

CHAMPLAIN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2023



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 Grade 1/2 Ms. Samson
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 Grade 3/4 Ms. Bedard
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 Grade 5/6 Ms. Siller & Ms. Mira

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"A safe and caring learning community"

Where Everyone Counts!

Dear Champlain families,

Winter has arrived. As we welcome our snowy colder months we are reminding families to send their children with layers, mittens, toques, boots and warm jackets. If you need support with access to warm clothing, please connect with Ms. Elizabeth in the parent room.

At our Remembrance Day ceremony this year, we focused on how we build peace in our communities within the school and in our greater community. Thank-you to the students of room 211, Ms. Bedard and Mr. Claassen for leading our learning and sharing.

Thank-you to our Parent council for coordinating the bake sale fundraiser and continued support throughout the school year. This month we also welcomed our grandmothers to our bimonthly grandmother's breakfast. It is always wonderful to see our grandmothers honoured and engaged in our school.

Next Parent-Council Meeting is **Wednesday, December 6th, 2023 at 10am.**

Some ways to continue to engage with your child's learning:

1. Ask about what they are reading
2. Invite them to discuss how they show their math learning
3. Ask them about someone who was kind to them

As we move into the colder months in the middle of the school year, it continues to be important to maintain regular attendance. Regular attendance is important for academic development, sustaining a sense of belonging, and social/emotional development. In addition, regular sleep and eating good nutritious foods help our immune system and brain work at their best. Please reach out to Mr. Claassen if you need some tips on how to support your child in these areas.

Champlain staff gave back by participating in our United Way donation drives. Our breakfast and regular donation drives raised over \$300 this year. Thanks to Ms. Samson and the rest of the planning committee for coordinating these initiatives.

Important upcoming dates:

Mobile Vision Clinic—December 6th
 Spirit Week—Dec 19 to Dec 22
 Winter Concert—December 19th
 Santa Breakfast—December 21st

Our winter concert this year will be a musical theatre adaptation of the Seven Teachings. Mr. Shymko and Mr. Eccles have developed an engaging compilation of songs and script. Our students and staff have diligently been practicing songs, rehearsing lines, making puppets and other props, and learning about what it means to be a performer on stage.

Our Winter Concert will be at G.A.P on Tuesday, December 19th at 6:30 pm. Students and families are asked to come for 6:00pm. The show will be under an hour.

Mr. Paulo Teixeira
 Principal



WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION
 INVESTING IN THE FUTURE

**School Hours/Supervision of
Students**

8:50	1st Bell - Students line up on hard top
8:55	Students enter school
9:00	2nd Bell - Announcements, School day begins
10:15-11:15	Grades 1-6 Classroom Dependent Recess
11:30	N/K (a.m.) - dismissal
12:00	Lunch hour dismissal
12:55	1st Bell - Students enter school
1:00	2nd Bell - Afternoon classes begin
2:15	Recess – All Grade 1-6 Classrooms
3:30	Dismissal



**ATTENTION PARENTS AND
GUARDIANS**

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Drop-off and pick-up at school has been busy. Please drive slowly through the back lane or park on the street.

THANK YOU

Playground supervision

The playground supervision over the lunch hour is limited to lunch program students. If your child does not stay for lunch at school, please do not send them to play on the playground as there is no supervision. Please do not send your children before 12:55 PM as they are asked to sit on a bench until the bell rings. If you would like your child to play on the field or play structure over the lunch hour, you are welcome to come with them and supervise.

After school, we clear the playground and ask that all children go home or to the place you have designated for them in order to “check in” with an adult. Our desire is for all students to be safe.

Let’s remember our three beliefs.

Be Safe

Be Respectful

Be Ready to Learn



CHAMPLAIN SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM is a parent council run lunch program that is in place to ensure our students have a safe place to eat their lunch during the school year. We would like to thank all families for making the effort to pay their lunch fees in a timely manner this month. Thank you for your support.

Champlain Parent Council.

