



# December NEWSLETTER

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Maria Manzano, Principal



Dear Prairie Rose Families,

Season's Greetings! Looks like a little dusting of snow is finally upon us and it's starting to get a lot cooler. Just a friendly reminder to ensure your child dresses for the weather. Students are expected to stay outside before school, during morning and afternoon recess breaks and lunch recess up to -27 degrees Celsius weather which means students only stay indoors when it is -28 and colder.

Thank you for taking the time to connect with our teachers during Parent Teacher Interview Conferences last month. It has been a great way to reflect and celebrate our students' success as we plan forward for their next steps.

We would like to wish Ms. Kaur all the best as she finished her term with us and welcome Ms. Nadine Nassar back from her maternity leave, who will be with our Grade 1 students.

Students and staff have been busy preparing for our Winter Concert, which is early this year. Both our Nursery and Kindergarten morning and afternoon students will join this event together. Our Winter Concert will be held on Thursday, December 4th at 1:30 pm and 6:00 pm in our gymnasium.

We will be hosting our third annual Pancake Breakfast on the last day before the break; Friday, December 19th for all of our Nursery to Grade 6 students and encourage our students to participate in our Winter Spirit Week just before the break.

On behalf of our Prairie Rose staff, we would like to thank you for your continued support and wish each and every one of you a very joyous holiday season!

See you soon!

*Mrs. Manzano*



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IF YOUR CHILD IS ABSENT

### CONTACT

Safe Arrival - 1-855-278-4513 | [go.schoolmessenger.ca](http://go.schoolmessenger.ca)

Transportation - 204-586-8800 | 204-789-0452



*"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."*

# WINTER CONCERT

*save the date...*

**JOIN US ON**

**Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup>**

**at 1:30 pm or 6:00 pm**

for Prairie Rose's Winter Concert

## **“DASHING THROUGH THE SNOW”**

**Nursery to Grade 6 students will be  
singing familiar Winter songs to get  
everyone in the Holiday Spirit**

Letters have been sent home to families with  
additional information pertinent to each classroom

Attire – please bring or wear the following clothing, ready to perform

- Nursery, Kindergarten, Room 113 (am/pm) — no dress code (wear anything)
  - Accessories will be distributed for students to wear/use
  - Both morning and afternoon classes are combined to perform together
- Grade 1, Room 208 – wear semi-formal holiday attire
- Grade 2-3, Room 209 – wear semi-formal holiday attire (green, red, white, or black)
- Grade 2-3, Room 214 – wear red, green or white (or all three colours)
- Grade 4-5, Room 212 – wear a toque, scarf and mitts (no dress code)
- Grade 4-5, Room 215 – wear red, black, white, or green shirt/dress, and black pants/leggings
- Grade 6, Room 211 – wear blue and white. Hats and scarves are optional

**Raffles drawn by Parent Advisory Council**





# CLASSROOM NEWS...

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

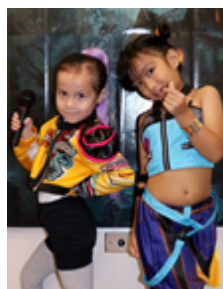
It is hard to believe that our first term is already over, and that the holidays are just 3 weeks away! We have had such a busy and incredible start to the year, we cannot wait to see what the rest of it has in store for us!

I would like to start by thanking all of our Nursery / Kindergarten families who were able to participate in Parent-Teacher Conferences. It was wonderful to have a chance to meet with all of you and for the children to have the opportunity to share and be acknowledged for all of their hard work!

In our continued explorations of the Alphabet, Rhyming, Numbers and Patterns, the month of December will include some fun Grinch and Snowmen holiday activities, in addition to learning more about Polar Bears. Many of which will include painting, game playing, singing, dancing, acting and even a little baking. We will also have our final practices for our Winter Celebration performance, being held on Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm and 6:00 pm in the school Gym.

Please continue to check your SeeSaw messages regularly as an important reminder note regarding our participation in the winter concert - scheduling, costumes and attendance has been posted and many other important notices regarding Spirit Week and other fun plans leading up to the holidays will be coming very soon. It is definitely going to be a busy and exciting 3 weeks!

