PRAIRIE ROSE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

November NEWSLETTER

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Dear Prairie Rose Families,

It's hard to believe November is already here! As we begin another month of learning, we look forward to celebrating the wonderful progress, discoveries, and accomplishments our students continue to make. As the temperatures drop, we remind families to dress children warmly for the colder weather. With Manitoba no longer observing daylight saving time, our mornings will also be darker. We ask motorists to use extra caution in and around school zones, slow down, remain alert at intersections and pedestrian crossings, and watch for students who may be harder to see in low-light conditions. We encourage families to review these important safety reminders with their children as we work together to keep everyone safe. Thank you for your continued support, and here's to another wonderful month of learning!

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. The first term reporting period will look a little different this term as Report Cards will follow after we have our Parent-Teacher Conferences. Parent-Teacher conferences will take place November 19 and 20th and Report Cards will be distributed electronically by December 1st.

We encourage students to attend Parent/Teacher meetings with their parents/guardians so that they can be part of the learning conversations. More information to follow with a letter sent home in the first week of November regarding Report Card expectations.

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 Tuesday, November 10th at 10:30 am in the gymnasium—all are welcome to attend. Please read page 15 for more information.

We look forward to celebrating our students' strengths, celebrations, milestones and achievements as we look to their next step goals this month.

See you soon!

Mrs. Manzano

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- **NO SCHOOL:**
  - Nov. 2 - Professional Development Day
  - Nov. 11 - Remembrance Day
  - Nov. 20 - Professional Development Day

IF YOUR CHILD IS ABSENT

CONTACT

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"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."

WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION

HONOURING PANTHERS

through the Seven teachings...



LAST MONTH, WE **RECOGNIZED** THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS IN OUR ASSEMBLY:



XYRA - Room 113-AM

Xyra is being honoured this month for demonstrating the Sacred Teaching of **Truth** because of the way she treats others and the choices she makes each day. She speaks kindly, welcomes and befriends everyone, respects others and the environment, and stands up for her peers.



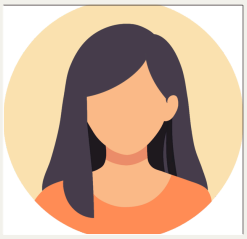
EVAN - Room 113-PM

Evan is being recognized for the way he demonstrates the teaching of **Love**. Evan shows love by being a kind friend who is ready to help out when there is a need. He shares his ideas with our class and also listens to others when they share their ideas.



SCARLET - Room 208

Scarlet shows **Wisdom** by working hard, learning from mistakes, and showing tremendous growth in her learning. Her printing has improved so much, she is completing her number of the day independently and she is spelling words in UFLI.



SCARLETT - Room 209

Scarlett demonstrates **Humility** through her kind and considerate nature. She always tries her best, is willing to try again when something is challenging, and shows a positive attitude toward learning. Scarlett is thoughtful of others and is always willing to lend a helping hand when someone needs support.



AIDEN - Room 214

Aiden will be honoured this month for demonstrating **Respect** and **Love**. He consistently shows these qualities by going above and beyond to help others. Aiden takes the initiative to keep our classroom clean and organized and helps his classmates do the same.



KAYDENCE - Room 212

Honesty is one of the most powerful gifts of the Seven Sacred Teachings. In Indigenous tradition, the Sabe is a reminder to be ourselves and live with integrity. Kaydence demonstrates the values of honesty by always being true to herself and to others. She speaks the truth with kindness.



ALANIA - Room 215

Alania will be honoured this month for demonstrating **Respect**. She consistently treats others with respect and goes out of her way to make other students feel welcomed and safe. Alania is a role model to all the younger students at our school.

CLASSROOM NEWS

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

During the month of October, we were so busy exploring the themes of Fall, Trees and their seasonal changes, Thanksgiving and Halloween (with a focus on Bats and Pumpkins), that the time just flew by!

