



October NEWSLETTER

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Maria Manzano, Principal



Dear Prairie Rose Families,

Hello Fall, and welcome to a new month of learning!

As we reflect on the past month, and with Thanksgiving just around the corner, we are especially grateful for the wonderful start to the school year. We have enjoyed connecting with families at Meet the Staff Night, supporting the Terry Fox Foundation, and welcoming new technology, including TVs, iPads, and Chromebooks, into our classrooms. We have also engaged in meaningful conversations around Truth and Reconciliation, held an Orange Shirt Day assembly and participated in an Awareness Walk.

Each school within the Winnipeg School Division follows the Division's protocols for preparing students and staff for emergency situations. These drills include bus evacuation drills, school evacuation drills (such as fire drills and relocation practices), and lockdown drills.

Last month, we completed our first fire drill of the school year, as part of the 10 fire drills we conduct annually. This month, we will complete one of our three lockdown drills, as well as one evacuation drill, weather permitting. Our safe evacuation site is Garden Grove School. Throughout the month, teachers will review these safety procedures and protocols with students to ensure everyone understands what to do and feels prepared in the event of an emergency.

As we approach the end of the month, we are looking forward to our classroom Halloween activities! We will kick off the afternoon festivities with a short Halloween parade in our gymnasium and continue our pumpkin-carving contest tradition. More information will be shared as we get closer, so please continue to check your email regularly for updates.

It has been a wonderful first month of the school year, and we are excited for the many more opportunities to learn, grow, and celebrate together in the months ahead.

Yours in education,

Mrs. Manzano



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- NO SCHOOL:**
 - Oct. 6 - Professional Development Day
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IF YOUR CHILD IS ABSENT

CONTACT

Safe Arrival - 1-855-278-4513 | go.schoolmessenger.ca

Transportation - 204-586-8800 | 204-789-0452



"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."



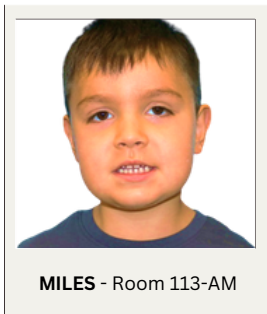
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HONOURING PANTHERS

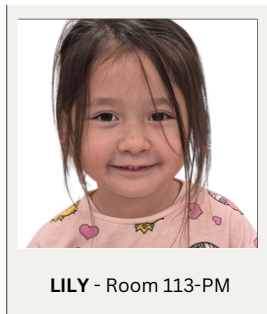
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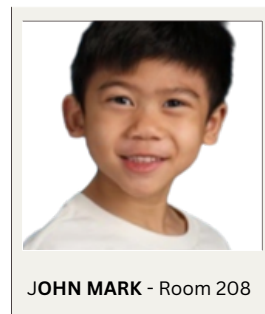
LAST MONTH, WE **RECOGNIZED** THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS IN OUR ASSEMBLY:



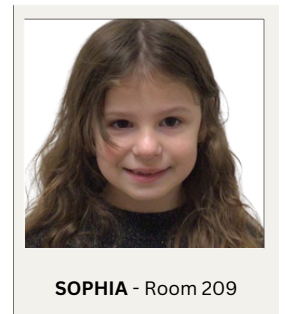
Miles is being honoured this month for demonstrating the Sacred Teachings of **Respect**, **Honesty**, and **Wisdom**. He shows these teachings each day by caring for our classroom, especially our books, doing his best to make fair and responsible choices, and sharing his thoughts and ideas with others.



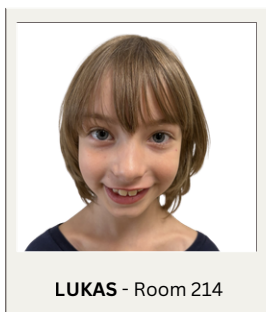
Lily consistently shows **respect** while she is in our classroom. She is quick to take care of our classroom things and other students. She is often seen helping other students put away their things or doing a little extra to make our classroom special and tidy.



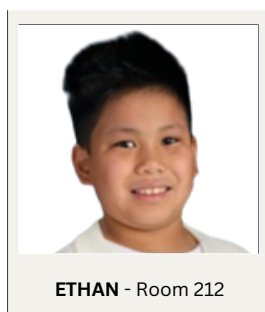
John Mark shows **Respect** and **Love** by always being a kind member of Room 208 and helping to keep it clean and organized. Every day – he helps other students stack their chairs and always cleans up after play time – even if he wasn't the one playing with the toys.



