



November NEWSLETTER

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Maria Manzano, Principal



Dear Prairie Rose Families,

We've had a beautiful start to Fall with no snow in sight (yet) but a lot of rain lately. As we enter into November, we anticipate the weather getting colder and remind families to send their child(ren) in proper clothing. Students go outside for recess in colder temperatures and only remain inside if temperature reaches -27 degrees Celsius with or without the windchill.

Teachers conducted their initial assessments in preparation for the first reporting period and students have been preparing for their Parent-Teacher Conferences to share their learning with you. Report Cards will go out to parents/guardians on November 18th and Parent-Teacher Conferences will be after school on Thursday, November 20th from 3:45 pm to 8:00 pm as well as the morning of Friday, November 21st from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. We encourage students to attend these meetings with their parents/guardians. More information to follow with a letter sent home in the first week of November.

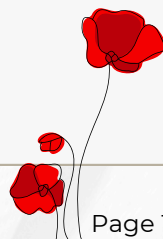
On November 11th we honour those who have served and continue to serve to defend peace. Since there is no school on this day, we will still honour our Indigenous Veterans Day (November 8th) and hold a Remembrance Day assembly on Monday, November 10th at 11am in the gymnasium—all are welcome to attend. Please read page 3 for more information.

I look forward to celebrating our students' strengths and achievements as we look to their next step goals this month.

See you soon!

Yours in education,

Mrs. Manzano



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- NO SCHOOL :**
 - November 11 - Remembrance Day
 - November 21 - Parent-Teacher Conference



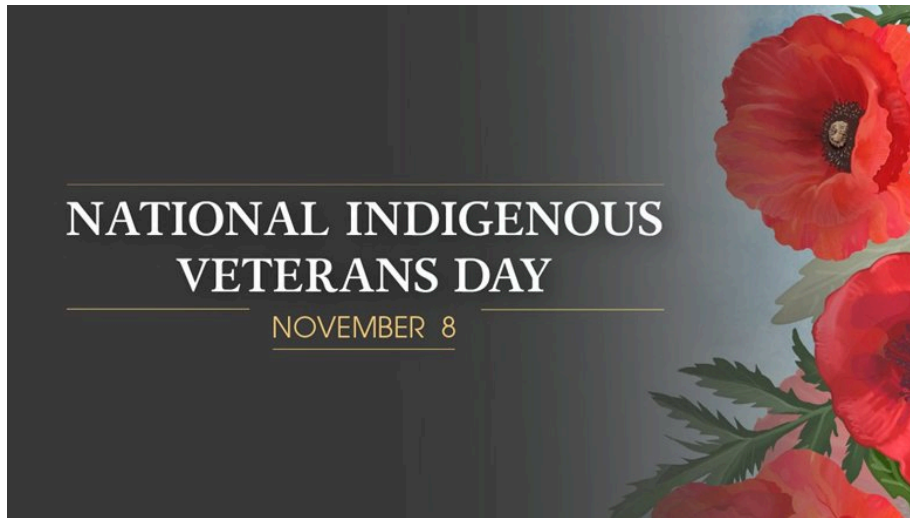
"The students, staff, and communities of Winnipeg School Division are committed to truth and reconciliation through building relationships with Mother Earth, the original peoples of this land, and the stories that bring us together. We acknowledge the place in which we gather is on Treaty 1 territory, the homeland of the Red River Metis, and the ancestral lands of the Anishinaabe, Ininiwak, and Dakota Oyate peoples."



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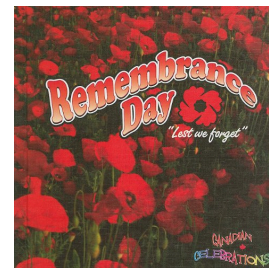
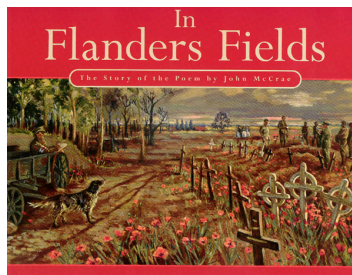
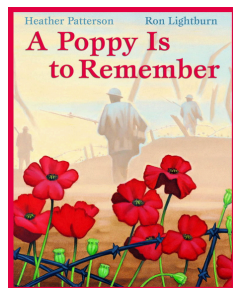
REMEMBRANCE DAY

coming up this month



Every year, on November 11, which is the eleventh day of the eleventh month at the eleventh hour, most people across this world will gather like how we will gather at our Remembrance Day assembly, to remember and pay tribute to all of the many people that have served during past and present wars in service to their countries.

REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY - MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH - 11:00 AM



Remembrance Day can be difficult for young children to understand. Reading age-appropriate stories help them understand history, the concepts of war, peace and gratitude is some of the ways students will be learning in school. Here are some stories that will be read to the students to make Remembrance Day more meaningful that you could also read too.

THERE IS **NO SCHOOL** ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH IN HONOUR AND REMEMBRANCE OF THE VETERANS WHO HAVE FOUGHT IN THE WAR



Poppies have become an important symbol because the flower grew where important battles were fought. Wear a poppy to show that you remember and support veterans.





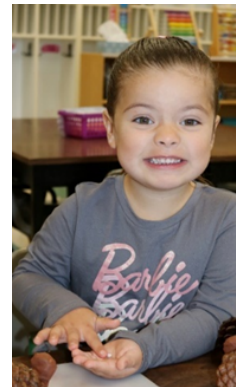
CLASSROOM NEWS...

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

Wow! The month of October seemed to go by in a flash, as we were extremely busy putting the finishing touches on our Fall Tree Artwork and creating our Turkeys. We also enjoyed our explorations of Spiders, Pumpkin carving, and our fun-filled Halloween celebration! Thank you to all of our families who helped us with our costumes, pumpkin designs and treats!

This month, we will continue to work on many of the skills from last month and introduce many new ones, in the areas of Language Arts and Mathematics, as we explore the topics of Remembrance Day (with a focus on the importance of Peace and why we wear a Poppy), Winter and Polar Bears. We are also going to continue our study of the alphabet (letter recognition and sounds), printing and rhyming.

Initial assessments have been completed and report cards will be sent home on Tuesday, November 18th, followed by Parent-Teacher Interviews on Thursday evening, November 20th and Friday (in the Morning only), November 21st. You will be receiving an interview request form shortly. When you receive your appointment time, please make sure to mark it on your calendars. The children have been working extremely hard, adding many things to their portfolios, which they are extremely excited to share with you! See you soon!



CLASSROOM NEWS...



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

October has brought cooler weather and lots of leaves on the ground. This month students went for several walks hunting for different colours and shapes of leaves, counting trees and worms along the way. We are working hard to practice our best manners by saying please and thank you, waiting our turn (even when it is hard) and considering what it would be like to spread kindness wherever we go. This month students were introduced to a movement activity the uses music and a visual prompt to encourage prewriting as well as emotional regulation. If you are interested in seeing an example, you can go on YouTube and search "[Symphony No. 5 Scarf Tracing Video](#)". Our class is truly a sweet group of children, and it has been especially lovely to see how welcoming and thoughtful they are to any student who may be having a hard moment or even day. Even at such young ages these children are so inspiring.

We have been playing several games which focus on subitizing (reading the faces of dice) and connecting the amounts to the standard numeral. Students are getting pretty good at this. I'd encourage families to play board games that use dice and counting. It is a fun way to connect with children and sneak in some math too!

Next month, we will continue to learn about love and courage and we will add humility to the conversation. We will do lots of patterning activities, dig deeper into trees (literally considering root systems) and we will consider what makes each of us unique and what types of things are the same about all of us. Look for our "All About Me" project in mid to late November! It will be so fun.

I am looking forward to meeting with as many of you and your students as possible. It will be a nice time to let your students show off some of their work and spend time encouraging them in their next steps this school year.



In Daily 5 we have been practicing our silent reading, writing about what they draw and sight words. We have started using an online tool, Reading Eggs, too. They started taking library books home to practice reading at home. Please ensure to send the bag back every day as we use them in class reading.



CLASSROOM NEWS...

GRADES 2, 3 - ROOM 209 | MRS. BARROS

Wow—October was a fun and busy month in our classroom! We got creative with Fall crafts, making colourful Romero Britto-inspired pumpkins using paint and oil pastels. Carving and painting pumpkins was a blast—we even got delightfully messy! Counting all those pumpkin seeds was a math adventure, and the very best part? Tasting them, of course!

