

PINKHAM SCHOOL

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Principal: Mrs. Sonia Medaglia Dos Santos January Newsletter

Principal's Message

Dear Pinkham School Families,



Welcome back! We hope you had a wonderful holiday season filled with joy and relaxation. As we step into the new year, we look forward to an exciting term ahead.

We had a magical month of December with many highlights. Our students showcased their incredible talents during the Winter Concert. Thank you to all the families who attended and supported our young musicians!

A heartfelt thank you to our staff for putting together a delightful Holiday Lunch. The festive spirit was truly in the air as we enjoyed delicious food and warm company with our school family.

Our Pancake Breakfast with Santa and Activity Day. A special thanks to the volunteers from Gordon Bell High School who planned and prepared for the special day. The students had an amazing time participating in various fun and educational activities.

We are grateful to the Angels in the Night foundation and WSD for purchasing and donating brand new winter jackets for all our students. Special thanks to the Pyjama Project Inc. for donating brand new PJ's to all of the students. THANK YOU! I hope this helped all the students stay warm and cozy during the winter break!

As we embark on this new year, we are excited about the adventures that lie ahead. Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our school community.

Warm regards,

Sonia Medaglia Dos Santos
Principal



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Upcoming Events

- January 21 Mobile Vision Clinic
- January 28 Parent Council Mtg

Land Acknowledgement

"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 Métis, and the ancestral lands of the Anishinaabe, Ininiwak, and Dakota Oyate peoples."

DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

N/K Winter Concert



Grades 1- 6 Winter Concert



- We had the most magical two days of winter concerts at Pinkham School. Special thank you to Ms. Katie Prescott, our music teacher for all your hard work preparing the students. Thank you to all our staff, students and families for making both days a huge success!

DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS CON'T

Holiday Lunch



Pancake Breakfast/ Activity Day



Phys.Ed News

Hello Parents & Guardians,

It's been an exciting month in the gym! Over the past few weeks, students have been working hard on developing their kicking and soccer skills. From learning the basics to playing modified games, everyone has been actively engaged and giving their best effort.

We've also been focusing on key soccer vocabulary such as pass, dribble, and accuracy, helping students build not only their physical skills but their understanding of the game as well. It's been wonderful to see their progress and enthusiasm!

Lunchtime has been especially energetic with intramurals bringing students together for fun, friendly competition. The gym is buzzing with teamwork and school spirit!

A quick reminder: As the weather turns colder, please ensure your child brings a pair of indoor running shoes for Phys. Ed. Proper footwear is essential for safety and full participation in class.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to more fun and active days ahead!

Stay active,

Ms.Lisi
Phys. Ed Teacher
Pinkham School



Room 217 Grade 1/2

Classroom News

Welcome to January! December brought excitement, curiosity, and a sense of wonder for Room 217. As we wrapped up the year, students explored new learning, building friendships, and celebrating the joy of learning together.

In the month of November our class explored the meaning of peace and how it connects to Remembrance Day. Students learned that peace means helping others feel safe, being kind, and working together. We read 'The Peace Book' by Todd Parr, which helped us understand what peace feels and looks like in everyday life.

We have been practicing and recognizing how our daily actions help us understand peace is something we create together.

We also began an exciting inquiry into polar bears. We learned about where polar bears live, how they stay warm, what they eat, and why they are important to the Arctic ecosystem. Students asked questions as we explored these amazing animals

Our class sends warm wishes to all families as we head into the winter break. Whether you are celebrating a holiday, enjoying time with loved ones, or simply relaxing at home, we hope your days are filled with peace, joy, and kindness.



Room 215 - Grade 1/2



🎨 Winter Art Highlights & Our Seven Sacred Teachings-Eagle (Love) Assembly Performance ❄️

Room 215 has been filled with creativity, learning, and celebration as we explored winter-themed art and prepared for a meaningful school assembly.

🎄 Winter Tree Art Project

Students expressed their artistic talents through our Winter Trees project, using a mix of paint and textured materials. Each tree reflects the child's own interpretation of winter—some sparkling with snow; others bold with swirling winter winds. Our classroom now looks like a beautiful winter forest, showcasing the imagination and effort of every student.

