



WESTON SCHOOL

January 2024

Happy New Year and a warm welcome to 2024!!! First, I would like to give a BIG shout out to all of the families in attendance for the Winter concert! It was a packed house! What an amazing evening of great music and wonderful acting and dancing. I know that the students love it when you are there to watch them perform! It is always incredible to have our whole community under one roof!

A New Year brings all the promise of new beginnings! It is in January that we often take time to reflect on the year before and set new goals for ourselves. Everyday students will be discussing learning targets and understanding the importance of knowing what they are learning about, why they are learning it and how it will help them in the future. Talking about learning is the school goal for both teachers and students.

Our break has allowed us to recharge and be ready for the month of January. We are looking forward to Weston students participating in several activities this month. Our Gym floors will be getting renovated for the next couple of months so students will be spending time outdoor in the months of January and February! During Gym periods students will be going outside to learning how to play Indigenous games and snow shoeing. As the cold weather seems to be at its peak we ask that our parents/caregivers remind and support our students to dress for the weather. Mitts, toques and ski pants are all important when dressing up to play outside as they keep all of our bodies warm and dry. If you need outdoor gear please contact Kim Storer our CSW.

We would also like to remind our families of the importance of regular school attendance. Strong attendance is the best way to ensure your child is taking every advantage offered here at Weston school. We will be focusing on attendance in the month of January. When students come to school they will get a Weston way and after so many days in attendance will receive a gold coin to spend at the Weston Hawk shop! The students LOVE to shop! The classroom who collects the most Weston Ways receive a Party with the Principal...a highlight of my month as well as theirs!

Lastly, please remember there will be a Parent Council meeting on Wednesday, January 17 and there is no school on Friday, February 2nd as this is a PD day for our school. Come on out and enjoy the company and the important conversation about what is happening in the school!

2024 is going to be a great year, thank you in advance for helping us to make it this way!

In partnership,

Lisa Richardson

Principal



PARENT COUNCIL

The next Parent Council meeting of the year will be held on Wednesday, January 17th at 3:30 PM. All parents are welcome, so please join us. This meeting the focus will be on library focus, lunch program, Parent Programs and Community Programs.

**This years meeting dates *
Feb 13th, March 12th, April 9th, May 14th**

Weston Parent Centre January Events

January

2024

Weston Parent Centre

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Welcome Back to School! Girls Club @ lunch	9	10 Art Expressions afternoon	11	12 Nutrition Bingo 1:00 pm	13	14
15 Girls Club @ lunch Ribbon Skirt Making 1:00	16	17 Art Expressions afternoon	18	19	20	21
22 Girls Club @ Lunch Ribbon Skirt Making 1:00	23	24 Art Expressions afternoon	25	26 Nutrition Bingo 1:00 pm	27	28
29 Girls Club @ Lunch Ribbon Skirt Making 1:00	30	31 Craft Day 9:00 am Art Expressions afternoon				

Ribbon Skirt Making
Mondays, Jan 15, 22 & 29th @ 1:00 pm. Join us to create your own Ribbon Skirt! All supplies provided. Must pre-register.

Girls Club A club for Grade 6 girls. We have fun doing art to explore a variety of themes.
Mondays

Nutrition Bingo
Parents/Guardians and their little ones (not yet in school) are invited to join us Fridays, Jan 12th & 26th @ 1:00 pm. Come out and win FOOD! Everyone is a winner

A HUGE THANK YOU to Maple Leaf Foods for their very generous donation of all the sausages for our Breakfast With Santa!

Also to the staff and parents who volunteered their time for our Santa's Workshop and our Breakfast With Santa in December.

We couldn't have had such successful events for our students and families without the generosity of our community and we are very grateful!

Craft Day Come out and create with us! Wednesday, January 31st @ 9:00 am,

Room 5 - Mrs. Anciro

December has been filled with so many fun activities! We had our writing celebration with our friends in Room 6. We had cookie decorating and a hot cocoa party. We had our Winter Concert and shared our performance with our families. We recited a poem and danced to the tune of “We’re Rocking Around the Christmas Tree”. We participated in Santa’s Workshop and we got gifts for our families. We feel happy to be able to give gifts to our loved ones.

In Room 5, we are learning about our feelings and the Zones of Regulation. We are using the different zones to name our feelings and find strategies to stay in the green zone , so we can always be ready for fun and learning,

2024 is looking so exciting with so many learning opportunities inside and outside the classroom. We will be going on a field trip on January 10, 2024 at the Children’s Museum. Please remember sign and return the permission slip.

Happy New Year to everyone!