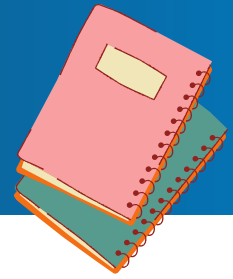
In math, we've all become place value pros! We've been rounding numbers to 100 and using our skills to solve number puzzles like true mathematicians. Last week, we dove into Canadian geography, learning all about provinces and capital cities. The students worked hard and had fun exploring our amazing country.

Science has been equally exciting as we explored Structures and Materials. We experimented with building stable and unstable structures, learned new vocabulary, and discovered how materials affect what we can build. Collaborating with our friends in Room 214 has made our learning even more fun.

It's been wonderful to see so much curiosity, creativity, and teamwork this month. We can't wait to see what November brings!



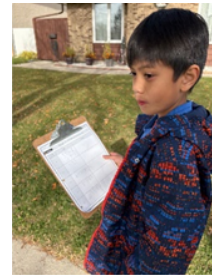
CLASSROOM NEWS...



GRADES 2, 3 - ROOM 214 | MRS. SIMONS

October was a fun and productive month! In ELA, we have been working on creative and informational writing for the month, writing about different Fall or Halloween topics. We are also continuing with our weekly personal writing, Daily 5 (still building that Read to Self stamina!) and a new classroom novel, *The Mouse and the Motorcycle*. In Math, we focused on Place Value, Mental Math strategies and Patterns. We are wrapping up our first Real Life math project of the year, where students run a candy store. This project has us doing addition, interpreting graphs, skip counting, place value, and working with money. We also started a new online math program called Mathletics.

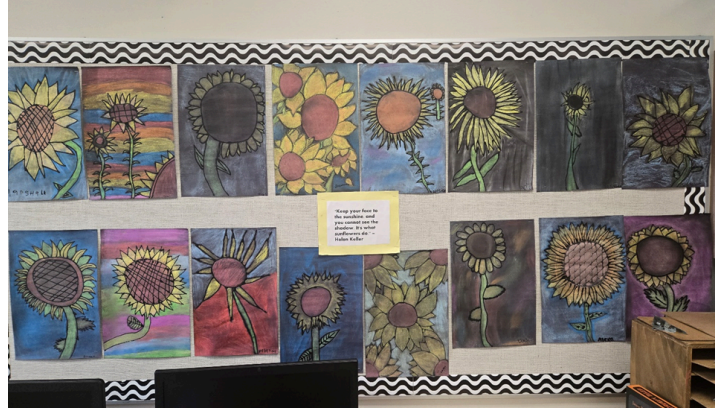
We finished learning about the different provinces, territories and capital cities of Canada in Social Studies. We recently started a new Science unit learning all about *Materials and Structures*. Students have been doing very well with planning and designing different structures and testing their theories on strength and stability using a variety of materials! We took advantage of the beautiful Fall weather and took Science outside. We went for a community walk for a Structure Hunt which was lots of fun! In art, we worked on Fall, Thanksgiving and Halloween activities. We had lots of fun at the Earth Rangers Presentation, viewing the pumpkin contest entries, our Halloween parade and our class Halloween party. We are looking forward to all the things we get to learn about in November!





CLASSROOM NEWS...

GRADES 4, 5 - ROOM 212 | MS. DENISE



Fall has been so beautiful and warm! Room 212 went for a walk around the neighbourhood to check out the different habitats in our community. It is always nice to get outside and enjoy the fresh air while we can. Room 212 continues to develop and refine their artistic skills by creating beautiful and vibrant work. Check out our sunflowers and our stamp art displayed on the showcase by the office. We are lucky enough to be invited to the Nursery/Kindergarten classroom so we can read with our little friends; it helps us develop our confidence and hone our leadership skills. Please remember to check out the SeeSaw page for important messages about our classroom.





CLASSROOM NEWS...

