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January 2024 Newsletter

Room 13

Grilled Cheese “fun”draiser for Manitoba Harvest



Principal's message...

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Dear Wolseley School families,

Welcome back and happy 2024! We hope you had a fantastic winter break spent with family and loved ones. We look forward to all the new learning 2024 brings for our Wolseley students.

Thank you to everyone, staff and community members, who donated non perishable food items for our **Manitoba Harvest** this year. A food donation can make a huge difference for a family during the holiday season, not only because of the gift of food, but because of the spirit of caring that it shows. A special thank you to Room 13, Sean, Beverly (student teacher), Tanya, Lora and Janet who made the grilled cheese lunch and food collections possible.

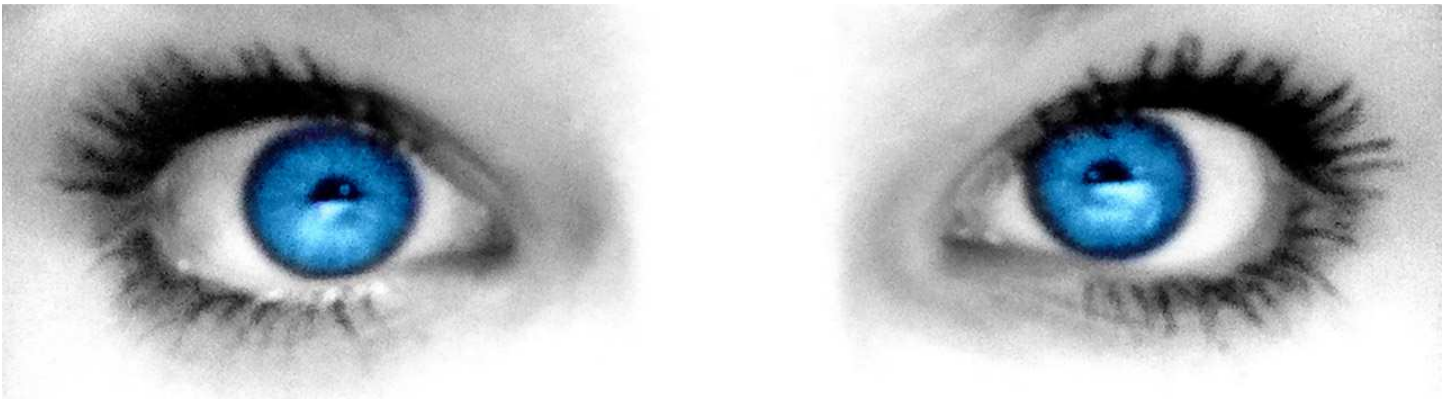
Parking/Drop off- Please do not drop off or pick up students using the staff parking lot. It is unsafe to use the lot and staff pay for their spots. Please be aware of the crosswalk on Clifton Street as well. There are no parking/stopping signs to keep our children safe. I would suggest considering dropping off and picking up students on Wolseley Street. Students can walk easily to the school and patrols are there to assist in crossing the street.

Finally, January tends to be one of the coldest months of the year. Please remind your children **to dress appropriately for the cold weather**. We have indoor recess when the temperature reaches -28 or colder with the wind chill. However, it can still be very cold at recess even at higher temperatures. Please encourage your children to wear mitts, gloves, toques, neck warmers, boots and a winter coat.

Have a warm January,

Brian Rogowsky
Wolseley School Principal

Parent Council News...



Keeping watching for upcoming news

Room 1 Grade 1/2 ...

Room one is working on studying the life and culture of the people of the Canadian Arctic, with a focus on the arts. Author Micheal Arvaarluk Kusugak will be our author study for this unit.

Since the natural world is so interconnected with the culture of the Inuit people, this unit is following our study of Arctic animals.



Room 2 Grade 1/2 ...

Welcome the new year!

The room 2 students finished off the year strong. I am excited to say that each individual has displayed their developed skills and abilities. In Math the room 2 learners finished patterns and patterns in numbers. In Reading groups, the student surged through the reading levels successfully. Before the break we had begun a study of the five senses in science and completed our community study in Social Studies. We continue to discuss our Health including our social emotional well-being. And in Art the students learned new techniques in painting and learned to appreciate others artworks.

Looking Ahead

We will continue our work in daily Reading Groups developing and expanding comprehension skills. In writing the students will begin editing and revising. Work also continues in Math with equalities, adding and subtracting. In Science we continue the five senses. The Global community will be the focus in Social Studies. Art appreciation will be the focus of the learning.

