

École Waterford Springs School

March & April 2024 Newsletter

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Principal and Vice Principal's Message

Nicer weather, longer days...We always look forward to spring!

Our Student-Led Conferences are right around the corner and we invite you to celebrate the growth that your children have made this term. This is a great opportunity to ask questions, review the learning and help set goals for the upcoming term. Students are looking forward to sharing their learning with you in March, as this will be guided by your child. On March 6, you would have received an email with information on setting up an appointment through SchoolAppointment. The conferences are during Thursday evening on March 14 (3:50-8:00pm) and Friday morning March 15 (9:00am-12:00pm).

We'd like to remind everyone that students don't require cell phones during the day at school as we have lots of technology that they can use for their learning. If your child needs to bring a cellphone to school, it is to be kept turned off during the day, including lunch hour, while in the building. If you need to get a message to your child, please call the school office.

Students had a busy month of February participating in a variety of activities, including I Love to Read, Festival du Voyageur, Black History Month, and Valentine's Day. We continue into March with I Love to Read and Black History month activities as February just wasn't long enough for us. A special thank you to everyone who planned for these activities and to all the students who participated!

Enjoy the end of our Manitoba winter and the upcoming Spring Break! See you back on April 1st, Day 1.

We're extending Black History Month into March!



We have had great learning conversations regarding Black History Month in the month of February and wanted to extend this learning into March.

Please read the following statement from our Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau:

“Today marks the beginning of Black History Month. This month, we honour the achievements of Black Canadians, past and present, celebrate Black culture, and reaffirm our commitment to building a more diverse, welcoming Canada for everyone.

“The theme of this year’s Black History Month, ‘Black Excellence: A Heritage to Celebrate; a Future to Build’, encourages us to share the stories of Black Canadians. Black Canadian history is Canadian history. From groundbreaking trailblazers in halls of fame and history books to unsung heroes in communities across the country, Black excellence is all around us. We celebrate Stephanie Bernard, the founder of the Nunavut Black History Society and a community leader advancing Black-Canadian arts, and culture. We celebrate Abraham Beverley Walker, the first Canadian-born Black lawyer and first Black New Brunswicker to publish a magazine. Black Canadians have played a pivotal role in making Canada the diverse, prosperous, and compassionate place we know and love.

“Canada has undoubtedly come a long way. But so long as inequality and injustice still exist in our society, our work is far from done. So, this month, and every month, let us celebrate Black heritage, honour the extraordinary stories of Black Canadians, and build a better, fairer future – for the stories yet to be written.

“Happy Black History Month, Canada.”

LET'S EMBRACE DIVERSITY!

Click this [link](#) to learn about 10 Tips for Parents and Teachers: Embracing Diversity

Noteworthy Canadian Figures

Read the biographies of some notable Black people in Canada who have helped shape Canadian heritage and identity, and who have made and continue to make enormous contributions to the wellbeing, and prosperity of our country

<https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/black-history-month/black-canadians.html>



Important Information Regarding Drop Off

Due to limited parking space, we are strongly encouraging all families to walk to and from school as much as possible.

We have a **“Drop and Go”** loop between **8:30AM and 8:55AM**.

The loop closest to the front entrance of the school will only be used to drop off children. Please do not to park and get out of your car in this loop as it blocks other cars from dropping off their children.

The visitor parking lot is for those parents who need to get out of the car. Parents please do not stop at the entrance to the school as it blocks traffic on Jefferson Avenue and is dangerous for everyone.

Unless dropping off a child at the pre-school daycare, no parking in their parking lot is permitted.

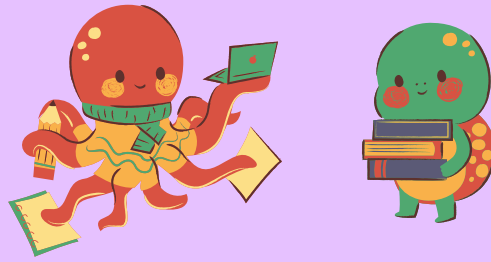
Grades 1-8 students will go to the school field (south side) when they arrive in the morning and school staff will assist in directing students to the field after 8:30AM, unfortunately there will be no supervision before 8:30AM. Students will enter the school at 8:50AM with their teacher and there will also be staff supervising in the field.

Nursery and Kindergarten students will use the north doors near their classrooms for arrival and dismissal times (if any N/K are late, or arrive after 9:00AM, please come to the front doors and check in at the office.)



Registration Information for September 2024!

Registrations for the 2024-2025 school year have now begun.