Wishing you and yours a very Happy Holiday Season and all the Best in Health, Wealth, Love and Happiness for 2026!





# CLASSROOM NEWS...



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

November was a fun month for the afternoon Nursery/Kindergarten crew. We spent lots of time outside enjoying the extra slow entrance into Winter which we have had this year. Students noticed the falling leaves as well as noticing that in just a brief time they seemed to disappear. This led to so fun conversations about worms, dirt and compostable materials.

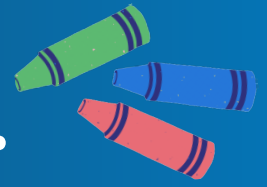
We also continued to consider our hands and the many amazing things they allow us to do. I 'caught' many fun conversations during play time that included discussions about hands. As a class we talked about how helping is an important thing we use our hands for. It was especially inspiring to hear several students make meaningful connections between our outdoor learning, the learning about hands and our daily conversations about Indigenous knowledge.

When we were creating our Land Acknowledgment, two students shared about how taking care of the land is a good way to make peace. It is so exciting to see the wonderful connections the students make.

December is sure to fly by as we will finish exploring polar bears, have a Winter Concert, start a fun gingerbread exploration and get ready for Winter Break.



# CLASSROOM NEWS...



## GRADE 1 - ROOM 208 | MS. NASSAR

Hi families, I am so happy to be back and teaching the Grade 1 students in Room 208. The students are making great progress. It was so lovely to meet some of you during the parent teacher conferences, and I look forward to meeting the rest of you soon. I am happy to announce that I now have Seesaw access! Please make sure you are connected and look for classroom updates and messages there. Also feel free to send me a message there whenever you need to.

We have started to work on our Daily 5 (work with a teacher, read to self, read to someone, work on writing or listen to reading). We are working on our “reading stamina” and trying to reach our goal of 20 minutes of uninterrupted read-to-self time. We will begin reading groups soon.

The students finished their first social studies unit with Ms. Kaur, and we are about halfway through science and learning about the 5 senses.

A huge thank you to Ms. Kaur for starting off the year in Room 208. We will miss her and wish her good luck in her next adventures.

Have a wonderful, restful, winter break and we will talk again in 2026!







# CLASSROOM NEWS...

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

Wow! What a fast and exciting month November has been! We began by honouring our veterans on Remembrance Day and learning all about the meaning behind the poppy. Students showed such kindness and thoughtfulness during our discussions, and it was a meaningful way to start the month.

In science, students enjoyed hands-on challenges like building marshmallow bridges, designing chairs for Princess Peach, and experimenting with simple machines. It has been wonderful watching their creativity, teamwork, and problem-solving skills grow.

In math, we've been strengthening our basic facts and working with compatible numbers to 10, 20, and 50. We'll soon be moving on to compatible numbers to 100. To keep practicing at home, Mathletics is a fantastic way to reinforce numeracy skills in a fun and interactive way. Reading Eggs is also a great support for reading development and continues to be a student favourite.

We were also excited to celebrate our Stars of the Week this month: Gurfateh and Dominic! We loved learning more about them and celebrating the wonderful things they bring to our classroom community.

As the weather turns colder, please remember to send warm layers, mitts, and boots so students can enjoy outdoor recess comfortably.

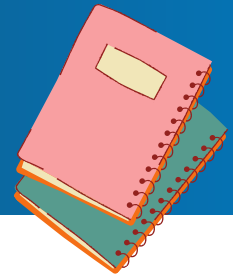
Looking ahead, we're getting ready to "travel around the world" as we explore different holidays, traditions, and celebrations from many cultures. This is always such an exciting unit filled with stories, crafts, and hands-on learning.

I also want to say a big thank-you to all the families who stay connected through Seesaw. Your engagement, messages, and support truly make a difference.





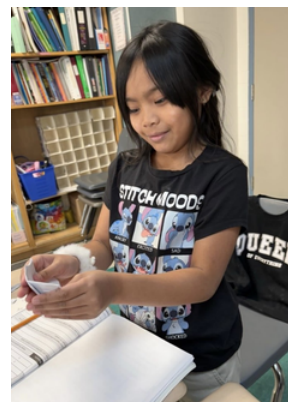
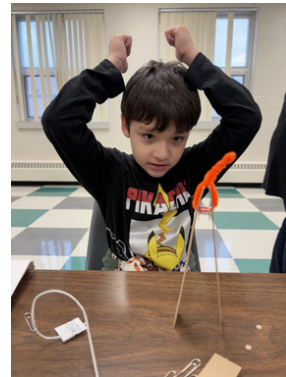
# CLASSROOM NEWS...