Written by Mrs. Anciro and Miguel



Back to
School



Room 6 @ Weston School

Well, here we are in a brand new year! It will take awhile to get used to writing 2024. I hope that it is an amazing year for all of our families.

We are currently learning all about Wants and Needs and what the difference is between the two. We are also learning about our Senses and how they can be used for learning about different things and to keep us safe.

We are so excited about our field trip and can't wait to share pictures of our amazing time.

Roots of Empathy

We have noticed lots of changes in our friend Oliver. Each visit we brainstorm questions to ask Mommy Jessica and the following visit she answers all of our questions. Can you guess what his favourite food is right now?

Important Dates:

Januray 10

Field Trip with Rooms 5 and 8 to the Children's Museum. Students will need a bagged lunch and drink.

February 2

PD Day - No School

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Adventures with Room 7 and Mr. Storey

Since the beginning of September, the students in Room 7 have been learning how to write exciting personal stories about moments that are special to them. One student wrote a suspenseful story of how he made the terrible error of jumping over a mattress. Another student used questions to speak to the reader and get them thinking about what he would write next. Another student wrote about the time she thought someone came to her apartment door, and everyone was worried. One student wrote an exciting story about the time she got her hamster.

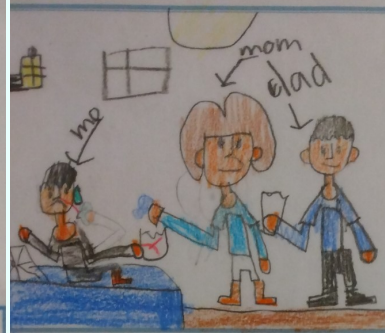
Students in Room 7 have worked hard at writing stories that use exciting words. Our goal is to write so that our audience is excited about reading and wants to read more. We do this by asking questions in our writing, using suspense to keep the reader interested, and using interesting words instead of regular, boring words. Look below for some samples of our exciting writing.



Sleepover
by Nathan

I was going to my first sleepover and I knew I would have lots of fun. I was so excited that I could not wait. So then I put on my clothes very fast. Then I played with my sleepover playmate. His name is nico and he is my best friend. Every time I see him he smiles. Then we went to the beach. I said nico are you having fun? Then nico smiles. nico said yes im having the most fun! Nico was very happy. When we were playing we found a friend. Nico knew he was a good friend. He was really fun. We were splashing at each other. But then we had to go home. I said can we come to the beach? And nico said yea can we? And nicos mom said soon we will.

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Bleeding Nose
by Shawn

When I was four years old and before Christmas my mom was playing Christmas songs, but then my mom's phone got low battery. So my mom needed to charge her phone then. I said to my mom " why did the music stop ? " Then my mom said, My phone has a low battery. I cried and when it was bed time, I picked my nose. My nose was bleeding. Then I was still crying. Then there was blood in my milk in a baby bottle. My mom got a cloth and my dad got me a new bottle of milk. Then I was resting before, I fell a sleep. Finally I got to sleep. The end

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Room 10 - Ms. van Ginkel & Mrs. Mallari

January in Room 10 – Mrs. VanGinkel & Mrs. Mallari

Let me wish everyone a blessed and prosperous 2024. Thank you to all parents and guardians who spent time in joining us during the winter concert. Our students had a blast. The lyrics of the kindness song that they performed depicts their actual disposition of spreading kindness to everyone.

This January, my students will continue to work on enhancing their math skills on subtraction and addition up to thousands. We will also work on multiplication and division. In Science, we will keep on learning about rocks and minerals, their types and uses.

We're expecting colder weather this month, so please make sure that our students are dressed properly.



Your partner in your child's education,

Mrs. Mallari

Room 11 - Mrs. Tokarz

It was nice seeing so many families attend the Winter Concert. My class did an AMAZING job performing on stage! It took a lot of courage showing the dance moves along with the lyrics to “Jingle Bell, Jingle Bell, Jingle Bell Rock!”

The class was asked, “Give one word to define what they believe is important to them over the Christmas holidays?:

Nicko-Christmas

Iris-Love

Mack-Fun

Tyrone-Joy

Raiden-Careness

Francis-Family

Pakawas-Love

Katalea-Helpfulness

Jade-Peace

Anniesha-Fun

Moatey-Friends

During the month of December, the class worked on a lot of artwork by creating Christmas Tree centerpieces for our Winter Family Feast, concert and gift decorations, and holiday rock painting. We also worked with Mr. Adam from the Young Designers Team on creating an art piece by using different natural materials to share with our informational writing pieces with an important message to be told.

We also worked on our Rocks and Minerals Research Posters by using a new artificial intelligence informational website. Please ask your child about this cool educational tool.