To register for **Kindergarten**, your child must be born **2019**.

For families interested in the French Immersion Program, children can enter in either Kindergarten or Grade 1. Please let us know if you would like your child to be in French Immersion.

Registration forms can be found online here:

winnipeg.sd.ca/waterfordsprings/schoolregistrationinformation

*Email completed registration forms to >waterfordsprings@wsd1.org< along with copies of the following: your child's birth certificate, Manitoba health card or a copy of your private insurance with the policy number and expiry date, and your most recent Property Tax form/most recent Lease Agreement)

Safe Arrival

Safe arrival is a student absence reporting system that makes it easy for you to report your child's absence. Please use one of the following methods:

- **Phone: 1-855-278-4513**
Call the toll-free, interactive telephone system
- **Website: <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>**
Set up your Parent Portal account then log in
- **Mobile App: SafeArrival App**
Set up your Parent Portal account, download the Apple or Android app, then log in



If you report an absence in advance or **before** the morning bell time at **9:00 AM**, you will not receive a call.

Bumper Crop Early Learning Center

ANNA MAE CLARK, DIRECTOR

Daycare parking lot is for Daycare parents only.

2090 Jefferson Avenue (west side of building)

Winnipeg, Manitoba, R2R 3A3

Telephone Number: 204-983-1252

Website: [Bumper Crop Early Learning Center](http://BumperCropEarlyLearningCenter)

Email Address: director@bumpercropelc.ca



Jr. High and Grades 3, 4 Partnership Project



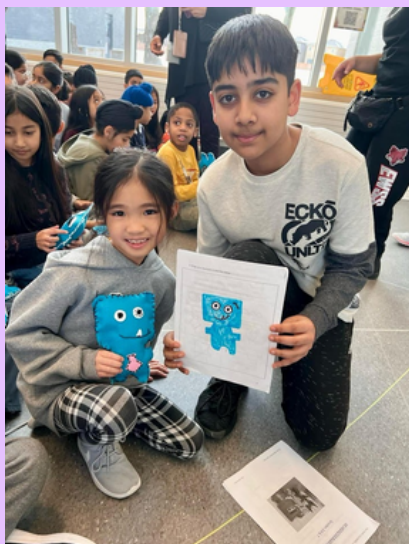
I am so incredibly proud of our Grade 7 Textile Arts and Design (Home Economics) students who worked SO hard over the last month to hand sew monsters for their Grade ¾ buddies as part of their final projects!

The Grade 3/4's designed their monsters right down to the shape, colour of their choice, number of eyes, type of mouth and selected an accessory (a guitar, heart, or tie). They then drew and coloured in their monster, named it, decided on what their monster's favourite food is as well as what their monster is afraid of! Next, they handed over their designs to their older, Grade 7 buddy for production.

This was a lesson in inclusion and the idea that we all come in various shapes and sizes - there is no need to be afraid of individuals' differences. They should instead be accepted and celebrated!"

Random Acts of Kindness day took place on February 17th. It is a day to spread kindness and positivity. With that in mind, the Grade 7's gifted their monsters to their Grade ¾ buddies on Friday, February 16th. Here are a few photos with the results of this project....




-Ms. Antonio

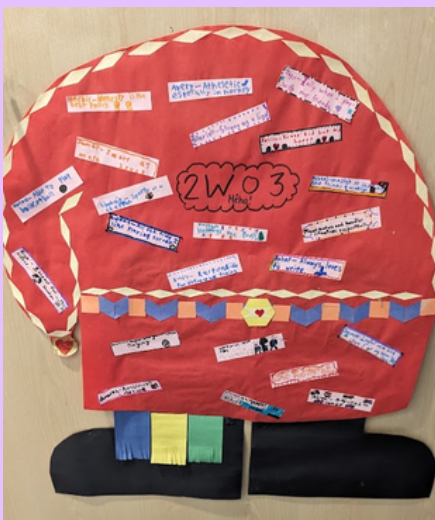


Festival du Voyageur

It has been a great week learning more about Festival du Voyageur. Staff and students participated in dressing up and did daily activities for the week. Here are just a few photos captured during the week.



Dress Up!		Daily Activities!	
Feb 20	Toque 	Create a class toque to put on your door (representative of your class)	T
Feb 21	Ceinture Fléchée 	Voyageur stop and sing (1:15 in the hallways - Ashley & Jonathan)	W
Feb 22	Plaid Shirt 	Sirop d'érable in the outside learning area - schedule to follow	Th
Feb 23	Toque, Ceinture Fléchée, Plaid Shirt	Bannock, jam & butter delivered to your classroom 	F



Ivan Flett Memorial Dancers



Ivan Flett Memorial Dancers are three siblings from Winnipeg, who share a passion for dance. They performed for us on February 16th and taught everyone in the audience how to do the Red River Jig.