NURSERY/KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Just a reminder, registrations for Nursery and Kindergarten for 2023-24 school year are available at the office.

If your child was born in 2019, you may register them for Nursery.

If your child was born in 2018, then you may register them for Kindergarten.

Winnipeg School Division offers Nursery School free of charge to all residents of the Winnipeg School Division.

Residency is determined by where the parent/legal guardian lives. We will require a copy of your Manitoba Health card with your current address along with either a property tax bill, Child tax credit assessment, or tenant/rental agreement. Also, please make sure you provide a birth certificate for your child.



Students being street smart

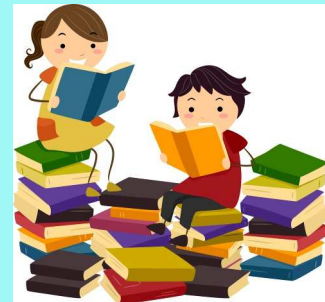
Does your child know how to be **street smart**? It's something we talk about in our classrooms because the safety of our students is very important. It's also a good thing to talk about at home as a regular reminder for your child.

Being street smart means knowing how to keep safe from strangers when we're alone or with other kids. Walking to school, the bus, the playground or riding your bike in your neighborhood, being street smart helps you stay **safe**.

Our school takes it very seriously when a student reports a suspicious person. In most cases, a police report is made and, sometimes, police are able to quickly interview the "suspicious" person and determine that it was a misunderstanding. At other times, however, police are required to conduct a bigger investigation of a more serious threat. We will let you know if we make a report of a suspicious person to police on behalf of one of our students, because we believe that an informed community is a safer community.

Parents are encouraged to go to the [winnipeg.sd.ca website](http://winnipeg.sd.ca) and **click on Parents – Safe Schools** to find a link called **"Be Street Smart"**. Here you will find a list of topics to share with your child to help them be street smart and safe, including knowing:

- Who are strangers?
- Who needs to know where I am and why?
- Why should I stick with a friend?
- What are my safe spots?
- What are the places that aren't safe for me?
- What should I do if a stranger asks me for help?



We're proud to work with you in keeping our community and children safe!

SCHOOL PATROLS

Our school provides student patrols to assist children crossing the busy intersections near our school.

The patrols are on duty from 8:40 - 8:55 a.m., from 12:00 - 12:10 p.m. and after lunch, from 12:40 - 12:55 p.m. and from 3:30 - 3:40 p.m. Please watch for them and assist them by slowing down and obeying all traffic laws.

ALL CHILDREN ARE EXPECTED TO FOLLOW THE DIRECTION OF THE PATROLS.



WHY ARE PATROLS IMPORTANT?

Champlain Patrols...

- Help students get home safely
- Signal the cars to stop so students can cross the street safely
- Protect the students
- Are a visual signal to drivers that students are around
- Are role models who represent our school

Patrols can save lives!

Champlain patrols are safe, respectful and responsible

Safe Arrival call back system.

*Reporting your child's absence? Make sure you call our Safe Arrival line
If you have already activated an account you must make the following changes*

If your child is ill, or you know your child will be away for various reasons, you ***must*** report it by 9:00 AM through our automated system. There are various ways to do this:

1. call into an automated interactive telephone system via a toll free number (1-855-278-4513),
2. use the mobile app
3. through the Safe Arrival website.

- If the parents are using the Safe Arrival mobile app, they must download a new School Messenger app for Safe Arrival. Instructions for parents are available on the site.
- School Messenger Safe Arrival will not automatically send an invitation email to parent/guardians of new students.
- Safe Arrival web site for parents to report absences will be go.schoolmessenger.ca. ***
- The toll free number for parents to report absences will remain as 1-855-278-4513.

