



August 31, 2026

Dear Prairie Rose Families,

Welcome to the 2026-2027 school year! We hope you had a wonderful summer and are feeling refreshed and ready for an exciting year ahead. We are thrilled to welcome back our returning students and families, as well as those new to our Prairie Rose School community. A heartfelt thank-you to our dedicated staff for preparing for the new school year and helping keep Prairie Rose a welcoming, inclusive, and safe place for all.

Over the summer, our air-handling unit was replaced, which made preparing our classrooms and learning spaces for the start of the school year a little more challenging than usual. We are very grateful to our wonderful custodians, Darryl and Suwinder, for their hard work, flexibility, and dedication in keeping our school clean and welcoming throughout the process. While most of the work is behind us, our gym still needs a little more time before it is ready for use, and we anticipate it will be ready by mid-September.

School Entry and Exit Procedures

For the safety and security of our school community, students, staff, and community members are required to **ring the doorbell** using the keypad bell located on the exterior wall by the **Lucas Avenue doors** (the bus loop/parking lot entrance) before entering the school.

Please note that **all exterior doors will be locked at 9:15 a.m.** If your child arrives late, please use the **Lucas Avenue doors** rather than the Torwood Crescent doors to be let into the school.

We will continue to use designated entry and exit doors to help support the safe and efficient movement of students in and out of the school.

- **Room 113:** Torwood Crescent (front doors)
- **Rooms 208, 209:** Lucas Avenue (bus loop doors)
- **Rooms 212, 214, 215:** Chisholm Drive (side doors)

Parking Information

Our School Parking lot is reserved for staff parking only. Street parking is available along Torwood Cres., Chisholm Dr., or Lucas Ave.

First Day Back | Grades 1 - 6

The first day back for students in **Grades 1 to 6 is Wednesday, September 9.**

Teachers will meet their students outside in designated areas according to their assigned entry doors. Students will enter the school with their teacher at **8:50 a.m., when the bell rings**. Designated areas will be clearly marked with pylons, and teachers will also be holding signs to help students find their classes. Students will use their **same designated entry doors** when exiting for:

- **Lunch:** 12:00 p.m.
- **Dismissal:** 3:30 p.m.

First Day Back | Nursery & Kindergarten

The first day back for Nursery and Kindergarten students is **Monday, September 14, 2026.**

- **Welcome to Nursery/Kindergarten Interview Meetings: September 9 to 11.**

The **School Supply List** was sent home in June with your child(ren)'s report card: **Grades 1-6: \$40 | Nursery/Kindergarten: \$30**

In an effort to become more environmentally friendly, we would like to reduce the number of paper copies sent home and continue to use **SchoolMessenger** and **Prairie Rose School's email** as our primary methods of communication. Teachers will also continue to use **Seesaw** to communicate directly with families, ensuring that important updates and information can be shared efficiently and conveniently. Newsletters are posted on our school [website](#) every month and hard copies are available upon request.

Meet the Staff Night

Please save the date for our Meet the Staff Night on: **Tuesday, September 22 | 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.**

This will be a wonderful opportunity for families to:

- Submit any new or required forms
- Sign up for the Lunch Program
- Meet our staff and learn more about the school year

We are especially excited to welcome our returning staff members, **Ms. Welty**, **Ms. Emma**, and **Ms. Jagdeep**, back to Prairie Rose!

PRAIRIE ROSE STAFF OF 2026-2027

Classroom Teachers

Ms. Rachelle Dawybida, Nursery, Kindergarten - Room 113 *morning*
Mrs. Angela Welty, Nursery, Kindergarten - Room 113 *afternoon*
Ms. Nadine Nassar, Grades 1, 2 - Room 208
Mrs. Anabela Barros, Grades 2, 3 - Room 209
Mrs. Carla Simons, Grades 3, 4 - Room 214
Ms. Denise Desjarlais, Grades 4, 5 - Room 212
Mr. Jeremy Toscak, Grades 6 - Room 215

Educational Assistants

Ms. Heather Campbell
Mr. Rico Dippolito
Ms. Shannie Gutknecht
Ms. Candace Iwasienko
Ms. Tracy Jones
Mr. Sean Matenchuk
Ms. Edelyn Mendoza
Ms. Kaitlyn Merry
Ms. Melanie Nowell
Ms. Jagdeep Rai
Ms. Emma Samadan
Ms. Lisa Schmid
Ms. Tracy Wilding

Specialty and Support Teachers

Mr. Jason Mills, Inclusion Support Resource Teacher
Ms. Shannon Riccio, Inclusion Support Resource Teacher
Ms. Devyn McFadyen, Integrated Arts Teacher - Room 211
Ms. Devyn McFadyen, Physical Education Teacher – Gym

Library Technician: Ms. Susy Ferreira

Student Teacher Candidate: Mr. Caleb Baranyk (*Room 215*)

Clinical Support Services

Ms. Lauren Reynolds, Reading Clinician
Ms. Nancy Robinson-epp, School Psychologist
Ms. Deanna Barsy, Speech & Language
Ms. Karen Weibe, Social Worker
Ms. Linda Regehr, Student-Centered Support Teacher

Custodial Team

Mr. Darryl Marchuk, Head Caretaker
Mr. Suwinder Katnoria, Caretaker

Administration

Ms. Charlene Nichols, Head Secretary
Mrs. Maria Manzano, Principal

We are excited to begin the 2026-2027 school year with joy, love, and rigour. Together, we look forward to a year of meaningful learning, growth, connection, and celebration. We look forward to working together to make this a wonderful year for all our students and families!

Yours in education,

Mrs. Maria Manzano