



October 1, 2024

Dear Families,

September is always a busy and exciting month at school. Many thanks to all staff for the thoughtful work they have engaged in to support students in adjusting to their new classrooms and school routines. It's been heartwarming to witness the creative and caring ways staff have nurtured supportive learning communities in their classrooms.

Students have been engaged in meaningful learning about residential schools, and Keewatin Prairie School's strong and ongoing commitment to Truth and Reconciliation was evident during our assemblies and Community March on September 27<sup>th</sup>. Many thanks to Manitoba Blue Cross and Oxygen Technical for their generous donations towards our orange shirts.

Families are invited to join us for two performances by the **Ivan Flett Memorial Dancers** on Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>. The first performance, for students in Nursery – Grade 6, will take place at 9:15 AM in the gym, followed by a second performance at 10:00 AM for grades 7-9. The **Ivan Flett Memorial Dancers** are three siblings from Winnipeg (Michael, Jacob, and Cienna) who are passionate about dance, in particular the Red River Jig! We look forward to their performance of traditional dances of the Red River Jig, mixed with modern dancing known as the hip hop jig.

A few friendly reminders about some of our school routines:

- Our office is open daily from 8:00 AM until 4:00 PM.
- Supervision is available on the playground beginning at 8:30 AM.
- Students are welcome to come to the Breakfast Program at 8:30 AM for breakfast. Beginning at 8:50 AM, breakfast and snacks will be available for students to pick up and enjoy in their classrooms.
- Morning announcements take place daily at 9:00 AM.

- SAFE ARRIVAL ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES: To ensure the safety of students, we have an on-line CALL BACK system called 'Safe Arrival.' When your child is away from school, we ask that you please phone 1-855-278-4513, or use your computer to download the School Messenger app to access 'Safe Arrival.' The app can be downloaded from the Apple App Store, the Google Play Store, or from the link: <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>). If 'Safe Arrival' has not been notified by 9:00 AM on the day of an absence, 'Safe Arrival' will call you to verify the reason for the absence.
- Please keep the office updated with any changes to your home address, email address, phone number, and any other contact information.
- Stay tuned for information about our school's Instagram account. We're working on setting up an Instagram account to share pictures and updates about your children's learning experiences.

Please note the remaining important dates for the 2024-2025 School Year:

October 9, 2024 – Professional Development Day for Staff – No School

October 14, 2024 – Thanksgiving Day – No School

October 24, 2024 – Picture Day (Fall Photos)

October 25, 2024 – Professional Development Day for Staff – No School

November 1, 2024 – Professional Development Day for Staff – No School

November 11, 2024 – Remembrance Day – No School

November 22, 2024 – Family Conferences – No Classes

November 28, 2024 – Picture Retakes

December 4, 2024 – Winter Concert – Kindergarten – Grade 6

December 5, 2024 – Winter Concert – Grades 7 - 9

December 23, 2024 – January 3, 2025 – Winter Break

January 6, 2025 – First Day Back at School

January 31, 2025 – Professional Development Day for Staff – No School

February 17, 2025 – Louis Riel Day – No School

March 12, 2025 – Farewell Photos – Grade 9

March 14, 2025 – Family Conferences – No Classes

March 31, 2025 – April 4, 2025 – Spring Break

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 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 24, 2025 – Grade 9 Farewell

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

Thank you for your support and partnership in getting the 2024-25 school year off to a great start! Please feel free to reach out anytime with any questions or concerns.

Take care,  
Misty and Sari

