



PINKHAM SCHOOL

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Principal: Mrs. Sonia Medaglia Dos Santos
February Newsletter



Principal's Message



It's hard to believe it's already February. Winter is still very much here! With the extremely cold weather, we appreciate everyone's cooperation in ensuring students are dressed warmly and arrive safely each day. Despite the chill, it has been a fantastic month of learning throughout our school. Classrooms have been busy with meaningful work, curiosity, and growth, and it has been wonderful to see students staying engaged and motivated.

We are also proud of our students who have been participating in Inner City soccer and basketball, as well as those who have recently started football. These opportunities support teamwork, perseverance, and healthy lifestyles, and it's been exciting to see our students represent our school so positively.

Looking ahead, February brings two important celebrations. We are excited to begin I Love to Read Month, which encourages a love of reading and literacy both at school and at home. We will also be recognizing Black History Month, a time to learn, reflect, and celebrate the rich contributions, histories, and achievements of Black people in Canada. We are looking to a month of special guest readers and presentations for our students.

Please take the time to look at the Family Room's calendar. Parents and grandparents are invited to come and share time together through Sherri's, our community support workers programming, a welcoming space rooted in connection and community, a space where you can gather, learn together and support one another. We will be starting a Story Telling time during the month of February for parents/guardians with children ages 1-4. More information will be coming soon.

Thank you for your continued support as we move through this busy and rewarding month together.

Sonia Medaglia Dos Santos, Principal

Upcoming Events



Reminders

February 2- No Classes PD DAY

**February 11- PTA Meeting
at 3:45 pm**

**February 16- No Classes
Louis Riel Day**



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."



FEBRUARY 2026 - I LOVE TO READ MONTH



MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRIDAY
2 TRC PD DAY No Classes	3 Kick off Assembly to Celebrate I Love to Read Month 9:30 a.m. 210 & 216 Field trip 12:30 - 2:00	4 Ethyn and Londyn's Dad N/K & 217 MLA Malaya Marcelino 10:45 - 11:45 a.m. 203 10:00-12:00 MTYP Puppet Magic 216 & 210 Field trip All day	5 SST Meeting 9:00 - 12:00 Campfire Reading with Ms. Medaglia Dos Santos 1:00 - 2:00 pm MYSTERY READER	6 Grade 5/6 at Children's Museum 9:30-1:30 D.E.A.R Drop Everything and Read
9  MYSTERY READER	10 Mercy Sackey Guest Reader 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. D.E.A.R Drop Everything and Read	11 Fire Safety Presentation 11:00 - 11:45	12 Campfire Reading with Ms. Medaglia Dos Santos 9:30 - 10:30 am D.E.A.R Drop Everything and Read	13 Valentine's Day Star Dome (Gym) 9:30 - 3:30 Guardians can attend (no siblings)
16 Louis Riel Day NO SCHOOL	17 Women in Trades N - Gr. 3 9:30 - 10:30 am Kristina Gilkes Gr. 4 - 6 1:20 - 3:10 p.m.	18 Lloyd Rana 9:10 - 10:10 a.m. MYSTERY READER	19 Campfire Reading with Ms. Medaglia Dos Santos 1:20 - 2:20 pm	20 Cst. Darrell Hees 9:15 - 12:00 p.m. 203 & 205 Festival du Voyageur - All Day D.E.A.R Drop Everything and Read Black History Month Bulletin Due
23 READ MY SHIRT DAY WEAR A SHIRT WITH WORDS ON IT Door Decorating Due MYSTERY READER	24 CHARACTER DAY DRESS AS YOUR FAVOURITE BOOK CHARACTER Wayne Wyke 9:30 - 11:20 am	25 POEM IN YOUR POCKET S P I R I T W E E K MTYP 1:45 - 2:45 in Gym D.E.A.R Drop Everything and Read	26 READ TO A STUFFY DAY Curtis Howson & Jason Mason 1:10 - 3:10	27 PJ DAY WEAR COZY CLOTHES AND READ WITH FLASHLIGHTS Door Judging Day Black History Month Gallery Walk

I Love to Read Spirit Week

Week of February 23-27



Monday - Read my Shirt Day. (Wear a shirt with words on it)



Tuesday - Character Day (Dress as your favorite book character)



Wednesday - Poem in your pocket



Thursday - Read to a Stuffy Day



Friday - Wear comfy clothes and read with flashlights



PHYS. ED NEWS

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It has been a very busy and exciting month in Physical Education, and the gym has been full of energy! We are in full swing with our Inner City Soccer Tournament. The team has been playing hard, working together, and most importantly having fun. Their teamwork and sportsmanship have been wonderful to see. Go team!

