

# NOVEMBER 2023

## THE EAGLES' NEST

Clifton School Newsletter

1070 Clifton St.  
Winnipeg, MB R3E 2T7  
204-783-7792



Susan Drysdale, Principal  
sdrysdale@wsd1.org  
clifton@wsd1.org

### THE AVIAN REPORT

Susan Drysdale, Principal



Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this newsletter finds you all well and enjoying the beautiful fall season (hidden under this early dump of snow). It's been an exciting time here at Clifton School, and I'm thrilled to share some highlights and important announcements with you.

First and foremost, I want to extend my heartfelt congratulations to the students of Room 4 and Room 7 for their exceptional work in promoting respect within our school community. They've embarked on a remarkable journey, exploring the concept of respect through various creative means. Students in these rooms have truly embraced the spirit of Canadian artist Norval Morrisseau, creating beautiful artwork inspired by his work. They also delivered a fun rap performance and a thought-provoking play, showcasing what respect looks like and sounds like in action. It's been a joy to witness their dedication and talent in conveying this important message to their peers.

We encourage parents to come and volunteer at our school, especially in the lunch program. Your support is invaluable in creating a warm and nurturing environment for our children. If you'd like to get involved, please feel free to contact Mrs. Webster, who will provide you with more information and help you get started.

In our ongoing commitment to fostering a sense of belonging and respect, we are welcoming grandparents to volunteer in the school as well. We believe in the importance of cherishing and respecting our elders, and their presence will add a unique dimension to our students' learning experiences. Grandparents are always welcome to visit the school and share their wisdom and stories with our young learners.

Additionally, I am pleased to introduce a new member of our teaching staff, Mrs. Santos. She will be partnering with Mrs. Taylor in teaching Room 9. Mrs. Santos will be with the students in the afternoons, and her dedication and expertise will undoubtedly enrich our students' educational journey. Please join me in extending a warm welcome to Mrs. Santos as she becomes an integral part of our school community.

As we move forward, I want to express my gratitude for your continued support, which plays a vital role in the success of our students and our school as a whole. It is our collective effort and commitment to education that makes Clifton School a truly exceptional place of learning.

Thank you for being a part of our Clifton School family. We look forward to seeing you at our school events and volunteering opportunities.

Susan Drysdale

## AERIE SPOTLIGHT

### Rm. 10 Nursery/Kindergarten

What a fun and busy month we had in October! We had picture day, bus ridership, and did some fun pumpkin and Halloween activities! We began our Science unit on Trees and learned about the parts of a tree. We also created some beautiful art work by painting fall trees with asparagus and artichokes!

Next month, we will be learning all about Colour which is from the Kindergarten Science curriculum. This will include many reading & writing activities, fun colour days and colour math activities.

We are very excited to welcome Ms. Donna Linklater from the Manitoba Conservatory of Music and Arts who will be working with the Kindergarten students on a program called "Music Equals Early Childhood and Songwriting. She will be visiting our classroom every Wednesday morning until the end of May!

Happy Fall!

Mrs. Lagadi

### Rm. 9 Grade 1



October has been a very busy month in room 9. We have been learning about a variety of topics including seasonal changes, pumpkins and the life cycle of a pumpkin. In Language Arts, students have been learning how to expand and collect ideas and continue to practice stretching out words as they write in small groups. Students are learning math concepts using a variety of models including Cuisenaire rods.

As November begins, we ask that parents/guardians would help us by collecting nut-free Halloween candy wrappers and send them to school. If we receive enough, we will be able to do a special activity.



Room 9 is also happy to announce that we are going to be using Dreambox as a part of the math program. If you have a computer at home, please encourage your children to use the Dreambox website that we often access here at school. The address is <http://play.dreambox.com/login/d7qd/prairieres>. Students are able to access individualized math activities suited just for them.

Finally, we want to thank you for continuing to support our home reading program by reading with your child each evening.

Mrs. Taylor

### Rm. 7 Gr. 2/3

Students in Room 7 having been working on math games that practice addition and subtraction facts to 20, 50 and 100 using a variety of strategies. We are working on explaining the strategies we are using to add and subtract larger numbers.

