

DAVID LIVINGSTONE

Community School

December 2023 Newsletter

Mr. Chris Clarke
Principal

Ms. Tamara Stevenson
Vice-Principal

Important Reminders

*Report Absences/
Lates to
204-586-8346*

*Students need to
enter through their
assigned doors.*

*ALL DOORS WILL BE
LOCKED OUTSIDE OF
PICKUP/DROP OFF
TIMES. PLEASE USE
FRONT DOORS TO
ENTER IF LATE.*

*This is a nut/peanut
free school.*

**Remember to dress
for the weather!**

Message from Administration

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It is almost unbelievable that 2024 is just one month away, and that our holiday break is a little more than 3 weeks away.

It was wonderful to see that many parents participated in Student-Led Conferences. We always want the lines of communication open between home and school as we work as a team to help support all of our students. Please know that you can always contact teachers or Administration if you have any questions or concerns.

We have been lucky with a warmer November but as we head into our winter months, we ask that you send your child/children to school dressed for the weather. If you need assistance with winter wear, please contact Patricia in the Parent Room so she can assist through Coats for Kids. To also help us combat this cold and flu season, we continue to have hand sanitizer and masks available for use. If your child is sick (coughing or sneezing) we encourage them to stay home to help limit the spread. Please call into the school to let us know if they will be staying home.

The holiday season is upon us, and we are planning some festive activities to bring joy and excitement to our students and community. Our staff and students have been working hard to prepare for these fun, positive, and enjoyable events. We are also excited to announce that every student will also be receiving new pajamas that were generously donated to our students through the Pyjama Project!

Our upcoming events to celebrate the holiday season are:

December 7 – Nursery to Grade 6 Winter Concert - Doors open at 5:00 pm; concert begins at 5:30 pm – Main school gym – Families and students

December 14 – Annual Christmas Sale – Students

December 15 – Manitoba Heavy Construction ‘Heavy Santa’ event – Gr 1-3 Students

December 21 – Breakfast with Santa – Students and staff

Please note that the last day of school before the break is **Friday, December 22, 2023**. Students return to school after the break on **Monday, January 8, 2024**.

All the best for a safe, healthy, and peaceful holiday break.

C. Clarke, Principal &
T. Stevenson, Vice Principal



DAVID LIVINGSTONE COMMUNITY SCHOOL



LOVE **COMMUNITY** **TRUTH**

Responsibilities

- Give opportunities to share resources and collaborate.
- Adhere to the 7 Teachings when dealing with self and others.
- Encourage healthy community involvement

Rights

- To be connected to the school community.
- To be acknowledged for what they are providing.

-To be informed of the roles and responsibilities of the school

Responsibilities

- Come prepared to be engaged and take ownership of your learning.
- Adhere to the 7 Teachings when dealing with self and others.
- Be prepared to make mistakes and accept challenges.

Rights

- To be accepted for who you are
- To learn new things
- To feel Safe

Responsibilities

- Actively engage in child's learning.
- Support teachers in their efforts to educate.
- Promote and instill a positive attitude towards learning and school attendance.

Rights

- To have input in child's learning and school activities.
- To feel welcomed.
- To be informed.

Responsibilities

- Encourage positive community involvement.
- Model appropriate behaviour utilizing the 7 Teachings.
- Support students in a variety of ways that allows students to be their best.

Rights

- To work in a healthy environment.
- To feel supported.
- To feel Safe

WISDOM
STAFF

HONESTY
STUDENTS

HUMILITY



COURAGE

PARENTS/CAREGIVERS
RESPECT

SCHOOL TREATY

December 2023

Important Dates

December 9	Winter Concert @5.30pm in the gym
December 21	 Breakfast with Santa
December 22	Last Day of Classes
December 23 - January 7	~ Winter Vacation ~ <i>Classes resume January 8, 2024</i> 
January 10 - 12	Hearing Screening
January 17/18	CANU starts for this year

Attendance Facts

- Students need to be present to learn. Attending regularly helps children feel better about school.
- Students who miss *only 15 days a year* will end up missing a *full year of school* by grade 12.
- A student with 90% attendance (missing 2 days a month) will miss *4 weeks of school per year!* This can make it harder to learn to read.
- Being only *10 minutes late* each day equals *6 missed days* of instruction over the year.
- *A pattern of absenteeism as early as grade 1 is a predictor of a school dropout.*
- Children who miss too many days in kindergarten and grade one *often have trouble mastering reading.*

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Classroom News

Room: 9

Ms. Hosegood

Class Newsletter

December,
2023

Reminders:

* Please remember when the weather changes to wear/bring warmer clothes*.

