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Principal's Message

October 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians:

With Thanksgiving on the horizon, Ms. Chambers and I want to share how truly thankful we are to be part of the John M. King School community. Each day, we see the dedication of our staff and families, and the many rich learning opportunities that help our children grow. We feel very fortunate to work alongside all of you in creating such a caring and vibrant school.

Did You Know John M. King School is on Instagram? Follow us @johnmkingschool for updates, photos, and a peek into the amazing learning happening today.



A few important dates to keep in mind this month:

- **Friday, October 3 – Picture Day** for students, classroom photos will be taken in the Spring. Our annual **Terry Fox Run** will take place at 1:15 p.m. Students and staff will walk or jog around the school block in support of the Terry Fox Foundation, raising funds for cancer research. We invite families to contribute a “*Toonie for Terry*” or any donation to support this important cause.
- **Wednesday, October 8 – Divisional Inservice** (no school for students).
- **Monday, October 13 – Thanksgiving** (school closed).
- **Friday, October 24 – Manitoba Teachers’ Society Professional Development Day** (no school for students).
- **Thursday, October 23 (4:30–7:00 p.m.)** – We are excited to welcome families to our **Literacy Evening**. Join us for a meal, book giveaways, and engaging literacy centers as we celebrate the joy of storytelling together.

We look forward to a wonderful month of learning, sharing, and community. Thank you for your ongoing support in making John M. King School such a special place for children and families.

Warm regards,

Tasia Karagiannis-Bell
Principal

Tracy Chambers
Vice-Principal

NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

On September 26, our school community gathered to mark the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Wearing orange as a symbol of remembrance, we honored the children, families, and communities who continue to be impacted by the residential school system.

We were proud to host **The White Fawn Pow Wow Dancers**, whose vibrant performance and teachings enriched our understanding of Indigenous culture and history. Throughout September, classrooms explored age-appropriate themes such as diversity, belonging, love, and community, building a shared commitment to moving forward together with hope and respect.



STUDENT ABSENCES

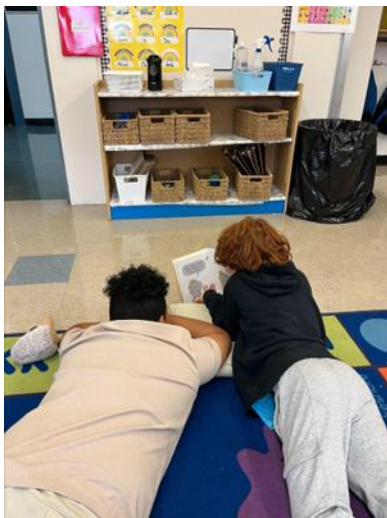
Unfortunately, the school will no longer be able to accept student absence calls over the phone. The Division is using a program called Safe Arrival.

With **SafeArrival**, you are asked to report your child's absence in advance using any of these 3 convenient methods:

1. Using your mobile device, download and install the **SchoolMessenger app** from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store (or from the links at <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>). The first time you use the app, select **Sign Up** to create your account. Select **Attendance** then **Report an Absence**.
2. Use the SafeArrival website, <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>. The first time you use the website, select **Sign Up** to create your account. Select **Attendance** then **Report an Absence**.
3. Call the toll-free number **1-855-278-4513** to report an absence using the automated phone system.

CLASSROOM FOCUS—ROOM 203

Room 203 has had a fantastic start to the school year! We've been working hard on building our reading habits and exploring new strategies to become stronger, more confident readers. The students are excited to dive into new books, share their thoughts, and continue growing as readers throughout the year. We can't wait to see where our reading journey takes us!



ATHLETICS UPDATE

September saw students at John M. King get the opportunity to participate in Running Club on Wednesdays during the lunch hour. Some students also got the chance to take part in Ted's Run for Literacy. They ran a 2 km course at Kildonan Park on September 28th and received a medal and a book to take home for their efforts.



October will be a busy month, kicking off with the Terry Fox run on October 3rd. The entire school will participate in the run during school hours to help raise awareness for cancer research. Students in Grades 4 through 6 will also be participating in a couple of one day soccer tournaments at Tec Voc School on October 1st (Grade 4-5) and October 6th (Grade 5-6). We are also excited about the Grade 4 trip to Camp Manitou on October 14th. Students will participate in archery, wall climbing, ziplining and tackle an obstacle course. Our Grade 3 students will be heading to the U of M on October 17th to watch a Bison hockey game. We are very excited to share all these wonderful opportunities with our students.

