

DAVID LIVINGSTONE SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2025

Important Reminders

**Report Absences/
Lates to
204-586-8346**

**Students need to
enter through their
assigned doors.**

**ALL DOORS WILL BE
LOCKED OUTSIDE OF
PICKUP/DROP OFF
TIMES. PLEASE USE
FRONT DOORS TO
ENTER IF LATE.**

**This is a nut/peanut
free school.**

**Remember to dress
for the weather!**

Message from Administration

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we approach the end of the year and the winter season, we reflect on the relationships that strengthen our school community—between students, families, staff, and the land we share. It is a time to honour our connections and celebrate the gifts each member brings to our learning circle.

It was encouraging to see so many families participate in Student-Led Conferences. These gatherings are an important way to walk together in supporting the growth and learning of our children. Please remember that teachers and the administrative team are always available if you wish to share thoughts or questions on your child's learning journey.

This season, we are preparing celebrations that honour joy, togetherness, and community spirit. Our staff and students have been working with care and creativity to prepare meaningful activities that will bring warmth and connection to all.

Upcoming events to celebrate the season:

December 11 – Winter Concert, 4:30 p.m., Main School Gym – Families and students welcome

December 17 – Manitoba Heavy Construction 'Heavy Santa' event – Students and staff

December 18 – Breakfast with Santa – Students and staff

Please note the last day of school before the break is **Friday, December 19, 2025**, and classes resume **Monday, January 5, 2026**.

We are also honored to welcome our new Community Support Worker, Jamie, who will walk alongside our families and students. You are invited to the Family Room to connect, share, and strengthen our community ties. Our family gatherings will be resuming soon, with more information to come.

May this season bring peace, health, and happiness to all. Together, as a learning community, we celebrate each other and the journey ahead.

Mr. Clarke
Principal



Ms. Martinez
Vice-Principal

DAVID LIVINGSTONE COMMUNITY SCHOOL



SCHOOL TREATY

DAVID LIVINGSTONE SCHOOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2025-2026

January

5 School re-opens after Winter Break
6,7,8 Hearing Screening
31 No School

February

2 No School
16 Louis Riel Day—HOLIDAY School Closed
17

March

5 Winter Carnival
6 No School
19 Student-led Conferences—4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
20 Student-led Conferences—No School
23 Reports Go Home
23-27 Spirit Week
27 Movie Day
30-3 SPRING BREAK

April

6 School re-opens
8 Day of Pink
10 No School
14 Spring Classroom Photos
22 Spring Concert Grade 5-8
23 Bus Ridership

May

5 Red Dress Day
8 No School
18 Victoria Day—No School
27 Volunteer Celebration—10:30 AM

June

5 Divisional Pow Wow
11 Field Day
16 N/K Celebration
17 Award Day Grade 1-7
18 Grade 8 Farewell
19 Report Cards go home
21 National Indigenous Peoples Day
24 Community BBQ 1:00-2:30 PM
30 Last Day of School—Dismissal at 11:30 AM



DAVID LIVINGSTONE SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

David Livingstone School is committed to working together with the community to prepare students for the challenges of the future by providing a safe, supportive environment, reflecting the diverse needs, cultures, abilities and interests of

Important Dates

December 5	No School
December 11	Winter Concert—4:30 PM for Grades N-4
December 16	Christmas Sale Parent Room -STUDENT ONLY
December 17	Heavy Santa
December 18	Breakfast with Santa AM / Whole School Movie PM
December 19	Last Day Before Break
December 22-Jan 2	WINTER BREAK

