

ÉCOLE WATERFORD SPRINGS SCHOOL

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

MANUEL SILVA

Directeur / Principal

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PRINCIPAL AND VICE PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Fall is well underway as we begin November. As the weather gets colder, please make sure children are dressing for it. If the temperature reaches -27 with or without the windchill, then students remain inside for recess.

Teachers will be busy working on report cards during the month of November and report cards will go out to parents on November 27. Our Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences will be after school on Thursday, November 30 from 3:50 to 8:00 pm as well as on Friday, December 1 during the day from 9:00 to 3:00 pm. Students should attend these meetings with their parents. More information on how to sign up on SchoolAppointment for a time to meet with your child's teacher will be coming to you during November from the teachers.

We look forward to celebrating Diwali and Bandi Chhor Divas at our school on Monday, November 13 so the children are welcome to dress in their Diwali clothes for that day.

We will be collecting donations for veterans in their annual poppy campaign. If you are able and wishing to make a donation, please send it with your child by Friday, November 10 to the school office. Thank you for your kind consideration of this.

Construction is getting close to being completed with the anticipated project ending date being around February 2024. We remind families to not park in the daycare parking as that is only for families of children who attend the pre-school daycare. Street parking remains a 2 hour parking zone until the end of December. In January, it will switch back to regular parking. In the morning, the loop closest to the doors in the parking lot is for Drop & Go only and the inside loop is for parking if you need to get out of the car with your child. At 3:30, please do not park in front of the staff parking lot entrance as staff need to leave as well. Thank you for your help with this in making drop off go smoothly and helping to keep all of our children safe. **At 8:30 and 3:30, the exit closest to the staff parking lot is an exit only.** Traffic will not be allowed to use that area as an entrance for the safety of the patrols and staff and to allow for a smoother exit from the two loops.

At this time, we at École Waterford Springs School would like to wish all of our families a wonderful holiday season at the end of December.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION DROP OFF AND PICK UP



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. **Drivers are not to park and get out of their cars** in this loop as it blocks other cars from dropping off their children.

The **Visitor Parking** loop is for parents who need to get out of the car.

Parents are also not to stop at the entrance to the school property 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.

Grade 1-8 students will go to the school field (south side) when they arrive in the morning. School staff will assist in directing students to the field and there will also be staff supervising in the field. There will be no supervision before 8:30 am. Students will enter the school at 8:50 am.

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.)

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SAFE ARRIVAL

SafeArrival is a student absence reporting system that makes it easy for you to report your child's absence and increases student safety by allowing staff to respond to unexplained absences more efficiently.

You are asked to report your child's absence using one of the following convenient 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

All methods are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

If you report an absence in advance or before the morning bell time, you will not receive a call.

Safe Arrival attempts to contact parents/guardians at multiple contact numbers until the designated contact(s) is/are reached.

Please click the link for further details:

- [SafeArrival for Families - Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [SafeArrival - Parent Guide](#)

BUMPER CROP EARLY LEARNING CENTRE

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

Email Address: director@bumpercropelc.ca



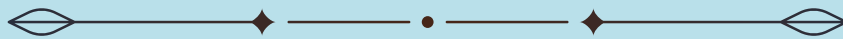
GRANDMOTHER / INDIGENOUS ACTIVITIES

Meet our Indigenous Grandmother *Dancing Fox - Earth Speaker - Dianne Cross*



"I grew up in Lockport MB. I currently live by Lake Winnipeg in Dunnottar. I am a daughter, sister, auntie, mother, grandmother (Kunsi, Kookum) Counsellor and Helper. I have been passed the responsibility of walking with a Pipe for all my relations. I am a Sundancer, Faster, and attend Sweat Lodge Ceremonies regularly for my own healing and self-care. While on my journey I have been passed the Full Moon Ceremony which provides me with nurturance that I believe we all need on our human journey. I enjoy being on the land, learning about our Medicines and connecting with Mother Earth and all she so freely provides us with. I am a life-long learner and I believe we are all teachers and learners in this walk together; we all carry our Sacred Bundle of beauty and gifts to help ourselves and share with others.