The system will be available 24 hours/day, 7 days a week, but you must report the absence by 9:00 AM. Future absences can be reported at any time. **By reporting your child absent in advance using SafeArrival, you will NOT receive a call.**

If your child needs any sort of medication during the school day, there are strict guidelines we must adhere to, according to Winnipeg School Division Policy. Children are not allowed to carry any type of medication on them or in their backpack. If you find you are in need of this service, please contact the office at 204-586-5139. We will be glad to assist you as there is certain paperwork that needs to be filled in.

Please ensure to send warm clothing with your child to school. If you need support accessing warm clothing, please connect with Ms. Elizabeth in the parent room.



Winnipeg School Division Cold Weather Guidelines

Here are some guidelines in order to help you during the winter season when your child is getting ready for school.

Check the wind chill before going outdoors in the winter, and individuals are to make sure they are well prepared for the weather. Even moderate wind chill values can be dangerous if individuals are outside for long periods.



<u>Wind Chill</u>	<u>Risk of Frostbite</u>	<u>Other Health concerns</u>	<u>What to Do</u>
0-9	LOW	Slight increase in discomfort	Dress warmly, with the outside temperature in mind Stay dry.
-10 to -2	LOW	Uncomfortable Risk of hypothermia if outside for long periods without adequate protection.	Dress in layers of warm clothing with an outer layer that is wind resistant. Wear a hat, mittens or insulated gloves, a scarf or neck warmer and waterproof footwear
-28-39 INDOOR RECESS	RISK: Exposed skin can freeze in 10-30 minutes.	Risk of frostbite Risk of hypothermia	Dress in layers of warm clothing with an outer layer that is wind resistant. Wear a hat, mittens or insulated gloves, a scarf or neck warmer and waterproof footwear Stay active.
-40-47 INDOOR RECESS	HIGH RISK: exposed skin can freeze in 5-10 minutes	High risk of frostbite. Risk of hypothermia is outside for long periods of time without adequate clothing or shelter.	Dress in layers of warm clothing with an outer layer that is wind resistant. Wear a hat, mittens or insulated gloves, a scarf or neck warmer and waterproof footwear Stay active. Cover all exposed skin.

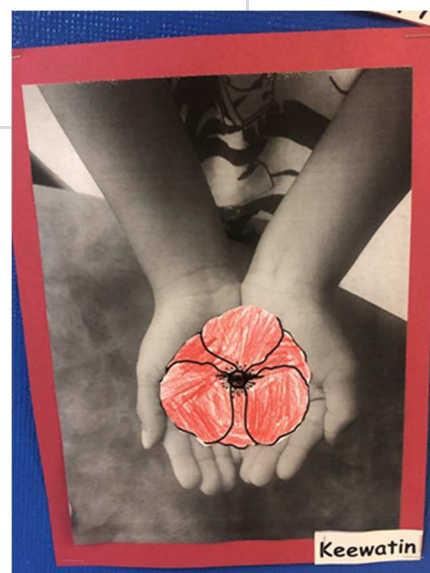
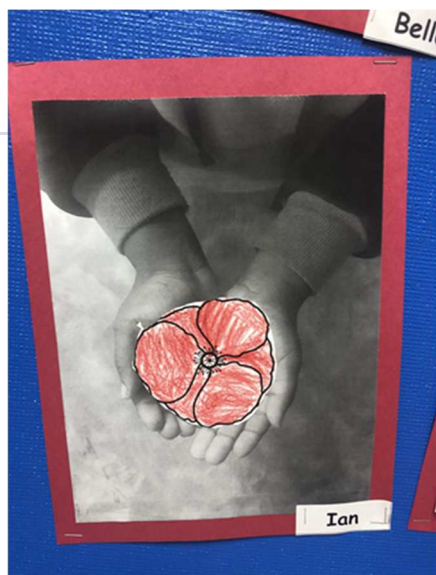
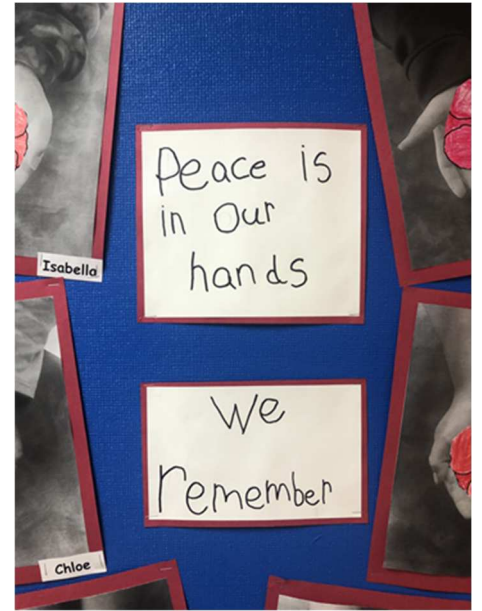
Welcome to Room 214!