During PE classes, students have been enjoying a variety of activities including parachute games and relays. In class and during intramurals, students have also been learning all about basketball, focusing on key skills such as dribbling, shooting, and passing.

There's even more to look forward to! The Inner City Basketball Tournament and the after-school football program are about to begin, and students are already buzzing with excitement. As always, students are encouraged and reminded to Work Hard, Play Safe, and Be Kind in the gym.

This past month has truly flown by with so much excitement, and I'm looking forward to all the great activities still to come.

Thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely,

Ms. Lisi



Music Highlights

January was a wonderful month for music making and learning. Rooms 218, 217 and 215 had a field trip to the Centennial Concert Hall, to watch Charlotte and the Music Maker, performed by the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra. With this experience the children were introduced to the instruments of the orchestra. We have continued this learning through listening, drawing and some hands-on centres.

Recorder work has begun for Rooms 216 and 210. We began this work with learning some music theory about how to name and read notes on a staff. The recorders are provided for the children and will stay at school. If you choose to buy a recorder for home I recommend a recorder that comes apart in 3 pieces for the best quality.

Rooms 205 and 203 began the year with Music Genre Battle! The children learned about 8 different music genres; pop, rock, musical theatre, jazz, classical, EDM and hip hop/rap. The end winner for favourite genre was different for each class. Room 205 chose hip hop/rap as the favourite genre. In a turn of events, Room 203 chose musical theatre! This work is culminating in the opportunity for students to dig into their personal favourite genres as they make their own slide presentation.

On Tuesday, February 3rd, Rooms 216 and 210 will be going to Tec-Voc High School to watch the Manitoba Chamber Orchestra perform with young musicians from a few different schools in WSD. This will include 8 fiddle players from Pinkham School! It's hard to believe these young musicians only began in October!

Musically yours,

Ms. Katie

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Tune-In

Free Music Lessons

Jan 6 -
June 16

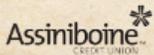
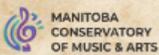


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Drop-in group classes
Tuesdays 4:00-6:00pm
at The West End Cultural Centre
586 Ellice Ave.



Email info@wecc.ca to learn more



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Happy New Year from Rm. 210!!

Dear Families,

February has been a wonderful month of growth and learning in Room 210. The students are now much more settled and comfortable with our daily routines, which has created a positive and productive learning environment. It has been great to see how confidently they are engaging in their work and enjoying new learning experiences.

Throughout the past months, we have been especially enjoying our music learning, with fiddling added to our classroom experiences and learning. Students have shown excitement, curiosity, and enthusiasm as they explore something new. We also had a couple of interesting presentations that sparked great discussions and questions. The students were attentive, engaged, and clearly had fun learning from these experiences.

We continue to celebrate our learning throughout the, recognizing effort, growth, and positive contributions in the classroom. As Valentines Day approaches, we are looking forward to using this time as an opportunity to focus on kindness and CARE, reminding students that it is a great way to show respect and appreciation to everyone around us.

In celebration of Valentine's Day, students enjoyed a creative art activity using paint and toilet paper rolls to create heart shapes. Their beautiful paintings reflected love, creativity, and joy, and they were proud to share their finished artwork.

Thank you for your continued support as we are moving through another exciting month of learning in Room 210.

Warm Regards,

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ROOM 218 CLASSROOM NEWS

Math Is Full of Fun!

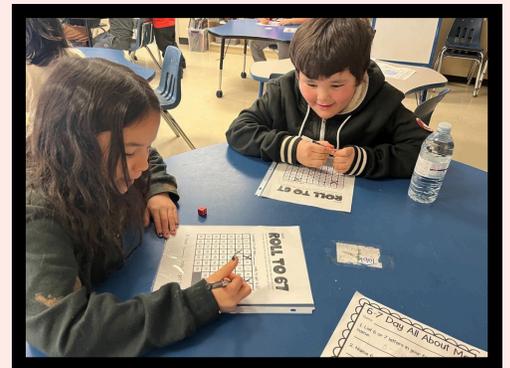
Math time in Room 218 has been full of smiles, thinking, and teamwork! Our students are learning that math isn't just numbers—it's games, building, talking, and having fun while solving problems together.

We love sharing different ways to solve problems and hearing everyone's "math thinking out loud!" Dice, cards, and hands-on games make practicing math skills fun and engaging. Using blocks and LEGO to build numbers, patterns, and solutions—engineers in the making! Drawing and writing about our math ideas helps us explain how we solve problems. Measuring classroom objects, counting collections, and solving everyday math problems. Working with partners and groups to solve puzzles and cheer each other on. Math games that get us moving, thinking, and laughing at the same time!

We had our 67 days at school celebration.

We are so proud of our students for becoming confident, curious, and happy mathematicians. Math in Room 218 is all about learning, trying, and having fun along the way!

