



October NEWSLETTER

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Maria Manzano, Principal



Dear Prairie Rose Families,

Hello Fall and a new month of learning. As we reflect about this past month and with Thanksgiving around the corner, we are very thankful for an incredible start to the school year! We met several families at Meet the Staff Night, fundraised for Terry Fox, expanded our learning experience through Integrated Arts, had rich conversations around Truth and Reconciliation, participated in an Awareness Walk and started a no-fee lunch program with success.

With this change in season, we also welcome some staff changes. With our growing Nursery and Kindergarten enrolment, we opened up an afternoon Nursery, Kindergarten class and welcome Ms. Angela Welty to our Prairie Rose team. Our educational assistant, Ms. Augustina Izokun has accepted a new position at another school and we welcome Ms. Emma Samadan to the team. We wish you the best Augustina.

Each Winnipeg School Division school follows the division's protocol for preparing students and staff for emergencies. These drills include: bus evacuation drills (Bus Ridership), school evacuation drills (e.g. fire drills and relocation practice) and lockdown drills. We have completed our first fire drill (out of 10 drills per year) last month. This month, we will be completing one out of three lockdown drills and one evacuation drill (weather permitting) to Garden Grove School, which is our safe evacuation site. Teachers will be going over these safety protocols with students this month.

At the end of the month, we look forward to classroom Halloween activities. We will have a short Halloween parade to kick off the afternoon festivities in our gymnasium and continue our pumpkin carving tradition contest. More information to follow so please regularly check your emails for updates.

It has been a wonderful first month of the school year and we look forward to many more exciting learning experiences ahead.

Yours in education,
Mrs. Manzano



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IF YOUR CHILD IS ABSENT

CONTACT

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

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



"The students, staff, and communities of Winnipeg School Division are committed to truth and reconciliation through building relationships with Mother Earth, the original peoples of this land, and the stories that bring us together. We acknowledge the place in which we gather is on Treaty 1 territory, the homeland of the Red River Metis, and the ancestral lands of the Anishinaabe, Ininiwak, and Dakota Oyate peoples."



WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION

MEET THE STAFF NIGHT

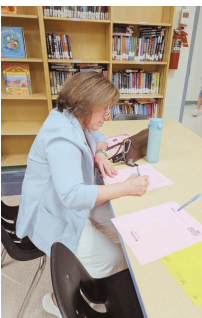
some pictures of the event



~ THANK YOU FOR MEETING US ~

Thank you for attending our Meet the Staff Night last month!

We had a great turn out of families gathered at school to meet the staff, and we were so happy you came to meet us. Thank you for writing a special letter to your child(ren), taking a family photo and joining us for some Bannock. Here are some pictures of the evening.



RAFFLE

*Thank You for going to
Prairie Rose School's*

Meet the Staff Night

CONGRATULATIONS

Malyk Family!

Your family won the evening prize draw!

WINNER



CLASSROOM NEWS...

NURSERY, KINDERGARTEN - ROOM 113 (AM) | MS. D

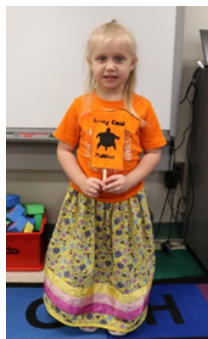
THANK YOU, once again, to all our N/K parents for taking the time out of their busy schedules to attend the in-take interviews. It was wonderful to have the opportunity to meet you in-person, share information about our program and show you the classroom. Despite physically splitting into two smaller groups by the end of September, with the welcome addition of Ms. Welty; we remain one large N/K Ohana! 😊

Despite all of the changes, the children have been doing an amazing job adapting to their roles as Prairie Rose students and are quickly familiarizing themselves with our daily routines. They have begun learning about the Seven Sacred Teachings, with a focus on Courage, which is represented by the Bear. To follow the teachings of the Bear is to stand up for what is right, find strength in challenging situations, overcome fears, and maintain a balanced life.

