



# November 2024 Newsletter



Dear Clifton School Families,

As we enter November, we're filled with gratitude for the wonderful opportunities enriching our students' learning experiences. A huge thank you to the Manitoba Conservatory of Music and Arts for their generous gift of Music Equals programming! Through this initiative, students will enjoy Rock Band sessions in Room 6, Early Childhood and Songwriting in Rooms 10 and 7, and continued learning for our Clifton School Drum Carriers with the guidance of Elder Alison. We are truly fortunate to have these engaging programs in our school.

We're also excited that our dedicated student patrols will be proudly walking in this year's Santa Claus Parade. It's a fantastic opportunity for them to represent Clifton School and share in the holiday spirit.

We invite all parents to join us for our Remembrance Day Service on November 8 at 11 a.m. It's an important time for us to come together as a community to honor those who have served.

A gentle reminder for parents: please refrain from parking in the bus zone at any time to keep drop-offs and pick-ups safe and smooth. Finally, we're still seeking volunteers to support our school's initiatives. If you can lend a hand, please reach out!

Thank you for your continued support.

Warm regards,

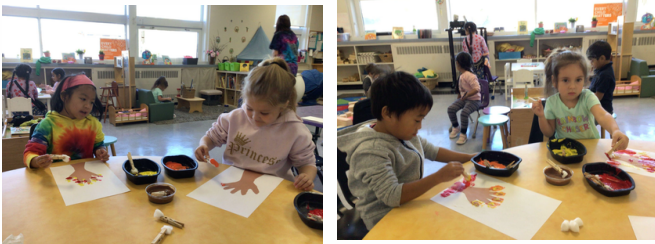
Susan Drysdale





## NK Room 10AM

What a fun and busy month we had in October! We had picture day, participated in our first fire drill, our first field trip to the Manitoba Theatre for Young People, bus ridership and many fun 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 creating our own fall tree!



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. I am looking forward to seeing you all at our parent/teacher conferences this month and sharing in your child's progress.

Happy Fall!

Mrs. Lagadi

## NK Room 10PM

Dear Families,

Another month has flown by, and our classroom has been filled with exciting learning experiences! Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our students' growth. This month, we began exploring what makes each of us unique, a theme that will continue throughout the year. Stay tuned for more updates on this journey of self-discovery!

In our colour study, we identified and described colours through videos, songs, poems, and sensory activities. We used tools like voice buttons, visuals, flashlight cards, scented markers, crayons, sand, foam, and playdough to enhance our learning through touch, sight, and smell.

Our letter learning journey began with the letters C, O, A, and D. The students practiced using sensory tools, catchy songs, fun chants, and engaging videos to help them recognize and write these letters.

We also continued our daily focus on rhyming, identifying initial sounds, and blending/segmenting compound words—essential skills for building strong readers!

In math, we explored the shapes around us and used our understanding of them to create and complete patterns. We wrapped up the month with a spooky fun Halloween-themed activity day, bringing October to a festive close!

There's so much happening in our classroom every day. Stay tuned for more exciting learning adventures!

Mrs. Uskalo

## Room 7 Gr. 1

Room 7 has been celebrating the story *Where the Wild Things Are*. The Wild Things kept us busy; we read the story, watched the play on our field trip, created our own Wild Things and wrote our first class book about them. In November, we will continue working on our writing, reading and math goals. We are continuing to observe the changes in seasons by observing, drawing, patterning and estimating with sunflowers, pumpkins and leaves. In honour of Remembrance Day, we will also be talking about peace and what that looks like in our classroom and school community.





## Room 9 Gr. 2/3

I would like to extend a big congratulations to all the students working on their home reading each night. This class has a strong love of reading which is amazing to see and will take them so far! Please support your child in remembering to bring their book bag to school every day!

This month we kicked off our science learning by investigating the characteristics of solids and liquids. Students engaged in discussions, demonstrations, and experiments to observe how solids hold their shape while liquids take the shape of their containers. They discovered that solids in a container always have cracks and gaps between their parts and liquids do not.

In social studies, we turned our attention to the characteristics of communities, learning how people, places, and resources work together to create a thriving environment.

To enhance our writing skills, we focused on non-fiction texts, practicing how to incorporate various text features like titles, captions, and diagrams to make our information clearer and more engaging.

In math, we introduced the concept of equality, and students had a great time using Cuisenaire rods to balance scales, visually demonstrating how different combinations can equal the same amount.

Finally, we emphasized the reading strategy of asking questions, encouraging students to think critically about the texts we explore, prompting discussions that deepen their understanding. See you again next month!



## Room 4 Gr. 3/4

Dear Parents and Guardians,

My name is Mariefe Castillo, and I am absolutely thrilled to be your child's teacher this year. I am happy and grateful to be part of the Clifton community. With passion for teaching and a commitment to your child's success, I am here to guide, support and inspire them every step of the way.

In Math, students have been learning about measurements, place value and mental math strategies. We have been using math tools such as Cuisenaire rods, measuring tapes, ten frames, number lines, dice and ten blocks. In Science, we have been learning about migration. Students brainstormed wonderings they had and presented their ideas in graphic organizers like webs and charts. In Language Arts, we have been reading a chapter book called, "The Wild Robot". We have been practicing and developing our skills in making connections, asking questions, identifying key ideas and writing summaries. We have also been working on a diorama which allows the students to get a deeper understanding of the elements of the story. In Social Study, we have just started learning about Provinces and Capitals and we are all excited to explore, discover and describe cool stuff and interesting facts about them. We are planning to make a project called, "Community Rings". With this project, we are looking forward to creating a sense of belonging and developing their skills in inquiry, research and communication skills.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me by email at [mcastillo@wsd1.org](mailto:mcastillo@wsd1.org)

Mariefe Castillo





### Room 3 Gr. 4/5

Hello Parents/Guardians,  
It's Fiona, a student here at Clifton, now I will be sharing with you what was keeping us busy all October. In science we have been learning how to maintain a healthy body. In Math, we are practicing using a number line as a model. We also created our own Mystery Number puzzles to show our understanding of place value. Next is Drama, oh the drama... sorry I got carried away, we've been doing short skits based on a book called "The Mysteries of Harris Burdick" and other drama exercises. In ELA, We're writing about what brings us joy and to wrap things up we are SUPER excited for Halloween and to see the spooky costumes. Well that all I got for the Newsletter see you later eagle families.