Pidamayaye, Thank you." - Dianne



On September 25, as part of us remembering Every Child Matters and addressing Truth and Reconciliation, our school Indigenous Grandmother, Dianne Cross, led a traditional pipe ceremony for our Grade 3 to 8 students and staff.

The pipe is used to promote peace, in ceremonies, in prayer offerings, sealing a treaty or covenant and rites of passage. The pipe was not smoked during this ceremony.

For more information on the Pipe Ceremony in Indigenous Culture, please use this video link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PHqVdZmpRgI>

ASSEMBLY

On September 29, we held two assemblies on
TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

In recognition of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (formerly known as Orange Shirt Day), the Winnipeg School Division invited all schools to honour the day as an opportunity to learn, reflect, and have meaningful discussions about the impacts of residential schools.

Grades 1 and 2 Assembly

Facilitated by Mr. Fillion's classroom



Students presented how we could practice kindness, acceptance and inclusion by demonstrating a class skit.

Grades 3 to 8 Assembly

led by Grades 7 and 8 students



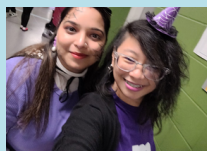
Students presented how to make our community better at École Waterford Springs School by explaining their pledge to:

include everyone, appreciate the contributions of other cultures, use language respectfully, stand against racism, and that we are a community!

HAPPY HALLOWEEN

Staff enjoyed dressing up too

We hope students had a wonderful and safe Halloween. Just a reminder to please limit the amount of Halloween treats sent to school as we encourage students to bring healthy snacks with their lunches.



DATES TO REMEMBER FOR

november

Mon, Nov. 6th
Picture
Retakes

Sat, Nov. 11th
Remembrance
Day

Sun, Nov. 12th
Happy Diwali

Fri, Nov. 17th
No School
Non-Instructional
Day

Mon, Nov. 27th
Report Cards
go home

Thurs, Nov. 30th
Parent Teacher
3:50-8:00PM

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december

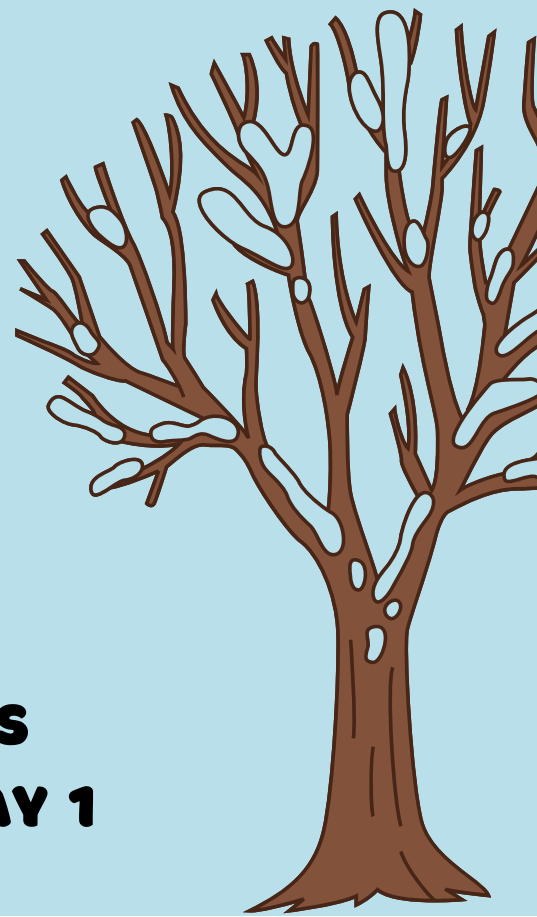
Fri, Dec. 1st

Parent Teacher

No Classes All Day

Fri, Dec. 22nd

Last Day of School



**FIRST DAY BACK TO SCHOOL IS
MONDAY, JANUARY 8TH, 2024 DAY 1**

Remembrance Day

Saturday, November 11, 2023

Lest we forget



KOATS FOR KIDS

Winter gear needed here!

