



# April NEWSLETTER

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Maria Manzano, Principal



Dear Prairie Rose Families,

Welcome back—and hello, Spring!

It's hard to believe we're heading into the final three months of the school year. We're looking forward to a busy and exciting time filled with learning, activities, and special events.

### April is Sustainability Month at Prairie Rose!

We'll be kicking things off with a special assembly on **Wednesday, April 8**. During this time, students will explore the Seven Teachings and how they connect to caring for our environment. We are honoured to welcome our divisional Kookum, Marsha Missyabit, who will help us begin the month in a meaningful way.

Also on April 8, we invite everyone to wear pink in recognition of the International **Day of Pink**. This is an important opportunity for our school community to stand together against bullying and show kindness and support for one another.

Earth Day takes place on April 22, and throughout that week students will participate in a community clean-up and other sustainability-focused activities. (Please see page 14 for more details.)

We're also very excited to share that our students have been working incredibly hard on our very first school musical! They've been practicing lines, preparing costumes and props, and building their confidence on stage. We are so proud of their efforts and can't wait for you to see the show. Please mark your calendars for **May 12 for our Nemo Musical**—more information will be coming soon!

Thank you as well for your continued support of the **PAC Kernel's Popcorn Fundraiser**. Students are encouraged to keep selling to friends and family, with the deadline for collections on April 9. Funds raised will go toward end-of-year celebrations and field trips.

As always, we are committed to making Prairie Rose School a safe, inclusive, and welcoming place for every student. Thank you for partnering with us and supporting your child's learning journey.

Sincerely,

*Mrs. Manzano*



## April AT A GLANCE

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### CONTACT

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*"The students, staff, and communities of Winnipeg School Division are committed to truth and reconciliation through building relationships with Mother Earth, the original peoples of this land, and the stories that bring us together. We acknowledge the place in which we gather is on Treaty 1 territory, the homeland of the Red River Metis, and the ancestral lands of the Anishinaabe, Ininiwak, and Dakota Oyate peoples."*

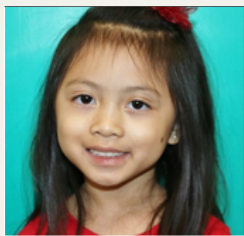


# HONOURING PANTHERS

through the Seven Teachings...

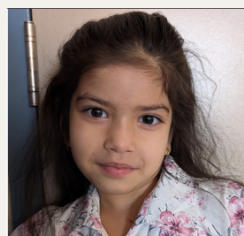


THIS MONTH, WE RECOGNIZE THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS...



ISLA - Room 113-AM

Isla is being honoured this month for demonstrating the Sacred Teachings of **Love**, **Respect**, and **Honesty**. Love means showing care and kindness, Respect means valuing others and the environment, and Honesty means speaking and acting truthfully and always doing the right thing. Isla shows these teachings every day by being kind, listening thoughtfully, making fair and responsible choices, and caring for both peers and the world around her.



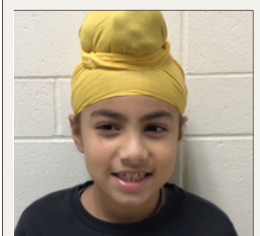
JASIKA - Room 113-PM

Jasika is being recognized for demonstrating the Sacred Teaching of **Love**. With consistency, Jasika demonstrates an enthusiasm for being part of room 113. She cares for our classmates by being kind, sharing toys and classroom materials and generously sharing her bright smile each day. If someone is having a difficult moment, Jasika is quick to look for ways to help them.



SAMAERA - Room 208

Samaera has shown **Respect** (Buffalo) in several meaningful ways. She shows respect for others by helping clean up everyone's messes and creates an environment that is comfortable and clean. She values the idea that we should take care of what we use and not leave a mess behind.



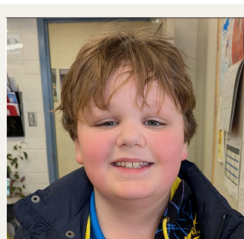
GURFATEH - Room 209

Gurfateh is a trusted member of Room 209 who consistently shows honesty and responsibility. He is a loyal friend and can be counted on to tell the truth, reflecting the teaching of **Truth**.