In language Arts we have been focusing on narrative writing. Narrative writing can tell a story about something and has a beginning, a middle and an end. The students have focused their writing on personal experiences and writing letters about different topics. Next, we will learn about expository writing and its characteristics.

This year we are fortunate to have the EIST Team joining our class every two weeks. These ladies from the Early Inclusion Support Team have been working in the classroom. They are sharing a variety of learning strategies that can help your child identify what tools can help them learn best.

Parent-Teacher conferences are just around the corner. I am looking forward to meeting with you so that we can talk about all the wonderful accomplishments your child has participated in this term.

Mrs. De Luca

## AERIE SPOTLIGHT

### Rm. 3 Gr. 3/4

During the month of October students have been hard at work in our classroom. After bringing in photographs and interviewing a family member the students have been thinking about the question “Who am I?” We have been using sharing circles to get to know each other stories and learn about one other. The students are writing ‘Where I’m From’ poems inspired from the poem by George Ella Lyon to share their interests, their families, their memories and special traditions. We are also using this theme to connect to Social Studies where we are learning about ‘Connecting with Canadians.’

Please let me know if you have any questions and I look forward to meeting with you at our school conferences at the end of the month.

Mrs. Kuzyk



### Rm. 4 Gr. 4/5

It has been a busy month of learning in room 4. We have spent a lot of time focusing on the Indigenous sacred teaching respect and preparing for our school wide assembly. We have learned about the Indigenous artist Norval Morrisseau and created artwork inspired by him that will be used as a prop during our assembly. The students also worked on a collaborative art project to represent the forest habitat. Students have researched different animals and plant life that grow in a forest and have contributed to the giant wall mural that will also be used as a backdrop to our assembly. In math the students have been practicing showing their work using three different models: the open number line, cuisenaire rods and part part whole boxes. They have been getting better and better at showing their work and explaining their thinking. I am so lucky to be working with such an amazing group of hard-working students!

Mrs. Reis



## AERIE SPOTLIGHT

### Rm. 6 Gr. 5/6

Hello families and caregivers,

During the month of October the students of room 6 have been working hard to build their understanding of fractions. We have been using our math models to compare fractions, determine if they are equivalent, and learn that the whole of a fraction can represent different amounts depending on the context. In French, students have been listening to read-alouds of French books and using strategies to understand the main idea of the story, even when they do not understand all of the sentences. We have discussed how immersing yourself in a new language is the first step to learning it, just like a newborn learning their first language. Lastly in science, students have been designing a floor plan for a human settlement on Mars and researching what kinds of technology would be needed to survive.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or topics you would like to discuss. I love hearing from you. You can reach me at [slangille@wsd1.org](mailto:slangille@wsd1.org)

Sincerely,

S. Langille

### Music

Students are singing with the purpose of working on matching pitch and using dynamics (expression) to create a musical phrase/sentence with the intent of creating a 'musical puzzle'.

A 'musical puzzle' was explained to the students in this way:

- each student is a puzzle piece
- their class is the puzzle
- they need to work together musically
  - o communicate through gestures
  - o listening to themselves and one another
- this will allow the creation of their 'musical puzzle' to happen



The intermediate choir will be singing, 'A Song of Peace' for the Remembrance Day service on Friday, Nov. 10th.

Ms. Jones

### Phys. Ed

Go Eagles! Grade 5/6 students went to the divisional soccer tournaments at Tec Voc and did a great job representing our school! They showed good sportsmanship and teamwork and they also improved their soccer skills as well. I'm proud of all of them.

October continued mini soccer games and outdoor play. These are both great ways to improve student's physical literacy.

Mr. Sharp

## AERIE SPOTLIGHT

### Patrols

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we enter the colder months, we'd like to take a moment to celebrate the exceptional performance of our school patrols during the first two months of this academic year. Our patrols have not only proven their dedication but have also embraced the responsibility of ensuring the safety of our school community with enthusiasm.

Dressing for the Weather:

With the temperatures dropping and winter approaching, it's crucial that we make sure our patrols are well-prepared for the changing weather. Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately in warm clothing and has the necessary gear to stay comfortable during their duty hours. This not only helps them perform their duties effectively but also keeps them safe and healthy during their shifts.