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

November flew by and was filled with fun and lots of learning! It was so lovely to chat with all of the families who came to see me during our parent-teacher conferences! It was my pleasure to share how wonderfully your children are doing and such a joy to see how proud they were to share our classroom and their hard work with you! In November we continued with patterns, problem solving and mental math. We've been working on new strategies to help with fact fluency in addition and subtraction through number talks, online programs and different games.

Next month we will work on another real life math project and different math centres. In ELA, students have worked on creative, personal and letter writing. We began using fun picture prompts to give us new ideas in our writing. We are almost finished our class novel and will begin a new one after the winter break. This month, we will be learning about different holidays and how they are celebrated around the world. We are wrapping up our Materials and Structures unit in science this month. Our class had the opportunity to participate in a Scientists in the School workshop last month. Students explored making simple machines and investigated pulleys, wheels and inclined planes. It was so much fun and a great way to kick off our next science unit, Position and Motion. We hope you enjoy our Winter Concert. We have been working hard on our performance and are looking forward to sharing it with you! We are all excited about the fun things planned for December! I know it'll be a great month. Wishing you all a fun, safe and warm winter break. See you in the new year!





# CLASSROOM NEWS...

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

November has truly flown by in Room 212! It was wonderful connecting with each family during Parent-Teacher Conferences. I appreciated our thoughtful conversations and your partnership in supporting your children.

This fall, our class enjoyed a beautiful day at Birds Hill Park, explored hands-on science by dissecting owl pellets, created and presented animal-themed PowerPoint projects, and continued to strengthen our math skills, just to name a few highlights! We are also busy preparing for the Winter Concert and look forward to welcoming families to this special event.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to everyone who donated items for our class raffle basket, which will be drawn during the concert night. Your generosity and support mean so much to our classroom community.







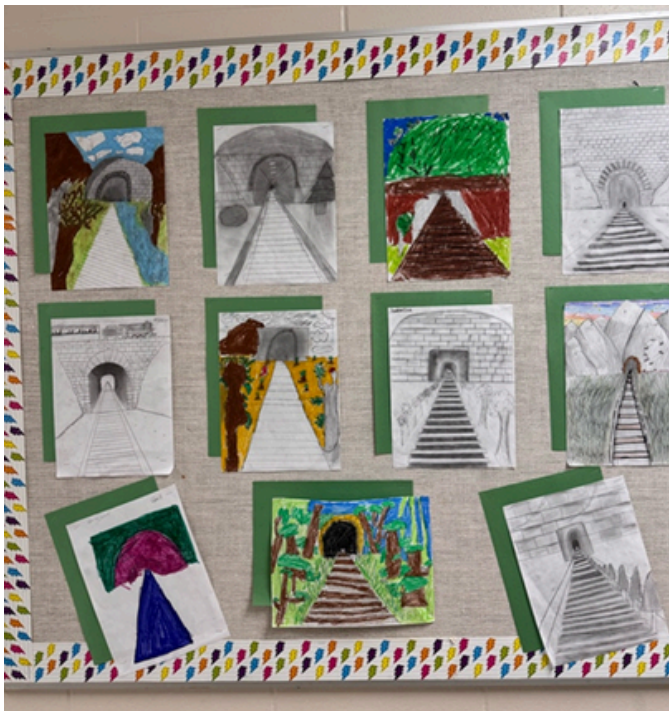
# CLASSROOM NEWS...

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

Wow, another busy month here in Room 215. We did a lot this month, so read on! We continued our Kiki's Delivery Service Novel Study. We are all keeping journals about a fictional witch like Kiki! Some of our witches have powers like flying, moving objects, making spices, mind reading, and teleportation. We are creating townspeople and making friends in our story. It has been so much fun!

We created habitat dioramas for our science unit. We researched plants, animals, and the environment. We used plasticine and construction paper to make them. They turned out great!

