



JMK JAGUAR JOURNAL

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Principal's Message

October 2026

Dear Families,

As we welcome October and look ahead to Thanksgiving, Ms. Chambers and I want to take a moment to share how truly thankful we are to be part of the John M. King School community.

Each day, we are fortunate to see the dedication and care of our staff, the support of our families and the many wonderful learning experiences that help our students grow and thrive. We feel very grateful to work alongside all of you to create a school community that is caring, welcoming and full of opportunities for our children.

Follow JMK on Instagram!

Did you know that John M. King School is on Instagram?

Follow us at **@johnmkingschool** for school updates, photos, celebrations and a peek at some of the amazing learning and activities happening at JMK!

Books, Bites & Balance!

JMK Family Wellness & Literacy Evening
October 29 | 4:00–6:00 p.m.

Come join us for an evening of **books, bites, fun and connection!** This come-and-go family event celebrates literacy by looking at the **whole child** because learning happens in so many different ways.

Grab a passport and explore interactive stations throughout the school, where families can discover more about **literacy, communication, movement, regulation, wellness and relationships**. You'll have a chance to connect with our JMK clinical team, meet community supports, enjoy some food and pick up a few ideas to try at home.

Our goal is simple: **learn something new, make a connection, have some fun and celebrate the amazing things that help our children learn and thrive!**

We can't wait to see our JMK families there! ❤️

We are looking forward to a wonderful October filled with learning, connection, celebration and community. Thank you for your continued partnership and for helping make John M. King School such a special place for our students and families.

Wishing all of our JMK families a safe, happy, and meaningful Thanksgiving.

Warm regards,

Tasia Karagiannis Bell
Principal

Tracy Chambers
Vice-Principal

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation



On September 28, our John M. King School community came together to recognize the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Wearing orange as a symbol of remembrance, we took time to honour the children, families and communities who continue to be impacted by the residential school system. It was a day to listen, learn, reflect and remind ourselves of the important role we all have in building a future rooted in respect, understanding and belonging.

We were truly honoured to welcome Elder Barbara Nepinak and the White Fawn Pow Wow Dancers to JMK. Through Elder Barbara's teachings and the dancers' vibrant performance, our students had the opportunity to learn, celebrate and connect with Indigenous culture and traditions. Their presence brought such warmth and meaning to our gathering and reminded us of the importance of learning from one another and creating space for Indigenous voices, stories and teachings.

Food has always been an important part of bringing our JMK community together and we were so grateful to share a delicious meal of stew and bannock with all of our students. A heartfelt thank you to Ms. Imelda, Ms. Zeniab, Ms. T. and Ms. Anabella for the time, care and love they put into preparing the food for our students. Their generosity helped make the day feel like a true community gathering.

Throughout September, our classrooms have been exploring age-appropriate themes of diversity, kindness, belonging, love, respect and community. These conversations help our students understand that every person has a story, every voice matters and we all have a role to play in creating a school where everyone feels safe, supported, valued and welcome.

At JMK, we believe that learning is about more than academics. It is about helping our students grow as caring, compassionate and courageous members of their community. Our hope is that the learning and conversations that begin in our classrooms continue beyond our school walls and into the ways our students treat one another each and every day.

As we move forward together, we are reminded that reconciliation is a journey, one built through listening, learning, relationships, respect and action. We are proud to walk that journey together as a JMK community, creating a safe, supportive and engaging environment where every child knows they belong and has the opportunity to reach their full potential.







Important October Dates

Tuesday, October 6

Divisional Inservice Day
No school for students.

Monday, October 12

🍁 Thanksgiving
School is closed.

Tuesday, October 13

🖼️ Picture Day
Student and classroom photographs will be taken in the spring.

Friday, October 23

Professional Development Day – Manitoba Teachers' Society
No school for students.

Wednesday, October 28 | 4:00–5:30 p.m.

🎬 JMK Movie Night
Join us for an evening of fun and community!

Thursday, October 29 | 4:00–6:00 p.m.