For thousands of kids, a warm coat can be the difference between getting to school or staying home.

Each year, Koats for Kids distributes over 6,000 coats and an additional 22,000 pieces of winter outerwear.

The need is real.

You can help!

Donate new or gently used coats, ski pants, boots, mitts, scarves and toques.

All kid sizes needed.

For more information, visit

KoatsforKids.ca



*Need a coat? We can help!
Contact your child's school, daycare or a United Way Winnipeg
Agency partner to request winter outerwear.*



BE THE INSPIRATION

Winnipeg School Division
is hiring:

- School clerks
- Educational Assistants
- 5th Class Power Engineers
- Bus Drivers

Please visit the Winnipeg School Division website linked below for more information.



JOIN US

winnipeg.sd.ca/careers



WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION



The Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps John Travers Cornwell VC



If you are 12-18 years of age

Offers you the opportunity to experience
The Sea Cadet Challenge
while making lasting friendships, having fun and earning
high school credits!

We are a co-educational, non-profit community organization sponsored by
the Navy League of Canada Cornwell (Winnipeg) Branch and
the Department of National Defence.

This makes us a FREE-TO-JOIN program for young Canadians!

You can be a part of the tradition and the ceremony of the Guard of Honour,
Marching Band, Colour Party, or Drill Team!

Training includes: Sailing, Marksmanship, Communications, Seamanship, First
Aid, Marine Navigation, Basic and Advanced Boat Handling, Biathlon, Rope
Work, Sports, Snorkeling, Leadership, and MUCH, MUCH MORE!

Sea Cadets have the opportunity to cruise to foreign ports aboard
His Majesty's Canadian Ships, Canadian Coast Guard Vessels, and tall ships!
Summer camps across Canada offer Sea Cadets a variety of one, three, and
six week courses in Music, Sailing, Athletics and MORE! International
Exchanges are also available through the Sea Cadet Program, as are
opportunities for full-time, paid summer employment.

BE A ROYAL CANADIAN SEA CADET!

BUILD FITNESS, LEADERSHIP AND CITIZENSHIP!

Come check us out!

Monday Evenings from 6:45 – 9:30 p.m.

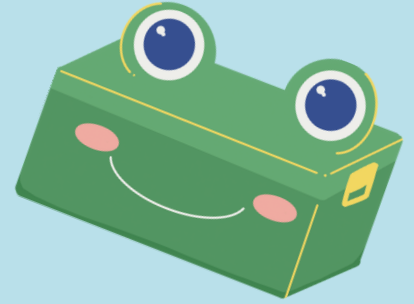
H.M.C.S CHIPPAWA
1 Navy Way
Winnipeg, Manitoba

Accepting new Cadets from September to April

For more information,
email us at 49sea@cadets.gc.ca



PARENT LUNCH PROGRAM



Lunch Program Update:

- Please send the appropriate clothing for the weather.
- Reminder: There are no microwaves available for students to warm up their lunch.
- There are a number of parents that are dropping food off everyday for their child(ren) for lunch. Please just send their lunch with them in the morning, as this has become very disruptive to our Office Clerks.
- Please send your child(ren) with the appropriate cutlery(no knives)
- Families that pay monthly will receive a receipt in December then again in June.
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If you have any questions, please feel free to email me.

Thanks,

Robyn Whitney

Lunch Program Coordinator

ewsslunchprogram@gmail.com

MESSAGE FROM THE PARENT COUNCIL

Hello to all families of École Waterford Springs School,

We would like to send our heartfelt thank you to all families and friends who ordered from Peak of the Market, our 1st fundraiser of the school year. We raised \$2352.50. We will hold another fundraiser later in the year and more information will come later on. This year's fundraising will go towards purchasing an electronic sign for the outside of the school. If you would like to donate directly towards the electronic sign, please send an email to winnipeg.ews@gmail.com for further information.

SAVE THE DATE: June 7, 2024 will be our community celebration in the school playground from 5:00 to 8:00pm. More information to come.