Thank you everyone for coming to the parent-teacher conferences. It was great to connect with all the families. This month we have our Winter Concert and a lot of other fun activities!



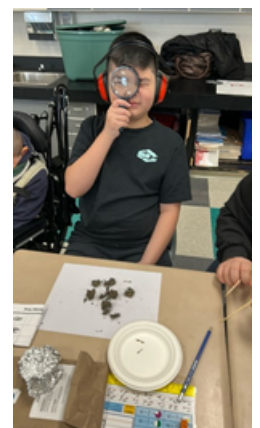


# CLASSROOM NEWS...



## GRADE 6 - ROOM 211 | MR. TOSCHAK

November has been full of excitement in Room 211! From all our activities in the classroom to going on a field trip to Bird's Hill Park to dissecting owl pellets to learn about what they eat, we've been busy! In math, we have been using the steam lab almost weekly to explore different math problems and thinking outside the box as part of a team. It is a challenge because we really need to work together to solve the problems. In our classroom math lessons, things have got exciting because we have started to learn about algebraic equations and explore missing variables. It's been an exciting month of growth and teamwork, and we can't wait to see what's next! We look forward to seeing all the families at the winter concert on December 4<sup>th</sup>.





# CLASSROOM NEWS...



## PHYSICAL EDUCATION | MS. MCFADYEN



The weather is turning colder, and the winter season is upon us. Our school is scheduled to have the cross-country skis starting December 8th. Fingers crossed that we get some snow! Please send your child with winter gear for the days that we will be outside skiing.

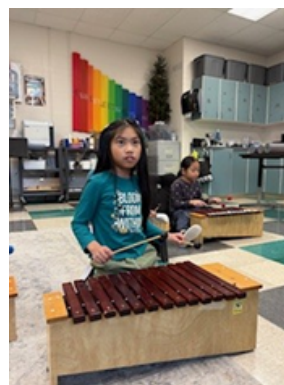
In the month of November students played Tchouck Ball. Tchouck ball practices throwing and catching skills and is a fun and inclusive game. We are just finishing up our Team Handball Intramurals and Tchouck ball will be the next intramural sport.

In January, students in Grades 5 and 6 will start practicing for the upcoming Volleyball Tournament. Stay Tuned for more information.



## INTEGRATED ARTS | MS. MCFADYEN

This month students prepared for winter concert, created winter art, and created drama skits. Students in Grades 4-6 created props out of cardboard and other craft materials. They created characters and wrote their own scripts. At the end of the month students performed their skits in front of their peers.



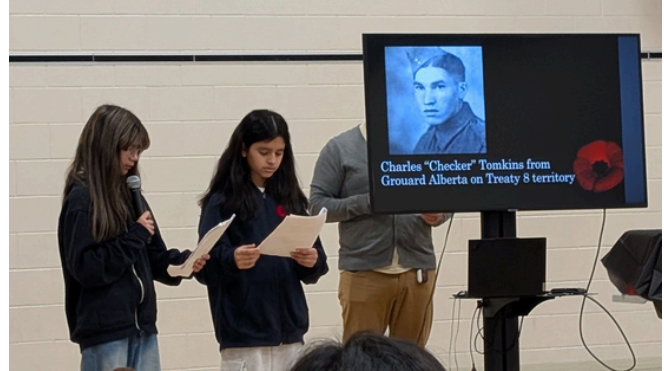


# REMEMBRANCE DAY

## *pictures of the assembly*



Thank you to our committee members and student leaders for planning an assembly where we could recognize, honour and remember our Indigenous Veterans and veterans who contributed in making Canada a peaceful place to live.