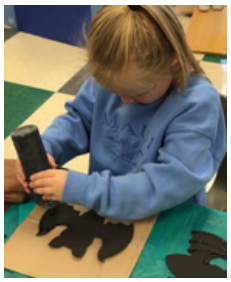
I would like to extend a HUGE thank-you to all of our families who have been pre-screening their children for cold / flu-like symptoms every day and have kept them home when symptoms have been present. Please always remember that your child's health comes first, therefore they should be symptom-free for at least 24 hours before returning to school!Thank you again for your continued support in keeping all of our little N/K friends healthy, so that we may continue to learn and grow together in the classroom!

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, Winter and Penguins. We are also going to continue our study of the alphabet (letter recognition and sounds), printing and rhyming.

Initial assessments have been completed and Parent-Teacher Interviews are being held on Thursday evening, November 19th and Friday (Morning only), November 20th. You will be receiving an interview request form shortly and your scheduled appointment time will be sent home once all times have been coordinated and finalized amongst the Teachers. Please make sure to mark it on your calendars once you receive it. The children have been working very hard and have been developing portfolios with all of their amazing work, which they are extremely excited to share with you!

See you soon! 😊











CLASSROOM NEWS

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





The month of October has been full of outdoor discovery and learning about squirrels, trees, leaves and pumpkins. The students are working together to create our squirrel world (you can get a glimpse of this on our hallway bulletin board). After learning about squirrels, the class took several walks outside to look for squirrels and notice their habitat. They then talked in small groups about their ideas for what the squirrels bulletin board could have on it. As a whole class they created a list of their ideas and then decided who would make each part. Many students spent extra time making their creations. Over the coming days they will create labels and add more details to the bulletin board, so please keep an eye out for the changes.
In math we are working on finding and making patterns. Bracelet making, dancing and building with blocks, Minecraft magnets or Duplo are examples of how students will take part in playful ways to explore patterning.

An important part of nursery and kindergarten is helping the students strengthen their fine motor skills. While students play with playdough, they strengthen their hand muscles While they are pinching, rolling, squishing and mixing the playdough they are also developing important muscles for writing. A fun math game the students have been playing as an entry task is “Squish the Dough”. Students start by making tiny balls to put down onto a mat. After they have made all that their 1-ounce container can make, they roll a die to see how many to squish. Students are getting faster at making the balls as well as subitizing (recognizing the quantity they have rolled). Some students have even created variations of the game where they roll the die and then stack small balls on top of each other to squish.

With their growing hand strength comes formal writing practice. It is exciting to see the students coach themselves as they practice. “Start at the top and let it drop”, “Don’t let the letter fly away” and “Fill ‘er up” are becoming common phrases. The translations are “start your letters at the top”, “be sure the bottom of your letter is sitting on the bottom line” and “use the whole space”.

We will continue to take short walks so please keep sending weather appropriate clothing. Our deep cold months get long so we will get outside as much as we can. It is a great way to do math, have conversations about the world and maintain the students’ gross motor muscle strength.



CLASSROOM NEWS

GRADE 1-2 | ROOM 208 | MS. NASSAR

Room 208 has been really busy:

A big welcome to our new students, Gauge, Cortez, Myles, and Cory to our Room 208 family!
Math News: Keep working on those 10 pairs at home. This will help with bigger number addition. We are still working through patterns, expanding numbers, and looking at how many 10s and 1s are in numbers. Take a look at our place value skeletons!

UFLI News: Just a reminder homework sheets are posted in Seesaw once or twice a week. If anyone needs help I can meet with you after school to go over it or over the phone or Seesaw. We are really focussing on our spelling and writing and matching letter sounds to letters (our phonemic awareness).
Reading Eggs: If anyone is interested in playing at home – the students know their usernames and their passwords. You can download the Reading Eggs app or play through any browser. I am encouraging students to complete “Fast Phonics” (aligned almost perfectly with UFLI) before the “reading eggs” section.

Science and Social Studies News: We finished our first Social Studies Unit, “I Belong” and have started our Science unit “All About Matter”. We will begin our science exploration with a pumpkin dissection and creating our pumpkin flip books.

We are looking forward to November, more learning, and more fun.

