



February NEWSLETTER

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Maria Manzano, Principal

Dear Prairie Rose Families,

It's hard to believe that February is already here, and we are hopeful that the worst of the bitter cold is behind us. Due to extreme windchills, we've experienced several indoor recesses, but we look forward to enjoying more outdoor time as the weather improves in the coming weeks.

February is recognized across Canada as Black History Month, a time to honour and celebrate the legacy, contributions, and achievements of Black Canadians. Since 1996, the Government of Canada's annual Black History Month campaign has encouraged Canadians to learn more about Black history and the significant events and individuals who have shaped our society. Families are encouraged to learn more by visiting: www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/black-history-month

February is also I Love to Read Month, where students are encouraged each day to "dive into reading." Students will be supported in strengthening their love of literacy by reading as many books as they can, and we encourage families to continue promoting reading at home. Thank you to our special guest readers who are helping make this a meaningful and engaging month for our students. Please see page 3 for more information about this initiative.

On February 17, registration opens for new students within our school catchment area. All new students must register with their designated catchment school. Students who are currently attending Prairie Rose will automatically roll over into the next school year and do not need to re-register.

Beginning this month, we will also be having monthly assemblies to recognize students who demonstrate the Seven Teachings. Each classroom will select a student who exemplifies love, respect, wisdom, courage, honesty, truth, and humility. We extend our thanks to the school committee members for planning and organizing these assemblies.

We look forward to a month filled with meaningful activities, new experiences, and celebrations. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Warm regards,

Mrs. Manzano



February AT A GLANCE

I LOVE TO READ

- Information / Schedule

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CALENDAR / EVENTS

- **NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS / NO SCHOOL:**
 - Monday, February 2 (PD)
 - Monday, February 16 - Louis Riel Day
 - Friday, February 27 (PD)

IF YOUR CHILD IS ABSENT

CONTACT

Safe Arrival - 1-855-278-4513 | go.schoolmessenger.ca

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

DRESSING UP FOR COLD WEATHER

Thick sweater

With a hood to keep your head warm



TIP:

Adding layers will help keep you warm as the temperature drops

Winter Accessories

HAT

For your head and ears

SCARF

For your neck and face

GLOVES

Insulated – water-proof would be ideal



TIP:

During extreme cold, keep all skin covered and spend as little time as possible outside

Winter boots

Water-proof footwear will keep your feet dry, with good grip for when walking on snowy or icy paths



Light jacket

Wind-resistant would be ideal



TIP:

For extra warmth, wear extra undergarments (like tights and thicker socks)

Winter jacket

Thick outerwear to keep out wind and wet snow – longer length would be ideal



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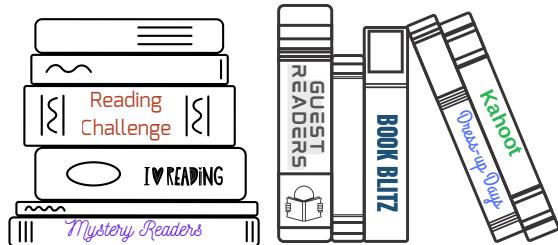
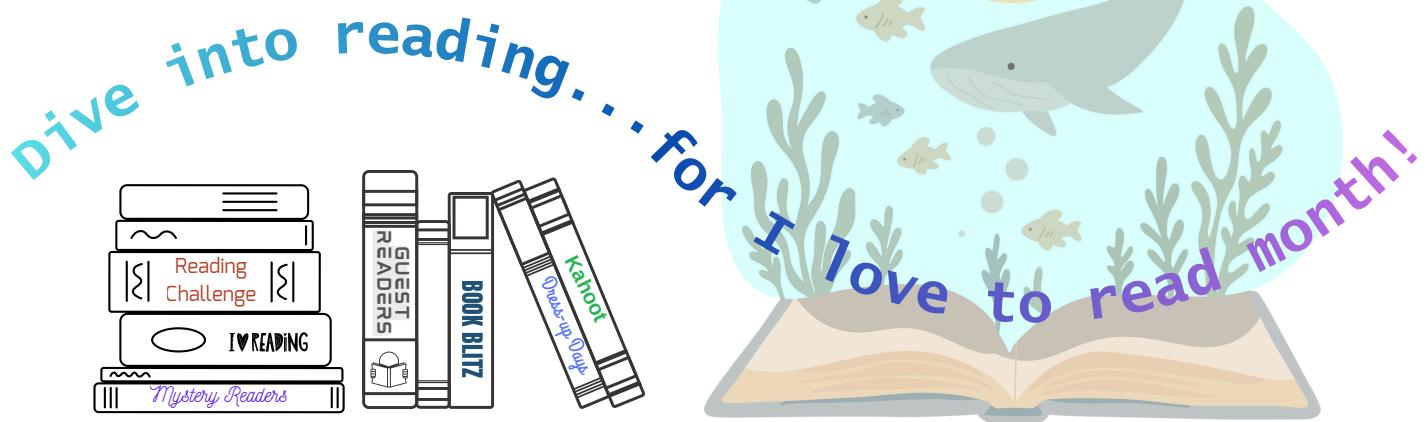
"The students, staff, and communities of Winnipeg School Division are committed to truth and reconciliation through building relationships with Mother Earth, the original peoples of this land, and the stories that bring us together. We acknowledge the place in which we gather is on Treaty 1 territory,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



WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION



I LOVE TO READ Month



OUR I LOVE TO READ MONTH IS HERE!

Get ready to dive into reading
as we begin our under the sea reading adventure
at Prairie Rose School.

Every page you read takes you deeper
into the ocean of imagination.

We have I Love to Read each year at Prairie Rose School to
encourage reading, writing and sharing in the joy of literacy!

This year our theme is "Dive into Reading".
We are looking forward to all kinds of activities, contests, guest
readers, dress-up days, and more!

It's always a great day to grab a book and swim into a story!



I READING

I LOVE TO READ | DRESS-UP DAY SCHEDULE

Dress-up and Participate by dressing up every Thursday!



February 5 - Coral Reef Day (wear bright colours)

February 12 - Bubble Day (wear polka dots)

February 19 - Beach Day

February 26 - PJs Day





CLASSROOM NEWS...

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

I would like to start by saying a very sincere THANK-YOU to all the parents and/or caregivers, who ensured that the children arrived at school safely and on time, even during the extremely frigid days. As a result of your determination and support, we had a remarkably busy and successful January, learning about Dinosaurs through a variety of Math and Language Arts centres!

February is “I Love to Read” month and the school is celebrating with a variety of fun filled, school-wide activities for the children in relation to BOOKS! Throughout the month, the children will participate in trivia contests, reading activities, guest readers and much, much more!!! They will also have the chance to win some great PRIZES for all of their reading efforts!

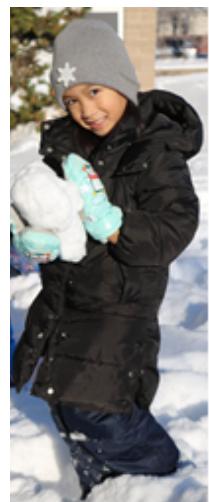
In our classroom, we will continue the celebration as we learn about different authors, such as Robert Munsch and Mo Willems. We will also further our explorations of books and reading with our continued work on the Reading Eggs App, in addition to small reading groups and the start of our Home Reading program.

With Valentine’s Day just a couple of weeks away, we will begin exploring some new centres. The most exciting of which is our Post Office, where we will continue to practice our printing / writing skills, by creating some Valentine greetings for our friends and loved ones!

In honour of Valentine’s Day, we will be having a small celebration on Friday, February 13th! I will be sending home a note with further details.

As the winter chill continues, why not curl up and keep warm, with a blanket and a good book!

Happy Reading!



CLASSROOM NEWS...



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

As we complete January and look ahead to February there is a lot to celebrate. Students have been learning through hands-on play, exploration and creativity. We practiced writing our names using playdough which helped strengthen fine motor skills. Students particularly enjoyed playing I spy to find the cookie cutters that they need for their names. Several students expressed interest in paper airplanes and so several play times incorporated mini explorations of paper folding, target practice and comparing distances the planes flew. One cold afternoon, when the class was quite small, we even went into the hall to take turns sending planes toward the office. Students were proud to have Mrs. Manzano, Ms. Charlene and several EAs watch the learning! It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm, creativity and problem-solving skills in action.

