

PINKHAM SCHOOL

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October Newsletter

IT HAS BEEN A WONDERFUL START TO THE SCHOOL YEAR AT PINKHAM SCHOOL! IT HAS BEEN EXCITING TO WELCOME OUR STUDENTS BACK AND SEE OUR CLASSROOMS, HALLWAYS, AND PLAYGROUNDS FILLED WITH LEARNING, LAUGHTER, AND CONNECTIONS. THANK YOU TO OUR FAMILIES AND STAFF FOR HELPING MAKE THE TRANSITION BACK TO SCHOOL A POSITIVE ONE.

WE HAVE ALREADY HAD A BUSY MONTH WITH MANY OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS TO LEARN, PARTICIPATE, AND BUILD COMMUNITY. OUR STUDENTS TOOK PART IN THE TERRY FOX RUN, SHOWING TREMENDOUS SCHOOL SPIRIT WHILE LEARNING ABOUT TERRY'S LEGACY AND THE IMPORTANCE OF PERSEVERANCE AND HELPING OTHERS. WE ALSO CAME TOGETHER TO RECOGNIZE ORANGE SHIRT DAY AND THE NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION. THIS WAS AN IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR STUDENTS AND STAFF TO LEARN, REFLECT, AND HONOUR THE CHILDREN WHO NEVER RETURNED HOME, THE SURVIVORS OF RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS, AND THEIR FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES. WE CONTINUE TO BUILD OUR UNDERSTANDING OF RECONCILIATION AND THE IMPORTANCE OF LEARNING FROM INDIGENOUS PERSPECTIVES.

OUR SOCCER PROGRAM HAS ALSO BEEN OFF TO A GREAT START, WITH STUDENTS DEMONSTRATING TEAMWORK, SPORTSMANSHIP, AND PLENTY OF ENTHUSIASM ON THE FIELD!

WE WERE PROUD TO HAVE STUDENTS AND STAFF PARTICIPATE IN THE WSD POW WOW, CELEBRATING CULTURE, COMMUNITY, MUSIC, DANCE, AND INDIGENOUS TRADITIONS. EVENTS SUCH AS THESE PROVIDE MEANINGFUL OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR STUDENTS TO CONNECT WITH CULTURE AND COMMUNITY.

STUDENTS IN ROOMS 203 AND 205 ALSO ENJOYED A FIELD TRIP TO THE LEAF, WHERE THEY HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE AND LEARN BEYOND THE CLASSROOM. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE EXPERIENCES THAT BRING LEARNING TO LIFE AND ALLOW OUR STUDENTS TO DISCOVER AND MAKE CONNECTIONS WITH THE WORLD AROUND THEM.

AS WE MOVE INTO OCTOBER, I LOOK FORWARD TO ANOTHER MONTH FILLED WITH LEARNING, CONNECTION, AND NEW EXPERIENCES. THANK YOU TO OUR STUDENTS, FAMILIES, AND STAFF FOR MAKING PINKHAM SUCH A WELCOMING AND VIBRANT SCHOOL COMMUNITY.

GO PANTHERS!

SONIA MEDAGLIA DOS SANTOS, PRINCIPAL



Upcoming Events

Bus Ridership- **October 9th**



Picture Day- **October 13th**



Reminders

October 6- **No School WSD**



October 12- **No School Thanksgiving**

October 23- **No School MTS PD Day**

Land Acknowledgment

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.



PINKHAM SCHOOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2026-2027



OCTOBER 2026

- 6 WSD ALL STAFF PD – NO CLASSES
 - 9 BUS RIDERSHIP
 - 12 THANKSGIVING DAY HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
 - 13 PICTURE DAY
 - 23 MTS PD DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
 - 30 HALLOWEEN/COSTUME PARADE
- FIRE EVACUATION PRACTICE-TBA

