



## PRAIRIE ROSE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



# January NEWSLETTER

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Maria Manzano, Principal



Dear Prairie Rose Families,

Happy New Year and welcome back! We hope you had a restful and joyful Winter Break and that 2026 is off to a wonderful start for your family. We are so excited to be back together and looking ahead to a busy and engaging month at Prairie Rose.

As we begin the new year, classrooms will be spending time setting goals and planning next steps for learning. Students will reflect on their hopes and goals for the year ahead, building a strong foundation filled with joy, kindness, and a love of learning.

We are also pleased to offer two after-school programs starting this month. Young Designers, which is available for Nursery to Grade 3 students, and Filipino Heritage, which is open to students in Grades 3-6. Both programs are led by Prairie Rose staff and offered to students who have registered. If you would like more information, please contact the school office; we would be happy to help!

In addition, Prairie Rose will be participating in a lunchtime recreational opportunity for students in Grades 4-6 through Inner City Basketball. Games will take place at the Sport for Life Centre on Pacific Avenue. Ms. McFadyen will be connecting with interested students soon to share more details about this exciting opportunity.

Finally, we kindly remind families to continue sending children to school dressed for the winter weather. Students go outside for recess three times each day and enjoy fresh air whenever possible. Indoor recess only occurs when the temperature reaches -28°C.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to a fantastic start to the year together!

Warm regards,

*Mrs. Manzano*



*January*

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### CONTACT

Safe Arrival - 1-855-278-4513 | [goschoolmessenger.ca](http://goschoolmessenger.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."*



WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION

# WINTER CONCERT

some event pictures...





# CLASSROOM NEWS...

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

Welcome back and Happy New Year 2026!

I, along with the children, would like to give a **HUGE THANK YOU** to all parents, family, and friends who adjusted their schedules in order for us to participate in our Winter Concert!!! Thank you for taking the time to join us and cheer us on! Your support, encouragement, love, and applause meant so much. All the practicing and hard work the children did truly paid off. They did an incredible job!!!

A heartfelt thank you also goes out to all parents and caregivers who managed to bring the kids to school everyday during the frigid days in December, especially the day after the blizzard. Your dedication means so much and truly makes a difference in the kid's learning. Thank you!

It is a new year, and now that we have had fun, rest, and relaxation, it is time to get back to work!

We will continue to work on our Alphabet sounds, letter recognition, and many of our math skills, as we begin to explore units on Dinosaurs and Colours. We will also begin to practice "Dinosaur" Yoga in the classroom, as we try to stay warm during this cold month!

It should be a very busy and exciting time, so please make sure to check out what we are up to on SeeSaw!

Sincerely,

Ms. D



# CLASSROOM NEWS...



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

### ❄️ Welcome to 2026! ❄️

January is off to a great start as we continue building strong connections in our classroom both between classmates and with our learning.

In January, students will learn how animals in Manitoba survive winter by migrating, adapting, or hibernating. We'll also explore how *humans* adapt to winter by dressing properly to stay warm and safe.

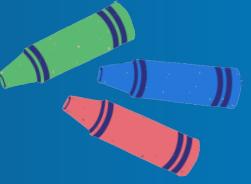
Many of our math, science and literacy activities will incorporate these concepts, and I'd encourage you to take a walk outside with your child looking for the animals that are still here and active. Let your child's curiosity and scientific mind explore and make conjectures. You might be surprised at what they know, and it is so much fun to let them lead the learning with their questions and connections. On this note, my hope is to get outside most days, so please be sure to send winter gear so we can do this often and safely. In order to get outside, we will be spending lots of time practicing how to put on and take off winter gear independently. (Of course, students will have help, but they will be encouraged to try first!) Watch for a small reminder card coming home that matches the visuals we use in class. Posting it at home can help your child remember the steps when getting ready to go outside.

In December, students loved our Gingerbread Thief mystery game! Using clues to solve the mystery brought lots of laughter and growing confidence. We'll continue using similar games to support learning in a fun way. We will also be talking about our families and the broader community during January and February, so there will be several opportunities for your child to share their lived experiences of both, as well as learn about their classmates.

