



March NEWSLETTER

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Maria Manzano, Principal



Dear Prairie Rose Families,

March is here, bringing warmer weather, special celebrations, and signs of change. With spring just around the corner, we are looking forward to a fresh new term filled with growth and learning.

Our Student-Led Conferences are coming up soon! Families are invited to attend on the evening of Thursday, March 19, or the morning of Friday, March 20. These conferences are a wonderful opportunity to be actively involved in your child’s learning. It’s a great way to review student portfolio, ask questions, and set goals together for the upcoming term. Please return your appointment request as soon as possible. Letters will be going home the first week of March. Confirmed times will be sent home along with Report Cards on Tuesday, March 17.

A heartfelt thank you to our “I Love to Read” Committee for organizing a fantastic month of activities that inspired both students and staff to celebrate their love of reading in creative ways. It was especially exciting to welcome several guest readers to Prairie Rose School! Please be sure to read more about the I Love to Read month’s highlights on pages 14–15 of this newsletter.

Registration for new students is now open. Nursery and Kindergarten registration for September 2026 has begun. Children are eligible for Nursery if they turn 4 years old by December 31, 2026 (born in 2022). Registration forms are online, available on our school website under the Student Registration tab.

Our Grade 6 transition process is also underway. Students will be participating in school visits and orientations this month as we work closely with staff at their next catchment school, École Stanley Knowles School, to ensure a smooth and positive transition.

Finally, please note that Spring Break takes place during the last week of March. Students will return to school on Monday, April 6. Wishing all our families a wonderful month ahead!

Thank you,
Mrs. Manzano



March AT A GLANCE

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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...

Each month, we proudly recognize and celebrate students who exemplify living the Good Life—Mino-pimatisiwin—through their commitment to the Seven Teachings. Classroom teachers select one student from their class and share how that student has demonstrated these teachings in meaningful ways. Honoured students receive a certificate and are recognized during a school assembly and in the school newsletter. This month, the following students have shown outstanding love, respect, courage, humility, honesty, truth, and wisdom.



ELIANA - Room 113-AM

Eliana is being honoured this month for demonstrating **Truth**. Eliana shows Truth by speaking kindly, making thoughtful choices, respecting others and the environment, and bravely standing up for herself and her peers.



MILO - Room 113-PM

Milo is being recognized for demonstrating **Respect**. Milo is quick to take turns during playtime, gentle with our classroom materials and often offers to help others when they are in need.



NOAH - Room 208

Noah has shown **Courage** many times over the month. Noah faced some challenges and even when he felt frustrated or unsure he kept trying when it was difficult, he persevered when something was hard and showed/taught himself that he **CAN** do hard things.



AVI - Room 209

Avi will be honoured this month for demonstrating **Respect**. Avi consistently treats other with respect and is considerate of how she can help to make the class and school



MARLIAN - Room 214

Marlian will be honoured this month for demonstrating **Respect, Love, Humility, Wisdom** and **Courage**.

Marlian is a natural leader, responsible role model, loyal friend and **ALWAYS** willing to lend a helping hand. She treats everyone with respect, is accepting of everyone and is the first to clean up a mess, even when it isn't hers!



BRIANA - Room 212

Briana will be honoured this month for demonstrating **Truth**. Briana has shown ways to be truthful. She is true to herself and others at all times.



GURSAKHI - Room 215

Gursakhi demonstrated **Bravery**. She does her best in school and presented a project in front of the class with confidence. She stands up for what she believes in and also been brave and helped her school in sports like volleyball, basketball, and track.



JOSH - Room 211

Joshua will be honoured this month for demonstrating **Love**. He consistently shows love for his classmates and his school. Joshua took it upon himself to make all students feel welcomed and a part of the team during sporting events.



CLASSROOM NEWS...

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

Once again, a BIG THANK-YOU to all of our families for your continued support – and especially for helping make our Valentine’s Day Celebration such a success!! From the thoughtful Valentine cards to the generous treats and snacks, your kindness made the day truly special for everyone!

Although “I Love to Read” Month has ended, our love of books and reading continues to be encouraged and celebrated in our classroom. I would love for you to continue nurturing that love at home by participating in our Home Reading Program and/or sharing a favourite bedtime story each day. Please join me in celebrating the children and their growing confidence as their reading skills develop!

This month, we will continue exploring Colours, Letters, Words, and Numbers, while beginning our study of Shapes through St. Patrick’s Day and Easter-themed activities. We will also revisit our study of Trees as we observe and discuss the seasonal changes that come with the arrival of Spring.

We look forward to welcoming all of our families to the Student-Led Conferences on Thursday evening, March 19th and Friday morning, March 20th, 2026. The children have been working very hard and they are excited to share their learning and explorations with you. When you receive your scheduled time, please mark it on your calendar to ensure you do not miss this special opportunity!