Attendance Facts

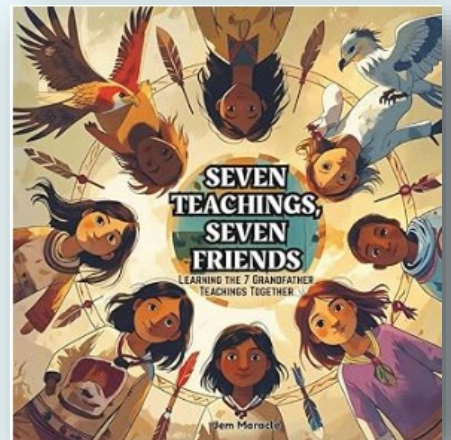
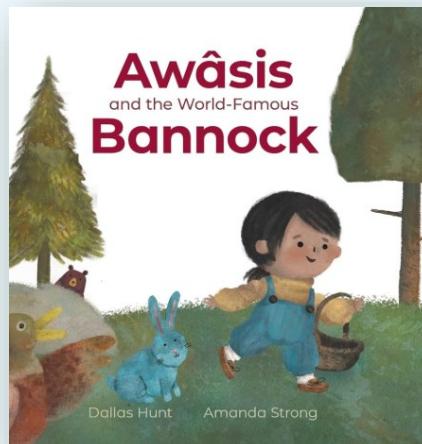
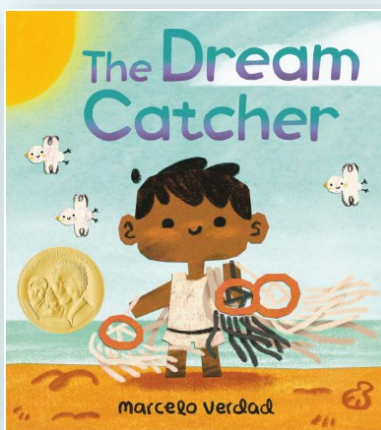
- Students need to be present to learn. Attending regularly helps children feel better about school.
- Students who miss **only 15 days a year** will end up missing a **full year of school** by grade 12.
- A student with 90% attendance (missing 2 days a month) will miss **4 weeks of school per year!** This can make it harder to learn to read.
- Being only **10 minutes late** each day equals **6 missed days** of instruction over the year. Children who miss too many days in kindergarten and grade one **often have trouble mastering reading.**

Over the past month, our classroom has been working hard to build a strong and inclusive community. We spent time learning about Indigenous culture as an important part of understanding and respecting all communities and their traditions.

As part of this learning, we invited all classroom parents to join us in making Bannock. Students took great pride in preparing and sharing this experience, and it highlighted the important role families play in our classroom community.

Students also learned about the significance of dream catchers and enjoyed creating their own as a way to connect their learning with creativity and personal expression.

Throughout the month, we read a variety of books that shared Indigenous teachings, stories, and cultural knowledge. These stories helped students deepen their understanding of Indigenous perspectives in meaningful ways. We look forward to continuing our learning journey throughout the year through ongoing conversations, stories, art, and craft.



Ribbon Skirt Club – Volunteers Welcome

Our Ribbon Skirt Club is a special time for students to learn, create, and connect through teachings that honour Indigenous culture and traditions. We are looking for **family members who may be able to volunteer one lunch hour a week** to help support this meaningful work. Your presence and guidance would be greatly appreciated as we walk alongside our students in celebrating identity, culture, and creativity.

If you are interested, please contact the school office 204-586-8346 or come on down, we would love to have you join us.



David Livingstone Supports the Pyjama Project!

We're thrilled to share that David Livingstone School has once again been chosen as a recipient of the

Pyjama Project Inc.,

a Winnipeg-based organization whose mission is

"to bring smiles to children's faces, one cozy pair of pyjamas at a time."

Thanks to our Student Leadership Team, we raised **\$479.35** through bake sales and our Christmas sale, and students chose to donate these funds to the Pyjama Project Inc.

Students are invited to wear their pyjamas to **Breakfast with Santa on December 18**. Pyjamas will be sent home on **December 17, 2025** so everyone can join the fun!



Breakfast with Santa on December 18.



Happy Holidays

We invite all families to join us for our **Winter Concert** on
Thursday, December 11 at 4:30 pm. in the school gym.



Together, we will take time to celebrate and make wonderful memories.

We would love to have join us!



WINTER

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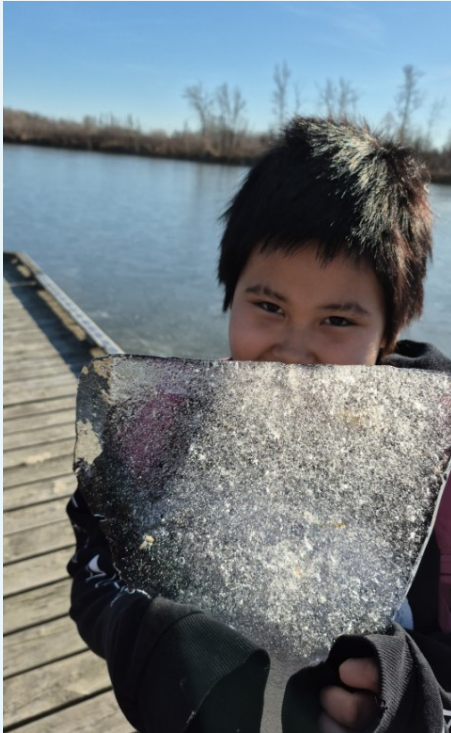
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SNOWFLAKE
SNOWMAN