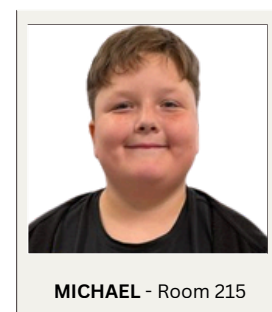
Sophia demonstrates the Bear Teaching of **Courage** by taking risks in her learning, participating actively, helping others, and showing increased confidence. She is not afraid to make mistakes and uses them as opportunities to learn and grow.



Aurora will be honoured this month for demonstrating **Humility**. Aurora demonstrates humility by being kind and considering others before herself. She recognizes that she is part of a larger community where everyone works together. Aurora is consistently helpful to her friends, classmates and teachers at our school.



Respect, is a foundational value that Ethan embodies through his daily actions. Within the classroom, Ethan clearly demonstrates this principle by actively listening to his peers during group discussions. By giving others his undivided attention and valuing differing viewpoints, he shows that every individual's voice holds worth.



I will be recognizing Michael for showing **courage** in the classroom. Michael continues to persevere and do things that he may feel nervous about. He has taken risks in class discussions when sharing ideas with his peers. He demonstrated courage by stepping up to be a part of the leadership team.



CLASSROOM NEWS

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

Welcome, once again, to all of the students and families both returning to and joining our Nursery / Kindergarten program this year!

I would also like to say thank you to all of the parents for taking time out of your busy schedules to attend the intake interviews. It was wonderful to have the opportunity to meet you in person, share information about our program, and show you our classroom.

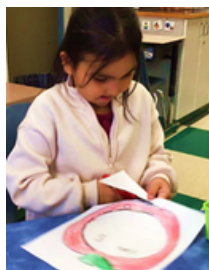
Our story has begun, with the children doing an amazing job adapting to their roles as Prairie Rose students and quickly becoming familiar with our daily routines! They have also begun learning about the Seven Sacred Teachings, with a focus on Wisdom, which is represented by the Beaver. Wisdom is the understanding that each person has their own unique set of talents and gifts to be practiced and shared with others. We have been learning about the unique talents and gifts of the Beaver (as well as our own), and how putting those talents into action can help build new ecosystems or communities where everyone is able to support one another while also continuing to grow and develop.

In addition, the children have already been hard at work on their literacy, math, drawing, painting, colouring, cutting and social skills. They have also been learning about Trees, including the different parts of a tree and the changes we see taking place with the arrival of the fall season.

October is shaping up to be another very busy and exciting month! Please continue to join us on SeeSaw in order to stay informed about upcoming events (i.e., Class Halloween Party) and see the “Beaver”, “Every Child Matters Self-Portraits” and “Fall Tree” artwork the children have been creating!

Over the Thanksgiving weekend, please try to take some time to think of all that you are thankful for and know that we at Prairie Rose are very thankful for all of you and your continued support!

We look forward to all of the learning, growing, and fun that October will bring!



CLASSROOM NEWS



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



Over the past month our afternoon Nursery & Kindergarten class has already had so much fun learning together. We have been dancing, singing, reading books, doing “book looks” (during this time we practise looking carefully at the pictures in our books to predict what might be happening in the story) and also plenty of counting and alphabet practice too. We have begun our math talks as well, and I encourage you to take some time to do this while you have family time. It is simple, you look around you and chose one area to focus on and then you share what you notice. In class we do this by looking at pictures. Lately it has been pictures of turtles and squirrels. It is really exciting to see what students notice on their own. Often, they will count the number of items, compare sizes, shapes and colours. They will use terms like more than, less than, taller than, bigger than.

Sometimes the comments might not seem very mathematical such as when one student noticed a turtle’s neck looks like a watermelon. After asking for a bit of clarification, the student convinced us all (the colours and stripe patterns were, in fact, very similar to a watermelon!). Students are so proud when they have the opportunity to share their ideas, and this is a great way to help them become more comfortable with math concepts and vocabulary. I wonder what math topics you might find (Hint: both natural and constructed items are full of opportunities.) Think about the shapes, angles, and patterns found in plants and animals. Shadows, lights, road signs and roof lines are all rich with interesting conversation starters. I’d love to hear about your math conversations, so feel free to share!