What We're Learning:

Reading: we are practicing our spelling, working on blends/digraphs, letters and letter sounds and reading many stories!

Writing: Winter Writing

Math: Patterns, counting, doubles, compatible numbers, addition and subtraction, multiplication, fractions

Health: Germs, self-regulation and personal space

Social Studies: Mapping of Manitoba and Canada

Important Dates:

Important Date #1

Dec. 7- Winter Concert

Important Date #2

Dec. 8,15,22 - Yoga (Fridays 1-2)

Important Date #3

Dec. 21 - Breakfast with Santa

Important Date #4

Dec. 22 - Last day of school
before winter break



Contact Me: lhosegood@wsd1.org

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Classroom News

CHRISTMAS SALE



DAVID LIVINGSTONE SCHOOL
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2023
9:00 am - 3:00 pm

ALL ITEMS 25 CENTS
Sale for students only.



December 2023

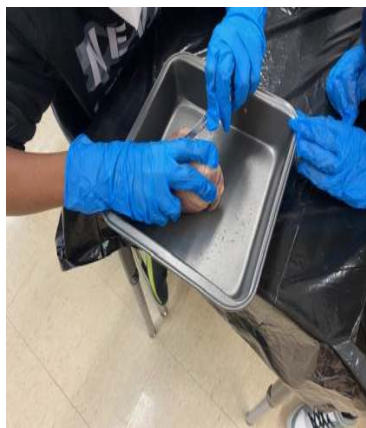
Classroom News

Room 16

Mr. Gillespie, Ms. T

The students in Room 13 have been working very hard and were very excited to share their learning with their families during Student-Led Conferences. It was nice to see so many families come to the school and support their children.

As part of their study of the human body systems, specifically the cardiovascular system; the students in room 13 were involved in a WISE KIDnetic workshop, where they were able to participate in the dissection of a pig's heart.



The last day of school before the Winter Break is December 22nd.

Have a safe holiday and all the best in the New Year!

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December 2023 Gym News

Phys-Ed

Ms. Hancharyk

For the month of December in the Gym, dance will be our focus. We will work on activities where the students sing songs and move to cues. We will listen to music that provides cues on how to move. The games we will play will use music as part of the game and are based on the idea of movement changes when the music changes or stops.



December - Extra Curricular Gym Activities

Monday	12:30	Grade 4-8 Kinball
Tuesday	12:30	Dance Club Grade 1-8
Wednesday	12:30	Grade 4-8 Kinball
Thursday	12:30	Dance Club Grade 1-8

Tuesday, December 12 3:45 - 4:30 Grade 6-7-8 Volleyball Game @ DL vs. Niji Mahkwa



Volleyball Team News

Congratulations as well to our Grade 4-6 Volleyball Team. The team participated at a Volleyball Tournament held on Thursday, November 24 at Machray School.



DJ	Christian	Rain
Helen	Lexi	Sammy
Keteri	Nathan	Guadalupe
Thomas	Saida	Ahmad
Deja	Oreo	Onywagi
Asho		Trinity

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Read To Me Program

Mrs. Martin & Ms Sandhu

Little Wings

Dec.
2023

...and Reading Things



What is READ-to-ME?

Reading instruction is part of the English Language Arts curriculum for all our classes. The Grade 1 and 2 classrooms are part of a special guided reading framework called, "Read-to- Me." "For 1.5 hours per morning, students receive both whole class and small group reading instruction at their level."