OUTDOOR EDUCATION

This year at John M. King we are working to help your children become aware of the wonders of nature. All students from Grades 1 through 6 will be taking part in Outdoor Education. We want the children to experience a variety of opportunities to further develop their appreciation of the environment and natural spaces through outdoor learning activities. Activities may include: science and inquiry projects, environmental and sustainability education, neighbourhood walks, team-building games, art and many more fun and educational projects.

We need your help in preparing the children so that our time outside is safe, valuable and fun. We will try to be outside rain or shine, unless the weather is too extreme to learn comfortably. Please be sure to send your child to school prepared to spend time outside with appropriate clothing for the weather.





AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM JOHN M KING SITE

AGES 6-12 & GRADE 1-6

MONDAYS 3:30PM-5:30PM

THURSDAYS 3:30PM-5:00PM

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OPENS
SEPTEMBER 10th**

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**AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM
STARTS
OCTOBER 6th**

**MARVELOUS MONDAYS @ BBBS
Thursdays stay at JMK**

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EVERMORE OCTOBER 2025

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM WEEKLY SCHEDULE

GREENWAY SCHOOL
TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY
3:30PM-5:00PM

JOHN M KING SCHOOL
MONDAY 3:30PM-5:30PM
THURSDAY 3:30PM-5:00PM

WELLINGTON SCHOOL
TUESDAY & THURSDAY
3:30PM-5:00PM

FAMILY ROOM

What a joy it has been to reconnect with many of you and meet lots of new families! This month, we'll be continuing with some of September's programs, while adding a few new ones. The division is once again hosting a housing and I.D. resource event. It will take place at Ecole Victoria-Albert School on October 7. Check out the poster on the family room bulletin board for more details or come and talk to me. Have a great October!

-Chantel



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MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
		1 Second Harvest 2:30pm	2 Beading & Colouring 1-3:30pm	3 Cooking on a budget 1:30pm
6 Chantel Away for PD Family Room Closed	7 Afternoon Walk 1:15pm Housing and ID Resource Event 3:30pm at 110 Ellen Street	8 Staff PD Day No School	9 Beading & Colouring 1-3:30pm	10 Nutrition Games 1:30pm
13 Thanksgiving No School	14 Afternoon Walk 1:15pm	15 Second Harvest 2:30pm	16 Beading & Colouring 1-3:30pm	17 Cooking on a Budget 1:30pm
20 Preschool Playtime 9:15am	21 Afternoon Walk 1:15pm	22 Second Harvest 2:30pm	23 Beading & Colouring 1-3:30pm	24 Staff PD Day No School
27 Preschool Playtime 9:15am	28 Afternoon Walk 1:15pm	29 Second Harvest 2:30pm	30 Beading & Colouring 1-3:30pm	31 Nutrition Bingo 1:30pm



SCHOOL CALENDAR – OCTOBER 2025

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		1 Day 3 SOCCER TOURNAMENT GR 5 @ TEC-VOC	2 Day 4 MAMAHTAWISIWIN CIRCLE	5 Day 5 PHOTO DAY TERRY FOX RUN PM
6 Day 6 SOCCER TOURNAMENT GR 6 @ TEC-VOC	7 Day 1	8 Day 2 NO SCHOOL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	9 Day 3 MAMAHTAWISIWIN CIRCLE	10 Day 4
13 Day 4 THANKSGIVING DAY 	14 Day 5 CAMP MANITOU GR 4	15 Day 6 GRADE 6 IMMUNIZATIONS	16 Day 1 MAMAHTAWISIWIN CIRCLE	17 Day 2
20 Day 3	21 Day 4	22 Day 5	23 Day 6 MAMAHTAWISIWIN CIRCLE LITERACY EVENING 4:30-7:00 PM	24 Day 1 NO SCHOOL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
27 Day 2	28 Day 3	29 Day 4	30 Day 5 MAMAHTAWISIWIN CIRCLE FIELD TRIP FORT WHYTE – RMS 203/204	31 Day 6 