Mrs. Angelie Falco- afalco@wsdl.org



Welcome to the Family Room

February

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 – We finally found a depot to distribute potatoes/onions and bread products. It will be a couple of weeks to start up and we are starting with potatoes only. I will update you when I have the information.

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, February 25th at 3:45. 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. Our first Pottery evening went really well. Our families created bowls, plaques, chop sticks and even a spice mortar, painting them is our next session. 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.

Cooking Classes – I will be starting a cooking class this month. I have a couple of ideas such as a "Soup Club" or "Dinner Ideas". We can cook together by sharing recipes or following a new one. What we make together is what you can take home for your family. This is a good way to meet other Parents/Guardians and get new ideas for meals. Please join us on Thursday February 19th for our first cooking class and we can share any food ideas we can do together in the future!

Thanks,
 Sherrie Houle
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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 No School	3 Family Pottery 3:45 – 5:30	4 Sherrie away all day for field trip	5	6 Meals2go
9 	10 Family Pottery 3:45 – 5:30	11 Indigenous Grandparent's lunch 1 - 3:30	12 Drop in beading/sewing 	13 Meals2go
16	17 Family Pottery 3:45 – 5:30	18	19  Cooking Class 1:15 pm	20 Meals2go
23	24 Family Pottery 3:45 – 5:30	25 Parent Council 3:45 start	26 Drop in beading/sewing	27 Meals2go

Please join us for our next **Parent Council Meeting**

on

Feb. 25th at 3:45pm

in the Family Room.

Light supper and
childcare provided.



**Story telling for kids
Ages 1-4**

Please join us on Fridays at
11:30 am in the family room
starting on February 20th.
More information to follow!





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.

We have special lunches the last Friday of each month!!

ATTENDANCE AND ENGAGEMENT

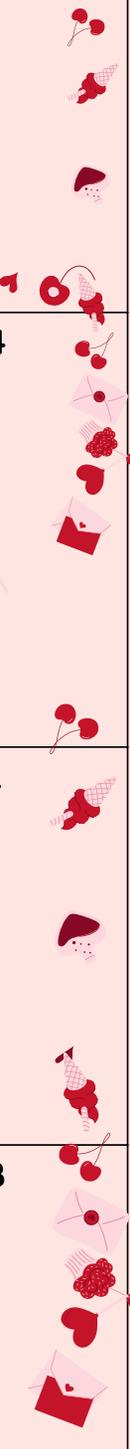
We encourage students to attend school daily. Regular attendance ensures that students receive the instruction and support that they need and helps them build a sense of belonging and love for learning. Please let us know if we can support you in any way.

This is a promotional banner for the SchoolMessenger Student Absence Reporting System. The background is a light blue and green gradient with abstract white lines. At the top center is the SchoolMessenger logo, which consists of a stylized 'S' made of three overlapping shapes in red, blue, and yellow, followed by the text "SCHOOLMESSENGER®". Below the logo, the words "SAFE ARRIVAL" are written in large, bold, dark blue capital letters. Underneath that, "Student Absence Reporting System" is written in a smaller, blue, sans-serif font. Further down, in a very small font, it says "To report your child's absence, please call 1-855-278-4513 before 9:00 AM or visit go.schoolmessenger.ca". Below that, it says "Planned absences may be reported in advance". At the bottom center is the Winnipeg School Division logo, which features a stylized figure of a person with arms raised in a blue circle, with the text "WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION" to its right.



February 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 NO CLASSES - STAFF PD	3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gr 1&2 lunch intramurals Rm.'s 210 & 216 to Tec Voc for symphony 3:45pm - family pottery 	4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gr 3&4 lunch intramurals Rm 203 to MTYP - AM Rm.'s 210 & 216 to Oak Hammock Marsh 	5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gr 5&6 lunch intramurals Football program 	6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rm's 203 & 205 to Children's Museum Pow Wow circle - 12:00pm 	7
8	9	10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gr 1&2 lunch intramurals Hearing/screening follow-up Choir @ 12pm 3:45pm - family pottery 	11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gr 3&4 lunch intramurals 	12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gr 5&6 lunch intramurals Basketball game @ UofW - AM Football program 	13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pow Wow circle - 12:00pm 	14
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C - Come prepared to **LEARN**

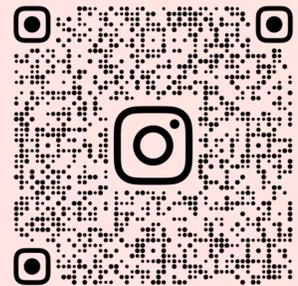
A - **ACTIVELY** listening

R - Ready to **PARTICIPATE & INQUIRE**

E - Everybody **BELONGS**



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