GRADE 4, 5 - ROOM 215 | MR. FORBISTER

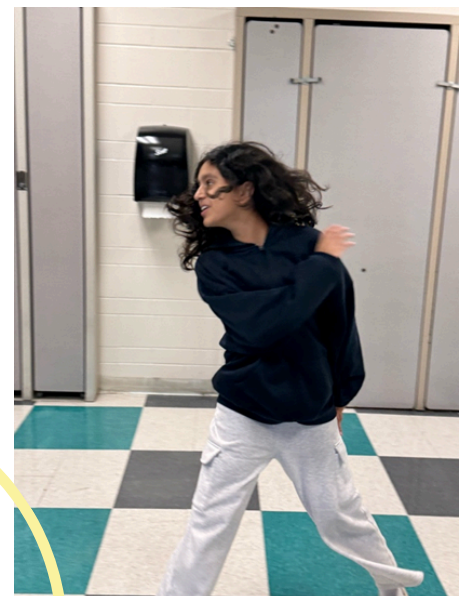
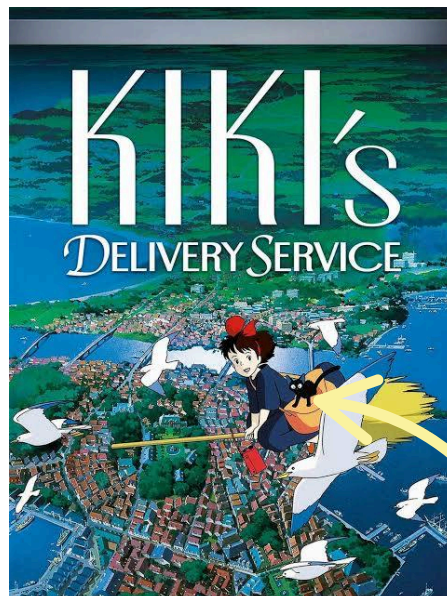
It has been another busy month here in Room 215. Here is a look at some of the things we have done.

In ELA, we started our new novel, *Kiki's Delivery Service*. It is the story of a witch who travels to a new city to help out the town. She starts a delivery service and helps the people with different tasks. We talked about how it would be scary to do that and started our own fictional journals about moving.

In science, we started our Habitats and Communities unit. We are learning all about the different habitats around the world. Did you know that 80% of all living things live in forests? We also had a presentation about Recycling. We had a really fun workshop where we got to learn more through movement! (As indicated in pictures below).

Finally, we had a great time with our Math concepts. We are learning all about growing patterns and how they work. We even made our own growing patterns and challenged each other!

See you in December!



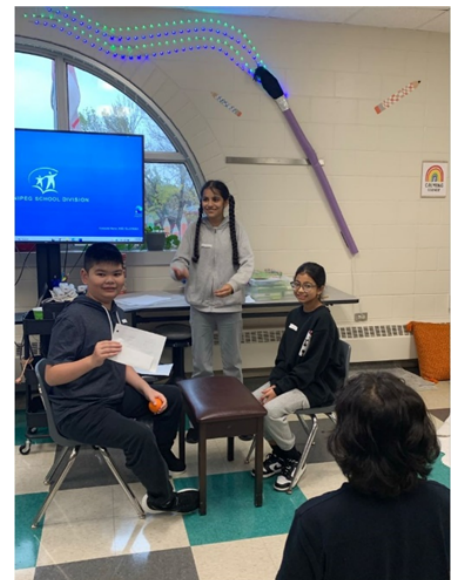
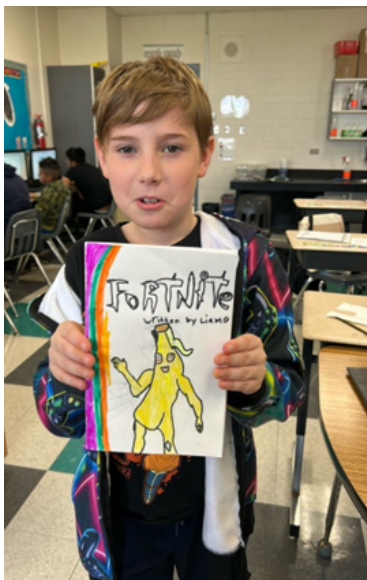
Did you notice anyone on staff dressed up as Kiki? (HINT: Page 14)

CLASSROOM NEWS...



