

RALPH BROWN SCHOOL REVIEW



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PLEASE POST THIS CALENDAR ON YOUR FRIDGE.

FEBRUARY 2025

I LOVE TO READ MONTH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3 DAY 1 <i>Skate Club 12-1</i>	4 DAY 2 <i>Gr. 7/8 Soccer 11:30-1:30</i>	5 DAY 3 <i>Kovbasa Fundraiser Begins!</i>	6 DAY 4 <i>Wpg Blue Bombers I Love to Read Assembly 9:00 Skate Club 12-1</i>	7 DAY 5 <i>Dental Clinic Visit AM Gr. 7/8 Soccer 11:30-1:30</i>	8
9	10 DAY 6 <i>Skate Club 12-1</i>	11 DAY 1 <i>Parent Council Meeting 6:00 pm</i>	12 DAY 2 <i>Louis Riel Assembly Skate Club 12-1</i>	13 Day 3	14 DAY 4 <i>Valentine's Day Skate Club 12-1</i>	15 
16	17 <i>Louis Riel Day NO CLASSES</i>	18 DAY 5  <i>Gr. 7/8 Soccer</i>	19 DAY 6 <i>Kovbasa Orders DUE Skate Club 12-1</i>	20 DAY 1 <i>Gr. 5/6 Soccer 11:30-1:30 Skate Club 12-1 Virtual OPEN HOUSE 6:00-7:00 pm</i>	21 DAY 2 <i>Rooms 106, 107, 111 to Festival du Voyageur</i>	22
23	24 DAY 3	25 DAY 4 <i>Hot Lunch Day Gr. 4/5 Skate Club 12-1</i>	26 DAY 5 <i>Pink Shirt Day</i>	27 DAY 6 <i>Skate Club 12-1</i>	28 	

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 LATE OR ABSENT.

UPCOMING EVENTS:
 March 10 Report Cards Issued
 March 6 Kovbasa Orders to be picked up
 March 13 Student-Led Conferences 3:45-7:30
 March 14 NO CLASSES
 Student-Led Conferences 9:00-12:00
 Staff Prof. Development 1:00-3:30
 March 31 Spring Break - Classes Resume April 7
 April 11 NO CLASSES

Principal's Message

Dear Families,

As we reach the midway point of the school year, I stop and pause to recognize how far our students have come in their learning. Ralph Brown staff have been working collaboratively with their colleagues to ensure we are providing a learning environment that fosters inclusion, values diversity offers opportunity and supports growth in learning. We continue to build a sense of community in our school through our weekly buddy class activities, strengthening connections between students across grades. Our teachers participated in their second day of Treaty Education this month. This professional development opportunity allows educators to further embed Indigenous perspectives in their teaching, ensuring that students gain a deeper understanding of our shared history and commitments.

Last month, our English-Ukrainian Bilingual Program students welcomed families and guests to our traditional Ukrainian Christmas Concert. The event featured a beautiful performance of carolling, verses and greetings that created a warm and festive atmosphere for all in attendance. Families and guests enjoyed refreshments, and we extend our heartfelt gratitude to the volunteers who assisted with food preparations, making this event a memorable celebration. Some students from our grades 4-8 classes concluded the festive season by carolling to local businesses in the community.

February is a busy and exciting month! We are celebrating "I Love to Read", welcoming special guest readers and have events throughout the latter half of the month to inspire a love for books – with a healthy and yummy twist! Student clubs are up and running over the lunch hour and after school. Our skating club for grades 4-8 is in full swing. Students have been enjoying the winter weather over the lunch hour on the outdoor skating rink. Our grades 1-3 have the opportunity to take part in Spanish club, while our intermediate classes are involved in Destina-

tion Imagination and choir practice for the Manitoba Festival. We also recognize the 3rd anniversary of the war in Ukraine that has significant meaning to many of our students, families and school. Additionally, some classrooms will embark on excursions embracing the beauty of winter. Please note there will be no school on Monday, February 17.

Our next Parent Council meeting is February 11th at 6:00 pm in the school library. The great group of advisory members are eager to see you there! Open house and registration information will be shared soon.

As the winter season continues, please ensure children come to school dressed warmly. Children go outside for recess, unless the posted temperature with windchill is -28C. A special shout out to the patrols who patrol the intersections of Church and Machray at Andrews Street. Despite the frigid cold they still show their dedication by ensuring each corner is covered. They cross before/after school and at lunch. A reminder that school begins at 8:55 am and 12:55 pm, and pick-ups take place at designated playground doors at the back of the school.

