

RALPH BROWN SCHOOL REVIEW



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PLEASE POST THIS CALENDAR ON YOUR FRIDGE.



DECEMBER 2024



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	2 DAY 2 Calendar Draws Begin!	3 DAY 3	4 DAY 4	5 DAY 5	6 DAY 6 St. Nicholas visit Schoolwide Perogy Lunch	7
8	9 DAY 1	10 DAY 2	11 DAY 3	12 DAY 4 Family Night for Room 106, 107, 111 5:30-7:30 pm	13 DAY 5	14
15	16 DAY 6 Wacky Winter Hair, Hat or Accessory Day	17 DAY 1 Wear Red, White, Green or White & Blue Day	18 DAY 2 Surfing Santa Day Summer clothing! Winter Concert Primary - 6:30 pm	19 DAY 3 Festive Best or Worst Dressed Winter Concert Intermediate - 6:30 pm	20 DAY 4 Pyjama Day	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	
WINTER BREAK BEGINS! December 23rd to January 3rd Classes resume Monday, January 6th						
<i>Wishing all our families a safe and very happy holiday...</i>						



IMPORTANT ITEMS COMING HOME . . .

PLEASE BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR CHILD'S BACKPACK DAILY FOR NOTICES, PERMISSION SLIPS, HOMEWORK, ETC.

REMINDER TO PLEASE CALL THE SAFE ARRIVAL ABSENCE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM
1-855-278-4513 or go.schoolmessenger.ca
 WHENEVER YOUR CHILD WILL BE ABSENT.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Jan 6 Schools Reopen after Break
- Jan 7-9 Hearing Screening
- Jan 14 Ukrainian Caroling Event
- Jan 16 Ukrainian Concert
- Jan 28 Hot Lunch Day
- Jan 31 Inservice Day - NO CLASSES
- Feb 17 Louis Riel Day - NO CLASSES



Vice-Principal's Message

Dear Families:

It's hard to believe it is already December and we are nearing the end of 2024. November at Ralph Brown School was a month of celebration and reflection of our learning. We appreciated connecting with families during parent-student-teacher conferences and celebrating your child's learning. Please know that you do not need to wait until conference times to discuss your child's learning. You are welcome to contact your child's teacher anytime by phone or email.

Our Scholastic Book Fair took place during the conference times and was well received by all who came to browse and purchase some great reading material. We sold over \$2000 worth of books which allowed the school to purchase \$265 worth of books for our school library. Thank you, families!

Last month our students represented our school at many sporting activities. The school has been buzzing with intramurals over the lunch hour, intercity soccer at U of W, and triple ball volleyball at neighbouring WSD schools. Our dedicated coaches/teachers have ensured that students can play, learn the rules of the game, have fun, and bringing home a few wins has been an added bonus. Congratulations to all our Rocket players!

On November 8th, staff and students gathered for our Remembrance Day Service and honoured Indigenous Veterans Day. It gave us time to pause and consider past and present wars and what our Armed Services do to protect our freedom. Our theme this year was "Pathway to Peace". Classes contributed to a school-wide art collaboration by sharing words and images of steps that we all can take towards promoting peace.

On November 29th we also held another day of remembrance. Holodomor was a man-made famine that killed millions of people in Ukrainian between 1932-1933. We continue to remember to ensure that this tragedy is not forgotten, as it is the best hope against

history repeating itself. Our grade seven students in the English-Ukrainian Bilingual Program will be visiting the Human Rights Museum in early December where they will be attending the Holodomor and Indigenous History Experience organized by Manitoba Parents for Ukrainian Education.

As the cold weather comes, we want to remind families and students to dress appropriately for the snow and cold. Outdoor play is a very important part of learning during the day. We have a limited amount of winter clothing that was donated to the school that we use as extras if students forget or need items. Students go outside for 15 minutes in the morning, 30 minutes over the lunch time, and 15 minutes in the afternoon. As stated on the WSD website, students stay indoors for recess when the wind chill reaches -28 degrees Celsius. School bus transportation for all school divisions in the City of Winnipeg is cancelled if: the actual *temperature* is -35°C (regardless of windchill) based on the 6:00 a.m. Environment Canada reading at the Forks, Winnipeg or; if the *wind chill* reaches -45°C (regardless of air temperature) based on the 6:00 a.m. Environment Canada readings at the Forks, Winnipeg. The temperature and windchill readings can be found at the Environment Canada website.