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NYOAajD_1u4

To learn more about them, visit this link or click the image above to watch the siblings featured in Canada's Got Talent.



Some students had a chance to get their autographs and shook their hands too!

Thank you Michael, Jacob, Cienna and Liam (surprise guest sibling), who performed their traditional dances of the Red River Jig, mixed with modern dancing known as the hip hop jig for our school community.





Dance Club



WOOHOO!!! CONGRATULATIONS to the amazing 2024
Grade 4 Dance Club members!!!

We were super impressed with your dedication and skill-level.
The group picked up foundation and performance expectations
so quickly that they were ready to learn choreography within
the second class.

We also want to give a huge THANK-YOU to our four
wonderful Grade 5 assistants!!!! You made running Dance Club
go even smoother 😊

It was a pleasure learning with all of you! We cannot wait to
start the Grade 5/6 Dance Club in March!

Love,
Your Dance Teachers
(Mrs. Salvador, Mme Hailey, Mrs. Graustins,
Mrs. Ambaram, Mr. Singh and Mrs. Walker)



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2024



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- * morning & full day sessions
- * before & after care available

Morning sessions from \$139
Full day sessions from \$214

*limited time offer, see website for details

royalsoccer.com

800-427-0536

For location & registration details, visit our website.

Dates to Remember

March

March 11th - Report Cards Go Home

March 14th - Student-Led Conferences 3:30PM-8:00PM

March 15th - Student-Led Conferences AM - No Classes All Day

March 17th - Happy St. Patrick's Day!

March 22nd - Last Day of Classes

March 25th to March 29th - School Closed for Spring Break!

March 31st - Happy Easter!



April



April 1st - School Re-Opens Day 1

April 10th - International Day of Pink

April 19th - PD Day - No Classes

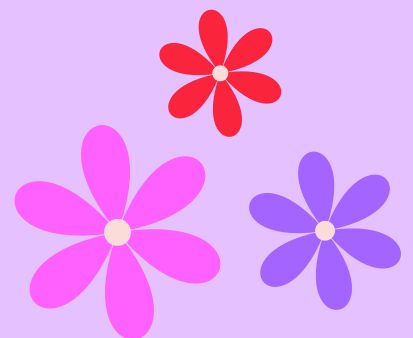
April 22nd - Happy Earth Day!

April 24th and 25th - Spring Photos

May 6th - PD Day - No Classes

May 9th - Immunizations for Grades 6 & 8

May 20th - Victoria Day - School Closed



JUNE



June 7th - Family BBQ Event at 5:00PM w/ PAC

June 20th - First Day of Summer!

June 21st - National Indigenous Peoples Day

June 25th - Report Cards Go Home

June 27th - PD Day - No Classes

June 28th - Last Day of Classes 11:30AM Dismissal

Lunch Program

Just a reminder that if you signed up for Winter Months Only, it ends March 29th. Please make sure you have made arrangements for your child(ren) for lunch after Spring Break, as there are no extensions allowed..

Registration for the 2024-2025 Lunch Program will be available in May, more information to come.

As we are approaching Spring, please send your child(ren) with the appropriate outer clothing. There has been an increase in the number of lunches being dropped off just before lunch, instead, we encourage lunches sent with your child(ren) in the morning.

There are no microwaves available to students. If they would like a hot lunch, please send it in a thermos.

We will be starting up the Foxtails program again after Spring Break.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email me.

Thanks,

Robyn Whitney

Lunch Program Coordinator

ewsslunchprogram@gmail.com

A Message from Parent Council

Greetings EWSS families!

Thanks to your generous support, the Pizza Hotline Fundraiser raised \$5,316.75 for the school! We are excited to be able to put the funds towards the students' learning!

Last year's Year End Community Celebration was a huge success and Parent Council is looking for volunteers to help organize this year's celebration which will be on June 7th, 2024. The event can only be a success with the support of the community! If you or a family member is interested in joining the planning committee or volunteering for the celebration itself, please email us at >winnipegEWS@gmail.com< by May 1st.

All Parent Council meeting dates are posted on the school website, follow the link below and then select "Community & Family – Parent Council" to find the meeting dates:

<https://www.winnipegssd.ca/waterfordsprings/page/4112/parent-council>

We encourage families to attend Parent Council meetings to share your ideas and feedback about our school community! Our next meeting is on May 8 at 6:00 pm in the school library or you may join virtually by contacting our email.