Students explored Fort Whyte Alive learning about the People Before Us. We learned about Indigenous, Europeans, and the Metis. We visited a sod house, explored hunting practices and after lunch walked along the water bridges. It was a great time.



Building on our trip, students are working together to discover the origins of our Indigenous communities in Canada.

THINKING OF RETURNING TO SCHOOL?

Registration

IS NOW *Open*

- Complete grade 12 diploma
- Upgrade for post-secondary
- Strengthen your employment opportunities
- Attend online or in Downtown Winnipeg
- No cost - new & returning students welcome

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Here, there is hope

School Start Times

David Livingstone School offers a Breakfast program for grades N-8 in class from 9:00-9:30 am.

The bell will ring at 8:55 and classes will commence at 9:00.

Lunch is from 12:00-12:55. End of the day dismissal is at 3:30pm.

Countdown to the Holidays - Math Activity Calendar

Have fun completing the Math Activity Calendar with your child at home!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	2	3	4	5
Draw and colour snow-men with patterns on their mitts and scarves.	With a deck of playing cards, divide the cards in half and flip over one each. Whoever's are higher wins the cards. The person at the end with the most cards is the winner.	Play the same game as yesterday but pull two cards each and add them. The person with the greater total keeps the cards.	Symmetry means the same on both sides. Draw and decorate a symmetrical tree.	Draw a symmetrical house with symmetrical holiday decorations.
8	9	10	11	12
Go for a walk or drive and look for Xmas lights in patterns.	Design a wrapping paper with a colourful pattern.	How many days are there until New Year's Eve?	If you bake 6 cookies today and 6 cookies tomorrow, how many cookies did you bake altogether? Draw the cookies if you need help solving the problem.	It is the 12 th day of the 12 th month. What items come in 12s?
15	16	17	18	19
Make a pattern using candy canes, mittens, and snowflakes.	If all of Santa's reindeer ate 2 carrots each, how many carrots did they eat all together?	Draw a holiday picture with 5 kids building snow people, 5 kids tobogganing, 6 kids having a snowball fight, and 6 kids building a fort. How many kids are in your picture?	How many words can you make from the letters in: Happy Winter Break!	Make a holiday treat. Use measuring cups and help read the recipe.

Parent Celebration



Winnipeg School Division and Red River College's Administrative Assistant program at R.B. Russell provides valuable training and pathways into meaningful careers in school administration. We are proud to share that one of our very own parents from David Livingstone School has successfully completed and graduated from the program. Their dedication and commitment reflect the strength of our school community and the power of partnerships that support lifelong learning and opportunity. Congratulations!



<https://www.winnipegssd.ca/schools/davidlivingstone/>

For the month of December in the Gym, dance will be our focus. We will work on activities where the students sing songs and move to cues. We will listen to music that provides cues on how to move. The games we will play are ones which use music as part of the game and are based on the idea of movement changes when the music changes or stops.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Dance Club Grades 1-8	Volleyball Grade 7-8	Dance Club Grades 1-8	Volleyball Grade 4-8

Extra Curricular December Gym Activities

Thursday, December 4 12:00 Grade 6-8 Inner City Soccer Game at the
University of Winnipeg vs Shaughnessy Park

Dec. 12 12:30 Grade 4-8 Soccer Team Practice

Thursday, December 18 12:00 Grade 4-6 Inner City Soccer Game at the
University of Winnipeg vs Victoria Albert



Volleyball Team News

Congratulations as well to our Grade 4-6 Volleyball Team. The team participated at a Volleyball Tournament held on Thursday, November 20 at Machray School.

