

# PINKHAM SCHOOL

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## MAY NEWSLETTER

### Principal's Message

As we move into May, I would like to take a moment to reflect on a wonderful and active month of April at Pinkham School. Our students and staff embraced opportunities to learn both inside and outside the classroom.

We were proud to take part in our Earth Day clean-up, where students demonstrated great care and responsibility for our environment. It was inspiring to see so many helping hands working together to keep our community clean. We also came together for our Pink Shirt Day assembly, focusing on the importance of kindness, inclusion, and standing up against bullying. This meaningful event helped reinforce our shared commitment to creating a safe and caring school environment for all.

April also included some exciting field trip experiences. Classes 210 and 216 enjoyed a memorable visit to the zoo, where students had the opportunity to connect their classroom learning with the natural world. In addition, Rooms 203, 205, and 210 attended a performance at the West End Cultural Centre to watch the Frontier Fiddlers. This was a fantastic cultural experience, and students represented our school with pride.

We have some staffing updates for the remainder of the school year. Ms. Kaileigh Tod has started her maternity leave and will be off for the remainder of the school year. We welcome Ms. Keith Fennell to Pinkham School, who will be in her place until the end of June. Ms. Kabani continues to be on leave as well.

As we look ahead, we are excited for the arrival of warmer weather. With spring in full swing, classes will begin to take more of their learning outdoors. Outdoor learning provides valuable opportunities for exploration, creativity, and hands-on experiences that support student engagement and well-being.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of our school community.

Warm regards,  
Sonia Medaglia Dos Santos, Principal



### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG) Assembly**

**May 5<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 am**

**Parent Council Meeting**

(Last one of the school year)

**May 27<sup>th</sup> at 3:45 pm**

**Light Supper and Cake will be served!**

**Child care available.**

### REMINDERS

**NO SCHOOL**

**Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup> PD Day**

**Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup>- Victoria Day**

### Land Acknowledgement

*"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 Métis, and the ancestral lands of the Anishinaabe, Ininiwak, and Dakota Oyate peoples."*

# What's Happening in the Gym at Pinkham School

It's been a fantastic month in the gym! Students have been staying active, building skills, and most importantly, having fun. Over the past few weeks, classes have been working hard on jump rope skills. From basic jumps to more advanced tricks, students have embraced the challenge and shown great perseverance. Jumping rope is a wonderful way to improve overall fitness, coordination, and endurance, and it's been great to see so much enthusiasm.

We also had the opportunity to explore yoga. Students practiced mindfulness, balance, and flexibility through both individual and partner activities. It was a calm and focused experience, and many students really enjoyed trying something new. After school, our HOOPS program has been in full swing on Tuesdays. Students have been developing basketball skills and refining their techniques, all while enjoying the game and working together as a team.

With the warmer weather, we've also been lucky enough to take some classes outside. Fresh air and movement make a great combination!

Looking ahead, we are preparing for the FIT RUN in June. Students have been practicing their running during warm-ups and building their stamina in anticipation of the event. Another great month in the gym at Pinkham! It's wonderful to see everyone working hard, being kind, playing safely, and having fun. - Ms. Lisi Phys. Ed. Teacher



# Earth Day Highlights



In a world  
where you can  
be anything,  
be kind.



**ASSEMBLY- MAY 5TH, 2026 @ 9:00 AM**

**MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN AND GIRLS (MMIWG)**

Our school community will come together on Tuesday, May 5th at 9:00 a.m. to honour and raise awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG).

Students will begin with an assembly, followed by a walk in our neighbourhood. Our route will take us around the school, down Alexander Avenue to Sherbrook Street, looping back along Pacific Avenue.

Students are encouraged to wear red to show their support and to honour the lives of those who are missing and those who have been taken. Together, we walk in remembrance, solidarity, and a shared commitment to learning and reconciliation.

**MAY 5  
RED DRESS DAY**

Red Dress Day was inspired in 2010 by Métis artist Jamie Black, who hung hundreds of empty red dresses in public places. These were hung to represent missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls and two-spirit people.

The day is to bring awareness and the need for education regarding violence towards Indigenous women, girls and two-spirit people.



# Welcome to the Family Room

## May

Our Family room is a welcoming space where we have our monthly Parent Council meetings and programming throughout the year. We have a free clothing depot and sewing machines. I can help with any resources you need. You can call, email or speak to me in person.

**Meals2go** every student will take home a M2G bag every Friday except N/K a.m. they will receive their bags on Monday mornings as M2G is delivered in the afternoon.

**Parent Council Meetings** - These meetings are a great way to share school information and meet other Parents/Guardians. We offer free childcare and a light dinner.

Our last Parent Council Meeting for this school year is on **Wednesday, May 27th at 3:45**. We will have a light supper and cake to celebrate this amazing school year.

