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April Snow Showers



Principal's message...

Hello and happy May!

Thank you to our Parent Council for organizing the **Save the Elm Sock Hop** (and we did raise enough money to treat the playground elm! Way to go!) and for the **Glenlea Plant Fundraiser**. I know that I put in my order and can't wait to take advantage of this opportunity. More information on how and when to pick up plant orders will be emailed out to everyone via school messenger. Stay tuned.

We will begin to plant in the **Peace Garden** soon. Please remember that we all need to take care of the Peace Garden. It's important to remember to not walk, stand or jump on the garden boxes. We need to respect the trees and vegetation to allow it to grow and flourish. Please do not dig holes or pull plants from the gardens. If anyone is interested in helping weed and water the gardens in the summer, we are always looking for volunteers. Please contact parent council if you can volunteer to help keep the Peace Garden flourishing.

Winnipeg School Division will be joining Winnipeg Pride Festival this year on June 1st. Stay tuned for more information.

We are looking forward to our **spring musical, We Are Monsters!** Reminder that students will perform both evenings!

Did you know.... That our students voted to change our mascot to the Bisons? That's right! We will be the Little Bluestem Bisons starting next year!

As we jump into spring, it's important to **review river/creek safety**. The water levels are very high and could be dangerous. We want all our Wolseley Wolves to remain safe. We will go over water safety at the school but would appreciate a conversation from home as well.

We will once again be using the outdoors as a classroom for our **Outdoor Challenge**. We look forward to spending more time learning outside in June.

Have a magnificent May,

Brian

Parent Council news...

First, a big thank you to everyone who came out to the *Save the Elms* sock hop! It was a fantastic night and great to see such strong community support for protecting our school's trees from Dutch elm disease and emerald ash borer. DJ Mama Cutsworth was, as always, a highlight - helping us celebrate hitting our fundraising goal in style by turning off the lights and turning up the jams!

Thanks to your generosity, we raised over \$1,000, which, combined with a bit of luck, means we may be able to protect two trees this year. This work is costly and ongoing, as treatments only last a few seasons, so continued fundraising will be important as our younger trees grow. If you'd like to contribute, donations can be made anytime by e-transfer to wolseley.parents@gmail.com. We're also very grateful to all the parents who helped bake and run the event.

Speaking of trees: a reminder that we're looking for volunteers on June 2nd to help plant 27 new baby trees. Email us to sign up or for more info.

Next: It is the time of year where we start to look for new Parent Council members.

After many years of dedicated service, Jenny, our treasurer, will be stepping down at the end of this school year. Thanks Jenny! Jenny is happy to help train someone new, so if you've ever considered getting involved, this is a great opportunity. The Parent Council Treasurer plays an important role in supporting school activities (including paying the DJ for the sock hop!), and it's a rewarding way to contribute to the school community. Additional volunteer roles are always opening up. Everyone is welcome. And trust me, it's a lot of fun.

Finally, as you'll have read already in a recent email Brian sent out, our plant fundraiser delivery day is coming up on **May 12**, and we're looking for volunteers to help sort orders between 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. If you're available for a couple of hours, please contact Katharina at knuss@opensky.ca.

We're also collecting cardboard flats or low-sided boxes for sorting—these can be dropped off at the school during the week leading up to delivery.

Thank you, as always, for your support.

Ryan
Your PC Chair

Room 17 am/pm N/K...

The Nursery Kindergarten class prepared for a trip to the deep blue sea this week and went on an exciting underwater submarine excursion. In the coming weeks, they will continue exploring creatures of the deep blue sea through crafts, games, and learning about the underwater ocean world.



Room 1 Grades 1/2...

Room One has been enjoying some outdoor learning experiences this month.

We had a snow day, an Earth Day parade and a planting day.

We have had some rich learning experiences with our student teacher and designed our own flower beadwork inspired artwork.



Room 2 Grades 1/2...

This month we have continued our pretend trip to Nunavut and have been learning about arctic animals. Now each student is working on a story about arctic animals. We practiced organizing our ideas first and brainstormed what would happen at the beginning, the middle and at the end of our story. We also just created dioramas showing a bit of what we learned on our trip to Nunavut. We'll be flying back to Winnipeg at the end of the month! We also have been practicing writing poems. We wrote poems about the snow on that big snow day and poems about what we love about the earth, to name a few. On earth day, we also made posters and went on a walk around the neighborhood with room 1 to share our love for the earth. In math, we have been practicing our subtraction skills and different strategies that can help us subtract, such as using counters, number lines, base ten blocks, and more.