Victoria	Merie	Fatimata	Preta	Sierra	Laylah	Lydia
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Our Grade 7-8 Volleyball Team have completed their season as well. Congratulations to:

Saida	Aaliyah	Betty	Trinity	Tierra
Shanel	Betiel	Henriette	Yena	Helen





December 2025

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 Day 2 Dance Club Gr. 1-8 @ 12:30 pm	2 Day 3 Hockey H.E.R.O.S. Ribbon Skirt Ukulele Club @ 12:00 Grade 7/8 Volleyball Team Practice @ 12:30pm	3 Day 4 Leadership Gr. 7/8 Dance Club gr. 1-8 @ 12:30pm 3:45 pm Family Gathering	4 Day 5 Spirit North Field Trip Human Rights Museum rms. 3,5,6 Intramural Gr. 4-8 Volleyball @ 12:30 pm Gr. 7/8 Soccer @ U of W vs Shaughnessy Park 11:00-1:30	5 Day 6 No School Non-Instructional Day
8 Day 1 Dance Club Gr. 1-8 @ 12:30 pm	9 Day 2 Hockey H.E.R.O.S. Ribbon Skirt Ukulele Club @ 12:00 Grade 7/8 Volleyball Team Practice @ 12:30pm	10 Day 3	11 Day 4 N-4 Winter Concert @ 4:30 pm Spirit North 	12 Day 5 Gr. 4-8 Soccer Team Practice 12:30 pm
15 Day 6 Dance Club Gr. 1-8 @ 12:30 pm	16 Day 1 Hockey H.E.R.O.S. Ribbon Skirt Ukulele Club @ 12:00 Grade 7/8 Volleyball Team Practice @ 	17 Day 2 Dance Club Gr. 1-8 @ 12:30 pm Heavy Santa 	18 Day 3  Spirit North Gr. 4-6 Inner City Soccer @ U of W Vs. Victoria Albert 11:00-1:30 Movie Afternoon 	19 Day 4 Last Day of School
22 / 29 Winter Break Starts	23 / 30	24/31	25	26

Contact our CSW Jamie at 204-586-8346



**Applications are now open for
low-income Winnipeg families with
children age 0-14**

**Help ensure every child has something
special to unwrap this holiday season!**

**Visit pdh.link2feed.ca to sign up or
call 204-946-9491 M-F, 9AM-3PM**

Winnipeg's Toy Mountain

Each holiday season, The Salvation Army's Toy Mountain campaign brings joy to local children by providing toys, books, and gifts to families in need. Community donations and local partnerships help ensure every child experiences the magic of the season.

Doctor House Calls

CALL TODAY 204-586-5555

Have a Doctor visit you in your home TODAY. This service is covered by Manitoba Health.

KOATS for Kids



Winter gear for little Winnipeggers

Every year from September to January, Winnipeggers donate over 6,000 coats, and Koats for Kids shares this winter gear with Winnipeg families.

Koats for Kids

Koats for Kids helps keep Winnipeg children warm during the winter by providing new winter coats to those in need. Through community donations and support, every child can stay cozy and comfortable all season long.

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PARENT ROOM DECEMBER 2025

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 Day 2 Coffee and Support -Resume Building -Job Searching -Advocacy	2 Day 3 Afternoon Only Holiday Crafts ie. Ornaments, Wreaths, Bake and Take	3 Day 4 Nutrition Bingo Afternoon Family Gathering 3:45 pm -4:30 pm	4 Day 5 Food Security / Meal Planning all Day	5 Day 6 No School Non-Instructional Day
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15 Day 6 Coffee and Support -Resume Building -Job Searching -Advocacy	16 Day 1 Christmas Sale Only students Shop at the Sale	17 Day 2 Nutrition Bingo Afternoon	18 Day 3 Food Security / Meal Planning All Day	19 Day 4 Drop– In Family Breakfast AM Sewing PM
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Monday's are open for: Resume Building, Job Searching, Advocacy

Tuesday's are Holiday crafts such as: Christmas Ornaments, Wreaths, and Make/Bake and Take. The room will be closed on December 16th for the Students Santa Sale.

Wednesday's are the Nutrition Bingo in the afternoon, with the exception of December 10th

Thursday's There will be recipes and meal prep ideas at the same time as Food Security, we are open to doing Make/Bake and Take

Friday's are an Open Sewing Day to come and create: Ribbon Skirts, Pouches, Lanyards, Reusable bags, and more....