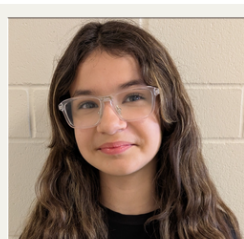
AVERIE - Room 214

Averie will be honoured this month for demonstrating **Love**. She consistently treats other with kindness and collaborates well. She demonstrates a positive attitude, is a good friend and shows empathy.



ARISTON - Room 212

Ariston embraces **Love**. He is new to Prairie Rose, but he has stepped into the role of being part of our welcoming committee. His friendliness and willing to share makes him a perfect candidate for this honour.



SAM - Room 215

Samantha will be honoured for demonstrating **Love**. Samatha demonstrates love for her school and her friends every day. She works hard as a patrol captain and as a member of the leadership team. She also shows love to others through her help in room 113. She shows this compassion to others every day and wants to always do her best to help people.



AALIYAH - Room 211

Aaliyah will be honoured this month for demonstrating **Wisdom**. She uses her knowledge to make positive choices, such as helping peers with their learning activities and solving problems peacefully with friends. She is a leader and a role model to our other students at Prairie Rose School.



# CLASSROOM NEWS...

## NURSERY, KINDERGARTEN - ROOM 113 (AM) | MS. D

Welcome Back! On behalf of the students and myself, I would like to thank all of the parents and caregivers for joining us during Student-Led Conferences on March 19th and 20th. It was wonderful to see the excitement of the children as they shared their learning discoveries and successes with all of you!

A huge thank you to all our families for supporting the Spring Kernels Popcorn Fundraiser! We still have a few days left, so please try to keep spreading the word. Every bag comes with a Buy One, Get One Free medium popcorn coupon on the back - a tasty bonus for your friends and family! Your continued support means so much, and all proceeds will help fund upcoming field trips and our year-end celebrations. Let's make these last few days count - let's sell, sell, sell!

March was full of excitement as we celebrated St. Patrick's Day with fun activities such as building a Leprechaun trap, practicing counting with chocolate gold coins (left by the sneaky Leprechaun), completing Lucky Charms graphs, and combining our scientific colour explorations with art to create beautiful Pot of Gold Rainbows! We also welcomed Spring with some fun Easter themed activities, such as egg dying and making festive baskets!

This month, we are going to continue celebrating the arrival of Spring and Easter with some fun learning activities, games, art projects and special treats!! We are also going to plant some flower and vegetable seeds in honour of Earth Day on April 21<sup>st</sup>.

Please remember to check SeeSaw regularly for important updates, reminders, and classroom news, including our Annual Year-End Celebration on Friday, June 19th at 9:45 am.



# CLASSROOM NEWS...



## NURSERY, KINDERGARTEN - ROOM 113 (PM) | MS. WELTY

Thank you to all the families that came to student-led conferences this month. I hope that you enjoyed getting a small glimpse of what it is like in the afternoon Nursery/Kindergarten class. There is a lot to celebrate and as we look forward to the rest of the year we will continue to celebrate and add to the significant growth students have already shown.

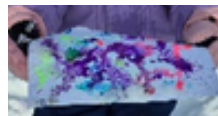
In March, students enjoyed some time outside. One afternoon, this included the chance to paint on the snow with neon paints. Students also created their own art on watercolour paper using spray bottles and paint brushes. I think it is safe to say they enjoyed this activity. Some of the students even began to use the painted snow as a new art medium! It was so fun to hear them as they played with colour and experimented with how to get the colours into the snow as well as on their paper.

It wouldn't be March without St Patrick's Day. Students enjoyed hearing cute stories about sneaky leprechauns and this quickly became an opportunity to think about how to catch a leprechaun. Though our class was 'unsuccessful' at catching a small creature we did have lots of fun creating personal leprechaun traps. The leprechaun left a note saying we'd have to try harder but that they thought we deserved something for our effort. As a result, students enjoyed a small plate of Leprechaun treats (Lucky Charms).

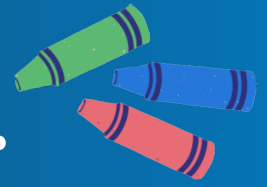
Looking forward to April we will mark the entrance of Spring by doing a deep dive into baby animals including chicks (we will have chick day, which is usually a class favourite!). We will spend lots of time playing reading games which will be scaffolded so that each student is able to enjoy their current success as they stretch toward their next steps in reading. We will also be focusing on community helpers as we learn about many of the jobs that help make where we live not only safe but thriving places to live and play.