We still appreciate any feedback from you, and would like to invite you all to attend our next Parent Council meetings, dates can be found below.

Dates for our meetings are:

- November 15th, 2023 @ 6:00pm virtual
- January 17th, 2024 @ 6:00pm virtual
- March 6th, 2024 @ 6:00pm in person/virtual
- May 8th, 2024 @ 6:00pm in person/virtual
- June 12th, 2024 @ 6:00pm AGM in person/virtual

Our Parent Council Secretary, Melanie Loyola, had to step down after four years of working on the council. We would like to thank her for her dedication and hard work on behalf of the students, families and staff at the school and wish her all the best.

Thank you.

Your friendly Parent Council,

Gurjeet Kaur - Chair

Trisha Dizor - Vice-Chair

OPEN - Secretary

Jonathan Alvaran - Treasurer

UPDATED STAFF LIST 2023-2024

Office

Manuel Silva	Principal
Maria Manzano	Vice-Principal
Corrie Krakalovich	Head Clerk V
Harinder Ghuman	Clerk III
Charissa Pruden	Clerk II
Rachel Olver	Library (D: 1, 3, 5)

Teachers

Ambaram, Alka	Gr 3/4 – Rm 2W03
Antonio, Jacintha	Home Ec. (D: 1,3,5) – Rm 1E08
Blondeau, Kevin	Gr. 5/6 - Rm 2A06
Bova, Francesca	Gr 1/2 – Rm 1W05
Caligiuri, Christine	IERT - Rm 1W18
Cerqueira, Odette	Resource – Rm 1W18
Chau, Kevin	Gr 7/8 – Rm 2W24
Chaudhari, Manjit	Gr 7/8 - Rm 2A04
Ciangalini, Lisa	Gr 7/8 – Rm 2W28
Coffell, Tamara	Gr 7/8 French – Rm 2W21
DeLeon, Angeli	N/K AM&PM – Rm 1W31
Fillion, Marc	Gr 1/2 – Rm 1W17
Foulis, Vanessa	Gr 1/2 French – Rm 1W08
Frederique, Martine	Gr 3/4 French – Rm 2W02
Fredette, Ashley	Music - Rm 1A02
Gaulin, Olivia	Gr 5/6 French – Rm 2A03
Graustins, Jennifer	Gr 3/4 – Rm 2W04
Guatam, Chandra	Intercultural Support Worker
Hughes, Sandra	Gr 3/4 – Rm 1A05
Iwanicki, Jennifer	Phys Ed
Jones, Stefanie	Gr 5/6 – Rm 2W29
Klan, Shaun	Gr 5/6 – Rm 2W07
Klueppel, Susanne	Gr 5/6 – Rm 2A02
Levy, Tanya	N/K AM&PM – Rm 1W32
Manicom, Chantelle	K French AM&PM – Rm 1W28
Manuel, Keyla	Gr 1/2 - Rm 1W09
Moore, Tai	Guidance - Rm 1W16
Morris, Rhys	Gr. 1/2 French - Rm 1A06
Ngo, Andrew	Phys Ed
Noordman, Tabitha	Gr. 3/4 French - Rm 1A04
Quinn, Jonathan	Band - Rm 1E11
Salvador, Roshel	Gr 3/4 – Rm 1A03
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 AM&PM – Rm 1W29
Torchia, Maria	Support Teacher
Violy, Evelyne	Support Teacher
Walsh, Kristen	Gr 7/8 – Rm 2W27
Wood, Becky	Gr 1/2 – Rm 1W10
Young, Mike	Industrial Arts (D: 1,3,5) – Rm 1E17
Yozenko, Hailey	Gr 1/2 French – Rm 1W07
Zankowski, Evelyn	Gr 5/6 – Rm 2W06
Zinn, Sandie	Gr 7/8 – Rm 2W09

Custodians

Pilotin, Gilbert	Head Custodian
Marcoux, Paul	Asst. Custodian
Abarca, Sonia	Caretaker
De Melo, Dora	Cleaner

Educational Assistants

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