I know you must have been proud of your child during the Winter Concert, and I have to say I was too! For many of the children it was their first time in front of a large crowd, and I was so pleased with how even those who were nervous jumped in and did a lovely job.



# CLASSROOM NEWS...



## GRADE 1 - ROOM 208 | MS. NASSAR

Happy New Year and Happy 2026!

I hope you all had a restful, fun filled, winter break. Room 208 is ready to get back into the swing of things. We will be continuing our learning and excited to do so.

We will be starting the UFLI reading program. We had Ms. Reynolds and Ms. Barsi do a sample lesson for Room 208 in December and the students were really engaged and learned some great tricks and tips about the letter 'T'. We will also be starting reading groups very soon.

December was a month of fun. Thank you to all the families who came to our Winter Concert. The students practiced, prepared, and did a wonderful job. Our favourite part of December was all the art projects, and the students absolutely loved the pancake breakfast.

Thank you for your continued support and all the best in 2026.

Ms. Nassar





# CLASSROOM NEWS...

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

As we kick off January, we loved taking time to look back at all the fun and learning from December! Our winter concert was wonderful, and we would like to send a big thank you to all the families who attended and helped make it such a special event. One big highlight was our pancake breakfast! It was such a special and memorable experience for everyone. During breakfast, we decided on the spot to do an informal encore of our winter concert, it was unplanned, full of smiles and giggles, and lots of fun! We also enjoyed celebrating our 67th days of school (6, 7) with creative art activities.

Students had a great time learning about different winter holidays from around the world and were excited to share what they discovered. In math, we were busy with our Toy Shop activity, building problem-solving and number skills in a fun, hands-on way.

Literacy time was extra exciting as we read and watched Mr. Popper's Penguins, which sparked lots of laughs and great conversations. We worked on compound words and explored different writing styles, including persuasive writing about favourite winter activities and informative "how-to" writing such as making hot chocolate, building a snowman, or having a snowball fight.

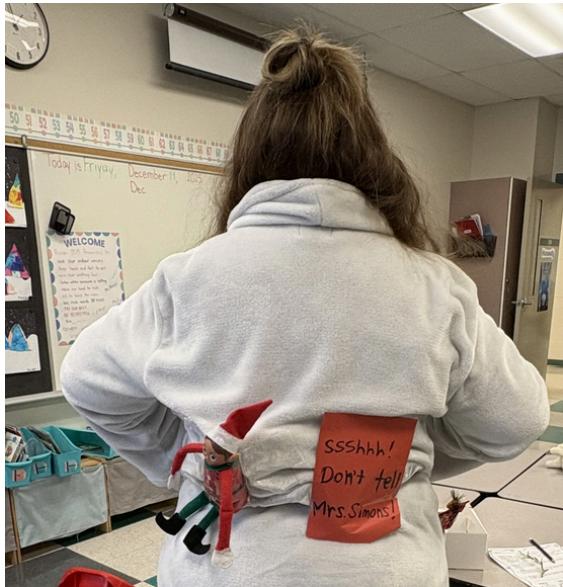
We also celebrated many Stars of the Week and loved learning more about each student. December was full of smiles, growth, and hard work, a wonderful way to end the year!



# CLASSROOM NEWS...



GRADES 2, 3 - ROOM 214 | MRS. SIMONS



Where did December go? What a fun month it was! Students in our class had a wonderful time performing in the winter concert, celebrating the 67th day of school, and participating in a variety of holiday-themed art, craft, and math activities. We also learned about holidays celebrated around the world. Students filled their passports with fun facts, maps, and even stamped each one with the flag of the countries we studied.

We wrapped up our last day of school with a pancake breakfast, a surprise lunch, and a class movie. December was a busy and exciting month, and we look forward to learning many new things in January!

I hope you all had a wonderful and restful winter break!



School  
Day





# CLASSROOM NEWS...

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

December is over? Didn't it just start? Room 212 put on a fantastic performance at the Winter Concert, thank you to all the families that came out and supported our students and congratulations to our raffle winners! It was a magical evening!

