

October 2023 Newsletter



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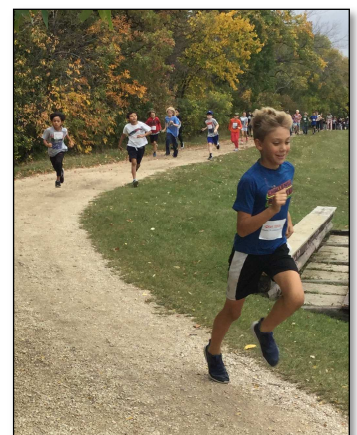
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Principal, Brian Rogowsky

Staff and Students participating in the Terry Fox Run



Principal's message...

Dear Wolseley Parents and Caregivers,

What a great September! Our students and staff have had a great start to the school year. Way to go Wolseley Wolves!

This year we had our **Meet the Teacher** on September 14th. I hope you all enjoyed meeting our staff and seeing the inside of our school and classrooms. We sure enjoyed having you!

On September 29th our school participated in Orange T-Shirt Day, as we now are observing September 30th as a national day for Truth and Reconciliation. We wore orange in recognition of the harm residential schools had on children and to express the message that everyone around us matters. Thanks for the overwhelming support!

Our Wolseley beliefs are Be Respectful, Be Responsible and Be Kind. These beliefs help guide students when they are at school so they can learn and interact with others in a healthy, positive way.

Please remember to call the school office to report any absences for your children. **At Wolseley School the bell rings at 8:55 am for students to enter the building** before school starts at 9:00 am. Please do not send your children too early as there is **no supervision outside until 8:45 am**. After lunch, the bell rings at 12:55 pm for students to enter the building so teachers can resume class at 1:00 pm. Any late students are to sign-in in the office before going to class. Please make sure your child(ren) arrive on time to class to avoid interruptions to learning.

Teachers in grade 1-6 have begun to conduct elementary assessments. This assessment assists teachers in planning next steps for learning to meet the individual needs of each student. Reading, writing, math, physical education and social emotional skills are the areas assessed. Teachers use the information they learn about students during this process to program for them and plan targeted reading, spelling and math groups, as well as to identify challenges and learning gaps.

We are off to a great start to the year! May October be an amazing learning month!

Brian Rogowsky
Principal
Wolseley School

Parent Council news...

Welcome Wolseley families to another school year! We are excited to announce that we have a full executive council for the 2023-24 school year.

Co-Chairs: Kerstin Warren & Christine Parker
Vice-Chair: Shawna Ferris
Secretary: Kamilla Karoli
Treasurer: Jenny Toralba

Our September AGM was held on September 19 and we had a great turnout. We encourage all parents to come and attend parent council meetings. Meetings are a great way to find out what's happening in the school, and in general are wonderful forums to discuss and suggest upcoming school events. Babysitting is provided!

Reminder that Lunch program forms and payment arrangements are past due. If you haven't already, please send these with your child to give to Michelle. Thank you to those that have already submitted theirs!

Pizza lunch will begin near the end of this month. Volunteers are always welcome to help these lunches run smoothly. Volunteers sort pizza slices for each class and hand them out to students. If you'd like to sign up to help for this month, please e-mail us at wolseley.parents@gmail.com.

Finally, please keep your eyes open for an upcoming e-mail regarding committees! Joining a committee is a fantastic way to support our school and community. We'll be putting a call for new and returning members and possibly new leads. Our currently committees are as follows:

Staff appreciation, Grade 6 Farewell, Peace garden, Pizza lunch, Schoolyard, Winter Event, and a brand new Camp Committee. All fundraisers and events put on by our committees are only made possible with your help.

Have a great October!

Classroom News ...

Room 17 Grades N / K AM

What an amazing start to the year. Our September has mainly been focused on building relationships in the classroom and learning our classroom routines. We are getting used to writing our names, and answering the question of the day at the beginning of the morning. Students have had opportunities to try the learning centres out, counting with the class, playing with the variety of learning toys, and going to the gym and performing arts. A highlight of our day is when all the students get to play together on the playground! We look forward to what October brings!

Glynnis and Leanne

Room 17 Grades N / K PM

It has been lovely getting to know the new students in our class and also lovely to be back with returning ones. Every day we have a different student who is the helping hand and on their day, we play a game with their name. This is a fun way to get to know each others' names, learn the letters in our names, how many letters and how many syllables.

Our super secret sack has been coming out a few times each week with a mysterious object that begins with the letter of that day. One student gets to reach in the bag and describe what they feel. There was an apple in the sack this week which led to an apple tasting activity!

I'm looking forward to a great year with this group!



Room 1 Grades 1/2

Wow, what a busy start to the school year!

We have been working hard on establishing our classroom routine and getting to know each other. In science we have been learning about the senses and are making our own books.