📖🍷 Books, Bites & Balance

Teachers			
Grade	Last Name	First Name	Room
N	Caburnay	Gilbert	106
K	Bhullar Kaur	Amandeep	111 AM/PM
1/2	Camaclang	Daisy	105
1/2	English	Shane	102
1/2	Khattra	Jeet	103
1/2	Ortega	Erika	104
3/4	Osmond	Melanie	202
3/4	Jones	Arlee	204
3/4	Rehal	Gurpreet	203
3/4	Tanner	Gordon	205
5/6	Signore	Breanna	209
5/6	Moffatt	Cheri	210
5/6	Main	Alana	201
5/6	Black	Michelle	208
Physical Education	Warkentin	Ryan	120
Physical Education	Dodd	Jed	120
Music/Performing Arts	German/Wiess	Katie	216
Art	Lam	Susan	113
Learning Support N/K	Sawyer	Jenna	107
	Brum	Connie	107
	Wood	Carrie	107
	Semchuk	Alix	107
	Proulx	Christine	206
	Samson	Allie	206

Calendar of Events 2026-2027

September 17
September 29
September 30

Meet the Teacher (3:30—5:30)
Non-Instructional Day (No School for Students)
National Day for Truth & Reconciliation Day (No School for Students)

October 6
October 12
October 13
October 23
October 28
October 29

Non-Instructional Day (No School for Students)
Thanksgiving (No School)
Picture Day
Non-Instructional Day (No School for Students)
Movie Night (4:00 start)
Books, Bites & Balance (4:00-6:00)

November 10
November 11
November 18
November 18
November 19
November 20
November 26

Remembrance Day Service
Remembrance Day (No School)
Picture Retakes
Evening: Family Conferences (4:00—7:00)
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Non-Instructional Day (No School for Students)
Reports Cards Go Home

December 3
December 8
December 15
December 18
December 21 – January 1

Winter Craft Night
Turkey Luncheon
Pancake Breakfast
Last Day of School Before Winter Break
WINTER BREAK

January 4

School Opens

Our **free breakfast program** is now up and running thanks to the efforts of **Ms. Imelda and Ms. Zeniab**.

Students are welcome between **8:15 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.**, and playground supervision begins at 8:30 a.m.



The school office is open **Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.** Please use the **SafeArrival system** to report absences in one of the following ways:

- Call the toll-free number:
- **1-855-278-4513**
- Visit <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>
- Use the **SafeArrival app** on your mobile device

NOTE:

If your child is registered in our lunch program, they are to remain on school grounds at all times. If your child has permission to go home, please contact the school, as we will not allow your child to leave the grounds without permission.

HELP US KEEP YOUR CHILD SAFE!



Welcome to Class 201

We are having an amazing beginning the school year. We are connecting as a class, learning the expectations of being in middle years and creating reading, writing, and math goals for ourselves. We are excited to get back into the swing of things, looking forward to learning and growing together.



Welcome to Music Class



CLASSROOM PRONUNCIATION GUIDE FOR **YOU ARE MY SUNSHINE** IN SOUTHERN MICHIF (one of the dialects of Michif)

Here is a link to hear the song sung: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=me0Lu7H9MsE&list=OLAK5uy_nf2IG6AczpvY_f_CeJDfdoMxpdX1AHo4g&index=6

<u>HERITAGE MICHIF:</u>		<u>ORIGINAL LYRICS:</u>
		Kee-ya moh suh-lay
		Ya-nk moh suh-lay
		Neh-Meeyayh-tenn
		tawn- shpee-leh sell seh gree
		Namoo ka kishkayh-tayn
		Tawn-sheh ka shakeh-hehtawn
		
		Kai-ya ship-way
		
		ta-heh
		moh suh-lay

Classrooms had the opportunity to learn the familiar song “You Are My Sunshine” in Southern Michif. Each class has been learning the words and melody, and we brought all of our voices together to share the song during our Truth and Reconciliation Day assembly.

It has been wonderful to see the students embrace the language, listen to one another, and have fun learning something new together. Learning and sharing Indigenous language is one way we can build understanding, honour culture, and strengthen our connections as a school community. I hope you enjoy hearing your child share what they have learned.