This school year has been off to a great start! We have been settling into our daily routines and making meaningful connections with our peers!

Over the month of November, we learned about Remembrance Day and what it means to live in peace. We learned that the day is for remembering the soldiers who sacrificed their lives to give us freedom. We learned that it is also about appreciating and actively working towards peace. So, we've been figuring out how we can bring peace into our everyday actions.

We have read stories, had meaningful conversations and made art that shows our hope for a world with more peace. We tried to understand and connect with the stories of people who have sacrificed their lives to keep us safe.

We have had moments to think about Remembrance Day and what peace means to each of us. We reflected on how we can make the world around us more peaceful. Some ideas that we came up with are doing something nice for someone or simply trying to understand each other better. Every little bit helps, and together, we can make difference!



Marvelous Math in Room 211

In room 211 we are thrilled to share the incredible progress and achievements of our Grade 3 and 4 classroom, where our young math enthusiasts have been tackling large open-ended problems and expanding their mathematical thinking using a variety of strategies.

In our classroom, we believe that math is not just about finding the right answer, but also about embracing the process of problem-solving and nurturing a growth mindset. Our students have truly embraced this philosophy, and their enthusiasm for math has been nothing short of inspiring!

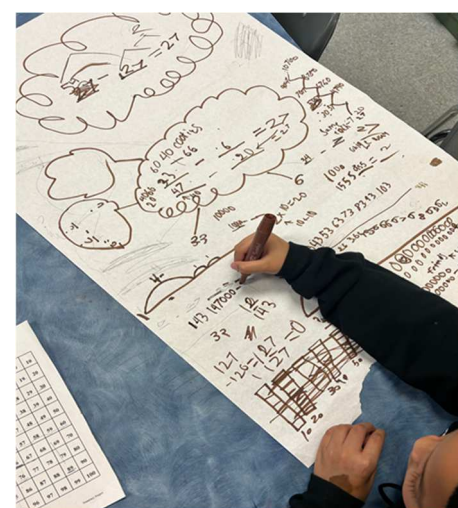
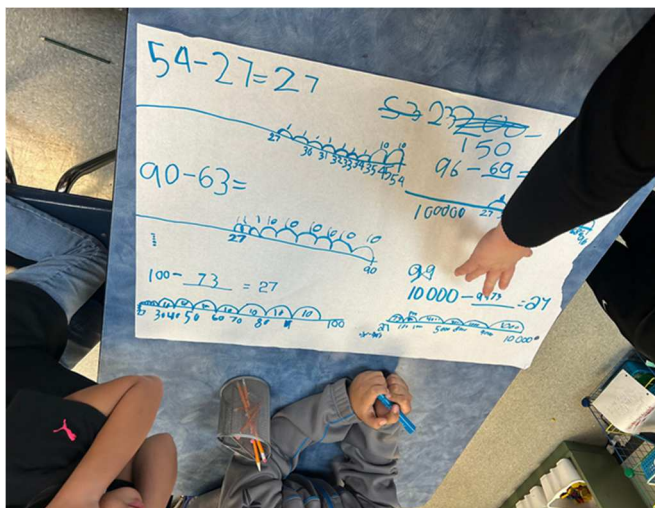
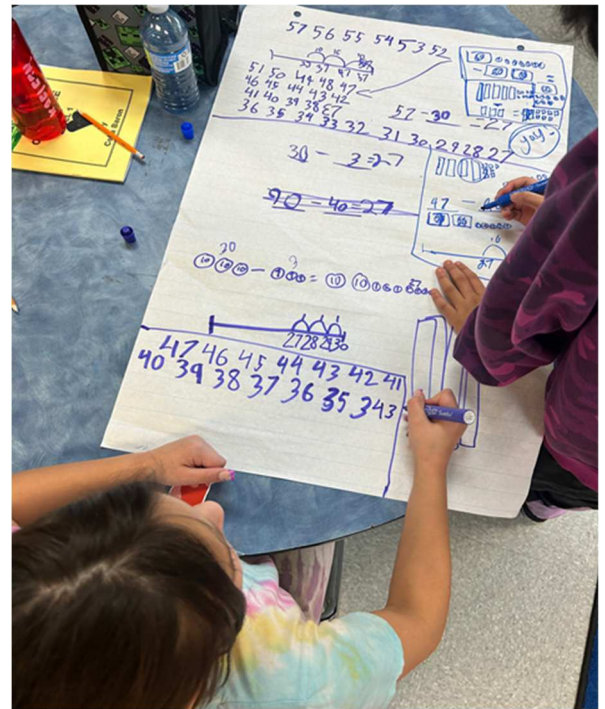
Over the past few weeks, our math superheroes have been engaging in a series of challenging open-ended problems. These problems have encouraged them to think critically, collaborate with their peers, and explore multiple strategies to arrive at creative solutions. From relating math to stories we have read, to solving real-world math puzzles, our students have been on an incredible journey of discovery.