Please ensure that your child arrives to school with a warm winter jacket, ski pants, winter boots, a hat, mitts, and a scarf to have a safe and fun filled recess and gym class!



Room 12 - Mrs. Goncalves

December has flown by with a whirlwind of activities to end the year!

Our class has been working with a guest teacher, Ms. Luhowy on a special project for the last 6 weeks to improve student collaboration and communication skills with a focus on learning about our solar system. Students had the opportunity to explore the stars and moon from an indigenous perspective and to share their learning with our class. They also worked with a partner to research a planet and plan and record a commercial to sell their planet. It was great to watch the students develop their creative ideas.

This month saw us participate in many whole school activities such as card games during TAG groups, our winter concert, a breakfast feast, a movie afternoon, spirit week and a classroom dance. I have to say that I am so proud of Room 12s performance at the winter concert. They spent many hours at school and at home perfecting their performance.

It takes many people to organize and prepare for these events and we are very grateful for those who dedicate their time and energy to make these things possible.

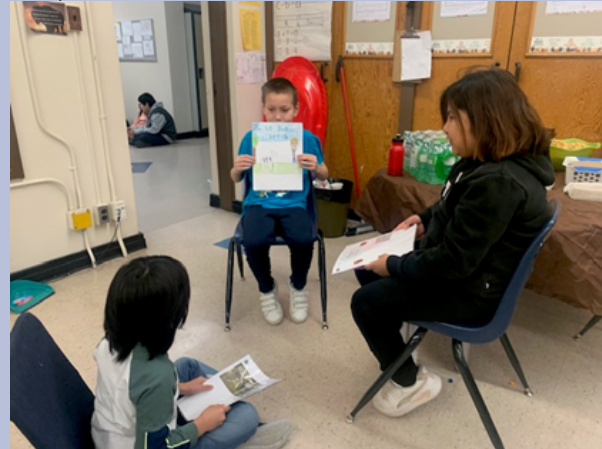
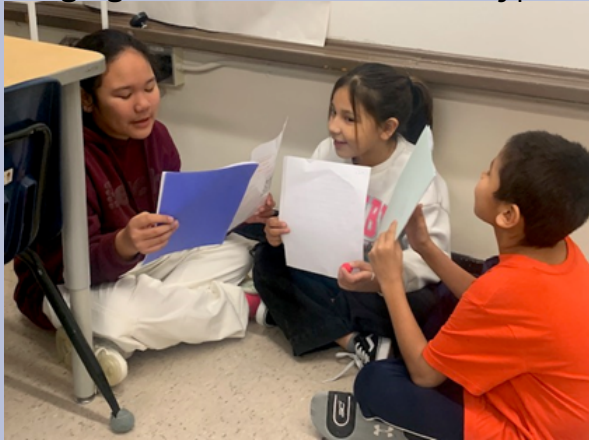
I would like to wish everyone a safe and relaxing winter break. I look forward to seeing everyone in the new year!



Room 14 - Ms. Massey

Room 14 had many opportunities to develop their public speaking and communication skills during the busy month of December.

Beginning with our writing celebration on December 6th where students had the opportunity to read their stories aloud to another class. Our realistic-fiction, stories took many weeks to develop, and it was great to see students use expression in bringing the characters of their type-written, stories to life in front of an audience.



We have also been working on our communication skills during math and STEAM. We have been reflecting on how well we collaborate as part of a team during group-problem-solving and now during STEAM activities. Students practiced meeting a common goal or creating a shared vision using their communication skills while building the shelters of the First Peoples we are studying and during fun, instant-challenges like creating the highest snowman or the tallest Christmas tree.



We are already progressing with these 21st century skills of communicating and collaborating and it is great to see. Keep up the good work Room 14.

Room 15 - Ms. Vo

Hi,

In the month of December, the students in room 15 were celebrating the holiday season to others with different activities. We made holiday cards for people in care and our loved ones, wrapped presents for our family, and decorated the gym with other classes for the winter concert. We had fun having party with the principal and making ginger bread houses. We enjoyed learning by integrating STEAM creating talking sticks and egg challenges. Our narrative writing celebration with room 12 was a great experience. We shared our writing stories and enjoyed the snack. We also completed our zoo project.

Happy holiday everyone!



Ms. Bogan

A Note from Ms. Bogan

Happy New Year and welcome 2024! A new year brings about opportunities for changes and New Year's resolutions. This is an exciting time, but also a time to get down to business. These next few months are often some of the busiest at school.

We are getting back to routine after a holiday and lots of learning will be taking place.