Please follow us on instagram for updates throughout the week @jackierossroom1



Classroom News Continued...

Room 2 Grades 1/2

We are Beginning

The students of room 2 have established a supportive, friendly and enthusiastic learning community. These past few weeks much effort has been directed at daily routines, community building, preparing for Reading Groups activities, borrowing school library books, a Home Reading program and practicing Mental Math in preparation for Math Groups. Many learners have found their renewed and new confidence and realizing success.

Looking Ahead

We will continue our work in daily Reading Groups and building on our writing skills. Work continues with Mental Math skill practices and establishing Math Groups. In Science we will begin an investigation of the characteristics and needs of living things. We belong and connections to our national and local community is the focus in Social Studies. We continue our fall colour focus in Art and how we use colour to influence our creative works of art.

Worth Remembering:

- Be reminded that the best way to contact me is by email at peantifaiff@wsd1.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 Grades 2/3

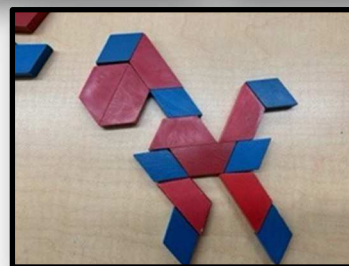
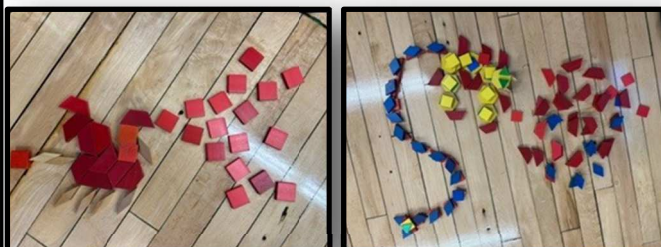
The students in Room 3 have begun the year with many exciting activities in all subject areas! We have embarked on our journey of becoming authors by starting our Writer's Workshop unit, which is focussing on narrative writing. We are writing every day in the morning, and each morning we are focussing on a new writing skill to practice during that period. We have had a few special guests, Brian as a chicken and Vanessa as a cat, come in to give us some extra inspiration to write about a small moment that we have experienced as a class!

Here are a few items to note:

We have started our spelling units, so they have a pre-test and exercises every Monday and then they have the post-test on Fridays. They will bring home a pink paper with the spelling words for the week written on it for them to practice during the week.

Home reading has begun, so please make sure to have your child read every day and record it on the reading log. I will send home 2 books every Monday for them to read throughout the week. Please send their book bags back to school on Friday, so they can exchange their books for new books.

Thank you to the families who have already paid their school fees for this year. If you haven't already, please make arrangements to send it in as soon as possible, thank you!



Classroom News Continued...

Room 8 Grades 3 / 4

Hello from Room 8! We have had a fun and busy dive into September! We are getting to know the people in our new classroom community and we have been working together to build a strong group of learners.

The students have created amazing self portraits, built tall towers together thinking outside the box, experimented with water colours and textures with the Fall leaves and have solved Math problems, and begun working with numbers in a variety of ways. We are learning about Truth and Reconciliation as well as the Rights of the Child. We also had a special guest children's author Erin Twamley, who came to talk to us about Women in STEM careers and we created Energy Everyday Superheroes! We are curious learners with lots of questions to explore! Bring on October!!

[Janet Ledger](#) and the Students in Room 8



Room 10 Grades 3/4

We had a wonderful beginning to the school year, meeting old friends and making new ones. We read many wonderful books and wrote responses about people and places we love, and our favourite things. We played math games, sketched self-portraits, studied snails, and started working on our mapping skills. We are learning about the Rights of the Child, and getting a basic introduction to Canadian government, as we discuss the Provincial Election. We noticed the loss of more Elm Trees and have started to plant young trees in our school yard, to add to the diversity. So far, we have planted 2 Manitoba Maples, a Basswood, Blue Spruce and Golden Willows. We hope to add many more!



Classroom News Continued...

Room 9 Grades 5/6

It seems crazy that a month has already gone by, but here we are. We're in full swing in Room 9, building routine and strengthening our classroom community. This time is so exciting and everyone seems fresh and primed for a year of new experiences and learning.

With the upcoming Provincial election happening so soon we have dove straight into learning about the people and parties vying to lead our province into the next 4 years. We have been doing our research and learning about platforms and promises being made, but most of all we have been learning how to make an informed decision. Deciding what each of us feel is important is integral to becoming a responsible citizen.

We've been exploring topics in math, science, reading and writing as well. All of these subjects are made so much easier by learning how to be independent and resourceful learners, so we have also been learning and developing strategies that will help us be successful, focused and resilient. Students have come up with these strategies on their own and are working towards creating visuals to put around the classroom as reminders.