We also focused on social emotional learning by talking about personal bubbles and practicing bubble breathing. When we take time to regulate our bodies through breathing it helps us be ready to engage with one another, and the learning, in our play and activities. As students think about their own preferences for personal space, they will begin to extend that thinking to what their peers experience. Learning to read body language and facial cues is an important part of communication and so we regularly spend time considering these topics. In music and movement activities, we also practiced keeping steady beats through several rhythm games and activities. These activities while fun, also contribute to having regulated bodies and emotions.

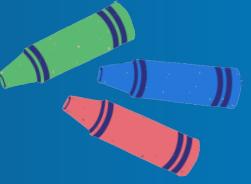
In literacy, students worked on rhyming skills by identifying sets of rhymes and creating their own rhymes. They are doing a great job listening carefully to sounds and playing with language. Be on the lookout for rhymes all around you and I am sure your family will have some fun moments together. Students particularly love any rhymes that include their names and/or made-up words. Their sweet giggles are the best!

Looking ahead to February, we are excited for a month of more learning and fun together. We will be celebrating the 100th day of school (more information to come later), our love of reading with "I Love to Read" activities, enjoying some Valentine's Day activities and exploring several fairy tales.

Thank you for your continued support as we complete and enter another busy month of learning. Remember, our days are getting longer! Stay warm and connected to all the people and activities you love!



CLASSROOM NEWS...



GRADE 1 - ROOM 208 | MS. NASSAR



We had a great first month of 2026.

With the New Year we started a lot of new units and the UFLI program. The UFLI lessons (so far) really focus on proper letter formation, letter sounds and reading and writing sentences together. The students have been loving them, they are very interactive and we love learning little tips and tricks about words and letters we maybe didn't know before. As I said in my weekly update on SeeSaw a few weeks ago – try and see if your child remembers the finger cueing system for each letter (so far we have learned t, s, m, n, p, f and a).

We also started our reading groups mid January. Reading groups meet with me 2-3 times a week during our daily 5 for some more individualized learning. We focus on whatever the group needs and usually read a book as well that the students will keep in their book bins to practice during the week. I do give the option to take the book home if students want some more practice at home – just please send the book back daily as we will use it in our reading group the next day.

In Math, we are still focussing on memorizing our doubles, counting to 100, and finishing our patterns unit. In Social Studies we are learning all about Canada.

We are excited for February and will celebrate I Love to Read Month with some fun guest readers, 100 Day and Valentine's Day.

Talk soon,
-Ms. Nassar





CLASSROOM NEWS...

GRADES 2, 3 - ROOM 209 | MRS. BARROS

Wow, where do I begin? It's been such a great month, and we still have so much to look forward to! This past month, we worked on telling time, started exploring multiplication, and used the number line to solve different word problems. In reading, we began *The BFG* by Roald Dahl, and we're excited to finish the book and watch the movie as part of our Valentine's Day celebration.

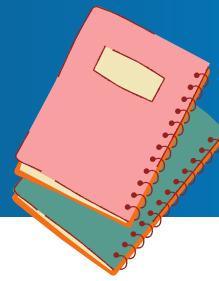
In Social Studies, we are learning about the Viking world. Students will be designing shields and using the design process to build their own longships—a fun and creative way to bring history to life.

We were also very excited to participate in the Project 11 Mental Wellness Summit at the Burton Cummings Theatre. We had the chance to see Jets players, magicians, musicians, local celebrities, and Sisler High School dancers. It was truly an amazing and meaningful opportunity for our class.

We are also *Diving into Reading* for I Love to Read Month, so be sure to check the calendar for the fun dress-up days.



CLASSROOM NEWS...



GRADES 2, 3 - ROOM 214 | MRS. SIMONS

It was wonderful to settle back into our routines after winter break. January was a busy and productive month!

In math, we continued to build our problem-solving and mental math skills through math talks. We are getting very good at using number lines to solve addition and subtraction problems. We are beginning to learn how to tell time and explore measurement. In Social Studies, we launched our study of history by learning about the ancient Viking civilization. Students have been discovering details about Viking daily life including their food, clothing, homes, ships, and travels.

In Language Arts we have been working through the UFLI Literacy program. Students are doing very well with the concepts they are learning. We have pen pals! Our student teacher, Ms. Rorie has been delivering letters to and from our pen pals in a Grade 2 & 3 class at Stanley Knowles School! Ms. Rorie has helped us learn how to write friendly letters.