Thank you to our dedicated **patrols** for leading the way



# SPIRIT WEEK

*dress up with us on the last week*

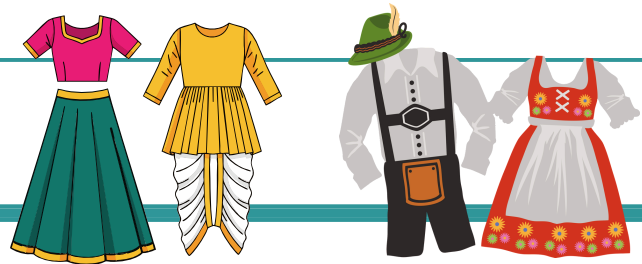
**DECEMBER 15 TO DECEMBER 19**

Our **Student Leaders** are encouraging everyone to participate this month by dressing up in something FUN on the last week before the Winter Holiday. Below are what the Student Leaders came up with:

**Mon,  
Dec. 15**

## **CULTURAL DAY**

Wear your culture's traditional outfit for the day



**Tues,  
Dec. 16**

## **HOLIDAY SHIRT/SWEATER DAY**

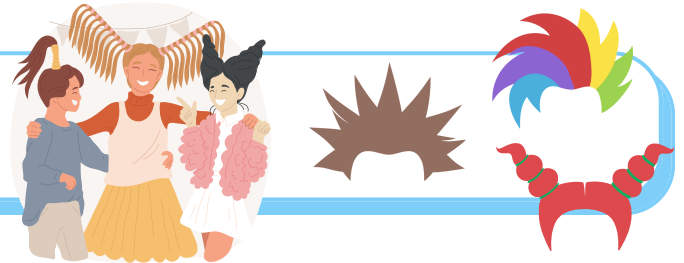
Wear your festive, holiday shirts/sweaters



**Wed,  
Dec. 17**

## **WACKY HAIR DAY**

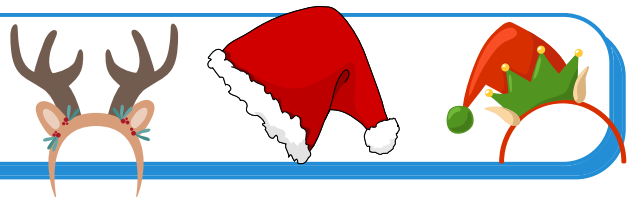
Get creative and fix your hair in a wacky hairstyle



**Thurs,  
Dec. 18**

## **HOLIDAY HATS/HEADBAND**

Rock a holiday headband or hat just in time for the holidays



**Fri,  
Dec. 19**

## **PAJAMA DAY**

Get cozy in your PJs while we have our pancake breakfast together





# REMINDERS



**daycare closure:**

**Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup>**

for staff's Professional Development



## DAYCARE PARKING

Please use the designated Daycare parking stalls in the Lucas Parking lot accordingly. The main parking lot is reserved for Prairie Rose School staff only. From 3:45 pm, families are welcome to also use the bus loop if you are only parking your vehicle for less than 10 minutes. Otherwise, please use the daycare spots at all times.

Good morning,

On behalf of the Diversity Institute, I would like to thank everyone who participated in the sessions held on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

As some families expressed an interest in participating in a virtual session, a meeting will be held on **December 2nd, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. via Zoom**. Please register to attend the virtual session:

[https://ryersontrsm.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_80NCmad7SBO4LuS](https://ryersontrsm.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_80NCmad7SBO4LuS)








Should you wish to provide anonymous, written feedback, please see the survey available [here](#) until December 19th, at 5:00 p.m.

Brenda Lapointe  
Board and Community Liaison Officer  
Access and Privacy Coordinator  
The Winnipeg School Division



# DECEMBER 2025



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1/ Day 2	2/ Day 3	3/ Day 4	4/ Day 5	5/ Day 6
Intramurals Gr. 2-3   12:30	Grade 4 Swimming Counts 		 <b>WINTER CONCERT</b> Nursery - Gr. 6 6:30 - 7:15 pm 	
8/ Day 1	9/ Day 2	10/ Day 3	11/ Day 4	12/ Day 5
	Grade 4 Swimming Counts 		<b>CANTEEN Opens today!</b> 12:00 - 12:30 	<b>Patrol Pizza Celebration</b> 
15/ Day 6	16/ Day 1	17/ Day 2	18/ Day 3	19/ Day 4
<b>SPIRIT WEEK - Dec. 15-19<sup>th</sup></b> (See page 14 for more details)				
				<b>Pancake Breakfast</b> 
22	23	24	25	26
 <b>WINTER BREAK</b> December 20 - January 4, 2026				
29	30	31		
 <b>LOOKING AHEAD</b> Classes Resume - January 5, 2026				