Fiona

Thank you to Fiona for writing our newsletter write-up this month. Students are starting their home reading novel project based on the chapter book they have read. I appreciate you encouraging your child to read each night. I look forward to meeting with you at our conferences in November.

Mrs. Kuzyk

### Room 6 Gr. 5/6

Welcome to November everyone! I have had a great time getting to know your children over the past few weeks and look forward to a great year of learning and exploring this incredible world together.

I have shared a few emails with all parents this month, checking in, and sharing our learning with you. Please let me know if you have not received these emails. Feel free to connect with me any time at [mschultz@wsd1.org](mailto:mschultz@wsd1.org) if you have any questions, exciting news to share or concerns.

Please remember to check your child's Seesaw account weekly to see exciting things we have been learning about and to ensure they are completing assignments. QR codes went home in October with instructions on how to view their account. Please let me know if you need help navigating this program.

As always, I look forward to working together with you to support your child's learning this year.

Have a great month!

Mrs. Schultz

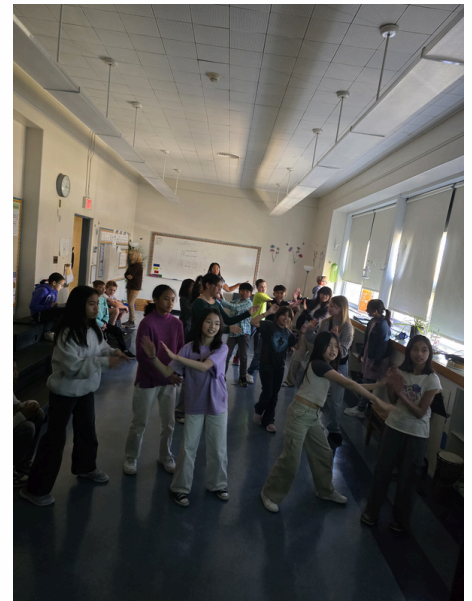
### Music/Arts

Hello Clifton Families

All Month students have been reviewing their rhythm notation, singing and exploring with their voices and having small dance parties. Rm 4 has begun to learn about the Orchestra, its many, many instruments and how they each make their unique sounds.

Music is filled with so many genres that you are bound to find something you connect with. Rm 6 spent the past month researching a music genre they connected with and created posters displaying the facts about what this type of music is all about.

Mrs. Robinson





## **Patrols**

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.

### **Patrol of the Month for September: Aleah**

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

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.

## **Bulletin**

**Dear Parents,**

**We kindly remind you to send lunch with your child each morning before school. This helps ensure they are prepared for the day and reduces interruptions to the school schedule.**

**If your child forgets their lunch, please bring it to the school office, and we will make sure it gets to them. We kindly ask that you do not bring the lunch directly to the classroom, as this can be disruptive to the learning environment.**

**Thank you for your cooperation in supporting a smooth school day for all our students.**



# SAFE ARRIVAL

## Student Absence Reporting System

To report your child's absence, please call 1-855-278-4513 before 9:00 AM  
or visit [go.schoolmessenger.ca](https://go.schoolmessenger.ca)  
Planned absences may be reported in advance



At Winnipeg School Division, one of our greatest priorities is ensuring all students arrive safely at school each and every day. To enhance our existing absence-checking procedure, we are in the process of introducing to all of our schools a new, more efficient student absence reporting system called SafeArrival. This new system reduces the time it takes to verify student attendance, makes it easy for you to report your child's absence and easy for staff to respond to unexplained student absences. (see the regularly updated list below of schools using Safe Arrival). Please note, if you as a parent or guardian have questions about Safe Arrival or School Messenger, please contact your child's school directly.






With SafeArrival, you are asked to report your child's absence in advance using any of these three methods:

1. Using your mobile device, download and install the SchoolMessenger app from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store (or from the links at <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>). The first time you use the app, select Sign Up to create your account. Select Attendance, then Report an Absence.
2. Use the SafeArrival website, <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>. The first time you use the website, select Sign Up to create your account. Select Attendance, then Report an Absence.
3. Call the toll-free number 1-855-278-4513 to report an absence using the automated phone system. These options are available 24 hours/day, 7 days a week. Future absences can be reported at any time.



# November



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
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4 Day 1	5 Day 2  CanU	6 Day 3	7 Day 4	8 Day 5  
11  NO SCHOOL Remembrance Day  	12 Day 6	13 Day 1	14 Day 2	15 Day 3
18 Day 4	19 Day 5  CanU	20 Day 6	21 Day 1  Lifetouch Picture Retakes  	22 Day 2  NO SCHOOL Non-Instructional Day
25 Day 3  	26 Day 4  CanU	27 Day 5  Report Cards Sent Out  PAC Meeting 6:00pm	28 Day 6  Student LED Conference Evening	29 Day 1  NO SCHOOL Non-Instructional Day  Student LED Conference - AM