We were lucky to attend the Project 11 Summit on January 23 alongside schools from across the city! Hosted by Ace Burpee, the event was full of energy and fun. Students enjoyed a magician, drummers and dancers, enjoyed a live music performance (The Bros. Landreth), watched a short play, and viewed interviews with a Sea Bears basketball player (Emmanuel Akot), an Olympic Taekwondo athlete (Skylar Park), and a Winnipeg firefighter/paramedic. A highlight for many was the interview with four Winnipeg Jets players (Hellebuyck, Comrie, Vilardi and Barron)! The Project 11 Summit was a fun and engaging way to come together, learn about the project, and collaborate with community members to explore and discuss mental wellness.

We are looking forward to a very fun February! I Love to Read Month is just around the corner and we're excited to enjoy special activities, guest readers, dress-up days, and plenty of new books. We are also excited about Valentine's Day! Keep warm!





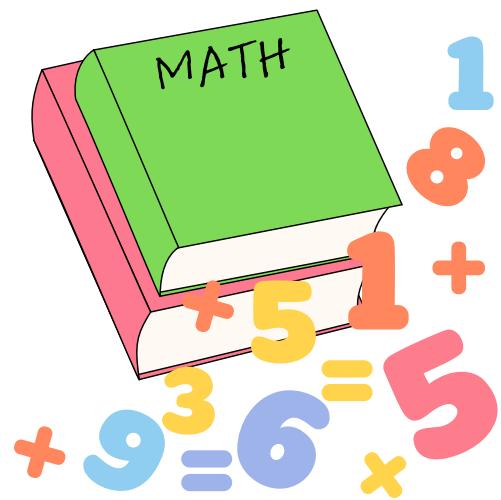
CLASSROOM NEWS...

GRADES 4, 5 - ROOM 212 | MS. DENISE



Emily Carr Landscapes

Welcome back, Room 212 families! We hope you had a restful winter break and are ready for an exciting start to the new year. This month, our classroom will be buzzing with new discoveries as we dive into the winter term. In Mathematics, we are challenging our mental math skills by recalling math facts, problem solving and hands on math activities. We are continuing our journey learning about the history of our great country Canada in our Social Studies unit. Next month, we will be focusing on the 2026 Winter Olympics! Go Canada!





CLASSROOM NEWS...

GRADE 4, 5 - ROOM 215 | MR. FORBISTER

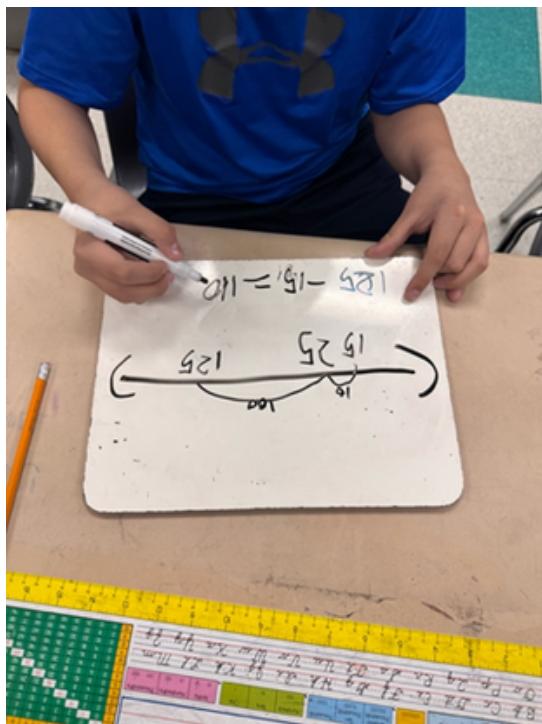
Another month has come and gone, and here in Room 215, that means that we did a lot of fun activities!

We got started this year with a reflection on what the previous year brought us. We thought about all of the good things that happened to us, as well as looking at our goals for the future. We learned about what makes a goal realistic and achievable. Brainstorming and making our goals together helped us to really think about how we can reach our resolutions for the year!

In math, we kept on working on our number lines and our subtraction skills. By doing daily practice, we keep getting faster and faster at it. Even after a few days, we noticed that the activity was getting easier. We also started to look at telling time and quick multiplication with the 5s table.

Finally, in Science we finished our unit on habitats and had our final test. We learned about the food chain and how the producers, consumers, and decomposers in a habitat all work together to transfer energy to each living thing.