Warmly,
Ms. German

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EVERMORE
AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

JOHN M. KING SITE



**PROGRAM STARTS
OCTOBER 8TH**

**REGISTRATION IS
OPEN!!!**

**AGES 6-12 & GRADE 1-6
TUESDAYS: 3:30PM-5:00PM
&
THURSDAYS: 3:30PM-5:30PM**

**GYM GAMES & SPORTS ○
ARTS & CRAFTS ○
BOARD GAMES ○
SNACK ○
AND MUCH MORE ○**

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EVERMORE OCTOBER 2026

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
5 EVENING DROP-IN 6:00PM - 8:00PM EVERMORE HQ 532 ELLICE	6 NON- INSTRUCTIONAL DAY	7	8 AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM - HQ 3:30PM - 5:30PM FIRST DAY!!! EVENING DROP-IN 6:00PM - 8:00PM EVERMORE HQ 532 ELLICE	9
12  NO PROGRAM	13 AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM - JMK 3:30PM - 5:00PM 	14	15 AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM - HQ 3:30PM - 5:30PM PERLER BEADS EVENING DROP-IN 6:00PM - 8:00PM EVERMORE HQ 532 ELLICE	16
19 EVENING DROP-IN 6:00PM - 8:00PM EVERMORE HQ 532 ELLICE	20 AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM - JMK 3:30PM - 5:00PM 	21	22 AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM - HQ 3:30PM - 5:30PM PERLER BEADS EVENING DROP-IN 6:00PM - 8:00PM EVERMORE HQ 532 ELLICE	23
26 EVENING DROP-IN 6:00PM - 8:00PM EVERMORE HQ 532 ELLICE	27 AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM - JMK 3:30PM - 5:00PM 	28	29 AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM - HQ 3:30PM - 5:30PM SPECIAL SNACK EVENING DROP-IN 6:00PM - 8:00PM EVERMORE HQ 532 ELLICE	30



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AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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

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

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



October Family Room Calendar



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 Makerspace 1:30pm	2 Preschool Story and Snack 1:30pm
5 Games with Grandparents 1:30pm	6 No School Staff PD	7 Second Harvest 1:30pm	8 Makerspace 1:30pm	9 Preschool Story and Snack 1:30pm
12 Thanksgiving Day No School	13 Nutrition Trivia 1:30pm	14 Second Harvest 1:30pm	15 Makerspace 1:30pm	16 Preschool Story and Snack 1:30pm
19 Games with Grandparents 1:30pm	20 Parent Advisory Committee 2:00-3:00pm ALL ARE WELCOME	21 Second Harvest 1:30pm	22 Family Room Deer Meadow Farms Field Trip 9:00am	23 Staff PD No School
26 Games with Grandparents 1:30pm	27 Nutrition Bingo 1:30pm	28 Second Harvest 1:30pm Movie Night 4:00pm	29 Makerspace 1:30pm Books, Bites, and Balance 4:00-6:00pm	30 Halloween Potluck/Party 12:00pm

Happy Fall!

This month, we'll be hosting a makerspace on Thursday afternoons. We'll have various art supplies to help get your creativity flowing!

October is our family room field trip to Deer Meadow Farms! Please sign up in the family room if you'd like to participate in this event.

Mondays will be Games with Grandparents. Everyone is welcome but we'd especially like to encourage grandparents to stop by on this day.

October's Parental Advisory Committee meeting will take place on October 20. We'd love to see you there!

Have a great October!

-Chantel

Newsletter – October 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 Day 5	2 Day 6
5 Day 1 Zumba Club Grades 3-6 12:00-1:00 PM Drawing Club Grades 4-6 12:00-1:00 PM	6 Day 2 NON INSTRUCTIONAL DAY NO SCHOOL	7 Day 3 Puzzle Club Grades 5 & 6 12:00-1:00 PM	8 Day 4 Soccer Tournament Grade 6 Tec-Voc AM	9 Day 5 Spotlight Club Grades 1 & 2 12:00-1:00 PM Soccer Tournament Grade 5 Tec-Voc AM Cards Club Grades 5 & 6 12:00-1:00 PM
12  NO SCHOOL	13 Day 6  SCHOOL PICTURE DAY	14 Day 1 Vaccinations Grade 6 9:00 AM Puzzle Club Grades 5 & 6 12:00-1:00 PM Canadian Museum for Human Rights Rooms 204 & 205 9:30 AM-2:30 PM	15 Day 2	16 Day 3 Spotlight Club Grades 1 & 2 12:00-1:00 PM Cards Club Grades 5 & 6 12:00-1:00 PM
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