

KEEWATIN PRAIRIE COMMUNITY SCHOOL

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APRIL NEWSLETTER

Message from Administration



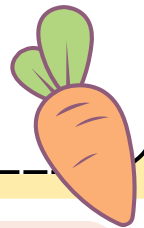
Time is flying by as we approach Spring Break and look towards our last three months of school!!

We will be inviting everyone to wear **PINK** once more on April 9th, as we pledge to make Keewatin Prairie Community School safe from hurtful actions or words. International Day of Pink began in 2007 when a Grade 9 male student in Nova Scotia was bullied by classmates for wearing a pink shirt to school. Two grade 12 students rallied their friends to show support for this student, and the next day the halls were filled with students in pink shirts. This started the Day of Pink campaign, aimed at bringing together schools and communities throughout Canada to show that actions have impact. Please continue to talk to your child about respect for others and to get an adult to help out if there are any problems. We thank you for your support as we continue to keep Keewatin Prairie School a safe, fun, and engaging place to learn and grow together!

An important worldwide event is coming up and that is Earth Day. On April 22nd, 2025, Earth Day will turn 55, with 192 countries and over one billion people around the globe expected to participate. This demonstrates how the Earth Day movement remains as dedicated today as it was back in 1970 by bringing everyone together for a better future. The theme for Earth Day 2025 is OUR POWER, OUR PLANET, inviting global citizens to unite behind renewable energy, and to triple global generation of clean electricity by 2030. Switching to renewable energy sources is crucial for reducing greenhouse gas emissions. By supporting and adopting green sources like solar, wind, hydro-electric, tidal or geothermal energy, we can commit to building a healthy and sustainable future. People power is the driving force behind change - when we unite our voices and actions, we can create a cleaner, more equitable energy future for us all!

We hope you enjoy April - the showers that will bring May flowers, warmer, brighter weather and our fresh April air, Wishing you an enjoyable Spring Break!

Sari and Jenny



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Breakfast Program Information

Students are welcome to come by through our front doors between 8:30 AM and 9:00 AM.





UPCOMING EVENTS

April 7, 2025 – First Day Back at School

April 11, 2025 – Professional Development Day for Staff – No School

April 18, 2025 – Good Friday – No School

May 7, 2025 – Grade K-5 Spring Concert-6:00 PM

May 8, 2025 – Grade 6-9 Spring Concert-6:00 PM

May 9, 2025 – Professional Development Day for Staff – No School

May 19, 2025 – Victoria Day – No School

June 13, 2025 – Professional Development Day for Staff – No School

June 18, 2025– Feast honouring Summer Solstice– Grades 8 & 9

June 24, 2025 – Grade 8 Farewell – Morning

June 24, 2025 – Grade 9 Farewell – Afternoon

June 27, 2025 – Last Day of School – Early Dismissal



APRIL 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4 Spring Break Ends	5
6	7 / Day 4 School Reopens	8 / Day 5	9 / Day 6	10 / Day 1	11 / Day 2 Non-Instructional	12
13	14 / Day 3	15 / Day 4	16 / Day 5	17 / Day 6	18 / Good Friday	19
20	21 / Day 1	22 / Day 2	23 / Day 3	24 / Day 4	25 / Day 5	26
27	28 / Day 6	29 / Day 1	30 / Day 2			

MAY 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 / Day 3	2 / Day 4	3
4	5 / Day 5	6 / Day 6	7 / Day 1	8 / Day 2	9 / Day 3 Non-Instructional	10
11	12 / Day 4	13 / Day 5	14 / Day 6	15 / Day 1	16 / Day 2	17
18	19 Victoria Day	20 / Day 3	21 / Day 4	22 / Day 5	23 / Day 6	24
25	26 / Day 1	27 / Day 2	28 / Day 3	29 / Day 4	30 / Day 5	31



Please ensure that your child arrives at school every day. If your child is going to be absent, please use our Safe Arrival system to report their absence. You can report absences the following ways:



1-855-278-4513 - Call the toll-free, interactive telephone system.



go.schoolmessenger.ca - Set up your Parent Portal account, then log in.



Safe Arrival App - Set up your Parent Portal account, download the Apple or Android app, then log in.

Students cannot leave the school during school hours on their own. If your child needs to leave school before regular dismissal times, a guardian must be called for Middle School students. Elementary parents must pick students up from the office and sign them out.



Keewatin Prairie Community School

Introducing a “Balanced School Day” for Grades 1 – 5!

We are excited to share that we will be introducing a “Balanced School Day” for Grades 1-5 at Keewatin Prairie for the 2025-26 school year!

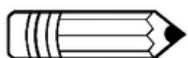
The Balanced School Day schedule divides the school day into three balanced learning blocks for Grades 1-5. This means that two longer Nutrition/Activity Breaks will be provided in the morning and afternoon, instead of the traditional mid-morning and mid-afternoon recesses and noon hour lunch/recess. With a Balanced School Day, the actual length of the school day remains the same with the same start and end times. Half-day Nursery and Kindergarten classes are not affected by the Balanced School Day. Students in Grades 6-8 will shift their lunch hour to 1:00 PM to align with the schedule for Grades 1-5.

At our Parent Advisory Committee meeting on Monday, April 14th at 3:45 PM, we will discuss the benefits of the Balanced School Day and address any questions. If you have any questions and prefer to connect at another time, please feel free to contact the school at 204-783-9012.

Balanced School Day – Grades 1-5

9:00 AM	Start of the school day
9:00 AM - 10:35 AM	Learning Block
10:35 AM - 11:30 AM	-Nutrition Break - instructional time -Movement Break/Recess
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	Learning Block
1:00 PM - 1:55 PM	-Nutrition Break/Lunch (Grades 1-8) -Movement Break/Recess
1:55PM - 3:30 PM	Learning Block
3:30 PM	Dismissal

Benefits of a Balanced School Day:



Learning

- Less transitions during the school day Longer teaching
- and learning blocks for all subject areas, allowing for more in-depth learning

Nutrition

- Two opportunities for nutrition breaks
- Children who eat nutritionally and frequently can concentrate better and more effectively



Physical Activity

- Two opportunities for longer periods of uninterrupted play
- Quality exercise time energizes students, helps them to concentrate on schoolwork, and promotes a healthy lifestyle!
- Opportunities for more intramurals/clubs