As we continue to weave the Seven Sacred teachings throughout our days I want to recognize one student in particular this month. Jasika is being recognized for demonstrating the Sacred Teaching of Love. With consistency, Jasika demonstrates an enthusiasm for being part of room 113. She cares for our classmates by being kind, sharing toys and classroom materials and generously sharing her bright smile each day. If someone is having a difficult moment, Jasika is quick to look for ways to help them.

I hope your family will enjoy Spring Break full of moments to be together and celebrate the passing of another Winnipeg winter. I look forward to seeing everyone in April!



# CLASSROOM NEWS...



## GRADE 1 - ROOM 208 | MS. NASSAR



Hi families and welcome back from Spring Break. I hope it was relaxing and fun for everyone. We are ready to learn in Room 208 and gearing up for an action packed last three months of grade one.

I want to extend my gratitude to all the families that came to our Student-Led Conferences or connected with me over the phone. The students were very excited to take the lead and share their work with you. It was evident that you love and support your child and I'm glad you got to see their work.

Many of you communicated you would like the UFLI practice homework sheets. I have started to post them on Seesaw. Please let me know if you need any other information or help with them.

A glimpse into the next three months:

In Science and social studies we will be learning about living things and our community respectfully.

Math: We will continue to work on our counting skills, ten pairs and addition and subtraction. We will also complete a unit on 2D and 3D shapes.

ELA: We are continuing with UFLI and moving on to the "alphabet review" and "longer words" lessons. For our writing, we will be focussing on adding more details to writing and our individual goals we shared at the student led conferences.

Thank you again for your continued support, as always, if you have any questions, please message me on Seesaw! I am very much looking forward to these next three months of fun and learning.



# CLASSROOM NEWS...

## GRADES 2, 3 - ROOM 209 | MRS. BARROS

We are so lucky to have had so many fun opportunities this month! We enjoyed a day full of fun during Festival Du Voyageur Day and made some wonderful memories together. A big thank you to Ms. McFadyen for all her planning, there were so many engaging and exciting experiences for the students. We enjoyed bannock, hot chocolate, making mini toques, snowshoeing, and so much more!

On St. Patrick's Day, a naughty leprechaun visited our classroom and vandalized our whiteboard, but thankfully, he left behind some gold coins! The students took on a fun STEM challenge, using pipe cleaners to build bridges strong enough to hold a pot of gold. This was a great way to explore which shapes are strongest and how to create stable structures.

In math, we have been practicing number lines and part-part-whole strategies, and we have completed our measurement unit. Moving forward, we will continue building our foundational math skills and begin applying them to money concepts.

In Social Studies, we will be exploring our local community and getting outside to enjoy nature walks as the weather improves.

Thank you to all the families who attended Student-Led Conferences. The students worked very hard to prepare their stations and were incredibly proud to share their learning.

Next month, we will be focusing on sustainability and learning how to make choices that help keep our planet green and clean. Stay tuned for more information!



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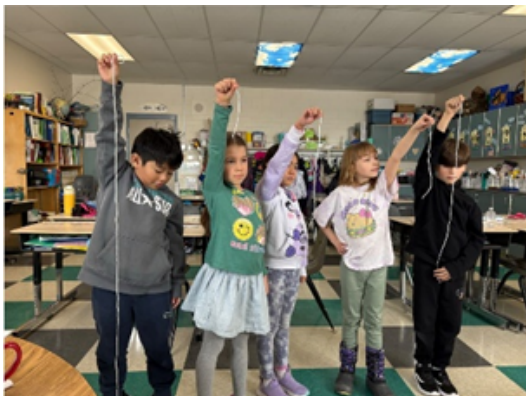
**GRADES 2, 3 - ROOM 214 | MRS. SIMONS**

**Spring has sprung!** I can't believe how quickly March flew by. I hope everyone had a wonderful Spring Break! March was a fun and busy month in our classroom with exciting activities such as Festival du Voyageur Day, St. Patrick's Day, and Spirit Week.

Students have been busy in Math with measurement and estimation while continuing to build their mental math and fact fluency strategies in addition and subtraction.