Room 3 Grade 3...

We are doing division. We are doing mini art. We are learning The Seven Teachings. We have been doing country research. We are doing visual arts. We are doing reading groups.

Mabel

We have been learning division and it's fun, and we've been doing research. Gym is outside. Quinn is teaching us the seven teachings. Ms. Sarah is teaching us francais. We have been reading. We have been doing word searches.

Rose

In math we have been doing a division book. In art we have been drawing mini pictures. In social studies we have been doing research on a country. In gym we crashed a spaceship on a planet and we need to fix our spaceship and get back to Earth. In francais we are learning french. When we do a read aloud we read A Series of Unfortunate Events. We have also been learning about the Seven Teachings.

Llewyn



Room 10 Grades 3/4...

In math, students have been exploring the concept of money in a fun and interactive way. Through games, they practiced identifying coins, counting their values, and making exchanges. One favorite activity involved rolling a die, collecting a corresponding number of coins, and then figuring out different ways to combine or exchange them. This hands-on approach helps students build confidence in recognizing coin values and understanding how money works in real-life situations.

We also took time to connect our learning to the world around us in celebration of Earth Day. Students participated in a community clean-up by picking up litter in our school area. They showed great teamwork and responsibility while discussing why it's important to care for our environment. It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm and pride in making a positive impact!



Room 8 Grades 4/5...

In room 8 kids have started working on social studies about different places in Manitoba. In math we have been working on the area and perimeter of rectangles with Kyle, our student teacher. In Read Aloud we've been listening to Lili read Wonder. With the topic of reading on hand we have been doing reading groups where we were assigned a specific novel and tasked to read it with a group.

By *fli* and *Jeagen*



Room 9 Grades 5/6...

We've had a busy month coming off of a restful Spring Break. We jumped into a bunch of new units and projects after wrapping up our previous work. In Science we have begun learning about space, and what perfect timing. Our first lessons included watching and talking about the Artemis II mission where 4 astronauts made the ~10 day trip from Earth to the Moon and back. We looked at images that the astronauts took of the dark side of the moon, watched some of the live streams and talked about how the Orion capsule was able to safely make it back to Earth, splashing down in the Pacific Ocean.

Before the break we had spent time working on persuasive writing and essay structure, and now we have just finished holding our student debates. Students took what they researched and had to take on an opponent in a live debate in front of the class. We talked about respectful arguments, public speaking tips and scored each other throughout the process.

In Social Studies we've continued adding to our Interactive Notebooks with a heavy focus on the events of World War II, including the Holocaust and Canada's involvement in the war. Students have been very interested in this topic so we've had some great conversations. We had also spent time reading World War II historical fiction in our book clubs and even got to listen live to Pinchas Gutter, a Holocaust survivor who spoke about his experiences during the war and in concentration camps.

We've done quite a few short topics in Math recently. We've learned about the relationship between fractions, decimals and percentages. We then connected that to ratios, learned about integers and negative numbers and just finished learning about the order of operations. Now we're going to move into talking about identifying and measuring angles.

We're getting closer and closer to the end of the year, so things are getting extra busy. If you'd like to see what is going on in our classroom you can check out the classroom Instagram @wolseley9. Looking forward to another busy month of learning!

Riley

Room 13 Grades 5/6...

This month we have been focusing on oral storytelling. We did things like telling stories with puppets and learnt about Indigenous oral storytelling. Soon we will be using the skills we have been learning to create a podcast. We have also been finishing up our novel stories, and we are almost on the last stage, the publishing stage, using an app called BookWright.

In math we have been learning fractions with decimals, equivalent fractions, converting fractions. We have been using number lines to help to visually represent these.

In science we went to the library and did a bunch of experiments. My favorite was balloon racers. We had a balloon on straws, we taped the straw to the balloon and raced it along a string, the smaller balloon was faster it's filled with not a lot of air and the big balloon is filled with all of air so we looked at how fast they went and the smaller balloon went faster because it had better aerodynamics.

We also learnt there are four things that you need to fly on a plane. It is thrust, weight/gravity, lift and drag. Also in science we're doing air balloons as well and they use heat to go up so you know when you're in a bunk bed when you're on the top bed you are like super hot it's because heat goes up and the cold air goes down so that's why/how an air balloon goes up because a flame makes hot air that goes up into the balloon that's at the top and it makes it float.