In addition, they have been working on their literacy, math, drawing, painting, colouring, cutting and social skills. They have also been learning all about Trees, including the various parts of a tree and what is happening to the trees with the arrival of the Fall season.

October is shaping up to be a very busy and exciting month as well, so please continue to join us on SeeSaw in order to stay informed about upcoming events (i.e., Class Halloween Party) and see the “Bear Paw” and “Fall Tree” artwork the children have been creating!

Over the Thanksgiving weekend, please try to think of all that you are thankful for and know that we at Prairie Rose are very thankful for all of you and your endless support!



CLASSROOM NEWS...



NURSERY, KINDERGARTEN - ROOM 113 (PM) | MS. WELTY

I am excited to be part of the amazing team of educators at Prairie Rose Elementary School. Many thanks go to the students who welcomed me with bright eyes and welcoming hearts. And of course, it has been great to begin to get to know their families too. As we start our year together, I have been struck by just how curious and engaging each student is. It is obvious that they have had a great start to their educational journey, and I look forward to being part of their lives this school year. I know that some families were concerned about the switch to afternoons, but the kids have shown resilience and are adjusting well.

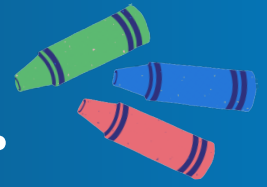
In the five short days I spent with the class we have sung, danced, raced in the field, examined the trees, watched wilted sunflowers rejuvenate, ran for Terry Fox Day and prepared for Orange Shirt Day. We have been reading books on kindness, courage and also Phylis Websted's book called *Today is Orange Shirt Day* which is an age-appropriate introduction to Residential Schools which includes a call to creating a brighter future through open hearts, kindness and the knowledge that every child matters. If you were to join us in the classroom you would hear excited squeals, a lot of off-key singing (by me!) and plenty of happy chatter as the students play and learn together. We even have Harry the Hedgehog who comes to visit when the children are especially attentive. (Don't worry, he looks a lot like a stuffy you can buy at IKEA, and he would never bite, or poke us with his quills!)

In the month to come we will solidify our daily routines and add some new activities like library and reading buddies with the Grade 4 and 5 students as well as begin to explore the Seven Sacred Teachings. We will observe the changes in our environment by getting outside to pay close attention to the leaves on the trees (and the ground!) so that our artwork can capture the Fall season.

It is a joy to see each class member each day and I look forward to sharing more with you about what I notice in their learning journey.



CLASSROOM NEWS...



GRADE 1 - ROOM 208 | MS. KAUR

In Room 208 we love learning. We have been working hard and our Grade 1 students are off to a great start.

In Math, we are working on counting by 1's, forward and will start backward counting this month. I encourage students to practice counting at home and families can help by asking questions such as: "What number comes after 18? How about 20?" We have started with a new online math program called Mathletics where students are completing a minimum of 5 activities per week. They can also practice at home.

Grade 1s really love art! We have done three art projects already including self-portrait, Every Child Matter star activity, and a Truth and Reconciliation Day related poster which we made by hand prints.

In Science and Social Studies, we have created an Interactive Journal. Our first unit is The Five Senses in science. In social studies, we started working on the unit called We Belong.

In Daily 5, (which is a literacy program), students have been practicing our silent reading, practicing our sight words and adding writing to our pictures. We have started using an online reading site called Reading Eggs too. Reading groups will be starting this month. Your child will receive a book bag and will bring books from their reading groups home to practice. Please ensure to send the bag back every day as we use them in class during our reading groups.

If you have any questions or comments, the easiest and quickest way to reach me is through messaging me on SeeSaw. Please ensure you are logged in and are receiving updates. I can also be reached by email at sakaur@wsd1.org.

I look forward to next month's learning experience!





CLASSROOM NEWS...

GRADES 2, 3 - ROOM 209 | MRS. BARROS



Well, the saying “time flies when you’re having fun” is certainly true so far in Room 209! Mrs. Barros is so impressed with how quickly everyone settled into the new school year and began following routines. We have reviewed our classroom expectations and are all set for an amazing year ahead.