🦅 Assembly Performance: Eagle – Love

In December assembly, our class performed with a focus on one of the Seven Sacred Teachings: The Eagle, representing Love. Students learned that eagle teaches us to love ourselves, one another, and the world around us with honesty, respect, and compassion.

During the assembly, our students shared this teaching through song, movement, and spoken words. Their performance highlighted the importance of caring for others and approaching life with a kind heart. We are very proud of the confidence, teamwork, and sincerity they brought to the assembly.

🌟 Celebrating Creativity & Character

From stunning winter artwork to a heartfelt performance rooted in cultural teachings, our students have shown tremendous creativity and spirit. We look forward to continuing these meaningful learning experiences throughout the season.

Best Regards,

Mrs. Antioquia

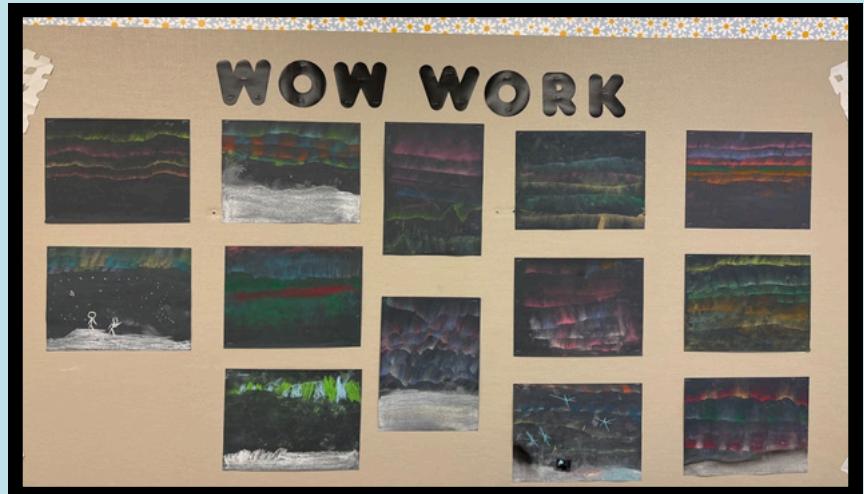
Highlights From Room 216 Grade 3/4

December has been a busy month here in room 216! We started off the month decorating our classroom with beautiful paper snowflakes. We discussed symmetry when making these as when you open up the folded paper, both sides are the same. We also spent some time learning about different winter holidays that people celebrate around this time of the year including Hanukkah, Winter Solstice, Christmas and Kwanzaa. Students noticed that despite their differences, most holiday celebrations involved getting together with loved ones and eating food.

We also tried out a variety of different art techniques this month! We drew snowflakes with oil pastels and then painted over them with water colour paints and observed how the snowflake shows through even when we painted over it because the oil in the pastel and the water colour paint don't want to mix. We also tried out an art technique using chalk to make some beautiful Northern Lights art. The students remembered learning about the Northern Lights when we talked about them last month when some people were able to see them at night even within the city.

Best wishes from room 216!

Mrs. Tod



THANK YOU “Angels in the Night” Invis Mortgage intelligence and WSD for donating brand new winter coats for all our students!!



THANK YOU Pyjama Project Inc. for donating brand new pyjama's for all our students!!



Family Room News

Sherrie Houle

Our Family room is a welcoming space where we have our monthly Parent Council meetings and programming throughout the year. We have a free clothing depot and sewing machines. I can help with any resources you need. You can call, email or speak to me in person.

Weekly food security for potatoes, onions, and bread. Unfortunately we have still not found a depot to work from. We are still looking for a solution.

Meals2go every student will take home a M2G bag every Friday except N/K a.m. they will receive their bags on Monday mornings as M2G is delivered in the afternoon.

Parent Council Meetings – These meetings are a great way to share school information and meet other Parents/Guardians. We offer free childcare and a light dinner. Our next Parent Council Meeting is on **Wednesday, January 28th at 3:45 pm**. Please let me know if you are attending to make sure we have enough food.

Beading/Sewing Thursday's are drop in beading/sewing. We started making beaded pins, you can make earrings, dreamcatchers or use the loom to make bracelets. You are welcome to use our sewing machine for a project or bring in any items you have to mend them.