-Ms. Nassar





CLASSROOM NEWS

GRADE 2-3 | ROOM 209 | MRS. BARROS

Hello Families!

October has been a busy and exciting month in Room 209! In art, students created fall and Halloween-inspired projects, including leaf art, turkeys, and creepy skeleton hands. We also used paint and pastels to create spooky haunted houses and practiced descriptive writing to bring our artwork to life. We also had fun pumpkin carving together!

In math, we are nearing the end of our place value unit, focusing on hundreds, tens, and ones, and adding 1, 10, and 100 to numbers. We continue to practice basic math skills and make connections to real-life situations. We have also been playing fun math games at school, so ask your child about their favourites and try playing them at home!

In science, we have started our new unit, *Forces That Attract and Repel*, exploring pushes and pulls. In social studies, we have finished our unit on Canada, and students completed a test to show how much they have learned and remembered.

We have also started reading *The One and Only Ivan* by Katherine Applegate. Once we finish the book, we will celebrate by watching the movie adaptation!

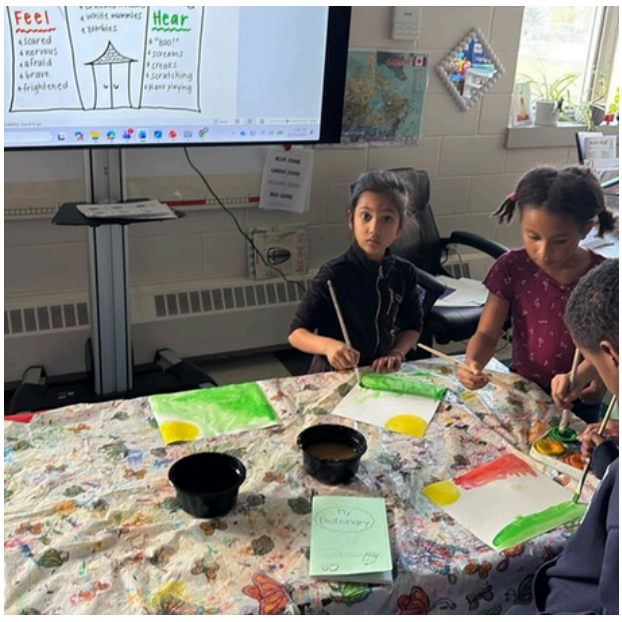
Last month, we completed our emergency evacuation walk to Garden Grove, and students followed expectations and completed it safely. We also practiced a lockdown drill in the classroom, and I was very proud of how respectful and responsible everyone was.

As we head into November, please remember that Manitoba weather can be unpredictable. Make sure your child comes to school dressed appropriately for the weather, with warm jackets, hats, mittens, and suitable footwear for outdoor recess.

Thank you for your continued support! I look forward to another month of learning, growing, and making memories together.

Mrs. Barros





CLASSROOM NEWS

GRADE 3-4 | ROOM 214 | MRS. SIMONS

October was such a fun month! I can't believe how quickly it flew by! We'd like to welcome our new students Agera, Blueberry and Lakota to our room 214 family who started in October. In ELA, we have been focusing on Fall and Halloween topics while working on creative and informational writing. In Math, we focused on Place Value, Estimation and Mental Math addition strategies. We are currently working on our second real-life math project where we are running a hotel. This project has us doing addition, interpreting graphs, skip counting, place value, and working with money. We finished learning about the different provinces, territories and geographic regions of Canada in Social Studies and recently started Forces that Attract or Repel in Science. We've been exploring forces, magnets and gravity. In art we worked on Fall, Thanksgiving and Halloween activities. We learned about Wasily Kandinsky and used his technique to create beautiful Fall trees. We read the book The Little Ghost Who Was a Quilt then created cute quilt ghosts of our own.

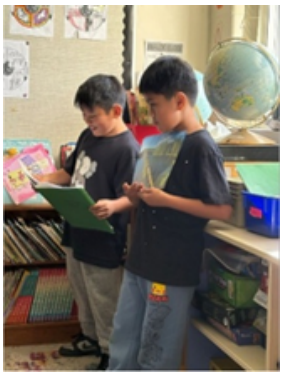
We had lots of fun counting pumpkin seeds and decorating pumpkins. It was great to see the pumpkin contest entries and all the costumes in our Halloween parade. Celebrating together during our class Halloween party is always a highlight! We are looking forward to all the things we get to learn about in November!