During our short but busy month of December, our class was busy creating art. One of the projects that we did was the step by step drawing of the Grinch. In different sizes! It was interesting to see everyone's creation and they looked fantastic! We also created a Starry Night portrait using watercolours and India Ink. The art turned out beautiful, we have some great artist in our room!

We have been busy writing persuasive letters to the North Pole, trying to convince the jolly fellow that we need to be hired during the busy season. I think we have some future lawyers in our room, they have some interesting and convincing ideas. I hope everyone has a great winter break and see you back in the New Year.



**HAPPY  
NEW YEAR**



# CLASSROOM NEWS...

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

Welcome back to school! We're ready to hit the ground running! We had a very busy month in Room 215 in December.

We finished our novel, *Kiki's Delivery Service*. The main character grows a lot through the book and it made us think about how different we are from the people we were a year ago. We made our own witch's journals to put ourselves in Kiki's position. It was a great way to think about what we would do if we were on our own for a year!

For Math, we are working on mental math skills, especially in subtraction. We are already getting much faster at solving tougher problems in many different ways. It's a little different than what we've been doing, but it makes math make sense!

Finally, we hope that everyone enjoyed our winter concert! We worked really hard to get ready for the show. It was a lot of fun for us to pick our song and do our own choreography.



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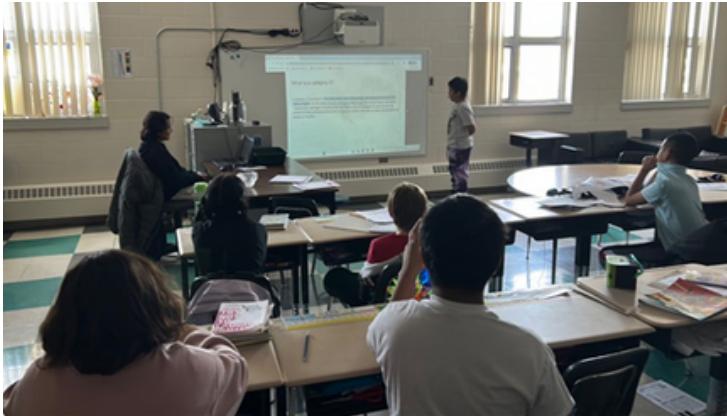
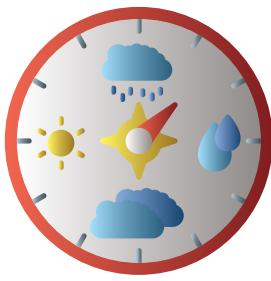


## GRADE 6 - ROOM 211 | MR. TOSZAK

December in our room was extremely busy yet rewarding as well. We have all learned so much! This month included preparing for our winter concert and practising everything that goes along with putting on a wonderful performance. We did lots of learning in the classroom and our science topic focused on weather which was perfect timing with some of the big storms we got in December. Our class made our own barometer which even helped us predict that the blizzard was coming. We also really enjoyed our pancake breakfast on the last day of school. We hope everyone had a fantastic winter break.



Happy  
New Year





# CLASSROOM NEWS...



## PHYSICAL EDUCATION | MS. MCFADYEN



Happy New Year! I hope you all had a restful winter break and enjoyed time with family and friends. We were lucky to get some snow right before our cross country skis arrived. Students in Grades 3-6 had the opportunity to ski 3-4 times and enjoy the fresh snow and trails.

In the month of January, students will be working on volleyball. There is an upcoming tournament in February for Grades 5 and 6 students that we will start practicing for.

We will also be starting practicing for a Track meet on February 24th at Max Bell. Students in Grades 4-6 will have the opportunity to participate in team shotput, team long jump, 200m relay and 60m shuttle run.



We had our winter concert at the start of December and students did a fantastic job. During integrated arts, students in Grades 4-6 worked on creating paper roller coasters and participated in singing, movement and drama activities. They had to design their own roller-coaster and adapt their designs. Students in Grades 1-3 created winter art and participated in drama games, singing and played the xylophones and glockenspiels.

## INTEGRATED ARTS | MS. MCFADYEN





# 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.

## LUNCH PROGRAM

### *Outdoor Reminder*

This is a friendly reminder to please help ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather each day.