NOVEMBER 2026

- 2 SCHOOL PD DAY- NO CLASSES
- 10 REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY—11:00 AM
- 11 REMEMBRANCE DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
- 13 SCHOOL PHOTOS – RE-TAKES
- 18-19-20 HEARING SCREENING
- 19 STUDENT-LED CONFERENCES—EVENING
- 20 STUDENT-LED CONFERENCES—NO CLASSES
- 24-25 CLASS DATA REVIEW MEETINGS

DECEMBER 2026

- 9 WINTER CONCERT- NURSERY AND KINDERGARTEN (AM AND PM)
 - 10 GRADES 1-6 WINTER CONCERT (PM AND EVENING)
 - 14 HOLIDAY TURKEY LUNCH
 - 16 BREAKFAST WITH SANTA
 - 18 MOVIE DAY
- DEC 21 – JAN 1 WINTER BREAK – SCHOOL CLOSED



JANUARY 2027

- 4 SCHOOL RE-OPENS AFTER WINTER BREAK
- 15 PD-NON INSTRUCTIONAL DAY- NO CLASSES
- TBA MOBILE VISION CLINIC

FEBRUARY 2027

- 5 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY- NO CLASSES
- 8-19 I LOVE TO READ
- 14 VALENTINE'S DAY
- 15 LOUIS RIEL DAY-HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
- 26 JUMP ROPE FOR HEART ASSEMBLY 2:30 PM TBA

MARCH 2027

- 18 STUDENT-LED CONFERENCES – EVENING
- 19 STUDENT-LED CONFERENCES – ALL DAY – NO CLASSES
- 22-25 SPIRIT WEEK
- 26 GOOD FRIDAY- SCHOOL CLOSED

MAR. 29-APR. 2 SPRING BREAK – SCHOOL CLOSED

APRIL 2027

- 5 SCHOOL RE-OPENS AFTER SPRING BREAK
- 14 INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PINK
- 15 FAMILY NIGHT
- 16 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY—NO CLASSES
- 19-23 EARTH WEEK
- 28 BUS RIDERSHIP

MAY 2027

- 5 RED DRESS DAY
- 7 SCHOOL PD—NO CLASSES
- 24 VICTORIA DAY—HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED

JUNE 2027

- 10 PINKHAM FAMILY BBQ
- 21 INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY
- 25 GRADE 6 FAREWELL—1:15 PM
REPORT CARDS GO HOME
- 28 YEAR END CELEBRATION—9:00 AM

30 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL—STUDENT DISMISSAL AT 11:30 AM

TERRY FOX



TOGETHER



WE RUN FOR A CURE







Orange Shirt Day

September 29th



Lunch Program News

LUNCH PROGRAM SPOTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR ALL CHILDREN THAT ATTEND PINKHAM SCHOOL THIS YEAR

LUNCH PROGRAM EXPECTATIONS:

• STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO FOLLOW THE RULES AND GUIDELINES OF THE LUNCH PROGRAM AND LUNCH RECESS:

- **CLEAN UP YOUR SPACE**
 - **DO NOT SHARE FOOD**
 - **DO NOT TOUCH ANYONE'S LUNCH OR LUNCH BAG**
 - **LISTEN AND RESPECT THE ADULTS**
- LUNCH IS PREPARED AND PROVIDED BY OUR FOOD COORDINATORS DAILY. IF YOUR CHILD HAS SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS, PLEASE LET US KNOW. A MONTHLY MENU WILL BE PROVIDED IN OUR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER.**
- YOUR CHILD IS ALSO WELCOME TO BRING THEIR OWN LUNCH FROM HOME IF THAT IS PREFERRED.**

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD FOR THE LUNCH PROGRAM, PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM AND RETURN IT. THANK YOU!

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED TO STAY AT SCHOOL FOR LUNCH



Pinkham Family Room



Our Family room is a welcoming space that we use for programming, to obtain resources, have a coffee and host our monthly Parent Council Meetings from. We have free clothing and small housewares available to all our families. If you have ideas or skills that you would like to share with us and or create a program from, please contact me through phone, email or in person.