Next month, we are going to look at some Canadian History as well as activities surrounding the Winter Olympics!



CLASSROOM NEWS...



GRADE 6 - ROOM 211 | MR. TOSZAK

Room 211 had an excellent January so far. It was exciting to return to school after a relaxing winter break and I hope everyone reading this had a good break as well. This month we have started many new activities at school. In math, we have started learning about perimeter, area and different types of lines with a focus on angles. We have also really focused on subtraction strategies and have been practicing open number lines and part whole boxes almost everyday.

In social studies we have started to learn about the first contact between European explorers and the First Peoples of Canada. We are currently learning about five explorers who explored present day Canada from different countries in Europe and plan to learn more about French and English colonization in the next month.

In ELA, we have started a fantastic book by R.J. Palacio titled "Wonder" it tells the story of a boy named August who is starting school for the first time in grade five. He delayed starting school due to a medical condition he was born with and explored his journey of trying to find his place in his new school while dealing with individuals who do not understand him.

There is so much more, and I hope you ask us when we get home tonight. Have a great February!





CLASSROOM NEWS...



PHYSICAL EDUCATION | MS. MCFADYEN



Wow, January flew by! Our students have been very busy practicing for the upcoming Volleyball Tournaments, Inner City Basketball and Track Meet. Students have been learning volleyball skills in class and have been spending lunch hours practicing. Students in grades 5 and 6 will be participating in a tournament on February 6th at Waterford Springs. Selected students will also be participating in a second tournament on February 12th at Tyndall Park School.

12 Students in grades 5 and 6 have been selected to participate in Inner City Basketball. We played our first game on January 26th. We will continue to play on February 12th and February 18th for this month.



INTEGRATED ARTS | MS. MCFADYEN

We have some exciting news!! Prairie Rose Presents Finding Nemo Kids the Musical! On May 12th our school will be showing our very first musical. Students are in the process of learning the songs and auditions happened on January 30th. We may be requesting coloured shirts or hats to use as props. Stay tuned to announcements on Seesaw.

Students in grades 4-6 created animals out of cardboard. They designed the parts of their animals and then they cut them out using the chomp saw. This is a very safe cutting tool designed to cut cardboard.

Students in grades 1-6 used the keyboards. We played some easy songs like Twinkle Twinkle Little Star and Mary Had a Little Lamb as introduction songs. Students also had time to be creative and perform in front of their classmates.





REMINDERS

NORWEST LEARNING CENTRE



Daycare Reminders...



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.

**NorWest Co-OP
COMMUNITY HEALTH**

Babysitting Training

Earn your Babysitting Certification during our one-day training session coming up!

DETAILS:

- ✓ February 2nd
- ✓ 11:00am - 3:00pm
- ✓ Gilbert Park RC
- ✓ For Ages 12 and Up
- ✓ Lunch Provided

CALL US TO REGISTER:
204-982-4429

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NEW OPPORTUNITY ALERT

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Healthy Food at School



We want to hear from YOU!

Are you in Grade 5 to 12 in Manitoba?

Tell us what you think about the food available
at your school.

Take our short online survey!

Your answers are private.

Deadline: February 13, 2026



Scan the QR code to start

survey.pra.ca/S2/1/SchoolNutrition/

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DRAFT BUDGET FEEDBACK



WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION

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January 21, 2026

RE: Draft Budget 2026-27 Feedback

Dear Families,

The Board of Trustees is preparing the 2026/27 draft budget, with a focus on sustaining existing staffing and programming in Winnipeg School Division. This work is being undertaken before provincial funding is confirmed.

Over the past two years, WSD has listened to families who have expressed the need for more teachers, educational assistants, and clinicians in classrooms. As further support, WSD has reduced classroom sizes, eliminated fees for lunch programs and field trips, and enhanced technology, school grounds, and classroom instruction. We have also renewed school libraries, developed a Universal Nutrition Program, and expanded after-school programming and childcare spaces.

WSD wants to hear from families again. Tell us about your priorities and the support you need to be engaged in your school community. Please complete the [online Budget 2026/27 Feedback Form](#) by February 20. If you require a paper copy or a form in another language, please contact your school.

Families are also invited to attend a public consultation on the 2026/27 draft budget:

When: Tuesday, February 24, 5:00 pm

Where: 2nd floor, Administration Building No. 1, 1577 Wall Street East

Please register as a delegation with the Board Office at 204-789-0469 by February 19. The presentation will also be live streamed on our website.