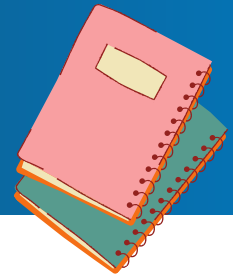
September is always a busy month filled with important dates to recognize and celebrate. As a class, we created a Dream Catcher to show our respect on Truth and Reconciliation Day. We have also been learning about Canada to better understand the incredible impact of Terry Fox and his Marathon of Hope.

In Science, students observed our classroom plants closely and recorded their findings. We will revisit these observations in a few months to see how the plants have changed and grown. The class had started to familiarize themselves with a new math program online called, *Mathletics* and they seem to be enjoying it. Each student has been given their own log-in information and put them on the first page of their agenda. In class, we have been using manipulatives to help us grasp place value and discussed the variety of ways to represent numbers. Ask us what expanded form it!

A big thank-you to the families who attended Meet the Staff Night! It was wonderful to see familiar faces and meet new families. I also appreciate the ongoing contact and interactions through Seesaw. Families are welcome to continue sharing photos or other items with the class there. Finally, stay tuned for our Student of the Week schedule, which will be shared later this month.



CLASSROOM NEWS...



GRADES 2, 3 - ROOM 214 | MRS. SIMONS

Our year is off to a wonderful start! Our class is full of lovely students who are kind, considerate and eager to learn! It was great to meet many of you during our Meet the Staff evening on September 18. Thank you for taking the time to chat with me! This month we have been focusing on getting to know each other, settling into classroom routines, reviewing expectations, and building our classroom community. We have worked on personal writing, developing stamina during Read to Self and Reading Eggs in ELA. We have been building different mental math strategies and Math Talks in math and working on our first real life math project where students are running their own Candy Shop! This project has us developing addition and subtraction strategies while working with graphs and place value. We have been having lots of fun being creative with several different art projects this month.

We have been learning about Terry Fox, his life and his legacy and had a great time during our school's Terry Fox run! For much of September, we learned about the Seven Sacred Teachings, Orange Shirt Day and Truth and Reconciliation. Our class focus this year is Truth. In Social Studies we have been learning about Canada's provinces and territories and working with maps. Next month, we will begin talking about Zones of Regulation, which is our new Science unit and start a class novel! We've had a great first month together and I have enjoyed getting to know your children!

Please make sure to check into Seesaw regularly for important messages, updates or pictures from our classroom learning.





CLASSROOM NEWS...

GRADES 4, 5 - ROOM 212 | MS. DENISE



Wow! This month has flown past! It has been so wonderful to have everyone back at school, and ready to learn. This past month we have spent a lot of time getting back to our routines and getting to know each other.

In the beginning of the month, the students of Room 212 worked on their Treaty Agreement for our classroom, did some fantastic collaborative art, engaged in Math activities and learnt about herbivores, carnivores and omnivores. We also went on a community walk to honour Truth and Reconciliation Day.





CLASSROOM NEWS...

GRADE 4, 5 - ROOM 215 | MR. FORBISTER



Hello, and welcome to our Room 215 class newsletter! We have had a busy start to the year!

We started the year by getting started with our Daily 6 program. We do independent writing, word work, read to ourselves, read to a classmate, listen to reading, and will be starting independent learning projects next month. It's really great to be able to make our own choices when we are learning!

In Math, we started with our new Mathletics program. This helps us with our learning, and we can even earn games if we learn enough! We also learned about increasing and decreasing patterns!

Finally, we did a lot of research into the Residential School system of Canada. This is a very sad part of Canada's history. To learn more about it, we read *Fatty Legs*, which was about a girl who wanted to go to Residential School to learn how to read. However, when she got there she found that she had to do chores, help in the hospital, and go to work in the garden. She was unable to go home for two years! This book helped us to learn about the struggles that many Indigenous children had to go through.