The Parent Advisory Council has kicked off their Winter Calendar fundraiser! Calendars are \$5 each and with each purchase your name will be entered into a draw for monetary prizes. Sales have been going very well and calendars can still be purchased throughout the month of December. Draws begin on December 2nd. Good luck to all!

Our Ukrainian Program teachers have been preparing for the arrival of St. Nicholas this month! He will be arriving on Friday, December 6. All students will be treated to songs and treats. We are excited to continue this long-standing tradition at Ralph Brown School! Also on this day, a perogy lunch will take place for all students free of charge. Please return forms to school to know how many perogies we need to boil!

Winter Concerts: This year we will be having 2 evening concert performances. Our younger classes will entertain you on Wednesday, December 18 @ 6:30 pm, while our intermediate students will perform on Thursday, December 19 @ 6:30 pm. A list of which classes performing in the two concerts can be seen below.

Lastly, we want to wish you all the best for this holiday season and hope you have a restful winter break. School starts

back on Monday, January 6, 2025.

Від імені нашої школи, будьте здорові, живіть в любові й злагоді. Бажаємо Вам веселого Різдва та чудового настрою!

Нехай різдвяна зірочка запалає, окутуючи вашу родину щастям, благополуччям та душевним теплом. Хай подарує це свято надію й віру у краще.

Monica Sim



PRIMARY WINTER CONCERT

Wednesday, December 18th at 6:30 pm

Melton the Warm-Hearted Snowman

- P1 - Pani Spivak (Grades 1 & 2)
- P2 - Pani Semenii (Grades 2 & 3)
- P4 - Ms Demko (Grades 2 & 3)
- P5 - Ms Kandia (Grades 3 & 4)
- P6 - Ms Villafana (English Grades 2 & 3)
- 124 - Mrs. Holland (Kindergarten)
- 125 - Ms Castillo (Grade 1)
- 126 - Mr. Guile (Grade 1 & 2)
- 128 - Ms Ortega (Nursery/Kindergarten)

INTERMEDIATE WINTER CONCERT

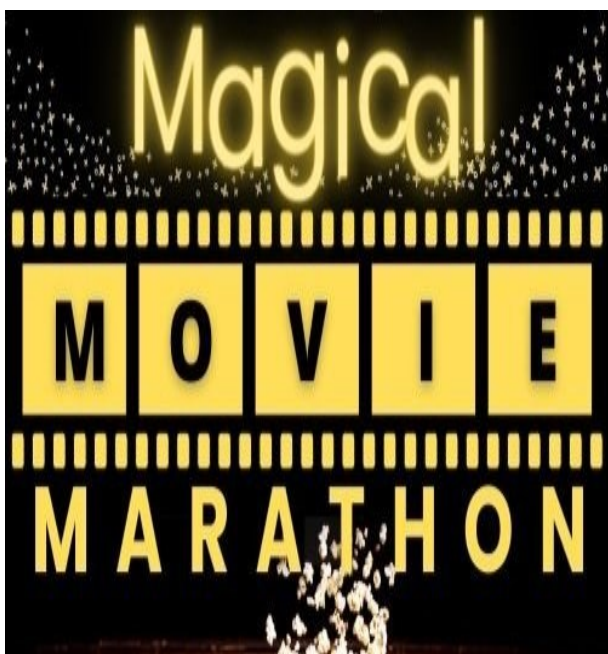
Thursday, December 19th at 6:30 pm

Magical Movie Marathon

- P3 - Ms Fast (Grades 4 & 5)
- 104 - Ms Kakria (Grades 5 & 6)
- 105 - Mr. Fust (Grades 5 & 6)
- 106 - Pani Harhas (Grades 5 & 6)
- 107 - Pani Melnyk (Grades 7 & 8)
- 111 - Pan Moroz (Grades 6 & 7)
- 121 - Mr. Chudley (Grades 4/5)

Doors will open at 6:15 pm for the students to arrive and report to their classrooms; parents may make their way to the gymnasium.