Before the break, we wrapped up our Position and Motion unit in Science. We will be beginning our next Social Studies unit soon! In ELA, students continue to work on Daily 5 and UFLI learning. We will also be starting a new class novel, The Wild Robot series. We are excited to dive into this wonderful story. Students have been working on creative writing. In addition, we had fun writing letters to our pen pals with our student teacher, Ms. Rorie. Ms. Rorie's time with us came to an end in March. We really enjoyed our Monday and Wednesday mornings with her and will miss having her in our classroom. It was wonderful to see and chat with so many families who visited our classroom during Student-Led Conferences. I loved seeing the pride on students' faces as they shared their learning and classroom activities with you.

I'm sure April will be another busy month filled with exciting learning. **Happy Spring!**



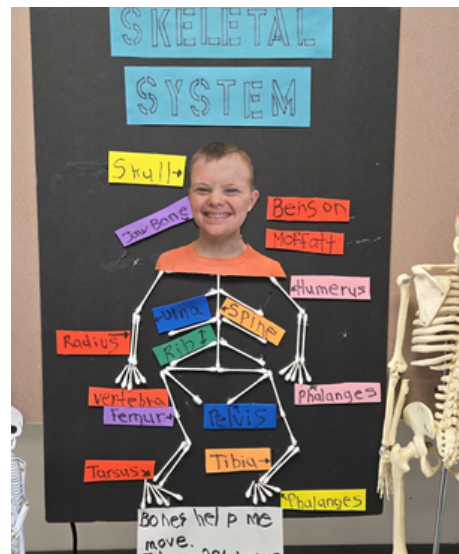
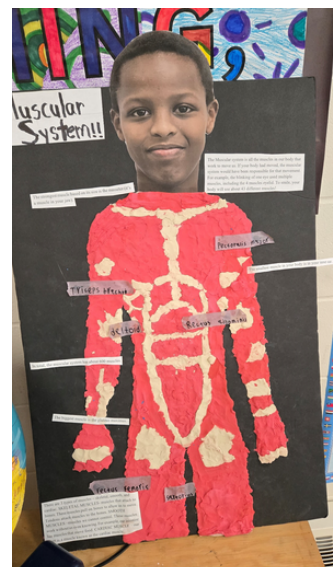
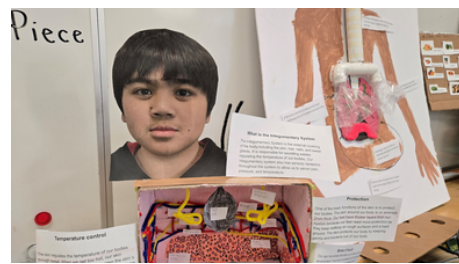
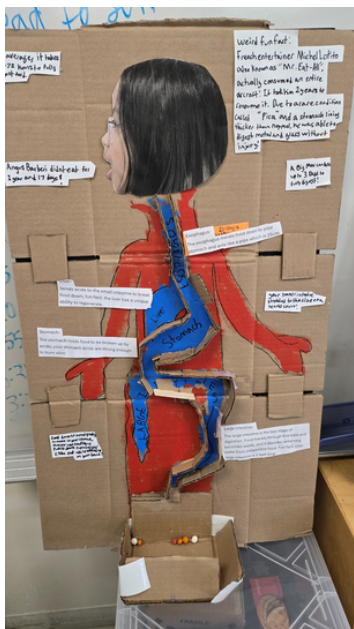


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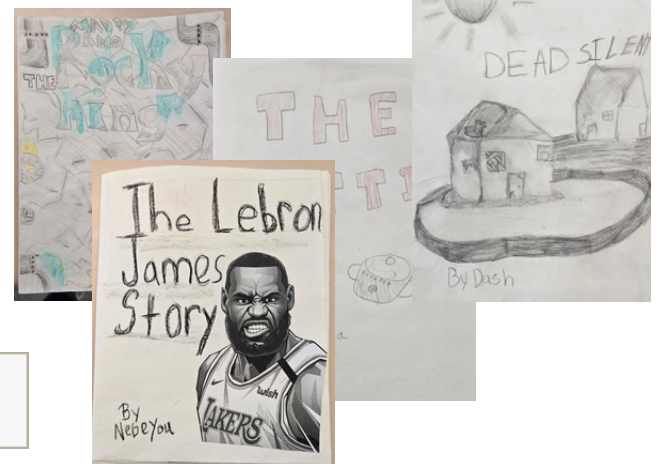
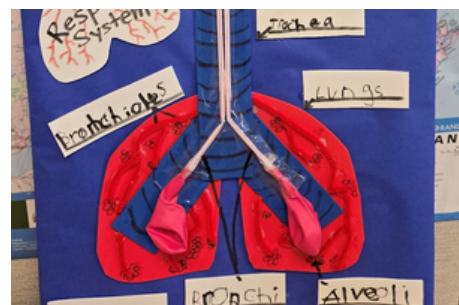
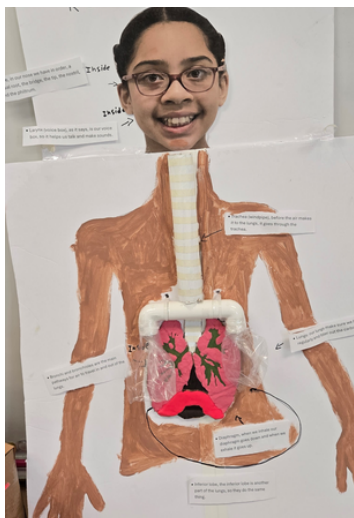
## GRADES 4, 5 - ROOM 212 | MS. DENISE