Please remember to check your child's Home Folder each day. Students write reminders in the calendar every day, and this folder is used to bring home permission slips and notes. Thank you to all the families who continue to use Seesaw regularly for important messages, updates or pictures from our classroom learning.















CLASSROOM NEWS



GRADE 4-5 | ROOM 212 | MS. DENISE







Welcome to Autumn, Families!

Can you believe September is already behind us? Our Grade 4 and 5 students have settled into their classroom routines, reestablished existing relationships and built wonderful new friendships, and dived straight into a busy month of learning.

We are continuing with our math learning by building on our prior knowledge while solving math challenges, using Cuisenaire rods, logging onto Mathletics, and collaborative group tasks. We are currently reading James and the Giant Peach, writing short stories, and working on our spelling and grammar skills.

We are still learning about our vibrant and fascinating country of Canada but also, we are getting involved with our local political race. Grade 4/5 will be running our very own polling station at Prairie Rose School for the students in Grade 4/5/6! Students will be given an opportunity to “vote” for a candidate. I wonder if the students’ votes will align with the adults in our neighbourhood?

Meanwhile in science, students are exploring the scientific method by conducting experiments on tomatoes and trying to figure out ways to rehabilitate the planters on the north side of the school.

Just several reminders: Your child can bring a labeled reusable water bottle. A clean pair of indoor running shoes should be left at school for gym class and on rainy days. Students should bring a change of clothes for Phys. Ed as well. We encourage students to read for at least 20 minutes every night to build stamina and vocabulary. Please feel free to contact me on Seesaw or email me @ ddesjarlais@wsd1.org.

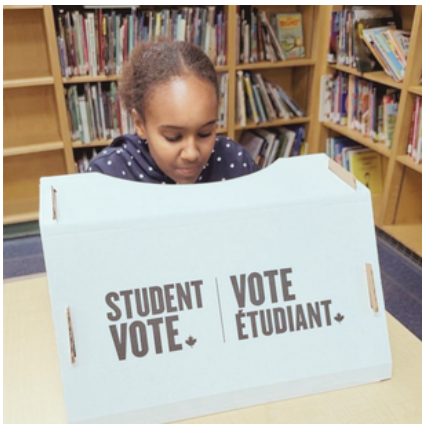


CLASSROOM NEWS

GRADE 6 | ROOM 215 | MR. TOSCZAK

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 geometrical shapes with a focus on volume, angles, multiples, factors, and so much more. 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 are about halfway finished our Novel Study “Wonder”, which is a very interesting and thought-provoking novel. Science has been exciting as we have learned so much about our home planet Earth and the other planets that join us in the Milky Way Galaxy. From learning about the different planet rotations, temperatures, and overall planet life, I can guarantee that we have improved our research skills. Don’t forget to ask us about student Vote. We also explored the candidates in our community to see who we would vote for and did our own mock election. See you next month!













CLASSROOM NEWS



PHYSICAL EDUCATION | MS. MCFADYEN



This month we finished up our soccer unit and started Team Handball. Team Handball is a game that requires throwing, catching and teamwork. Team Handball intramurals will be starting this month. Grade 3-4 will be on Day 4 and Grade 5-6 will be on Day 6.

On October 8th students in Grade 5 and 6 participated in a soccer tournament at Tyndall Park School. We enjoyed the weather outside and showed our panther pride!

We have some exciting news! Prairie Rose has been invited to join the Inner-City Soccer League! 12 students have been selected to participate. Games will be on November 17, December 1, January 7, February 12 and March 18 at Axworth Health and Recplex. Jerseys, shorts, socks and shin pads will be provided by the soccer league! What a great opportunity for our little school.