It won’t be long before the leaves are all on the ground and the winter weather arrives. Please be ready to send warm winter clothing to school with your student every school day. We will try our best to go outside about three or four days per school cycle, and we will go even when it gets cold outside. The children love being outside and it is a great place for them to use (and strengthen) their larger muscles, be a bit louder and explore the outside world. We will be taking special notice of squirrels and trees this month too so being outside is especially great for that. Inside we have been making ‘squirrel soup’ by using simple ‘recipe cards’ to collect loose parts into our soup bowls. This activity is great for strengthening number identification, one to one counting and is also a natural entry into comparing quantities. Be sure and ask your student to share about that!

I am so pleased with how each student is adjusting to being in school. They are quick to laugh and enjoy one another. I have shared with the students that they are a very kind group, and I want to thank each of you for that. Many times, each day I get to see them help one another and share their ideas, toys and smiles with one another. They are all settling into our routines and activities very well and I look forward to seeing them each day. A special shout-out to every family too, because we have had nearly 100% attendance so far this year! I am sharing a few pictures from our time together. Look who we had visit our classroom. The students definitely enjoyed hearing a special book from Mrs. Manzano!





CLASSROOM NEWS

GRADE 1-2 | ROOM 208 | MS. NASSAR

September was such a great, busy, first month of Grade 1 and 2 in Room 208. Here is a recap of our month and some things to look forward to in October.

Math: Number of the Day and learning our 10 pairs. You can help you child at home by playing the “10s Game”. You yell out a number, and your child has to say what number goes with it to make 10 as quick as they can. Ex: You say 1 and your child has to yell 9. We want the ten pairs to be automatic as this will help with bigger number addition.

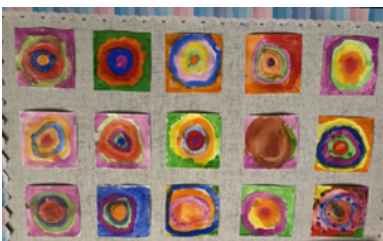
ELA: We are continuing to practice our Daily 5 jobs. UFLI will begin once we learn our routines. My plan is to start UFLI the first few weeks of October – so please look out for some notices on Seesaw.

Social Studies: We started our first social studies unit “I Belong”. We began by looking at some vocabulary words for the unit and studied our family – how many people are in it and what we like to do with our families. We will continue to learn about what culture, traditions, and community groups we belong to. We also learned about Orange Shirt Day and the 7 Teachings.

Art: We have been studying warm and cool colours. We completed 3 painting art projects. The students are so creative and love exploring different types of paint (tempura, water colour and acrylic). We also made fall trees on the first Day of Fall. Students did “magic” by spraying a coloured coffee filter with water. I love how they turned out.

October is a busy, food and candy filled month! We will complete some Thanksgiving projects and are so excited for Halloween.

Talk soon,
Ms. Nassar



CLASSROOM NEWS

GRADE 2-3 | ROOM 209 | MRS. BARROS



We have had a great start to the school year! It has been so much fun getting to know each other, and I am so proud of how well everyone is settling into our classroom routines.

In Math, we are focusing on place value and patterns. Each day, during our Number of the Day, I am so impressed by how well the students are retaining and remembering information from previous days. They are doing a wonderful job building on their learning!

In Social Studies, we are learning about the provinces of Canada and their capital cities. We are finding fun and creative ways to remember all of the names and capitals, and the students are enjoying this learning!

A quick reminder that the weather can be unpredictable at this time of year. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather each day, as temperatures can change throughout the day.

Thank you to all the families who have already brought in the school supply money. If you have not yet had a chance to send it in, please bring it in as soon as possible.

We will soon be starting our UFLI literacy program and weekly spelling tests. Please be sure to check your child's homework folder regularly for important information, notices, and documents that may be coming home.

Thank you for your continued support! We are off to a wonderful start, and I am looking forward to all the learning, growing, and fun we will have together this year!