Dress Rehearsal will take place at approx. 1:30 on these days - parents are encouraged to attend then if unable to attend or get extra tickets for the evening performance.



PARENT COUNCIL NEWS

CALENDAR DRAW FUNDRAISER

Thank you to all families who supported our fundraiser by purchasing or selling calendars. The names of the winners will be posted daily and published in the January newsletter.

Good Luck!

*Note: It is important to **return any unsold Calendars** to the school office so they may be accounted for.*



For our **REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY** each classroom created a "pathway" with students writing "steps" they can take to promote peace.

NEXT PARENT COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, February 11th at 6:00 pm

KINDNESS IS ALWAYS THE ANSWER

"I believe that in the end it is kindness and generous accommodation that are the catalysts for real change." Nelson Mandela

ST. JOHN'S LIBRARY PROGRAMMING

St. John's Library, 500 Salter Street at Church Avenue, welcomes families to take part in some of their winter programming. If interested you may register online, by calling 204-986-4689, or drop by in person.

Winter Wonderland Family Story Time

Help build pre-reading skills by sharing winter stories, singing and having fun together!
Best enjoyed by children up to 5 years with a caregiver. 30 minutes.

St John's Library

500 Salter St

Monday, December 16th: 6:00 p.m.

Free. Phone, visit or go online at winnipeg.ca/library to register.

Early Literacy

St. John's Library

Monday, January 13 - Monday, March 17
Registration begins December 9

Baby Rhyme Time

Wednesday at 11:00am

Introduce babies to the sounds of language through rhymes, songs and simple stories. For babies newborn to 18 months with a caregiver. 20-30 minutes.

Registration required.

Family Story Time

Saturday at 11:00am

Help build pre-reading skills by sharing stories, singing and having fun together! Best enjoyed by children up to 5 years with a caregiver. 30 minutes.

Registration required.

Sink or Float

Learn about why things sink or float, and about different boats from around the world. Then use what you've learned to create your own boat that will be put to the test on the high seas.

Ages 6-12.

60 minutes.

St John's Library

500 Salter St

Saturday, December 7th: 10:30 a.m.

Free. Phone, visit or go online at winnipeg.ca/library to register.





PHYS. ED. NEWS



VOLLEYBALL

The Grade 5/6 boys and girls played in the Winnipeg School Division Tripleball Volleyball Tournaments on November 26th at Lord Selkirk and Machray School. Both Ralph Brown teams showed a great display of skill and sportsmanship. A special shout out to the Grade 6 Tripleball team who won the Northeast District Championship. Way to go rockets!



INNER CITY SOCCER

The Inner City Soccer League will continue into the new year for both the Grade 5/6 and 7/8 teams. Both teams have been practicing their skills over the lunch hour and are improving every game!



PHYS. ED. NEWS

In the New Year, there will be a variety of unique Phys. Ed opportunities to experience at Ralph Brown. Cross-country skiing, indoor ten pin bowling, and skating club to name a few. Remember to stay fit over the holiday break by completing the Christmas workout challenge below.

CHRISTMAS WORKOUT CHALLENGE

Remember to stay active over the holiday break. **You can keep active by completing the Christmas Workout Challenge every day for the month of December.**

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|---------------|---------------------|
| 1 Squat | 7 Jumping Jacks |
| 2 Push-Ups | 8 High Kicks |
| 3 Lunges | 9 Mountain Climbers |
| 4 Arm Circles | 10 Squat Jumps |
| 5 Sit-Ups | 11 Burpees |
| 6 Lunges | 12 Shoulder Touches |



FAMILIES THAT PLAY TOGETHER STAY TOGETHER!

Family life can be busy, and it may be hard to find time to spend with your children. After work, dinner needs cooking and houses need cleaning. Why not get your kids to help you with these chores. You'd be surprised at how happy your child can be helping out while chatting with mom or dad.

The activities below encourage family re-connection and prove to be fun for all. Your children would rather have you play with them any day, than watch tv.

- Build a couch fort*
- Paint, colour or make a craft*
- Play cards or a board game*
- Read a book*
- Play a sport*
- Cook a meal together*

Housing and I.D. Resource Event



December 10, 2024, 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Tec Voc High School
1555 Wall 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
204-788-0203



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