Welcome to the April addition of our classroom! As the snow begins to melt (hopefully) and days get a bit longer, our energy in the classroom has reached an all-time high! We will be venturing outside to enjoy our beautiful neighbourhood as the snow disappears. We have had a month full of exploration and creativity.

Our students buckled down and dived into the fascinating world of the Human Body, focusing on how our internal systems work together to keep us alive and healthy. They all had an opportunity to showcase their critical thinking skills by creating a project that showed how each system worked.



As well as creating their impressive science projects, our class hunkered down and wrote, designed and created a graphic comic. They are learning how to use expressive language and how visual storytelling helps bring the story to life.

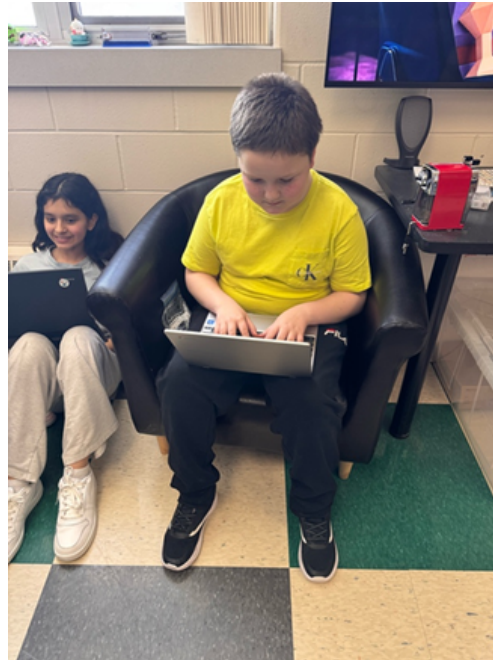
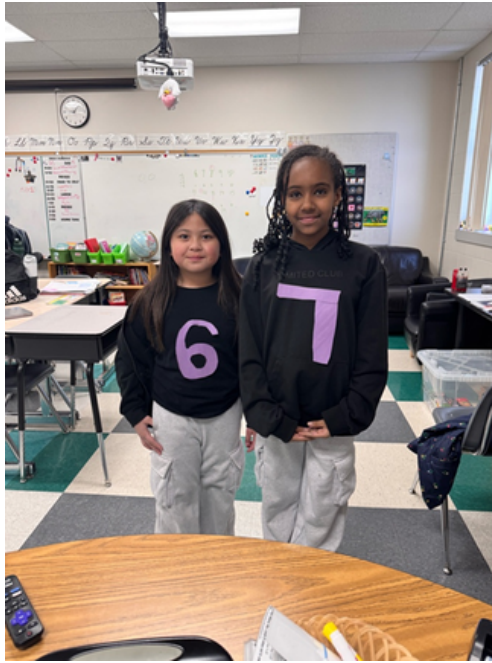


Room 212 is full of curious learners and we are looking forward to what the month of April brings.



# CLASSROOM NEWS...

**GRADE 4, 5 - ROOM 215 | MR. FORBISTER**



What a restful spring break! We hope everyone had a chance to recharge and finish off the year strong. We had another busy month in Room 215.

These last few months, Room 215 has been working on completing a reading bingo! Everyone in the room gets a different combination of book genres in a bingo card, and we need to read as many of them as possible. If everyone completes their bingo card, we will get a pizza party! Some of the categories include a sports book, a manga, a book whose title begins with “A”, and a nonfiction book. What a great challenge!