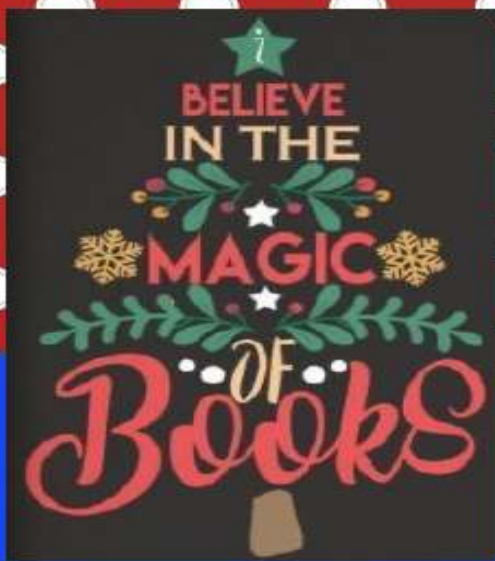
HOME READING

Would you like a bundle of paper books to read with your child at home? We have some! Contact paolson@wsd1.org

LITERACY TIP

ENVIRONMENTAL PRINT

Point out print everywhere! Sound out and talk about written words you see all around you...stores, signs, labels, recipes, brands, etc. This helps kids understand that words and symbols contain messages.



Mrs. J. Martin, Read-to-Me Teacher
Email: jemartin@wsd1.org
Thank you for being your child's best and first reading teacher!

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General Information

What Should I Do if My Child is Sick?



Students should stay home from school if they are sick, no matter how mild the symptoms. Call the school office (204-586-8346) to advise that your child(ren) will not be attending school that day.

During respiratory virus season, your child may experience mild cold and flu symptoms that can include fever or chills, nasal congestion or runny nose, cough, sore throat, fatigue, muscle aches or body aches, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, and others. All members of the David Livingstone community are encouraged to follow the fundamentals :

- ◇ Stay home when sick
- ◇ Practice frequent hand washing and respiratory etiquette
- ◇ Perform routine cleaning and disinfection protocols with a focus on high-touch surfaces and common areas, including washrooms
- ◇ Encourage vaccinations (COVID-19 and routine immunizations)
- ◇ The school has rapid antigen tests that the parent can come and pick up. Call first so office staff can have them ready for you.

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All Music Students

Ms. Cobb



DAVID LIVINGSTONE
COMMUNITY SCHOOL PRESENTS
SONGS FROM DISNEY'S
FROZEN

DECEMBER 7TH 2023
FEATURING ROOMS 2, 3,
4, 5, 9, 11, 12, 13, AND 21

**STARTS AT
5:30 PM**

**IN THE
GYM**

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General Information

All Math Students

Ms. Pellaers

Countdown to the Holidays - Math Activity Calendar

Have fun completing the Math Activity Calendar with your child at home!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Make some snowflakes for your window. What shapes do you see in the snowflakes?	2
3	4 Draw and colour candy canes with patterns.	5 With a deck of playing cards, divide the cards in half and flip over one each. Whoever's is higher wins the cards. The person at the end with the most cards is the winner.	6 Play the same game as yesterday, but pull two cards each and add them. The person with the greater total keeps the cards.	7 Symmetry means the same on both sides. Draw and decorate a symmetrical tree.	8 Draw a symmetrical house with symmetrical holiday lights.	9
10	11 Go for a walk or a drive and look for xmas lights in patterns.	12 It is the 12 th day of the 12 th month. What items come in 12s?	13 How many days are there until the holiday break?	14 If you bake 12 cookies today and 12 cookies tomorrow, how many cookies did you bake altogether? Draw the cookies if you need help solving the problem.	15 Design a wrapping paper with a colourful pattern.	16
17	18 Make a pattern using candy canes, mittens, and trees.	19 If all of Santa's reindeer ate 2 carrots each, how many carrots did they eat all together?	20 Draw a holiday picture with 5 kids building snowpeople, 5 kids tobogganing, 6 kids having a snowball fight, and 6 kids building a fort. How many kids are in your picture?	21 Draw a tacky holiday sweater with 8 candy canes, 3 stars, 10 decorations, and 1 star.	22 Make a holiday treat. Use measuring cups and help read the recipe.	23
24 	25 W	26 I	27 N	28 T	29 E	30 R
31 	B	R	E	A	K	!