Outstanding Training and Leadership:

Our patrols have done an incredible job in training new members. They have been patient, welcoming, and supportive, ensuring that our newest recruits feel confident and prepared to uphold our safety standards.

**We are delighted to announce that we now have two outstanding patrols of the month to recognize:**

Patrol of the Month for September: Paisley

Paisley has displayed dedication and leadership during the early days of the school year. Her commitment to the safety of our school community have not gone unnoticed. We commend her for setting a high standard for her peers and being an inspiration to us all.

Patrol of the Month for October: Samuel

Samuel has continued the trend of excellent patrol leadership by demonstrating exceptional skills and commitment. His reliability and positive attitude have been truly inspiring, contributing to the overall safety and positive atmosphere within our school.

We believe in recognizing and appreciating the hard work and dedication of our patrols, and Paisley and Samuel exemplify the qualities we cherish in our safety team members.

We are immensely proud of their achievements and the entire patrol team's dedication.

Thank you for your continued support in helping our patrols perform their duties effectively and safely.

A reminder to please contact the school office and inform them if your child will be absent from their patrol duty.



## CLUTCH CORNER

### Parent Council

Kernel's Popcorn orders were due on November 1st. Thank you to all those who helped fundraise for the second phase of the play structure! We anticipate a possible delivery date of November 24th, but will send an email once that is confirmed.

We have two more fundraisers planned for 2023. Our Cash for Christmas raffle will start soon. Ticket booklets (10 each) will need to be signed out. Proceeds from this fundraiser go directly to the school to be used for field trips and supplies. In addition there will be a Movie Night fundraiser on Friday December 8th. Proceeds will go toward the Grade 6 farewell. The Cash for Christmas draw will take place during the movie night! We hope to see you all there.



Thank you to all those who joined us at the October PAC meeting! Our next meeting is Wednesday, November 29th at 5:00 pm. Parents are always welcome to attend. Childcare is provided.

Thank  
You!



**Safe Arrival** is an absence management system that improves student safety and makes it easy for you to let the school know about your child's absences.

You are asked to report your child's absence in advance whenever possible using of these convenient methods below. Parent, guardians and caregivers are reminded NOT to call the school or inform the teacher of the absence, it must be reported in Safe Arrival. The system will allow to report absences up to one week. If your child will be away longer than a week, then please send the teacher an email (teacher emails posted on school website)

**School Messenger** is also another platform we use to send out important messages to all Clifton families. Please ensure your email is updated with us by letting the office know.

There are three ways to report an absence through Safe Arrival:

### **School Messenger app (free)**

1. Provide your email address to the school
2. Get the app from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store
3. Tap Sign Up to create your account

### **Web and Mobile Web:**

1. Provide your email address to the school
2. Go to the website <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca> and sign up to create your account

### **Interactive Toll-Free Phone**

1. Call the toll-free telephone system 1-855-278-4513
2. Follow the instructions to report an absence. Please wait until the call is complete. Call will be complete when a confirmation number has been given.

Absences can be reported in advance 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

If you do not report your child's absence in advance, the automated notification system will try to contact you using the communication preferences you have set up in the School Messenger app.

**Please note that all absences/lates must be reported before 9:00am.**

**DON'T FORGET**

# BE THE INSPIRATION

Winnipeg  
School Division  
**is hiring**

When our students see  
themselves in the people  
around them, they are  
inspired to succeed.

Be part of our community  
of inspiration.

## JOIN US










WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION





# November



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
		1 Day 5	2 Day 6	3 Day 1 
6 Day 2	7 Day 3	8 Day 4  Rooms. 4 & 6 Field Trip to Brookside Cemetery AM	9 Day 5	10 Day 6  Remembrance Day Service AM  
13 Day 1	14 Day 2	15 Day 3	16 Day 4	17 Day 5   Non-Instructional Day No School
20 Day 6  	21 Day 1	22 Day 2	23 Day 3	24 Day 4
27 Day 5  	28 Day 6	29 Day 1  Report Cards Go Home  PAC Meeting 5pm	30 Day 2  PT Conferences Evening  Book Fair-Library  	1 Day 3  Non-Instructional Day No School  PT Conferences AM Book Fair-Library AM Only