We have so much more to learn and explore this year. If you'd like to follow along on our journey you can follow our classroom on Instagram (@wolseley9). Our learning will be showcased on there for those who are interested in getting a glimpse into our weekly life in Room 9 at Wolseley. Looking forward to another fantastic year.



Room 13 Grades 5/6

Back to school time! Let us tell you about the stuff we did this month. In math we are learning about patterns such as Linear Patterns, Growing Patterns and Shrinking Patterns. We set up Prodigy accounts and started learning about thinking classroom.

In Social Studies we're learning about elections, rights and different kinds of government.

Every morning for ELA Sean puts a question on the board and we get 10-15 minutes to answer the question he put on the board. We call them morning questions.

We also are working on poems we call the, "I Am" poems. We had to write about different things that make us, us.

For Science we are learning about Space. We had a worksheet all about the Universe. It taught us all about the Universe and the Galaxy.

That's all we did this month!

By Julie and Helena



Classroom News Continued...

Physical Education

Welcome Back Everyone!

September flew by! All classes started the year with some cooperation and team building activities.

We then moved on to training for and running the annual Terry Fox Run! Thank you to everyone who brought money in for the Terry Fox Foundation!

We finished the last week of September playing some traditional Indigenous Games.

As well the Gr 5/6 students have been practicing for the annual soccer tournament which will take place in October at the Tex Voc Field!



Performing Arts and Dance...

Performing arts has started the year with community building as we once again strive to work in a culture of creativity. We practice being noticers of ourselves and others, using all of our senses to learn and grow in room 19.

In September, we focused on Indigenous songs learning some Cree language as well as playing the steady beat, the heartbeat of Mother Earth, on the Buffalo drums. The whole school sang, Music Alive to honour Truth and Reconciliation Day.

Next month in dance we will continue to explore the elements of dance (Body, Effort/Energy, Time, Space). Students have been building short pieces of choreography already, learning how to make an AB dance, 'chance dance', cinquain dances and entrances and exits.

The Choir has begun a song that they are learning as part of the CBC music challenge. Leela Gilday wrote a children's song in Dene that teaches children how to count to 5. The students are working hard to sing in a new language.

Wolseley School will be putting on a spring musical this year instead of a winter concert. More details will come later in the year.



Classroom News Continued...

Room 21 Adapted Skills Program...

Welcome back

We are so excited to be back at school
and getting into routine again.

We started music therapy with Rowena
which we always love!

We have been making new friends in our
classrooms, playing outside at recess,
enjoying performing arts and
reconnecting with all of friends from last
school year.

We can't wait to see what exciting
things this school year will bring!



REMINDERS:

Parents/Caregivers as a safety concern we ask that you **do not drop off or pick up** your children in the staff parking lot/back lane.

Please park on Clifton, Camden or Wolseley Ave when dropping off or picking up your children.

Please do not park on Clifton street in-between the no parking signs as it blocks the patrols at the crosswalk.

School equipment, balls, ropes, etc. are not to go outside before 8:45 am or after 3:30 pm.

Bikes, scooters and skateboards, please do not ride them in the Peace Garden or on the school grounds.

At 3:30 students who do not have adult /parent supervision are to go home. This is a school safety policy.

Thank you to all families for your cooperation in these matters.



We are a SCENT/FISH/SEAFOOD
NUT and SESAME SEED AND
SESAME SEED OIL PRODUCTS
(hummus) free school.

Due to severe and life threatening allergies in some of our students and staff.

Thank you for your understanding in keeping all of our students and staff safe.



School Classroom Fees

Reminder that School Fees are now over due.. The fee is \$60.00 for grades 1-6 and \$25.00 for Nursery / Kindergarten which covers all school supplies for the year.

If you are paying by cheque, please make the cheque payable to Wolseley School.

Thank you for your cooperation.



Wolseley School

October 2023



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 day 2	3 day 3 School Closed Election Day	4 day 4	5 day 5 Gr 5/6 Soccer 1200 - 1230	6 day 6 Gr 5/6 Soccer 1200 - 1230
9 School Closed Thanksgiving Day	10 day 1 Gr 6 Soccer Tournament AM Grade 6 Immunizations PM	11 day 2	12 day 3 Gr 5 Soccer Tournament AM	13 day 4
	Hearing Screening Tests			
16 day 5	17 day 6	18 day 1	19 day 2	20 day 3 Non-Instructional MTS PD Day
23 day 4	24 day 5	25 day 6	26 day 1	27 day 2
30 day 3	31 day 4			

November at a glance...

November 10th Remembrance Assembly 11:00

November 16th Student Led 4:30 -7:30

November 17th Student Led 9:00 - 12:00 Non-Instructional