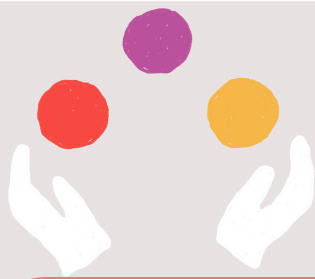
Goal setting is an important process for children to go through for many reasons:

- Goals help students feel focussed. Learning can sometimes feel overwhelming, especially when multiple subjects and projects are on the go. Having goals can help students narrow their focus and concentrate on a few really important things, except for all of the things.
- They help students measure progress. Students have targets and they know what they are to do and why. Keeping track of progress helps build confidence and can teach children to identify areas of strength and next steps.
- Goals build accountability. When students set their own goals and track progress, this enables them to take ownership for their learning. It also helps them to develop skills of planning, organization and time-management, and organization skills.
- Goals build motivation. When positive outcomes are reached and accomplishments are met, there are a million reasons to celebrate. Students become more confident and feel genuinely good about what they have achieved.

At school, students will be setting goals over the next few months and be re-evaluating them on a regular basis. Try setting a goal or two at home too. Examples might be, read ten minutes every night or play a family game three times per week.

See what happens!





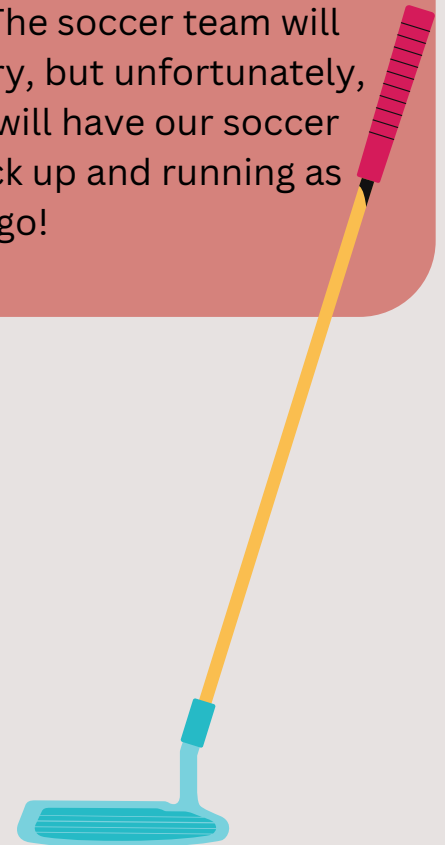
Physical Education Mr. Fontaine



Greetings to all tuning into your Weston Phys Ed newsletter update!

December has been such a busy month for our Weston Hawks, but also a fun month! We wrapped up our net/wall games unit during the first week of December and then quickly shifted into activities that focused on throwing/catching during games such as invasion sports. These sports/games included handball, frisbee, dodgeball games, and more! And of course, during the last week before our break we participated in some holiday themed games that the kids all loved! When we return from break, we will unfortunately be kicked out of the gym until at least the end of February. However, I have lots planned for our students to do outside on the days that aren't too cold, and activities for inside the action room. For outdoors this includes a "games from around the world" unit that includes snow shoeing! For indoors I have lots planned such as speed stacking, mini-golf, juggling, dance and yoga!

Our intramurals and sports teams also wrapped up during the 2nd week of December! Both the soccer and volleyball participated in a tournament where they did such an amazing job! The soccer team will continue to attend tournaments in January/February, but unfortunately, we don't have a place to practice until March. We will have our soccer practices, intramurals, and other sports teams back up and running as soon as our gym floor is ready to go!



January 2024

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1 Winter Break	2 Winter Break	3 Winter Break	4 Winter Break	5 Winter Break
Day 1 8 Back to School	Day 2 9 sewing club @ lunch	Day 3 10 Room 5,6 &8 Field Trip Parent Council 3:30	Day 4 11 Run&Read 3:30-5:30	Day 5 12
Day 6 15	Day 1 16 sewing club @ lunch	Day 2 17	Day 3 18 Run&Read 3:30-5:30	Day 4 19
Day 5 22	Day 6 23 sewing club @ lunch	Day 1 24	Day 2 25 Run&Read 3:30-5:30	Day 3 26
Day 4 29	Day 5 30 sewing club @ lunch	Day 6 31		

Important Dates at a Glance

December 25 - Jan 5th - Winter Break

January 8th - School Reopens

February 2nd - PD Day no classes

February 19th- Louis Riel Day No school

March 13th - Report Cards go home

March 14th & 15th - Parent Conferences

March 25th - 29th - Spring Break

April 1 - First day back to school

April 19- PD Day No class

Parent Council Meetings

The next Parent Council meeting will be held on January 17th at 3:30