Wishing everyone a fun, relaxing and safe Spring Break (Monday, March 30th to Friday, April 3rd)! I look forward to seeing everyone again on Easter Monday (April 6th)!



CLASSROOM NEWS...



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

This month has been full of fun and meaningful moments in our afternoon Nursery/Kindergarten class! We have continued exploring numbers and letters through hands-on play and interactive games. One class favourite has been a simple number game using 20 cards. Students take turns coming to the front, choosing a number, and discovering whether a sticker was hidden behind it. I must admit that their excitement of discovering whether they chose a card with a sticker kept them engaged far longer than I expected! February has also been a special month as our school celebrates I Love to Read Month. In addition to spending extra time enjoying books together, we participated in a teacher swap, where Mr. Toszczak visited our classroom to read to the students. We also visited the library to hear from two wonderful guest readers, Mr Romaniuk and Cindy Lamoureux (MLA for Tyndall Park). We look forward to welcoming two more guest readers before the end of the month.

Our 100th Day of School celebration was filled with fun activities, but the highlight for many students was creating necklaces using 100 Froot Loops! It was a delicious way to practice counting to 100. We also celebrated Valentine's Day by exchanging cards and taking extra time to share kind words and appreciation for one another. On February 17th, the whole school enjoyed an energetic performance by the School of Contemporary Dance. Our class had front-row seats, and students were amazed by the dancers' flexibility and talent.

Something exciting this month is that our school will begin recognizing students who display some part of the Seven Teachings. This month I am recognizing Milo B. Milo is a kind friend who is very often seen helping others. He is quick to take turns during playtime, gentle with our classroom materials and often offers to help others when they are in need. For these reasons I would like to recognize Milo for demonstrating the quality of respect. Congratulations Milo!

As we move into the rest of February and into March, we will continue stretching our minds through our exploration of fairy tales and colour. We will also keep practicing letter sounds and building our number sense skills. I am looking forward to our upcoming student-led conferences. Families can watch for more information as we approach March 18th and 20th.



CLASSROOM NEWS...



GRADE 1 - ROOM 208 | MS. NASSAR



February was a whirlwind of activities. We loved celebrating 100 Day, sharing cards on Valentine's Day, meeting guest readers, dressing up, and learning about sea creatures. Each student has a math goal that they are working on. You can help them at home by asking about their goals and helping them to complete it. Many of their goals involve counting backwards and completing subtraction problems to 20. In ELA we are still going strong with our UFLI lessons and playing some fun reading games. See the picture below of the green group playing "roll and read". Just another reminder – if students are bringing home their reading bags, please ensure they are back in the back packs as we use them almost every day.



We finished our social studies unit with a diorama project. Students researched a Canadian animal of their choice and made the animal out of plasticine and the animal's habitat. We just started our second science unit, Weather and Seasons. We are excited to share our learning at the upcoming Student Led conferences. More info to come!

Talk soon,
-Ms. Nassar





CLASSROOM NEWS...

GRADES 2, 3 - ROOM 209 | MRS. BARROS

What a JAM-PACKED month we have had in our classroom! It's hard to believe how much we fit into such a short month, we have been busy, busy, busy!

We spent some time learning about and connecting activities to the 2026 Winter Olympics, tying in teamwork.

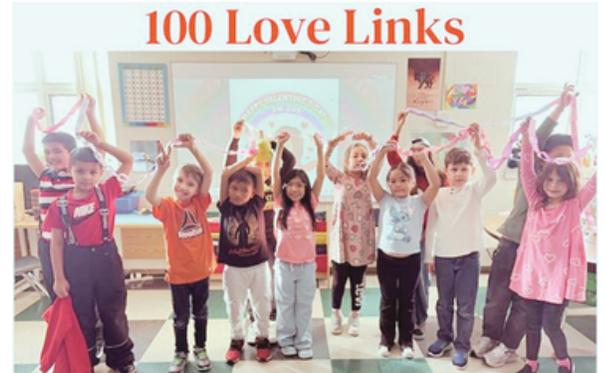
We also celebrated the joy of reading with "I Love to Read" activities and proudly marked our 100th Day of School with creative challenges and special projects. For Valentine's Day, we spread kindness by making 100 Love Links, each link sharing a thank-you message to classmates for the thoughtful and caring things they do every day. Our classroom chain is a beautiful reminder of how kind and supportive this group is!

In literacy, we finished reading *The BFG* and celebrated by watching the movie version. The comparisons between the book and film sparked some fantastic discussions! We've also launched our new class novel, *The Wild Robot*, and students are already hooked.

Our classroom was transformed into a Viking workshop as we built Viking longships and designed detailed shields. Students used critical thinking skills while learning about Viking battles and strategies, future historians in the making!