CLASSROOM NEWS

GRADE 3-4 | ROOM 214 | MRS. SIMONS

We have had such a great start to the school year! Thank you to everyone who popped in for a chat during our Meet the Staff night on September 22! It was nice to see you! This month we have been focusing on getting to know each other, settling into classroom routines, reviewing expectations, and building our classroom community. Students did a wonderful job presenting their “Me in a Nutshell” projects to the class. It was fun to see all of the things each student chose to share about themselves!

We have worked on personal writing, persuasive writing, silent reading, listening to different types of stories and using Reading Eggs in ELA. We voted on our first class novel, which is Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. We are enjoying so far! We completed our first real life math project where students ran their own fast food restaurant. This project had us developing addition and subtraction strategies while working with graphs, money and place value. We are now working on estimation and place value. We have been having lots of fun being creative with different art projects this month. Last month, we learned about Terry Fox, his life and his legacy and had a great time during our school’s Terry Fox run!

Our class has been learning about the Seven Sacred Teachings, Orange Shirt Day and Truth and Reconciliation. Our class focus this year is Honesty. We also wrote a Land Acknowledgement which was shared at our Orange Shirt Day assembly on September 29.

In Social Studies we have been learning about Canada’s provinces and territories and working with maps. In Health, we have been talking about Zones of Regulation which will continue into this month. Our new Science unit will start this month, too! We will be learning all about forces that attract or repel. We’ve had a great first month together!

Please make sure to check into Seesaw regularly for important messages, updates or pictures from our classroom learning.



CLASSROOM NEWS



GRADE 4-5 | ROOM 212 | MS. DENISE



Welcome Back!

Welcome to a brand-new school year! We are so excited to welcome your child into our Grade 4/5 classroom.

September is all about building routines, establishing a positive community, and adjusting to the exciting expectations of the upper elementary grades. We are already hard at work creating a safe, respectful, and fun environment where every student can thrive.

We are kicking off the year building mental math and problem-solving strategies during our math classes as well as working on a variety of math skills to refresh our math abilities. We are currently reading *A Stranger at Home* by Christy Frenton and Margaret Pokiak-Fenton to further our understanding of Orange Shirt Day and Every Child Matters. Meanwhile in Social Studies, we are learning about our great country of Canada.

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 @ ddejarlais@wsd1.org.



CLASSROOM NEWS

GRADE 6 | ROOM 215 | MR. TOSZAK

In Room 215, we welcomed many students to our classroom who have come grade five. However, one student in our classroom is brand new to Prairie Rose School and we would like to give a special welcome to Alania. We have already started to learn so much in the first few weeks of the school year. In math we have started using our problem-solving skills to plan a create our own fictional sports store while also developing our multiplication and division facts. We also started our math program that we will use multiple times a week called Mathletics as well as working on mastering concepts in our math discussions centered around multiplication, division, patterns and graphs. In ELA we have started working on inquiry projects, improving our reading and writing skills during Daily 6 and have begun a novel study on the book Wonder.

We have also been learning about the seven scared teachings as we focus on Truth and Reconciliation and even created our own land acknowledgement for room 215. We also had a chance to go to the Winnipeg School Division Pow Wow as you can see from the photos below. It has been a great start to the year!





CLASSROOM NEWS



PHYSICAL EDUCATION | MS. MCFADYEN

September flew by! During the month of September our gym was still under construction, but we made use of the nice weather and started our soccer unit. On October 8th students are participating in the Grade 5/6 soccer tournament at Tyndall Park School. Practices will be held on September 28th, October 1st, October 5th and October 7th.

At the end of September students had the opportunity to participate in Indigenous Games. We tried Big Hoop, Screaming Eagle, Fox Tail Fling and Tap Les Mains. These activities will be revisited throughout the year and will be played again during Festival.

Lunch time Intramurals started September 29th for Grades 3-6. Grade 3 and 4 students will be on Day 4 from 12:30-1:00 pm and Grades 5 and 6 will be on day 6 from 12:30-1:00 pm. This month students will be participating in soccer.

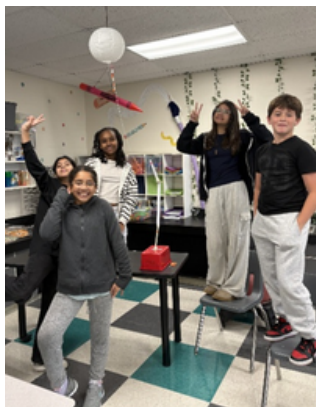


INTEGRATED ARTS | MS. MCFADYEN

This month we learned about different types of lines and created a collaborated connected line art pieces. Students explored using different art mediums including markers, pencil crayons, watercolour paint and paint pens.