**Last Family After School Pottery** is Tuesday May 5th from 3:30 - 5:30. This after school program was very successful. Our families had fun making beautiful pottery pieces both funny and sentimental. They also made connections with each other.

**Ribbon Skirt making** - I'm excited to start making ribbon skirts with our families and Pow Wow circle students. **May 7th, 14th and 28th from 1:00 - 3:30** is for anyone who wants to make a ribbon skirt. I have beautiful material in many patterns, various color ribbons and sewing machines. Please come by. For the Pow Wow circle students we will be making them together throughout the day.

Our next 2 **cooking club dates** are **Thursday May 6th and 20th at 1 p.m.** Come and join us for the next recipe from one of our Parents. At our last cooking session we made Chicken Noodle Casserole.

Thanks,  
Sherrie Houle  
Community Support Worker  
shoule@wsd1.org



# Family Room Calendar



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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4	5	6	7	8
Sherrie away All Day-pd	Last Family Pottery 3:30 – 5:30	Cooking Club 1:00 – 3:30	Ribbon Skirt Making 1 p.m.	No School 
11	12	13	14	15
		Last Indigenous Grandparents lunch - 1p.m.	Ribbon Skirt Making 1 p.m.	Sherrie away all day-pd
18  Victoria Day	19	20 Cooking Club 1:00 – 3:30 	21 Sherrie away all day pd	22
25	26	27 Parent Council 3:45 start	28	29
<p><b>(Last one of the school year)</b>  <b>May 27th at 3:45 pm</b>  <b>Light Supper and Cake will be served!</b>  <b>Child care available.</b></p>				

# NUTRITION AND LUNCH PROGRAM

We provide a healthy breakfast and snacks at Pinkham School daily. We also provide a free lunch program and offer a nutritious well balanced meal daily. Students will be supervised by Educational Assistants during the lunch hour from 12:00-1:00 pm.

**Students must follow the lunch program rules:**

**Be Kind**

**Be Respectful**

**Be Responsible**

**Canada's food guide** **Eat well. Live well.**

**Eat a variety of healthy foods each day**

- Have plenty of vegetables and fruits
- Eat protein foods
- Make water your drink of choice
- Choose whole grain foods

**Healthy eating is more than the foods you eat**

- Be mindful of your eating habits
- Cook more often
- Enjoy your food
- Eat meals with others
- Use food labels
- Limit foods high in sodium, sugars or saturated fat
- Be aware of food marketing

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# IMPORTANT

## dates to remember

### JUNE 2026

5 PD/School Planning Day–NO CLASSES

12 Athletic Awards

19 Year End Celebration–1:00 PM

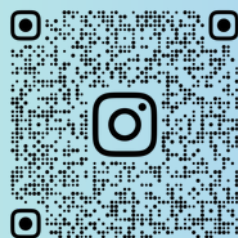
22 Grade 6 Farewell–1:15 PM

22 Report Cards go home

21 National Indigenous Peoples Day

24 Pinkham Family BBQ

30 Last Day of School–Student Dismissal at 11:30 AM




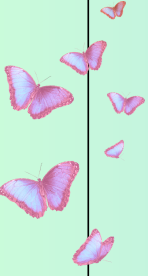





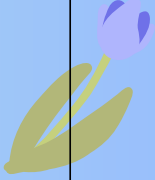


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# May 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 • Pow Wow circle - 12:00pm	2
3 	4	5 • Red Dress Assembly @ 9am • Gr 1&2 lunch intramurals • Choir @ 12pm • HJM presentation to gr. 6 • Hoops Basketball @ 3:30 - 5:00	6 • Gr 3&4 lunch intramurals	7 • Gr 5&6 lunch intramurals	8  <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	9  
10 	11	12 • Gr 1&2 lunch intramurals • Choir @ 12pm • Hoops Basketball @ 3:30 - 5:00	13 • Gr 3&4 lunch intramurals  	14 • Gr 5&6 lunch intramurals • Football program • STEAM club @ 3:30 pm • Student-Led Conferences @ 4pm	15 • Pow Wow circle - 12:00pm	16
17	18 <b>VICTORIA DAY SCHOOL CLOSED</b> 	19 • Gr 1&2 lunch intramurals • Choir @ 12pm • Hoops Basketball @ 3:30 - 5:00 • Rm's 203&205 to flight museum	20 • Gr 3&4 lunch intramurals  	21 • Gr 5&6 lunch intramurals • Gr. 6 - HJM school visit - 9:30-11:30	22 • Pow Wow circle - 12:00pm	23 
24	25 • Rm's 210&216 to MB museum	26 • Gr 1&2 lunch intramurals • Choir @ 12pm • Hoops Basketball @ 3:30 - 5:00	27 • Parent Council MTG - 3:45 pm	28	29	30
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