INTEGRATED ARTS | MS. MCFADYEN



October was Halloween focused with songs, art and STEAM projects related to Halloween. We learned the song *"Hey Jack"* and sung it at the Halloween parade and we learned a cup song to the Adam's Family.

Students in Grades 4-6 created haunted mazes using cardboard, magnets and clay. The students in Grades 1-4 created flying bats and fall leaf art.



HALLOWEEN PARADE

some pictures of the event
























PUMPKIN CONTEST

pumpkin entries and winners









Group Prize Winners









ART CLUB

lunch hour club

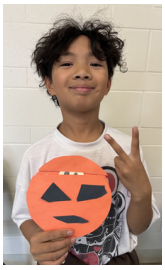


DAYS 1 & 3 | ROOM 210 *(THE LODGE)*

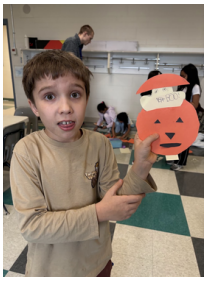
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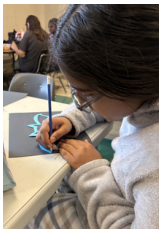
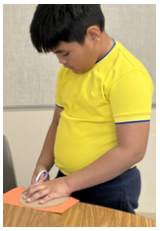
Students kicked off Art Club during the lunch hour by creating colourful tissue paper sun catchers and playful pumpkin pop-ups. Art Club is held every Days 1 and 3 over the lunch hour. Art Club is marked with ART on the school calendar (page 16)





HOCKEY BALL PROGRAM

by Sport Manitoba



On October 27th our school was visited by Sport Manitoba in partnership with the Winnipeg Jets and the True North Foundation. Hockey ball is an off-ice hockey game that is very popular in Europe. The Winnipeg Jets would like to grow the sport in Canada and have donated sticks and balls to schools in Winnipeg. We had 4 coaches come to run a session with our students. Students learned stick handling and practiced some drills. At the end of the session we played a *Ghosts and Zombie Keep-Away* game. We are so fortunate to receive hockey sticks and we can't wait to play some hockey ball.





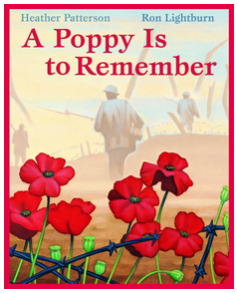
REMEMBRANCE DAY

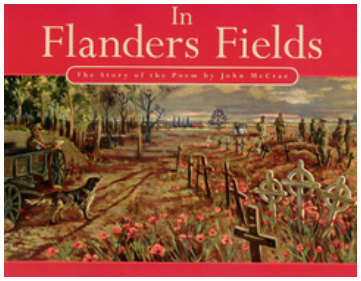
coming up this month



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 - TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH - 10:30 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 WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11 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.

NOVEMBER 2026



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2/Day 2	3/Day 3	4/Day 4	5/Day 5	6/Day 6
Professional Development No School	**Hearing Screening** 	**Intramural** Grades 3-4	**Picture Retakes** 	**Intramural** Grades 5-6
9/Day 1	10/Day 2	11	12/Day 3	13/Day 4
Art Club  Lunch Hour - Room 210		**Remembrance Day** No School 		**Intramural** Grades 3-4
16/Day 5	17/Day 6	18/Day 1	19/Day 2	20/Day 3
Intramural Grades 5-6	**Inner-city Soccer** Grades 5-6 *Axworthy Health and RecPlex Centre* 		 **Parent/Teacher** 3:45 - 7:45 pm	**Non-Instructional Day** **Parent/Teacher** 9:00 - 12:00 pm
			Parent/Teacher Conferences	
23/Day 4	24/Day 5	25/Day 6	26/Day 1	27/Day 2
Intramural Grades 3-4		**Parent Advisory Council Meeting** 5:30 - 6:30 pm **Intramural** Grades 5-6	**Pizza Lunch Fundraiser** 	**DAY CARE CLOSED**
28/Day 3				



LOOKING AHEAD: Winter Concert *(Date Change)*: Tuesday, December 15
Winter Break: December 21 - January 1