Family After School Pottery on Tuesdays from 3:45 – 5:30. Come out and create something special using clay, make a cup, vase or a smudge bowl. One session is creating, letting it dry and firing it in the kiln. In the next session we paint our creation, let it dry then fire in the kiln again. Come with your kids or come by yourself.



*Please drop by the office
if you are interested in
volunteering at Pinkham*

Family Room Calendar



January

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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5	6	7 Indigenous Grand Parents lunch 1 pm	8	9 First Dental appointment 1 pm
12 Sherrie away all day	13	14	15 Drop in beading/sewing	16
19	20 After school Family pottery 3:45 – 5:30 pm	21 Mobile Vision	22 Drop in beading/sewing 	23
26	27 After school Family pottery 3:45 – 5:30 pm	28 Parent Council Meeting 3:45 pm	29 Drop in beading/sewing	30



JANUARY 2026

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

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Classes Resume
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**Parent Council
Meeting
3:45 pm**

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2025-2026

Important
Dates

January 2026

5 School re-opens after Winter Break
21 Mobile Vision Clinic

February 2026

2 Professional Development Day- NO CLASSES
14 Valentine's Day
16 Louis Riel Day—HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
28 Jump Rope for Heart assembly 2:30 PM

March 2026

17-18 IEP Meetings
19 Student-Led Conferences – evening
20 Student-Led Conferences – all day – NO CLASSES
23-27 Spirit Week
26 Family Movie Evening

Mar. 30-Apr. 4 SPRING BREAK – SCHOOL CLOSED

April 2026

6 School re-opens after Spring Break
8-9 Class Data Review Meetings
10 Professional Development Day—NO CLASSES
28 Bus Ridership
Day of Pink TBA

May 2026

8 School Planning Day—NO CLASSES
18 Victoria Day—HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED

June 2026

5 PD/School Planning Day—NO CLASSES
19 Year End Celebration—9:00 AM
22 *TBA* Grade 6 Farewell—1:15 PM
22 Report Cards go home
21 National Indigenous Peoples Day
26 Talent Show – 9:15 AM
30 Last Day of School—Student Dismissal at 11:30 AM



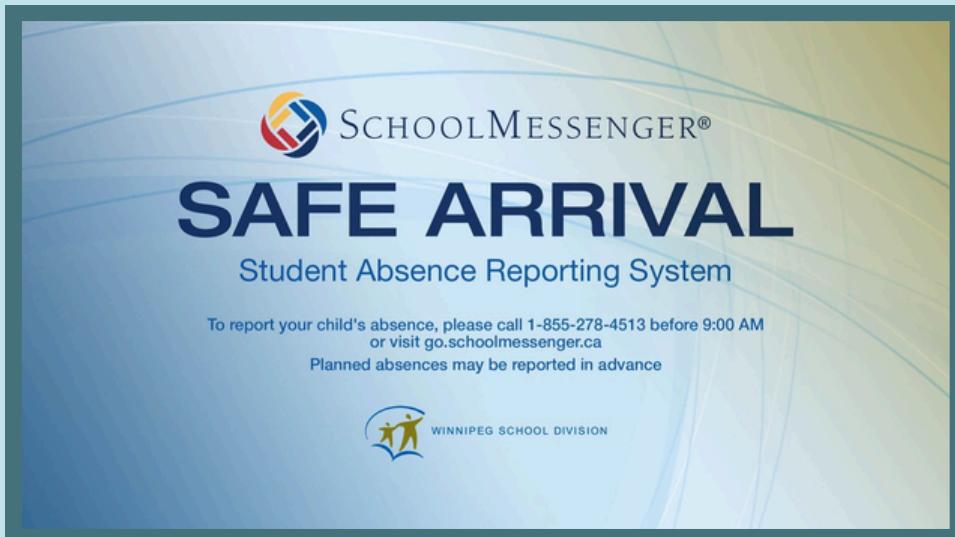
Please note that students in the lunch program are expected to follow all safety rules.