Signed,

Your EWSS Parent Council Executive Team

EWSS Staff List 2024

Teachers

Ambaram, Alka	Gr. 3/4 – Rm 2W03
Antonio, Jacintha	Home Ec. – Rm 1E08
Bagri, Sandeep (start Apr 1)	Gr. 7/8 – Rm 2W24
Blondeau, Kevin	Gr. 5/6 - Rm 2A04
Bova, Francesca	Gr. 1/2 – Rm 1W05
Cerqueira, Odette	SERT – Rm 1W18
Chau, Kevin (till Mar 22)	Gr. 7/8 – Rm 2W24
Chaudhari, Manjit	Gr. 7/8 - Rm 2A06
Ciangelini, Lisa	Gr. 7/8 – Rm 2W28
Coffell, Tamara	Gr. 7/8 French – Rm 2W21
DeLeon, Angeli	N/K – Rm 1W31
Fillion, Marc	Gr. 1/2 – Rm 1A03
Foulis, Vanessa	Gr. 1/2 French – Rm 1W08
Frederique, Martine	Gr. 3/4 French – Rm 2W02
Fredette, Ashley	Music - Rm 1A06
Gaulin, Olivia	Gr. 5/6 French – Rm 2A03
Graustins, Jennifer	Gr. 3/4 – Rm 2W04
Guatam, Chandra	Intercultural Support
Hughes, Sandra	Gr. 3/4 – Rm 1A05
Iwanicki, Jennifer	Phys Ed
Jones, Stefanie	Gr. 5/6 – Rm 2W29
Klan, Shaun (start Apr 1)	Gr. 5/6 – Rm 2W07
Klueppel, Susanne	Gr. 5/6 – Rm 2A02
Levy, Tanya	N/K – Rm 1W32
Manicom, Chantelle	K French – Rm 1W28
Manuel, Keyla	Gr. 1/2 – Rm 1W09
Moore, Tai	Guidance - Rm 1W16
Morris, Rhys	Gr. 1/2 French - Rm 1A02
Ngo, Andrew	Phys Ed
Noordman, Tabitha	Gr. 3/4 French - Rm 1A04
Quinn, Jonathan	Band - Rm 1E11
Salvador, Roshel	Gr. 3/4 – Rm 2W12
Shafto, Sharon	Gr. 1/2 – Rm 1W06
Singh, Swaran	Gr. 2/3 French – Rm 1W27
Smyrski-Yu, Jennifer	Gr. 3/4 – Rm 2W05
Thiessen, Jay	N/K – Rm 1W29
Torchia, Maria	Support Teacher
Violy, Evelyne	Support Teacher
Walsh, Kristen	Gr. 7/8 – Rm 2W27
Waterman, Dylan (till Mar 22)	Gr. 5/6 – Rm 2W07
Wood, Becky	Gr. 1/2 – Rm 1W10
Young, Mike	Industrial Arts – Rm 1E17
Yozenko, Hailey	Gr. 1/2 French – Rm 1W07
Zankowski, Evelyn	Gr. 5/6 – Rm 2W06
Zinn, Sandie	Gr. 7/8 – Rm 2W09

Office

Manuel Silva	Principal
Maria Manzano	Vice-Principal
Corrie Krakalovich	Head Clerk V
Harinder Ghuman	Clerk III
Charissa Pruden	Clerk II
Rachel Olver	Library

Custodians

Pilotin, Gilbert	Head Custodian
Ramdas, Amarnauth	Assist. Custodian
Ellana, Cesar	Caretaker
Badhan, Seema	Cleaner
Sidhu, Sukhdeep	Cleaner

Educational Assistants

Bhattal, Shinderpal
Blanco, Sharon
Cadotte, Tamarra
Dehar, Manminder
Dhaliwal, Harmeet
Dhaliwal, Mandhir
Dhanoa, Karamjit
Dhillon, Amritpal (Amy)
Ferbrache, Amanda
Gaidhu, Gurpal
Gonzales, Melanie
Helal, Manal
Kaler, Kamaldeep
Kaur, Gagandeep
Kaur, Gursharn
Kaur, Komalpreet
Lampa, Angie
Malkai, Ikvinder
Olenko, Janice
Paul, Basil
Rakhra, Sanbax
Sahota, Sarbari
Sidhu, Virpal
Tathgur, Jaspreet
Walker, Jocelyne