In math, we are working on measurement and have started a new problem-solving routine called Esti-Mysteries, which encourages students to estimate, justify their thinking, and revise their ideas as they receive new clues.

Thank you to all of our families for staying connected through Seesaw. Your engagement, encouragement, and support at home make a big difference in your child's learning experience. It has been a full and productive month filled with learning across many subjects. We appreciate your continued partnership!



CLASSROOM NEWS...

GRADES 2, 3 - ROOM 214 | MRS. SIMONS

February was so much fun! We were so busy with I Love to Read activities, Winter Olympic activities, 100 Day celebrations and Valentine's Day! In Social Studies, we're wrapping up our Vikings learning and are about to begin our new Science topic, Position and Motion. We learned so much about the Vikings and we designed, built and tested our own longships! We needed to make sure the ships floated in water and remained floating while holding weights. We also designed and built long houses and designed our own Viking shields! Student continue to work hard with UFLI concepts and we just began our new class novel, The Wild Robot. Students are doing well with Reading Eggs and are encouraged to use Reading Eggs at home. In math, we have been focusing on mental math, Esti Mysteries, Cuisinaire Rods and measurement. We are finished learning about telling time and are now working on measurement of length and mass. Mathletics continues in the classroom and would be great for students to work on at home, as well! Students have been having fun keeping track of the Winter Olympic medals. It's always exciting when we can add a new medal for Canada! On February 17, we watched performances by the Contemporary School of Dance. The students really enjoyed the interactive show! February was amazing! We look forward to continuing our learning in March and tackling new concepts before spring break!





CLASSROOM NEWS...

GRADES 4, 5 - ROOM 212 | MS. DENISE

Room 212 has had a busy month with I Love to Read guest readers and activities. We all should remember to take some time out of our day and settle down with something that you enjoy reading. We wrote some poetry for our Valentine's Day art; and we definitely have great poets in our room! In Math, we have been practicing open number lines and part whole boxes almost every day, and we are building on our multiplication and division skills. And to celebrate Math and Valentine's Day, we made cookies! We doubled and added fractions and made the most delicious treat!

In social studies, we have been exploring the history of Canada, from its earliest origins through to the formation of the nation, focusing on the interactions between Indigenous peoples and European settlers. We also managed to cover some of the Olympics sports, everyone had an opportunity to teach their classmates a winter sport.

We managed to create a beautiful piece of art to honor the Lunar New Year, which is the Year of the Fire Horse which represents speed, freedom and big, bold changes. What are you going to do differently this year?





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.

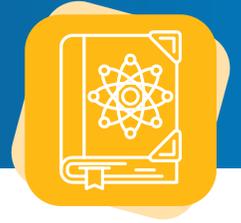
Finally, in Science we finished our unit on habitats and had our final test. We learned about the food chain and how the producers, consumers, and decomposers in a habitat all work together to transfer energy to each living thing.

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



The Winter Olympics, taking place in February in Italy, are a display of the best athletes in the world. Every Olympic event is represented by a Pictogram, a picture that any athlete of any culture can see and understand.

CLASSROOM NEWS...



GRADE 6 - ROOM 211 | MR. TOSZAK

This month was very special as it was “I Love to Read Month”. We had multiple guest readers who were able to talk about their careers and read to our classroom. The best part about I love to Read Month was all the special activities. We had unique days, such as Bubble Day, Beach Day and PJs day.

We also were able to attend grade 6 camp this month. We had a blast participating in activities such as tobogganing, skiing, fire-building, skating, and so many other fun activities. We also really enjoyed the breakfast and lunch that we got at camp. It was a great day to spend with our friends. Enjoy the pictures below to see some of the great experiences we were able to enjoy.





CLASSROOM NEWS...



PHYSICAL EDUCATION | MS. MCFADYEN

During the month of February students participated in dance and gymnastics activities. We learned Tinkling, Jingle Dress Dancing, and Bhangra. Beam, floor and vault stations were set up in the gym for students to explore.

On February 6th and February 12th students in Grade 5 and 6 participated in a volleyball tournament. They practiced hard for two months and put their skills to the test at the tournament. Great job Panthers!

On February 24th students in Grades 4-6 participated in a Track Meet at the University of Manitoba. The events at the track meet were 4x200m relay, standing long jump relay, shotput relay and the 60m shuttle run. Everyone did a fantastic job!



INTEGRATED ARTS | MS. MCFADYEN

This month students in grade 4-6 worked on paper mache geometric animals. This was an art activity that took multiple classes to complete. Students also started learning the songs for our Finding Nemo musical. We have made cast selections and will be starting lunch hour practices this month.





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 Visitor spots at all times.

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

Light jacket
Wind-resistant would be ideal

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

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

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

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I LOVE TO READ

month activities...



During the month of February, Prairie Rose School celebrated another successful I Love to Read month! This year's theme was "Dive into Reading"! All students in our school participated in fun activities planned to celebrate reading.