Worth Remembering:

- Be reminded that the best way to contact me is by email at peantifaiff@wsdl.org. I strive to attend to my emails frequently throughout the day. If you require an immediate respond please call the office for assistance.
- We have morning snack every day just before recess. Though this time is reserved for a short snack. Also note that there are students with nut allergies in our school and so send snacks accordingly.
- A weather reminder! Please assist your child in choosing the most appropriate clothing and footwear as necessary.
- At the end of every month we celebrate our classroom success with a special day. I will email parents and guardians the last week of the month to elaborate on the celebration for that month.

Room 3 Grade 2/3 ...

December continued to be a busy month in our classroom! We have been working hard comparing and contrasting fairy tales and with their fractured fairy tales. We have also spent time examining and discussing the structure of these stories in order to prepare them to write their own fractured fairy tales in the New Year!

We have also done a few S.T.E.A.M activities with our buddies and within the classroom. The students were challenged to make an ornament out of nuts, bolts, washers, and pipe cleaners. They couldn't use any other materials or tools and their ornaments had to meet specific criteria. They also had an opportunity to create a skit based on a fairy tale with their older buddies in Room 13. They then had to preform it and the others had to guess which fairy tale. They were a lot of fun to watch!

December also marked the ending of our Genius Hour projects with Ms Glynnis. Each student had the opportunity to pick an area of interest and develop a question and then research or create something depending on their chosen question. They then had to choose how they were going to present their project to the class. Some chose a Google slide show, board games, poster, or a video game. Every student did an amazing job and demonstrated a lot of courage by getting up in front of their classmates and presenting!



In Other News....

We would like to give a big shout out to Bothwell Cheese for donating all the cheese for our Grilled Cheese Fundraiser for Harvest Manitoba.

Friendly reminder, do not drop students off before 8:45 am there is no supervision. Morning patrols should arrive no earlier than 8:40 to get ready for there 8:45 shift.

Room 8 Grade 3/4 ...

In Room 8 we have been studying the Geography of Canada. We have learned directions, studied provinces, territories, capital cities, major bodies of water and provincial flags. To demonstrate the different geographic regions of Canada, we baked a Cake of Canada. Yes, we baked ten cakes, and put them together with a rice krispie Hudson's Bay. It took 22 students, 3 EA's, a parent volunteer, a student teacher and a teacher 5 hours to decorate and put the cakes together! The finished product was delicious and educational!

This month we have also enjoyed doing crafts with our N/K buddies and learning about time with Emily, our student teacher.

Janet Ledger and Room 8



Room 10 Grade 3/4 ...

During December (the darkest month of the year) students learned about the properties of Light, with the help of Sim Singh, the teacher candidate working with Room 10. Students had fun bouncing and bending light using mirrors, prisms and other transparent materials such as glass and water. Students wrote their own quiz questions, which were compiled into a class Kahoot, testing their knowledge on the Unit.

Kaj Hasselriis, a guest author, visited the students in Rooms 10 and 8 and showed us the News Comic for kids he writes. He explained the process he goes through to create them. Students then explored the CBC Kids News site and chose a Hot Topic to read about and then developed their own News Comics.

Students explored fractions and decimal numbers and how they relate to money. Knowing the coins and their values, adding totals and calculating correct change are important skills they will need for Shops Day in Room 10, coming up in February. They continue to practice strategies to solve multiplication problems efficiently with the goal of memorizing basic facts.

We celebrated the end of the month by playing board games. Students suggested starting a noon hour board game club...stay tuned!



Room 9 Grade 5/6 ...

We've continued working in our Interactive Notebooks in social studies and have spent time learning about the creation of the North West Mounted Police, residential schools, the gold rush and the building of the Canadian Pacific Railway.

We've been doing a lot of work involving multiplication in our room. Our room does a lot of collaborative work for math where we solve problems in small random groups and then discuss our thinking so that we can learn to talk about math and not just follow a pattern all the time. We've been doing a lot of this lately and have even showed off our skills to some other teachers in December.

In January we'll move on and start focusing on division and other math concepts. We also finally wrapped up our personal memoirs, or our stories, about a time where we got injured. We went through a whole writer's workshop process to get to the publishing phase and now our writing is on display in the hallway for everyone to read.

One other project we have been working on is our Genius Hour projects. Ms. Glynnis has been working with us a few times each week to do research on a topic of our choosing. These topics are things we are passionate about and that we want to learn more about. Students have been working hard for the last month and a half on research and creating a presentation about their topics and now we are finally getting to the finish line as December comes to a close. The presentations so far have been great, and it has been fun to see students sharing their interests in an intentional way.