GRADE 6 - ROOM 211 | MR. TOSCHAK

We have had another busy, yet productive month in Room 211. We are now in full gear, and it shows, as we continue to work very hard. In Math, we have been working on multiplication and patterns. We have been practicing our math facts and learning different strategies to solve more complex questions and problems. In ELA, we continue to work on our reading and writing skills through daily practice and have nearly completed our Novel Study “Rules”, which is a very interesting and thought-provoking novel. Science has been exciting as we have learned so much about weather and climate. From learning about the different types of atmospheric conditions to the different weather instruments, I can guarantee that we have improved our research skills. See you next month!





CLASSROOM NEWS...



PHYSICAL EDUCATION | MS. MCFADYEN



During the month of October, we started our Team Handball unit. Students worked on throwing and catching skills in a variety of low organized games and learned the rules of team Handball.

Lunch time Intramurals started in October. Students in Grades 2-6 have been playing soccer and will be playing Team Handball next.

Congratulations to our teams that participated in the Tyndall Park Soccer Tournament. It was a hot, sunny day and we had a lot of fun! Way to go Panthers!



INTEGRATED ARTS | MS. MCFADYEN

This month our theme was Halloween. We sang and learned how to play Ghost John on the Xylophones. We learned the Wednesdays Adams dance, and we made Halloween art. In drama, students created restaurants that served weird food and acted out scenes in front of their classmates. Students continued to use the Talebots to work on their coding skills and will work towards using the microbits. We also made a Ghost Reel on Instagram. Check it out at [makingmcmagic](https://www.instagram.com/makingmcmagic) on Instagram or view it here: [@makingmcmagic](https://www.instagram.com/makingmcmagic)



PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST

some pictures of the event



~ THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING IN OUR PUMPKIN CONTEST ~

CONGRATULATIONS to our Pumpkin Carvers who submitted their pumpkins to the contest. You all did such an amazing job!



Great work to all of the pumpkin carver contestants who submitted their very own creation! We had **37** pumpkins submitted! Thank you to Ms. Cyndy and her daughter, Mandy, for leading this contest. Bravo to everyone!

Congratulations





HALLOWEEN PARADE

some pictures of the event





REMINDERS



daycare closure:

Friday, December 5th

for staff's Professional Development



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 daycare spots at all times.

November 3rd, 2025

Dear WSD Families,

Subject: WSD AI Thinking Framework

I am pleased to share WSD's [AI Thinking Framework](#) with you all. Through conversations with staff and families, WSD has developed a framework directly connected to our [2025-2030 Strategic Plan](#) to help our staff think deeply about artificial intelligence. A huge thanks to those families who attended the AI information evening in September at Tec Voc.

The advent of AI, specifically large language models, poses significant challenges, questions, and an uncertain future for learners and our world. As a thinking community, we want all staff and learners to think about the current and future implications of AI use on our species and planet.

Over the next few months, WSD staff will be coming together to interrogate the AI Thinking Framework and develop guidelines and supports for classrooms.

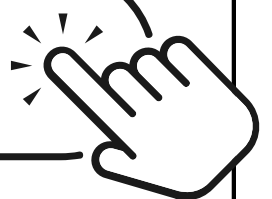
Please take a moment to explore with your family.

Sincerely,

Matt Henderson, PhD
Superintendent

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[AI Thinking Framework](#)



NOVEMBER 2025

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
3/ Day 1	4/ Day 2	5/ Day 3	6/ Day 4	7/ Day 5
	Soccer Intramurals Gr. 2-3 			Soccer Intramurals Gr. 4,5,6 
10/ Day 6	11	12/ Day 1	13/ Day 2	14/ Day 3
Soccer Intramurals Gr. 4,5,6 	 Remembrance Day NO SCHOOL		Soccer Intramurals Gr. 2-3 	
17/ Day 4	18/ Day 5	19/ Day 6	20/ Day 1	21/ Day 2
	Report Cards Go Home	Soccer Intramurals Gr. 4,5,6 	PICTURE RETAKES  PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE 3:45 - 7:45 PM	PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE 9:00 am - 12:00 pm NO SCHOOL
24/ Day 3	25/ Day 4	26/ Day 5	27/ Day 6	28/ Day 1
	Grade 4 Swimming Counts Program 1:30 pm 	Parent Advisory Council Meeting 5:30 - 6:30 pm Room 111 / Hybrid	Pizza Lunch PAC fundraiser Soccer Intramurals Gr. 4,5,6 	 LOOKING AHEAD WINTER BREAK December 20 - January 4, 2026