École Stanley Knowles School  
2424 King Edward Street

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](mailto:kguzzi@wsd1.org)  
204-788-0203



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# INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

## WE NEED HOST FAMILIES



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### Ready for a cultural adventure?

We are looking for families to host international students in  
Grades 9-12 for the upcoming school year 2025-2026!

#### OPPORTUNITY TO:

- \$1,000 monthly stipend
- Learn about a new culture
- 24/7 Support
- Lifelong friendships

SCAN HERE



[wsdinternational.ca](http://wsdinternational.ca)



204-789-8086



[homestays@wsd1.org](mailto:homestays@wsd1.org)





# LUNCH PROGRAM

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



WE ARE AN  
**ALLERGY AWARE**  
SCHOOL

Please send a healthy, nutritious lunch with your child. It is important to follow Canada's Food guide as much as possible.

Letters went home to students this month with more information.

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

Have plenty of  
vegetables and fruits

Eat protein foods

Make water  
your drink  
of choice



Choose  
whole grain  
foods



## NORWEST DAYCARE



### DAYCARE PARKING

Please use the designated Daycare parking stalls in the Lucas Parking lot accordingly. The main parking lot is 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.

### REMINDER

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.



# MAY 2025



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
			1/ Day 3	2/ Day 4
			<b>Grades 3-4</b> Hockey Intramural 12:30 pm	<b>Fit Run Practice</b> 
5/ Day 5	6/ Day 6	7/ Day 1 	8/ Day 2	9/ Day 3
<b>Softball Practice</b> 12:00 pm 	<b>Grades 5-6</b> Hockey Intramural 12:30 pm	<b>Fit Run Practice</b> 	<b>Grades 3-6</b> <b>Field Trip</b> Manitoba Museum 	<b>Non-Instructional Day</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b>
12/ Day 4	13/ Day 5	14/ Day 6 	15/ Day 1	16/ Day 2
<b>Grades 3-4</b> Hockey Intramural 12:30 pm	<b>Softball Practice</b> 12:00 pm 	<b>Grades 5-6</b> Hockey Intramural 12:30 pm	<b>Ultimate Football Practice</b> 	<b>Fit Run Practice</b> 
19	20/ Day 3	21/ Day 4 	22/ Day 5	23/ Day 6
<b>Victoria Day</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	<b>Special Olympics</b> Track and Field @ Grant Park  <b>Ultimate Football Practice</b>	<b>PAC meeting</b> 5:30 pm   Room 111 hybrid meeting <b>Fit Run Practice</b> 	<b>Softball Practice</b> 12:00 pm 	
26/ Day 1	27/ Day 2	28/ Day 3 	29/ Day 4	30/ Day 5
<b>Softball Practice</b> 12:00 pm 	<b>Fit Run Practice</b> 	<b>Rooms 211, 215</b> <b>Field Trip</b> Legislative Building 	<b>Pizza Lunch</b> PAC fundraiser  <b>Softball Tournament</b>	<b>Grade 6 Immunization</b>  <b>Ultimate Football Practice</b>