January brings a new year, new topics and new learning opportunities. We're looking forward to starting off strong in 2024. If you'd like to see what we have been up to and follow along with our learning you can follow @Wolseley9 on Instagram.

Room 13 Grade 5/6 ...

This month we had Bev, our student teacher in our room. We worked on word choice using poetry and games like apples to apples. Next we read "A Boy Named Queen" and talked about being brave and confident. We also did our final persuasive essay and had to write out a really good copy. We also had TUSC this month, some highlights included a story about a bomb scare, a Edgar Allan Poe poem, and a rowdy and very difficult trivia game.

In Social studies we learnt about the North West Rebellion, mounties and residential schools. The students continue to impress with their creative ways to share their learning.

In math we finished our algebra unit where we learnt about variables and spent a lot of time doing word problems around them. and finished the unit with a test

Of course, this month we also spent a lot of time preparing for the grilled cheese lunch, we had to make signs, advertise to classrooms, make and decorate cookies and sell them. It was busy but the students did an amazing job and it ran smoothly. In total we made a profit of \$950!!!



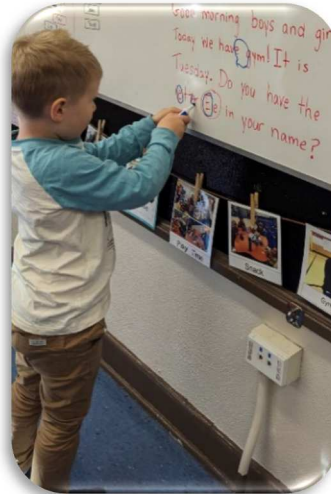
Room 17am Nursery/Kindergarten...

We've been very busy lately! We started Sources of Strength recently, which is a program that involves sharing circles, and talking about who/what makes us strong physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually.

We also have been having a lot of fun with our learning buddies. Sometimes we read with them, play math games, or get creative.

Our morning message has been a huge hit. The students are such great letter detectives! They are also having a fun time with punctuation.

We have recently started using counting collections upon coming into the classroom, as they have all mastered writing their name! We're just having a blast in nursery/kindergarten!



Room 17pm Nursery/Kindergarten...

This month we read many versions of the Gingerbread man/girl/baby, etc. stories and compared the many similarities and differences. We also practiced retelling the story by acting it out.

Students also made gingerbread people out of playdough and made up stories with the gingerbread baby stuffy (thanks Brian for lending him to us!) along with many other stuffies. We also made up stories about Gingerbread people in our journals and shared them with each other.



Room 25 Physical Education...

December was a fun month in the gym. We worked on our overhand throwing through different activities. A favourite being many different dodgeball games. The grade 5/6 volleyball team had the opportunity to go to Laura Secord at the beginning of the month to play a friendly round robin match against Greenway School and Laura Secord. We had such a great time. Thanks to Vanessa who also helped coach the team! This month we look forward to starting the year with some fitness activities and hopefully heading outside for some winter activities.



Room 19 Performing Arts...

In December, the choir visited McClure Place to perform Christmas songs for the residents. The students did a fantastic job walking over, singing a half hour show, and walking back. The residents had many positive compliments for the group and a good time was had by all!

In January, we are beginning to learn our spring musical production, *Harmony High*. This show will be performed by all grade 1-6 students, with the whole school acting like the choir singing all songs and each class learning choreography to perform one on stage. We will be performing the show twice in the week of April 8-12 with more details of exact dates and times to come. This year we will be transforming the Wolseley School gym into a theatre, bringing in a stage, mics, lights and chairs. A musical is an excellent learning opportunity to put all three performing arts together, incorporating acting, singing, and dancing to tell a story.



Room 21 Adapted Skills...

Room 21 has had a great December and is very excited to continue all of our learning in January. We spent a lot of time making friends throughout the school by sharing books, art, snacks and experiences.

Music therapy, performing arts and swimming continue to be some of our favourite moments during the week.

We had a great time doing some winter art in December, our favourite might be a melted snowman! It has been wonderful seeing the relationships grow between all students and the fun they are having with each other.



January 2024

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WINTER BREAK				
8 day 1 Welcome Back	9 day 2	10 day 3	11 day 4	12 day 5
15 day 6	16 day 1	17 day 2	18 day 3	19 day 4
22 day 5	23 day 6	24 day 1	25 day 2	26 day 3 Pizza Lunch
29 day 4	30 day 5	31 day 6		

February at a glance...

Friday February 2 – Non-Instructional Day – No Classes

Monday February 19 – Louis Riel Day – School Closed

Tuesday February 20 – Non-Instructional – No Classes

Friday February 23 – Pizza Lunch