Next month, we will continue on with a new novel study for Halloween! Stay tuned.

CLASSROOM NEWS...



GRADE 6 - ROOM 211 | MR. TOSCHAK



In Room 211, we welcomed many students to our classroom who have come from Room 215. However, one student in our classroom is brand new to Prairie Rose School and we would like to give a special welcome to Harkirat. We have already started to learn so much in the first few weeks of the school year. In math, we have started using our problem-solving skills to plan a pretend camping trip while also developing our multiplication and division facts. We also started our new math program that we will use multiple times a week called Mathletics. In ELA, we have started working on inquiry projects, improving our reading and writing skills during Daily 6 and have begun a novel study on the book *Rules* by Cynthia Lord. We have also been learning about the Seven Sacred Teachings as we focus on Truth and Reconciliation. We even created our own Land Acknowledgement for Room 211. It has been a great start to the year!





CLASSROOM NEWS...



PHYSICAL EDUCATION | MS. MCFADYEN



We started off the month with low organized games and team building games. We took advantage of some of the nice weather with our soccer unit. Students in Grades 1-3 focused on passing, shooting and fair play. Students in Grades 4-6 focused on positional play and defensive and offensive strategies.

Students in Grades 5 and 6 have been practicing and will be participating in a soccer tournament at Tyndall Park School on Friday, October 3rd.

INTEGRATED ARTS | MS. MCFADYEN

This month in Integrated Arts our theme was Truth and Reconciliation. We learned about Metis Dot Painting and created our own painting based on the Seven Sacred Teachings. We learned to count to 10 in Cree and sang a Cree counting song. We learned an Ojibwe Water song with drumming and students in Grades 4-6 participated in a water filtration activity. Students were pushed out of their comfort zones with drama games and practiced performing in front of their peers. We also used mixed mediums to create feathers to be used as a collaborative Every Child Matters art piece.



LOOKING BACK...

at some outdoor events



TERRY FOX RUN | SEPTEMBER 25, 2025

On September 25th our school participated in the Terry Fox run. It was a warm sunny day and students ran and walked for 20 minutes to help Terry finish this marathon of hope. Students worked very hard and got popsicles to celebrate.





REFLECTING ON

Orange Shirt Day



To honour and reflect about Truth and Reconciliation, we held an Orange Shirt Day assembly and had an Awareness Walk. Students raised awareness in our Prairie Rose community about how Every Child Matters and the importance of repairing broken relationships and pledging their own promise for a better future by creating their own classroom Land Acknowledgement.





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 [here](#).

upcoming closure: December: TBA

REMEMBER!



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.





OCTOBER 2025



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
		1/ Day 3	2/ Day 4	3/ Day 5
 LOOKING AHEAD NO SCHOOL November 11, 21			 Soccer Tournament @Tyndall - pm	Evacuation Drill @Garden Grove School
6/ Day 6	7/ Day 1	8/ Day 2	9/ Day 3	10/ Day 4
Soccer Intramurals Gr. 4,5,6 		Non-Instructional Day NO SCHOOL		
13	14/ Day 5	15/ Day 6	16/ Day 1	17/ Day 2
Happy Thanksgiving! NO SCHOOL 		Soccer Intramurals Gr. 4,5,6 	Lockdown Drill 	PICTURE DAY  Soccer Intramurals Gr. 2-3 
20/ Day 3	21/ Day 4	22/ Day 5	23/ Day 6	24/ Day 1
	BUS RIDERSHIP 	Grade 6 Immunization Parent Advisory Council Meeting 5:30 - 6:30 pm <i>Room 111 / Hybrid</i>	Soccer Intramurals Gr. 4,5,6 	Non-Instructional Day NO SCHOOL
27/ Day 2	28/ Day 3	29/ Day 4	30/ Day 5	31/ Day 6
Soccer Intramurals Gr. 2-3 	HEARING SCREENING Nursery to Grade 6		Pizza Lunch PAC fundraiser 	Happy Halloween 