Throughout February, students participated in activities such as the weekly Mystery Reader and Trivia Question contests and a whole school reading challenge. If we filled our bulletin board aquarium with fish by the last week of I Love to Read, the students achieved the whole school challenge! To earn a fish, students needed to read 10 picture books, or 10 chapters in a novel. The ultimate prize for achieving this goal was a whole school movie in the gym AND Mrs. Manzano agreed to have her hair cut in front of the school if the goal was met! (Watch out for it to happen sometime in March)

Each week featured a "Book Dive" where students had to stop everything and read when they heard a special chime over the PA system!

This year we were honoured to have many guest readers come to our school to share with us. Olympic swimmer Kelsey Wog joined us virtually. She read one of her favourite books to the students in our school, talked about setting and achieving goals and shared footage of her victory at the Olympic qualifiers! Our former principal Mr. Romaniuk and former music teacher Mrs. Higham visited us and read stories to our classes. Mrs. Higham brought a special guest- her baby Max! School Trustee, Ann Evangelista read to our classrooms and sang songs with the students.

MLA Cindy Lamoureux came to visit and read to us. She answered questions about her role in our government and working at the Legislative Building. We were excited to receive bookmarks that she brought for all of us! City Councillor, Vivian Santos read to our intermediate classes. She read stories, answered questions about her role and left bookmarks with our students. She asked the students about changes they want to see in our community. We had some great answers! One of our Costco readers, Chris had fun reading stories with our class. Constable Tabing from Winnipeg Police Service visited our school to read stories, talk about safety and he answered the many questions students had for him about keeping our community safe. MMF's JoAnne Remillard read a story, taught us about Bannock and traditional Metis beading and sash making. MGEU's Kyle Ross visited the older grades and read to them. And finally, Max Murphy, Winnipeg Goldeye's Outfielder, read books about baseball and taught us about the sport, the position he plays and the Winnipeg Goldeyes games. He gave all the students his player's card! We were so fortunate to have so many guests come to our school and spend time with our students.

I Love to Read week would not be complete without our Dress Up days. Staff and students celebrated Coral Reef Day (wear bright colours), Bubble Day (wear polka dots), Beach Day and Pajama Day! We're excited to share that our school successfully completed the Whole School Reading Challenge! Thanks to the hard work and dedication of our students, we earned a special reward - a movie afternoon in the gym for everyone in the school to enjoy!

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Thanks to everyone who made I Love to Read month a success.

Keep on reading!

-Your I Love to Read committee,

Mrs. Barros, Ms. Nassar, Mrs. Simons and Ms. McFadyen

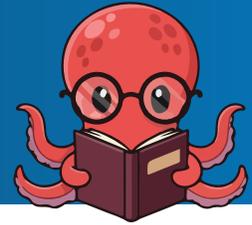


Movie Afternoon (Finding Nemo! This was a great introduction to our upcoming school musical and fit our Dive into Reading theme perfectly!)



I LOVE TO READ

guest readers...



Olympian Swimmer,
Kelsey Wog



MLA for Tyndall Park,
Cindy Lamoureux



Winnipeg Public Library,
Stephen Falk



School Trustee,
Ann Evangelista



Winnipeg Goldeyes
Outfielder, **Max Murphy**



Winnipeg Police Service,
Constable Tabing



Costco Reader,
Chris Kochan



Minister of Education,
MMF, **JoAnne Remillard**



Former Music Teacher,
Mara Higham



City Councillor,
Vivian Santos



MGEU President,
Kyle Ross



Former Principal,
Ken Romaniuk

MARCH 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2/ Day 2	3/ Day 3 	4/ Day 4 	5/ Day 5  Festival du Voyageur	6/ Day 6 Grades 4-6 Intramurals 12:25 pm
9/ Day 1 	10/ Day 2	11/ Day 3   Inner City Basketball @Sport for Life Centre	12/ Day 4  Inner City Basketball @Sport for Life Centre	13/ Day 5
16/ Day 6 Grades 4-6 Intramurals 12:25 pm	17/ Day 1 	18/ Day 2 	19/ Day 3 Student-Led Conferences 3:45 - 7:45 pm 	20/ Day 4 ~ NO SCHOOL ~ Student-Led Conferences 9:00 - 12:00 pm 
23/ Day 5	24/ Day 6	25/ Day 1 	26/ Day 2 	27/ Day 3
SPIRIT WEEK				
	 Patrol Field Trip Uptown Alley	Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Hybrid Meeting 5:30 pm - Room 111	Spring Photos Class Photo / Siblings Pizza Lunch	LOOKING AHEAD NO SCHOOL April 10
30	31			



Spring
Break
March 30 - April 3

SEE YOU BACK
Monday, April 6th