In math, we are working on our multiplication and division skills. We start our math classes with some fun math games to help us remember our multiplication facts before we begin the rest of the class. We keep getting faster and faster at them!

We continued to learn about Canada’s history. We learned a lot about the explorers and the first peoples who lived in Canada. There are so many interesting things that happened.

Finally, we finished off the week with our student-led conferences and our spirit week. Thank you to all of our families who came out and saw what we have been learning! We’re going to have a great last term!

# CLASSROOM NEWS...



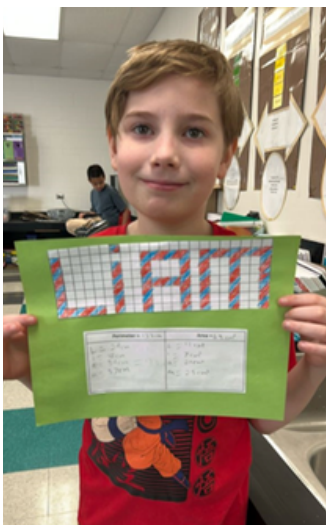
## GRADE 6 - ROOM 211 | MR. TOSZAK

We hope everyone is having a great month and enjoying the warmer weather. It has been busy as we worked hard before the spring break. In science, we finished our unit on flight and were able to finish our unit by have a paper airplane flying contest. We designed planes and discussed ways that we could modify our design and improve it based on the four forces of flight. Congratulation to Ali who won the contest and flew his plane for an incredible thirteen metres.

We are almost complete our novel study book called “Wonder” which gave us a closer look at how to overcome obstacles in our life by being more tolerant of others. This tied into our indigenous activities where we discussed how we can bring positive medicine into our lives and our school and discussed ways we can be kind and create a circle of kindness in our school.

In math, we have been learning about angles and how to measure and draw our own angles using a protractor. We also completed our winter festival study which had us create our own Winter Festival while incorporating different areas of math.

I hope everyone continues to have a wonderful year!





# CLASSROOM NEWS...



## PHYSICAL EDUCATION | MS. MCFADYEN



At the end of February our school participated in a Track Meet at the University of Manitoba. Students spent many lunch hours practicing for this event and we had an awesome day. Congratulations to our grade 6 boys shot put team who placed 3<sup>rd</sup> overall. This team consisted of Ali, Ashton, Prabal and Rhys. Congratulations to all of the participants.

This month we did some snowshoeing activities outside including races, an ice fishing game, and a wordle scavenger hunt. We have also been working on our badminton and floor hockey skills. I created teams and we had round robin tournaments for both badminton and hockey.

## INTEGRATED ARTS | MS. MCFADYEN

Students in grade 1 have been learning songs, following along to dance videos, playing drama games and have explored STEAM stations. Students in grades 2 and 3 continued to work on their Sneezy the Snowman. Students learned their lines and created props. Go check out Sneezy the Snowman now posted on Seesaw. Students in grades 4-6 have been creating art projects, learning coding skills, and are working on the Finding Nemo Musical.



### FESTIVAL DU VOYAGEUR

On March 5<sup>th</sup> students participated in Festival du Voyageur activities. Students traveled around the school participating in various activities related to French and Metis culture. There were nine stations including snowshoeing, portaging, slooshing, bannock, gym games, French bingo, French singing and jigging and crafts.





# REMINDERS



## NORWEST LEARNING CENTRE

### Daycare Reminders...



**DAYCARE IS CLOSED:** Friday, May 1, 2026



#### Concerned about your child's screen time?

As part of a research study, a team of psychologists and researchers from the University of Manitoba are offering **free parenting workshops** for managing screen use in children and teens.

These two-session workshops will be held at **Tech Voc High School (1555 Wall Street)**. Sessions will be two weeks apart and last two hours each.

The purpose of this study is to get your feedback on the workshops: what you learned, what you liked, what could be improved. You will be asked to complete a survey as part of each workshop session.

Childcare is available if needed, spaces may be limited.

Snacks will be provided. Participants will receive a small gift card to a local coffee shop.