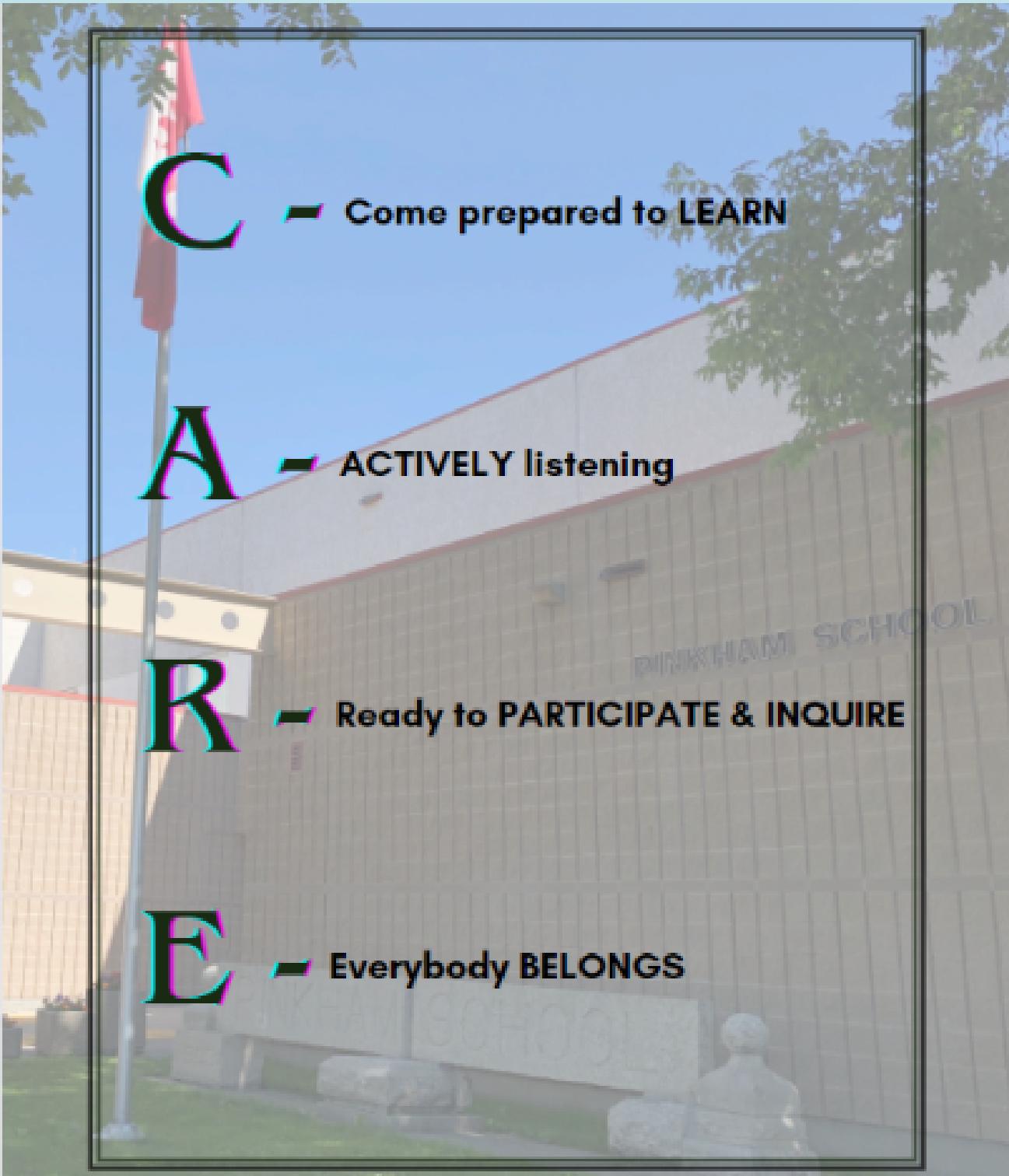
- Keep your hands and feet to yourself at all times
- Use kind words to solve problems
 - Ask a grown-up to help
- Respect and listen to the lunch supervisors
- Remember to respect yourself, respect others and respect the world around you

If a student is unable to meet these expectations, we may ask families to make alternative lunch arrangements. Thank you for your understanding and support as we work to provide a safe and inclusive lunch environment for all.

ATTENDANCE AND ENGAGEMENT

We encourage students to attend school daily. Regular attendance ensures that students receive the instruction and support that they need and helps them build a sense of belonging and love for learning. Please let us know if we can support you in any way.





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