One of the highlights of our math adventures has been the use of different strategies to approach problems. Our students have been encouraged to think flexibly and consider various approaches, such as using manipulatives, drawing diagrams, and even creating their own algorithms. This has not only deepened their understanding of mathematical concepts but also fostered their problem-solving skills and resilience.

We are immensely proud of our students' growth and achievements. Their ability to think outside the box, persevere through challenges, and support one another has been truly remarkable. We have witnessed a newfound confidence in their mathematical abilities, and it's been a joy to see them embrace the beauty of math.

As we continue our math journey, we are excited to explore even more open-ended problems and stretch our math thinking to new heights. We are confident that our students will continue to amaze us with their creativity, perseverance, and passion for mathematics.

Stay tuned for more math adventures and updates from our classroom. We can't wait to share the next chapter of our mathematical journey with you all! Wishing you all a mathematically marvelous day!





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Mr. P. Teixeira
Principal

November 16, 2023

Dear Parents, Caregivers, and Community,

To ensure our school is inclusive and culturally responsive we are integrating First Nation, Métis, and Inuit perspectives into school planning and programming in partnership with the school community. This includes welcoming all students to learn about the significant role of Indigenous values in the spirit of reconciliation.

One of the most commonly shared experiences is the tradition of smudging. Smudging involves burning sage to cleanse the mind, body, spirit. It allows all participants a chance to become mindful, centred, and move forward with positive intentions.

This letter is to notify smudging will be introduced and ongoing as a part of learning processes throughout the school year. Staff, students, and community are invited to participate and support in building an atmosphere of respect, understanding, and inclusivity. While smudging does not usually pose a health risk, we will ensure smudging will take place in well-ventilated designated areas using an appropriate amount of sage. Alternate arrangements may be made for those that may have health challenges such as severe asthma and respiratory issues. Smudging is always voluntary. If you would like more information on smudging, please refer to the [Smudging Protocol and Guidelines for School Divisions](#) or contact your school for further information.