In social studies we are learning about World War 2, and how hard it was for families. Right now we are looking and making our own propaganda posters for things like victory bonds. We also were learning about how Germany was doing some real messed up stuff with their leader, Hitler.

And some lucky kids in our class who participated in the MYRCA club got to go to the MYRCA award celebration and it sounded like they had a blast.

- Jackson

Room 19 Performing Arts...

The students have been working incredibly hard on integrating all of their dance, drama, and musical skills to put the pieces of our show together. There is a large note being sent home with costume and ticket info. Please have your child bring their costume in a labelled bag to school on May 15th. Just to note, the recommendations for costumes are to the best of your ability; this should not be a stressful thing!

Please bring any tickets you are not using back to the school so we can give them to another family who may need extras.

Show times are as follows:

May 20th 6:00 PM. Students arrive at 5:30. Pick up at 7:00

May 21st Open rehearsal at 1:30. Evening 6:00. Students arrive at 5:30. Pick up at 7:00



Room 25 Phys Ed...

Before the break, all grades were participating in a basketball unit. The older students were able to play full games that put their skills to practice. In the younger grades we focused more on the basic skills of dribbling, shooting and passing.

With the return of spring weather, we have begun a track and field unit. The warmer days have made the prospect of going outside much more exciting. Our lineup of events have been brought together under a Sci-Fi narrative. Set against the backdrop of an interstellar spaceship breaking down while in orbit over a far off planet, students have been divided into groups across the grades based on where their escape pods landed. Through events that mimic everything from sprints to javelin, all are vying for a chance to upgrade their own Flame Reconnaissance and Navigational Knowledge (FRaNK) Droid. The goal for everyone is being able to travel home.

Our spring run club is just starting. Younger students will have the chance to try a little bit of long distance running once a week over lunch. Older students will begin training after school for the divisional "Fit Run" at the beginning of June.



Room 21 Adapted Skills...

Room 21 has been busy this past month with exploring some food projects. We loved making snacks and breakfasts to share with our friends. We made eggs, ham and french toast for breakfast. We also made Rice Krispie squares and ants on a log for snacks.

Now that the weather is finally nice we are able to have some of our gym time outside with Kathryn. We are also going for walks around our Wolseley neighbourhood at lunch .We can't wait to get our bikes outside next.



Staff Spotlight

KERRI

OUR INCLUSIVE EDUCATION
LOW ENROLLMENT TEACHER



How many years have you been with Wolseley school?

- I've been here for 4 years.

What is your favorite subject?

- My favourite subject is ELA!

What is your favorite children's book?

- My favourite book is "The Monster at the End of This Book" by Jon Stone.

What is one thing we should know about you?

- I met the Queen of England!

JUDITH

OUR EA



How many years have you been with Wolseley school?

- I've been here for 7 years!

What is your favorite subject?

- My favorite subject is Ancient Philosophy!

What is your favorite children's book?

- My favorite book is "The Memory Tree" by Britta Teckentrup!

What is one thing we should know about you?

- I practice stoicism.

ADEBANKE

OUR EA

How many years have you been with Wolseley school?

- I've been here for 5 years!

What is your favorite subject?

- My favorite subject is Math!

What is your favorite children's book?

- My favorite book is "Love You Forever" by Robert Munsch!

What is one thing we should know about you?


- I love dogs but can't keep them as I can't walk them out in winter!





May 2026



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				1 day 5
4 day 6	5 day 1	6 day 2 Grade 4 Swimming Counts 10:30	7 day 3 Grade 6 Immunizations PM	8 day 4 Non- Instructional Day
11 day 5	12 day 6	13 day 1 Grade 4 Swimming Counts 10:30	14 day 2	15 day 3
18 School Closed Victoria Day	19 day 4	20 day 5 School Musical 6:00 - 7:00	21 day 6 School Musical 6:00 - 7:00	22 day 1
25 day 2 PIZZA LUNCH 	26 day 3	27 day 4	28 day 5	29 day 6

June at a glance...

June 2 - Tree Planting (June 9 Rain Date)

June 12 - Non-Instructional

June 15 - 19 - Outdoor Challenge

June 22 - Pizza Lunch

June 26 - Grade 6 Farewell

June 30 - Last day of school - 11:30 Dismissal