Students eat lunch from 12:00–12:30 p.m. and then head outside for lunch recess from 12:30–12:55 p.m. Since lunch recess is longer than the two regular recesses during the day, students spend a significant amount of time outdoors at midday.

For students who go home for lunch, please note that they are asked to return to school at 12:45 p.m., when adequate adult supervision is available.

As we move into the colder winter months, we appreciate your support in making sure students come to school wearing warm winter clothing, including:

- Mitts or gloves
- A toque
- A scarf
- Ski pants
- A warm jacket
- Winter boots
- Plenty of warm layers



Thank you for helping keep our students comfortable and safe while enjoying their outdoor time.



# SPIRIT WEEK

*Pictures of this week...*





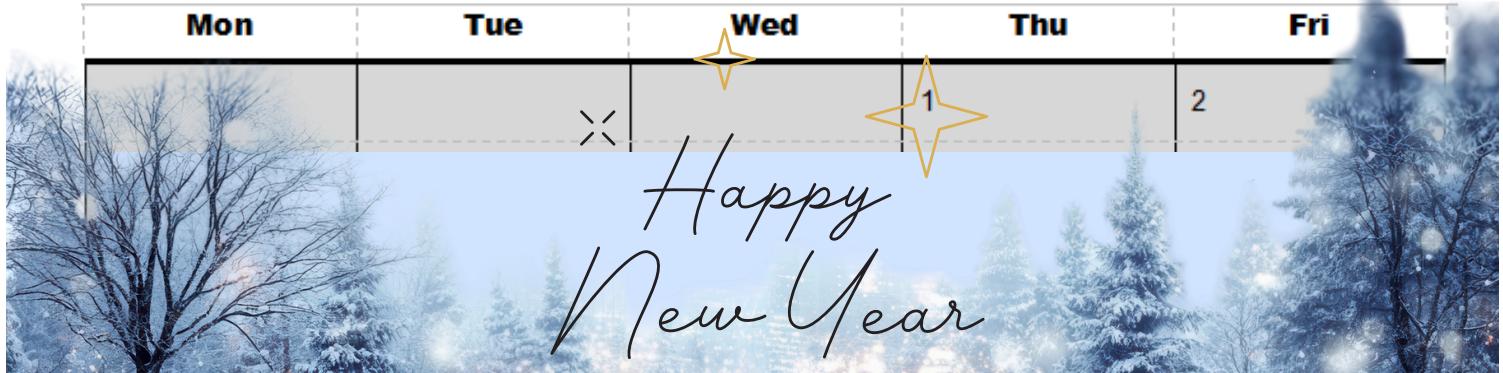
# PANCAKE BREAKFAST

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**THANK YOU** to our staff and volunteers for waking up extra early to make pancakes for the entire school community!





5/ Day 5	6/ Day 6	7/ Day 1	8/ Day 2	9/ Day 3
	Grades 4-6 <b>Intramurals</b> 12:25 pm	Grades 4-6 <b>Track Practice</b> 12:25 pm 	<b>YOUNG DESIGNERS</b> 3:30 - 5:30 pm 	
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19/ Day 3  Grades 2-3 <b>Intramurals</b> 12:25 pm	20/ Day 4  Grades 4-6 <b>Volleyball Practice</b> 12:25 pm 	<b>Parent Advisory Council (PAC)</b> <b>Hybrid Meeting</b> 5:30 pm - Room 111	<b>YOUNG DESIGNERS</b> 3:30 - 5:30 pm 	23/ Day 1  Grades 4-6 <b>Track Practice</b> 12:25 pm 
26/ Day 2  <b>Inner City Basketball</b> Sport for Life Centre 11 am to 1 pm 	27/ Day 3  Grades 4-6 <b>Track Practice</b> 12:25 pm 	<b>FILIPINO HERITAGE PROGRAM</b> 3:30 - 5:00 pm 	<b>YOUNG DESIGNERS</b> 3:30 - 5:30 pm 	<b>LOOKING AHEAD</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b> February 2 February 16 February 27