· Meals to go – every student will take home a M2GO bag every Friday. N/K a.m. students will be given to them on Monday mornings as meals to go are dropped off at our school in the late afternoons. Bags are filled with food items such as fruit, yogurt and cereal.

· Parent Council Meeting are always the last Wednesday of the month, starting right after school at 3:40. These meetings are great way to meet other Parents/Guardians and share school information. We offer free child-minding, and we always serve a nice lunch. We look forward to you attending. Our next meeting is on Wednesday October 28th at 3:40 p.m.

Please let us know if you are attending and how many to ensure enough food, let us know if you need a translator or childminding.

· Indigenous Grandparents Lunch – This monthly program is a time for our Indigenous Grandparents to get together. We start with a sharing circle which sometimes takes up the whole afternoon. Last year we talked a lot about Residential schools, the 60's scoop and taking care of their Grandchildren.

· Koats for kids – If you need gently used winter jackets and snow pants, please send me an email or phone me with the following information and I will order for you. I need the student's name and size.

· Cooking Club – We started this program near the end of the last school year. Parents/Guardians gave me their recipes a week in advance, they cooked together and took home what they made. They also made connections with each other. I hope to make our own cookbook with our recipes. I would like for us to make an easy squared quilt to hang in the Family room. We can make from the beautiful material that is leftover from the ribbon skirts we made last year. If you have some time, come in and cut some squares while having a coffee.

Thank you,

Sherrie Houle

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OCTOBER in the Family Room

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1	2
				Meals2GO
5	6	7	8	9 Meals2GO
Sherrie away all day	No School	Dental Screening		
12	13	14	15	16
No School Thanksgiving	Nutrition Bingo		Indigenous Grandparents Lunch planning	M2GO
19	20	21	22	23
	Nutrition Bingo	Cooking Club 1:00 - 3:30	M2GO	No School
26	27	28	29	30
	Nutrition Bingo	Grade 6 Immunizations PTA Meeting 3:45-5:00		M2GO

***Parent/Teacher Association Meeting-
Light Supper and Child Care is provided- ALL ARE WELCOME!!***

Looking Ahead: Family Pottery and Lunchtime Cooking Club with students begins in November



HARVEST MEALS2GO!

COMING SOON!

TO YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL!



Meals2Go is a weekend student nutrition program aimed to nourish students on the two days a week they might not have access to in-school meal programs.

Students are given a Meals2Go kit every Friday to take home for the weekend!



This program is FREE and open to all students—no registration required!



How does the program work?

Harvest staff and volunteers pack breakfast bags every week filled with healthy, and kid-friendly snacks including fresh dairy, fresh fruit and veggies, and an assortment of dry goods. Our friendly team of volunteers and staff will deliver the Meals2Go bags to your child's school every Friday. Teachers will distribute the bags to each student for them to take home and enjoy over the weekend!

Q: Are the bags free?

Yes! The Meals2Go bags are free meaning you do not have to pay to have your student receive Meals2Go.

Q: Who can receive the bags?

This is an inclusive meal program, everyone is automatically enrolled and will receive a bag each Friday.

Q: What if my child doesn't want one?

If your child would like to opt out of the program, please notify your homeroom teacher and child.

Q: Are the Meals2Go bags plastic?

No! Our Meals2Go bags are completely compostable!

Q: How long is the Meals2Go program?

We run the Meals2Go program for the entire school year, which means your child will receive kits every week from October-June. We do not distribute over the Holiday or Spring Break.

Q: What if my child has an allergy?

We will gladly pack a separate allergy friendly kit for your child that is sealed, labelled, and delivered in a separate bag. Just let us know!

Q: Who do I contact with questions or concerns?

You can always reach out to your homeroom teacher with questions or school staff. You may also reach out directly to Harvest's Director of Community Programs, Mika Peterson, or Program Coordinator, Grace Hodge. They are always happy to answer questions or assist in any way.

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First Meal2Go will go home Friday, October 2nd

October 2026

Small
steps make
big things
happen
♡

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
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Be kind

Be safe

Be your best
♡

Pinkham
CARE
Panthers

LEARN

GROW

BELONG