To participate in this study, you must:

1. Live in the Winnipeg School Division and have at least one child in school
2. Be able to attend the in-person workshops
3. Be able to complete the workshops and questionnaires in English
4. Be willing to complete an anonymous questionnaire after each workshop session

**Workshops** (all workshops are 6:30-8:30pm; doors open at 6:15pm)

<b>Kids &amp; Screens</b> (first offering) <i>for caregivers of children aged 5-11</i>	Part 1: Wednesday March 25 Part 2: Wednesday April 8
<b>Teen &amp; Screens</b> (first offering) <i>for caregivers of children aged 12-17</i>	Part 1: Monday April 13 Part 2: Monday April 27
<b>Kids &amp; Screens</b> (second offering) <i>for caregivers of children aged 5-11</i>	Part 1: Wednesday April 22 Part 2: Wednesday May 6
<b>Teen &amp; Screens</b> (second offering) <i>for caregivers of children aged 12-17</i>	Part 1: Wednesday April 29 Part 2: Wednesday May 13



Please register using the QR code on this page or by visiting the following link:

<https://redcap.link/screenworkshops>



**Study title:** Evaluating parenting workshops that teach strategies for managing screen use in children and adolescents  
**Principal Investigator:** Dr. Jo Ann Unger, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Clinical Health Psychology, University of Manitoba  
**Contact:** [ScreenWorkshops@umanitoba.ca](mailto:ScreenWorkshops@umanitoba.ca)



This research has been approved by the Research Ethics Board at the University of Manitoba (HE2025-0399)

Version 2, Feb 6, 2026



# SUSTAINABILITY MONTH

*Education for Sustainable Development*



During the month of April, we will be focusing on sustainability and exploring how it connects to the 7 Sacred Teachings. The month will be filled with activities designed to educate and remind everyone why it's important to care of the land we live on, while also learning from it. Below is a list of activities, and a short explanation for each:

### Respect – Litterless Lunch

Learn how to reduce waste in a simple, realistic way.



### Humility – No Power Hour

Focus on traditional ways of learning and rely less on technology.

### Truth – Seed Paper

Recycle paper and embed seeds, completing the circle from a tree back to a plant.



### Love – Community Clean-Up

Show care for our community and the environment by picking up litter and improving shared spaces.

### Honesty – Battery Blitz

Learn how to properly dispose of electronic equipment and collect dead batteries to keep them out of the landfill.



### Wisdom – Creative Visuals

Classes will create artistic representations showing why we should take care of the land.

### Bear – Recycling Relay

Participate in hands-on games that teach what and how to recycle everyday materials.

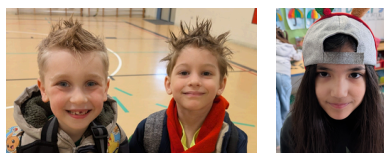


**Kick-off Assembly to start this month on:**

**Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> - 1:30 pm**

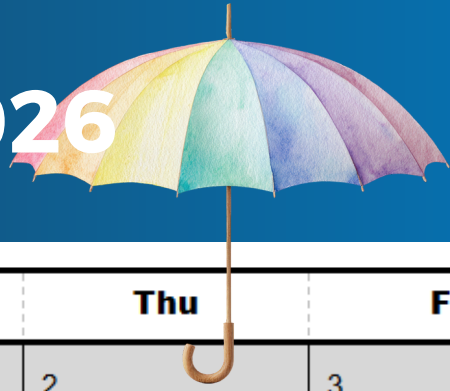
# SPRING SPIRIT WEEK

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# APRIL 2026



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<p>Spring Break March 30 - April 3</p>				
6/ Day 4	7/ Day 5	8/ Day 6	9/ Day 1	10/ Day 2
		<b>International Day of PINK</b> 	<b>POPCORN ORDERS DUE</b> PAC'S fundraiser 	~ NO SCHOOL ~  Teachers' Professional Development Day
13/ Day 3	14/ Day 4	15/ Day 5	16/ Day 6	17/ Day 1
		<b>Ted and Birdy Presentation</b> By MTYP (am)		
20/ Day 2	21/ Day 3	22/ Day 4	23/ Day 5	24/ Day 6
		<b>EARTH DAY</b> 		<b>CANTEEN'S OPEN</b> 12:00 - 12:30 PM
27/ Day 1	28/ Day 2	29/ Day 3	30/ Day 4	<b>LOOKING AHEAD</b>  <b>DAYCARE CLOSED</b> May 1  <b>NO SCHOOL</b> May 8, May 18
	<b>Bus Ridership</b> 	<b>PAC meeting</b> 5:30 pm   Room 111 hybrid meeting	<b>Pizza Lunch</b> PAC fundraiser 	