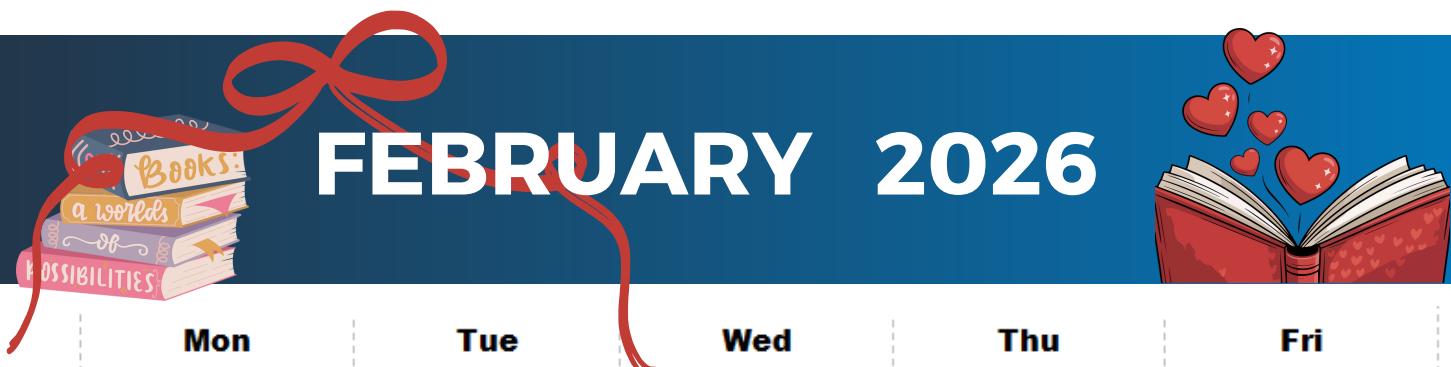
Thank you for sharing your input on the budget process. Your feedback supports our commitment to equitable and inclusive schools within WSD.

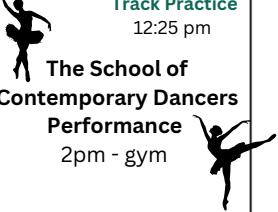
Sincerely,

Matt Henderson, PhD
Superintendent and CEO



FEBRUARY 2026



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2/ Day 1  Non-Instructional Day NO SCHOOL	3/ Day 2 Grades 4-6 Volleyball Practice 12:25 pm 	4/ Day 3  Grades 4-6 Track Practice 12:25 pm 	5/ Day 4  Grades 4-6 Volleyball Practice I LOVE TO READ dress-up: Bright Colours	6/ Day 5 Grades 4-6 Triple Ball Tournament @ Waterford Springs School
9/ Day 6  MOBILE VISION	10/ Day 1 Grades 4-6 Track Practice 12:25 pm 	11/ Day 2  Grades 4-6 Track Practice 12:25 pm	12/ Day 3  VOLLEYBALL Tournament I LOVE TO READ dress-up: Polka Dots	13/ Day 4 Grades 4-6 Track Practice 12:25 pm 
16 Louis Riel Day NO SCHOOL	17/ Day 5  Grades 4-6 Track Practice 12:25 pm The School of Contemporary Dancers Performance 2pm - gym	18/ Day 6  Grades 4-6 Track Practice 12:25 pm	19/ Day 1  Grades 4-6 Track Practice I LOVE TO READ dress-up: Beach Day	20/ Day 2 GR. 6 CAMP 
23/ Day 3	24/ Day 4 Grades 4-6 Track Practice 12:25 pm 	25/ Day 5  Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Hybrid Meeting 5:30 pm - Room 111 WEAR PINK	26/ Day 6  Inner City Basketball I LOVE TO READ dress-up: Pajama Day	27/ Day 1 Non-Instructional Day NO SCHOOL
 LOOKING AHEAD STUDENT-LED March 19-20 NO SCHOOL March 20 SPRING BREAK March 30-April 3	 National Pink Shirt Day is an annual anti-bullying campaign in Canada (and internationally) held on the last Wednesday of February, promoting kindness and acceptance by wearing pink to stand against bullying in schools, workplaces, and online.		 Lift Each Other Up PINK SHIRT DAY	