The Anishinaabe calendar is deeply rooted in the cycles of the moon, where each moon is named after a natural event occurring at that time. February is known as the Bear Moon, or Makwa Giizis, where bear gives Mother Earth a rest for a few months and reminds us humans to do the same thing. We encourage families to cuddle up for some story sharing or with a good book and explore the joy of relating and reading together. Wishing you a wonderful February!



Respectfully,

Monica Sim

PHYS. ED. NEWS



SKATE CLUB

Over 90 Ralph Brown students have signed up for the lunch hour Skate Club offered to Grades 4 - 8 students. Some of our skates in January had to be cancelled due to cold weather. Ice/ weather conditions permitting, Skate Club will continue throughout the month of February and early March.

Monday, February 3 rd	Grade 6/7/8
Thursday, February 6 th	Grade 4/5
Monday, February 10 th	Grade 6/7/8
Wednesday, February 12 th	Grade 4/5
Friday, February 14 th	Grade 6/7/8
Wednesday, February 19 th	Grade 4/5/4
Thursday, February 20 th	Grade 6/7/8
Tuesday, February 25 th	Grade 4/5
Thursday, February 27 th	Grade 6/7/8
Tuesday, March 4 th	Grade 4/5
Thursday, March 6 th	Grade 6/7/8



SOCCER

The WSD Inner City Soccer League has resumed for 2025. Both the grade 5/6 and grade 7/8 coed teams have been working hard and practicing over the lunch hours to improve their soccer skills.

BOWLING

During the month of February, Ralph Brown students will be participating in Ten Pin Bowling activities during Phys. Ed. classes. The **Manitoba Tenpin Federation** will be providing Ralph Brown School with weighted bowling balls and indoor bowling lanes for a unique in-school bowling experience.



TRIPLE BALL/VOLLEYBALL

Our Gr. 5/6 boys and girls will be competing in a tournament at Waterford Springs on February 6th - Good Luck Rockets!

PARENT COUNCIL NEWS

KOVBASA FUNDRAISER



We will once again be running our very popular Kovbasa Fundraiser. Lean (and gluten free) rings of sausage produced by Tenderloin Meats will be sold for \$12 a ring and come vacuum packed.

Watch for order forms coming home with your child on February 3rd. Deadline for orders to be handed in is February 19th, with the kovbasa being at the school for pick up on Thursday, March 6th.

Next Parent Council Meeting - - TUESDAY, February 11th at 6:00 pm

UKRAINIAN BILINGUAL PROGRAM

This month, our English Ukrainian Bilingual Program hosted its traditional Koliada Christmas celebration, bringing together students, staff, parents and special guests for a festive and memorable event. Held in our beautifully decorated gym, the space was transformed into a showcase, featuring student-painted pictures of Ukrainian cities that added a personal and cultural touch.

For the first time, the Ukrainian community celebrated Christmas together with the rest of the world on December 25th, making the occasion even more special. While the traditional twelve-dish feast was not prepared this year, the celebration was filled with joy and festivity. Guests enjoyed a delightful program showcasing the creativity and talents of our students, including traditional Ukrainian songs, heartfelt recitations, and captivating performances that reflected Ukraine's rich cultural heritage.

In addition to the program, attendees savored a variety of delicious desserts, including traditional Ukrainian treats like pampushky, kutia, and Christmas cookies.

This event was a wonderful opportunity for our Ukrainian community to come together, celebrate shared traditions, and create lasting memories. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who contributed to making this celebration a success - students, staff, families, and friends.

As we reflect on this joyful gathering, we are reminded of the importance of community and the beauty of traditions that bring us closer together. We look forward to many more opportunities to celebrate and share the richness of our culture in the years to come.



REGISTRATION for 2025 - 2026 SCHOOL YEAR NOW OPEN

We are now accepting registrations for September 2025 for NEW students to Ralph Brown School in our English Program (Nursery to Grade 6) and our English Ukrainian Bilingual Program (Kindergarten to Grade 8).

Check out the Registration tab on our website for more information and application forms; and watch for our virtual "Open House" video coming soon.

Please share this information with any families in your neighbourhood who may have school aged children.

The English Ukrainian Bilingual Program is open to all children, regardless of cultural background. Children in this program study the same subjects as in regular classes, but they also learn to understand, speak, read and write in Ukrainian and take part in a variety of culturally rich activities throughout the year.