

DAVID LIVINGSTONE SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2025



Message from Administration

Dear David Livingstone Families and Community,

As we enter November, we are reminded that this is a time for reflection, gratitude, and connection. This season invites us to pause, give thanks for what we have learned, and honour the relationships that guide and sustain us—our families, our community, and the land.

This month, we recognize **Indigenous Veterans Day on November 8**, honouring the courage and contributions of Indigenous peoples who have served and continue to serve. We also come together for our **Remembrance Day Assembly on November 10 at 10:45 a.m.** to remember all those who have served, protecting peace and community for future generations, ALL ARE WELCOME.

Later in the month, we look forward to welcoming families for Student-Led Conferences. These conferences provide an opportunity for students to share their learning stories, reflect on their growth, and celebrate their gifts and goals.

As the seasons shift, may we continue to learn from the teachings of this time—slowing down, showing gratitude, and nurturing the wonder we are all born with.

Mr. Clarke
Principal



Ms. Martinez
Vice-Principal

DAVID LIVINGSTONE COMMUNITY SCHOOL



SCHOOL TREATY

DAVID LIVINGSTONE SCHOOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2025-2026

December

5 No School
11 Winter Concert—6:00 PM for Grades N-4
16 Christmas Sale Parent Room
18 Breakfast with Santa AM
18 Whole School Movie PM
29 Last Day Before Break
Dec 22– Jan 2 WINTER BREAK

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 our students while striving for academic excellence.

Important Dates

November 4	Picture Retake 
November 8	Indigenous Veterans Day 
November 10	Remembrance Day Assembly 10:45 am
November 11	No School– Remembrance Day
November 20	Student-Led Conferences 4:00-6:00pm
November 21	No School- Student-Led Conferences
November 24	Report Cards Go Home

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.**

Hello parents and guardians of room 3 students! We have begun our learning journey for the 2025-2026 school year! We have already begun to learn about some exciting and interesting topics.

Now, a little bit about what we are exploring in different subject areas. In Math we have begun a unit on number (addition, subtraction, multiplication and place value) by using some math games and online programs to strengthen mental math strategies we have begun to learn. In ELA, we have already completed several creative writing assignments using our new Google Classroom and have begun our levelled reading groups. In Science, we are exploring structures and materials through experiments, demonstrations and hands-on **STEM** (Science, Technology, Engineering Math) activities. In Social Studies, students are excited about our study of life and the peoples of ancient Egypt. We are also preparing for our Remembrance Day assembly. In Health, we are learning about the brain, emotions and positive mental health strategies.

I am looking forward to discovering and supporting student talents and strengths and improving student learning in all subject areas. If you have any questions or concerns about room 3 students at any time this school year, please don't hesitate to contact me through the office.

Joel Blain

Grade 3-4 teacher

Room 3



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.



Room 2 has been busy building a strong and caring classroom community through kindness stories and bucket-filling activities. These shared experiences help students learn how to support one another and develop positive relationships with their peers and others in our school.

This month, we joyfully welcomed the beautiful fall season by brainstorming about what makes fall special. Our learners came up with thoughtful ideas such as Halloween, the changing weather, and the shift from summer's hot, long days to fall cooler, shorter, and windier days. We took our learning outdoors to explore the season firsthand, collecting colorful fall leaves. These inspired stunning fall animal artwork pieces, which are now proudly displayed in our classroom for all to see!

In addition, we explored the theme of gratitude through heartwarming Thanksgiving stories. The students created festive turkey art to express thanks to their families for all they do. They especially enjoyed experimenting with the rich, vibrant colors of fall in their creations. As we continue our learning journey, Room 2 is excited to discover more about the seasons, special celebrations, and the wonderful world around us.





Remembrance Day Assembly



We invite all families to join us for our Remembrance Day Assembly on

Monday, November 10 at 10:45 a.m. in the school gym.

Together, we will take time to remember, reflect, and honour the courage and sacrifices of those who have served .

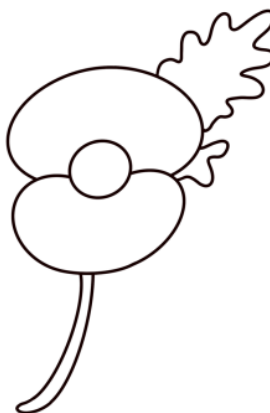
We would love to have you with us for this special gathering.