Sincerely,

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To families of the Winnipeg School Division;

The Winnipeg School Division and End Homelessness Winnipeg, along with event host R.B. Russell Vocational High School, are collaborating to offer a Housing Resource Fair and ID Service Provider event. The goal of this event is to support families in the Division access the income and housing supports they are eligible to receive. It is our hope that you will join us **on December 6, 2023** to receive services and information including one-on-one support to apply for available benefits for individuals and families.

Please see below for further information:

When: December 6, 2023

Where: 364 Dufferin Avenue, Winnipeg, MB R2W 2Y3 (R.B. Russell School)

Time: 4:00 to 8:00 pm

Some of the providers at the event will include:

- Rent Assist
- EIA
- Service Canada (SIN Program)
- Canada Revenue Agency
- Renters Insurance Providers
- Secure Certificate of Indian Status Program
- Canada Learning Bond & Birth Certificates
- 211 Service Navigation
- Manitoba Hydro
- New Journey Housing

...and more to come!

If you are looking to **sign up for services** please ensure you **bring appropriate ID or documents** with you, such as:

Manitoba Health Card

Government Issued Photo ID

Proof of Income/Option C

Current Tenancy Agreement

Direct Deposit/Banking Information

EIA Budget Letter

Proof of Status/Residency

Completed Guarantor Form (Status Card*)

If you are unsure of which documents you will need to bring, or if you require assistance in filling out forms please contact *Ms. Elizabeth Thomson*.

We look forward to seeing you at the event!

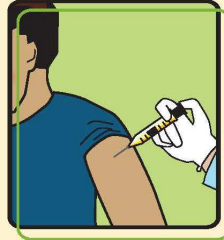
What You Can Do to Fight the Flu



1. Cover your coughs and sneezes.



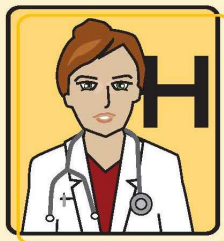
2. Wash your hands a lot.



3. Get a flu shot.



4. Stay home and call your doctor if you are sick.



5. Go to the doctor or hospital right away if you get worse or have trouble breathing.



For more information about the flu, call Health Links-Info Santé at 788-8200 or 1-888-315-9257.

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Cover Your Cough and Sneeze



- Cover your mouth and nose using your upper sleeve or elbow.

OR



- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue.
- Throw used tissue in the garbage.
- Wash your hands with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, hand sanitizer can be used.



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Champlain Calendar of events 2023-2024

Day	Date	Item
	Tuesday, Sept 5 th	ADMIN day – no school
2	Wednesday, Sept 6 th	First day of school for grades 1 to 6
5	Monday, Sept 11 th	First day of Nursery/Kindergarten
6	Tuesday, September 12 th	Common Area Training
5	Tuesday, September 19 th	Assembly
1	Thursday, September 21 st	Meet the Families/Staff Feast (5 - 7)
1	Friday, September 29 th	Orange Shirt Day
	Saturday, September 30 th	National Day of Truth & Reconciliation
3	Tuesday, October 3 rd	PD - non-instructional day
4	Wednesday, October 4 th	Grade 6 Immunization Clinic
6	Friday, October 6 th	Bus Ridership
	Monday, October 9 th	Thanksgiving - No school
3	Friday, October 20 th	MTS PD day - non-instructional day
4	Monday, October 23 rd	Picture Day
5	Tuesday, October 24 th	Assembly
3	Tuesday, November 1 st	Staff Meeting – 3:40pm
6	Friday, November 10 th	Remembrance Day - Service
3	Friday, November 17 th	PD -non-instructional day
5	Monday, November 27 th	Report Cards go home
2	Thursday, November 30 th	Parent Teacher Conferences 4-7:30pm
3	Friday, December 1 st	Student-led conferences
4 - 5	Dec 4 th to Dec 5 th	Mobile-vision clinic
4	Tuesday, Dec 12 th	Assembly
3	Tuesday, December 19 th	Winter Musical
5	Thursday, December 21	Santa Breakfast
6	Friday, December 22 nd	Last day before winter break
1	Monday, January 8 th	First day back from winter break
2	Tuesday, January 9 th	Staff Meeting – 3:40pm
1	Tuesday, January 23 rd	Assembly