For our STEAM projects students got creative building towers out of paperclips, straws, string, popsicle sticks and elastic bands. I loved seeing how the students worked together and came up with unique ideas. Students in Grades 4-6 also made prosthetic legs while learning about Terry Fox.

If you are interested in seeing more STEAM and Art fun check out my Instagram page @makingmcmagic.



MEET THE STAFF NIGHT

some pictures of the event

~ THANK YOU FOR MEETING US ~

Thank you for attending our Meet the Staff Night last month!

We had a great turn out of families gathered at school to meet the staff, and we were so happy you came to meet us. Thank you for writing a special letter to your child(ren), taking a family photo and joining us for some Bannock. Here are some pictures of the evening and

Congratulations to the Reid family for winning the prize!



Congrats





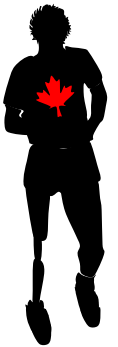
TERRY FOX RUN

some pictures of the event



TERRY FOX RUN | SEPTEMBER 25, 2025

On September 25th our school participated in the Terry Fox run. It was a cooler fall day and students ran (and walked) for 20 minutes to help Terry finish this marathon of hope. Students worked very hard and got popsicles to celebrate.





EVERY CHILD MATTERS

orange shirt day



NORWEST DAYCARE



NorWest's Early Learning Childcare Centre is a non-profit child care centre licensed through Manitoba Early Learning and Child Care. We have been in operation for more than 40 years. We have two sites: our Lucas Ave location is licensed to accept 66 children aged 1-12 years (4 infant, 32 preschool and 30 school age) and our Keewatin location is licensed to accept 12 infants (age 3 months to 24 months). Both sites are open throughout the week from 7:00 am – 5:00 pm except statutory holidays.

We recognize each child as an individual with different interests, strengths, and levels of development. Our team of certified Early Childhood Educators and assistants deliver age-appropriate activities aimed to enhance a child's social, emotional and physical development. We also help your child build strong cognitive, language, motor, and self-help skills.

To register please contact Tracy Krulicki at (204) 940-2165 or tkrulicki@norwestcoop.ca. You can also get more information on child care and subsidies by visiting Manitoba Early Learning and Child Care.

*Please note: once your child is accepted into one of our daycare locations, you must become a member of our co-op. More information on our membership can be found [here](#).



DAYCARE CLOSED: October 30th
Staff's Professional Learning Day

Sorry we're
CLOSED



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.

REMINDER

The **front doors of Prairie Rose School will now be locked**. Please call (204)795-0547 upon your arrival and a staff member will let you inside. Another option is to access through the Lucas side doors and **Press #2** on the outdoor keypad and wait to be buzzed into the building.

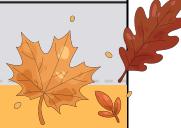
Our new fenced in area has been working out really well to access outdoor play more efficiently and keep everyone safe. We try to have outdoor play every day (weather permitting) so please remember to dress your child accordingly.





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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
			1/Day 5	2/Day 6
			Soccer Practice Grade 5-6 12:00 - 12:25 	Bus Ridership 
5/Day 1	6/Day 2	7/Day 3	8/Day 4	9/Day 5
Soccer Practice Grade 5-6 12:00 - 12:25 	Professional Development No School	Soccer Practice Grade 5-6 12:00 - 12:25 	Grade 6 Immunizations 	
12/	13/Day 26	14/Day 1	15/Day 2	16/Day 3
Happy Thanksgiving No School 			Evacuation Drill to Garden Grove 	
19/Day 4	20/Day 5	21/Day 6	22/Day 1	23/Day 2
		Parent Advisory Council Meeting 5:30 - 6:30 pm <i>Room 111</i>	Lockdown Drill 	Professional Development No School 
26/Day 3	27/Day 4	28/Day 5	29/Day 6	30/Day 1
				Halloween / Pumpkin Carving Contest
LOOKING AHEAD: NO SCHOOL - November 2, 11, 20 				