Remembrance Day Word Search



Poppy
Remember
Field
Peace
Silence
Wreath
Soldier

Sunday
Medal
November
War
Veteran



Thunderbird Poppy

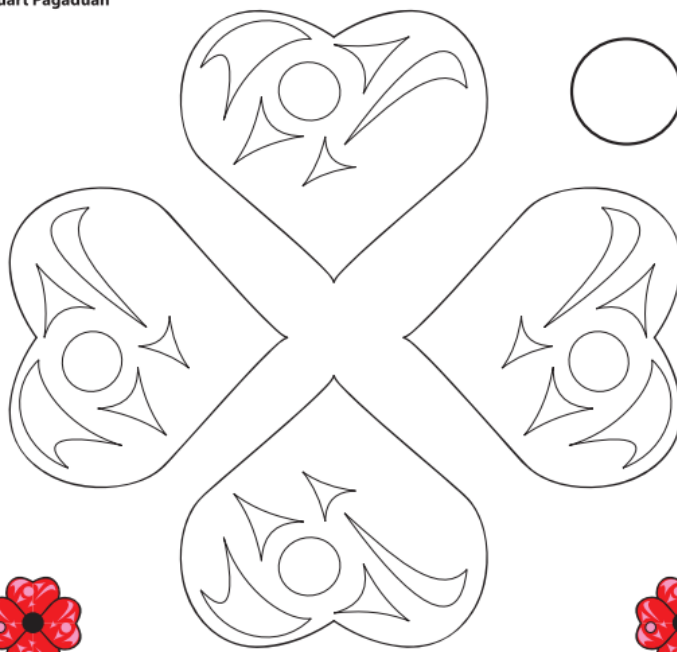


Each November, Poppies blossom on the lapels and collars of over half of Canada's entire population. Since 1921, the Poppy has stood as a symbol of Remembrance, our visual pledge to never forget all those Canadians who have fallen in war and military operations. **Royal Canadian Legion**

S-hwu-hwa'us Thunderbird the most powerful of all mythological creatures the thunderbird is a symbol of power and privilege.

The Cowichan people tell of when the a Killer Whale was stopping salmon from returning to the river and depriving the people of food. The Thunderbird removed the whale and allowed the fish to return.

This is an ancient story that speaks to the importance of salmon and generosity for the Cowichan people.
Stuart Pagaduan



Room 10 Learning Update

In Room 10, students have been busy refreshing their addition and subtraction skills using number lines and regrouping strategies, and mastering how to round numbers to the nearest tens, hundreds, and thousands.

In English Language Arts, they've been diving into story writing, creating spooky tales about haunted houses, werewolves, goblins, and ghosts—perfect for the Halloween season! We're so proud of their creativity, effort, and enthusiasm for learning.



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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.

Room 4 had a fantastic time at the Children's Museum on October 30th, we had the opportunity to join Room 6 & 12 for this adventure. This is a great opportunity for the kids to engage in a valuable educational experience while having fun exploring and learning together.

Room 4 will also be starting learning buddies program with Room 11. It's a chance for the students to build relationships, share ideas, and learn from one another in a fun and engaging way.

As we know, sight words are essential for helping learners read fluently and confidently. In literacy corner, we will be focusing and learning sight words through some fun activities like flash cards, games, and simple reading exercises that emphasize these words. Such activities will not only make learning enjoyable but also enhance reading skills.

In Social Studies, we will be exploring the topic of Veterans. This will be a great opportunity for us to learn about their contributions, sacrifices and significance of honoring their service. We will engage in discussions and activities that will help us understand the role of veterans.



Hockey H.E.R.O.S



We're excited to share that students are participating in the **Hockey H.E.R.O.S Winnipeg** program! This initiative uses hockey as a way to build confidence, teamwork, and leadership skills while encouraging healthy, active lifestyles. Through on-ice and off-ice activities, students learn about respect, perseverance, and community connection—all while having fun and developing their hockey skills.



For the month of November in the gym, students in Rooms 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6 will work on balancing. We will work on both stationary and moving balance. When we move and balance, we will look ahead and feel with our feet. We will use only slight arm movements to aid our balance and will step rather than slide. Our body will relax. With our balancing unit we will play the games Canyon Cross, Robots, Gathering Gold and Lost in Space.




Students in Rooms 10, 11, 13 and 14 will work on team handball. Our goal will be to give students a fun and positive experience while they learn the fundamental skills of handball (strength, speed, agility, power, balance, flexibility, cardiovascular endurance and symmetrical body coordination).



Extra Curricular Gym Activities

Tuesdays 12:30 (Nov. 4, 25)	Grade 7-8 Volleyball Team Practice
Wednesdays 12:30 (Nov. 5, 12)	Grade 4-6 Volleyball Team Practice
Tuesday, Nov.18 afternoon	Grade 4-6 Volleyball Tournament at Machray School
Wednesday, Nov.19 12:00	Grade 4-6 Volleyball Team Party
Thursdays 12:30	Intramural Grade 4-8 Team Handball/ Volleyball

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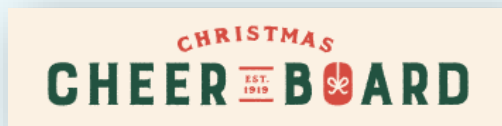
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Contact our CSW at 204-586-8346 For more information.



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.



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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AFTERNOON NOVEMBER PARENT ROOM



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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3 Day 1 Coffee and Connection 	4 Day 2 Picture Retakes 	5 Day 3 Nutrition Bingo 	6 Day 4 Food Security 	7 Day 5 Ribbon Skirts 
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17 Day 4 Coffee and Connection 	18 Day 5 Beading	19 Day 6 Nutrition Bingo 	20 Day 1 Parent Teacher Conferences 4:00 pm-6:00 pm	21 Day 2 No School Parent Teacher Conferences
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