2	Friday, February 2 nd	PD - Non-instructional day
	Monday, February 19 th	Louis-Riel Day - No School
1	Tuesday, February 20 th	Assembly
3	Thursday, February 22 nd	Celebration of Learning (5 – 7)
5	Tuesday, March 5 th	Staff Meeting – 3:40pm
3	Monday, March 11 th	Report cards go home
6	Thursday, March 14 th	Student-led conferences evening (4 – 7:30 pm)
1	Friday, March 15 th	Student-led conferences - Non-instructional day
6	Friday, March 22 nd	Last day before spring break
1	Monday, April 1 st	First day back from spring break
2	Tuesday, April 2 nd	Staff Meeting – 3:40pm
2	Thursday, April 18 th	Family Night
3	Friday, April 19 th	PD -Non-instructional day
5	Tuesday, April 23 rd	Assembly
2	Monday, May 6 th	PD -Non-instructional day
	Monday, May 20 th	Victoria Day - No School
6	Tuesday, May 21 st	Assembly
2	Thursday, May 23 rd	Celebration of Learning (5 - 7)
	TBA	Spring Concert
4	Tuesday, June 4 th	Staff Meeting – 3:40pm
5	Thursday, June 13 th	End of Year Celebration FEAST (5 - 7)
6	Friday, June 14 th	Admin Day - Non-instructional day
2	Tuesday, June 18 th	Assembly
5	Wednesday, June 26 th	Grade 6 Farewell
1	Friday, June 28 th	Last day of school -11:30am dismissal

December in the Parent Room

December is a super busy month at Champlain and our Parent room is closed on many days for Professional development and planning days. Please check the calendar before you plan your drop in.



December Parent meeting will take place on December 6th @10am. in the Parent Room. Please join us to hear about what is happening in our School community.

We are looking forward to making crafts together on the 13th and helping with the School musical on the 19th. Our elves will be very busy getting ready for our Santa Breakfast on the 21st.

If you have some ideas for activities in the New Year, please let us know. We look forward to 2024 and making new memories with our Parents, students and Community!

Wishing you all the best over the Holiday Season !

Grandmother's breakfast





Our Grandmothers Group

Many grandmothers are raising their grandchildren which is why we have taken time to honour them. We invite our grandmothers to a bimonthly breakfast where we share a meal, have time to connect with each other, and engage in meaningful conversations alongside our resident Elder, and receive small gifts that honour Indigenous culture.

Student groups often present to our Grandmothers.

DECEMBER 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
3	4 Parent Room Closed, 	5	6 Parent meeting @ 10am. room 117	7	8 Parent Room closed	9
10	11 Parent Room closed	12 Parent Room closed	13 Make Holiday crafts with us	14 	15 Parent Room closed	16
17	18	19 Winter musical today	20 Pancake making day !!	21 Breakfast with Santa for students!	22 Parent Room closed	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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December 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 Day 3 <i>No School Parent Teacher conferences</i>
4 Day 4	5 Day 5	6 Day 6 <i>Parent Council Meeting 10am</i> <i>Mobile Vision Screening All Day</i>	7 Day 1	8 Day 2
11 Day 3	12 Day 4	13 Day 5	14 Day 6	15 Day 1
18 Day 2	19 Day 3 <i>Winter Musical</i>	20 Day 4	21 Day 5 <i>Santa Breakfast</i>	22 Day 4 <i>Last of Day of School before the WINTER BREAK</i>



<i>Looking ahead.....</i>
<i>December 6 Mobile Vision Care Clinic</i>
<i>December 19 Winter Musical</i>
<i>December 21 Santa Breakfast</i>
<i>December 22 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL BEFORE WINTER BREAK Have a SAFE Holiday Break</i>
<i>January 8 FIRST DAY BACK FROM WINTER BREAK</i>