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General Information

HOATS FOR KIDS



*To request winter outerwear, please contact the school,
daycare or United Way agency partner in your area.*

**If you would like to place an order please call Patricia
at 204-586-8346 or 204-894-0476**

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Parent Room

December Calendar 2023

Family Room

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri
				1/3 Every Child Matters Hand Prints 9:00-10:30 Hockey Hero's 2:00-6:00
4/4 Patricia Away - AM Christmas Wreath's 9:00 Candy Making 1:00	5/5 Christmas Wreath's 9:00 Hockey Hero's 3:30	6/6 Christmas Wreath's 9:00 Ribbon Skirts 11:00-11:30	7/1 Winter Concert	8/2 Community Connecting Room Closed
11/3 Christmas Cards 9:00-10:30 Traditional Parenting 1:30-3:30	12/4 Traditional Parenting 1:30-3:30 Hockey Hero's 3:30 & Dinner @ 6:30	13/5 Book Donations to Children's Hospital 9:00-10:30 Traditional Parenting 1:30-3:30	14/6 Christmas Sale 9:00 Traditional Parenting 1:30-3:30	15/1 Traditional Parenting Feast 1:30-3:30
18/2 Christmas Ornaments 1:00-2:30	19/3 Patricia Away - AM Christmas Ornaments 1:00-2:30	20/4 Beading 1:00-2:30	21/5 Breakfast/Santa	22/6 Community Connecting Room Closed Data
25 WISHING YOU AND YOUR FAMILY A WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS	26	27	28	29
				

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General Information

Good Night ... Good Learning!

Why is Sleep Important for Learners?

- Most children 5 to 12 years of age need ten to twelve hours of sleep *each night*.
- Learning that happens during the day is sorted and stored in your child's memory while they get a good night's sleep.
- A well rested and alert brain is a brain that is ready to think, do and remember!



The Canadian Pediatric Society Offers These Suggestions ...

- Have a relaxing bedtime routine.
- Always fall asleep in bed, not in front of the TV.
- At bedtime, a room should be cool, dark & quiet.
- Try to go to bed at the same time every night.
- Avoid stimulants in the evening, such as drinks with caffeine (pop, energy drinks, etc.).
- Avoid TV before bedtime
- Don't allow your child to have a TV, computer, video games or a cell phone in their bedroom.

School vandalism often involves **graffiti, broken windows, damage to roofs and playground equipment.**

To report suspicious activity on school grounds between 10:00 PM and 7:00 AM or to report an act of school vandalism in Winnipeg, call:

204-231-4556

Our security firm will attend after receiving your call.



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Education for Sustainable Development News

DL will be collecting the following materials for recycling



Markers of all brands



Batteries

The City of Winnipeg Police River Patrol Unit wishes to remind all citizens of Winnipeg about the present dangers in and around our waterways. All waterways should be considered dangerous and falling thru the ice could cost you your life.

All parents and teachers should remind children at risk about these dangers. This includes all frozen bodies of water such as rivers, creeks, ditches and retention ponds.

**Take our advice and
stay off the ICE**











Winter
Break!

December 23, 2023 to
January 7, 2024

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General Information

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Shops Day AM = Rm 15 PM = Rm 16 & 18				Day 3 Shops Rm 5&3 . Children's Museum AM Rhythm @lunch
4 Day 4 Gr 4-8 Kinball 12.30	5 Day 5 Gr 1-8 Dance Club 12.30 Hockey Heros 4-8.30	6 Day 6 Rehearsal - Winter Concert Gr 4-8 NO Kinball Gr 5-6 CAN U pm	7 Day 1 Gr 6-8 GSA Club 12 Gr 1-8 NO Dance Club Gr 7-8 CAN U pm Winter Concert 5:30 Gym 	8 Day 2 Rhythm @lunch
11 Day 3 Shops Gr 4-8 Kinball 12.30	12 Day 4 Gr 1-8 Dance Club 12.30 Gr 6,7,8 Volleyball game @DL vs Niji 3.30-4.30 Hockey Heros 4-8.30	13 Day 5 Gr 4-8 Kinball 12.30	14 Day 6  Gr 6-8 GSA Club @12 Gr 1-8 Dance Club 12.30	15 Day 1 Gr 1-3 Heavy Santa Rhythm @lunch
18 Day 2 Gr 4-8 Kinball 12.30	19 Day 3 Shops Rm 12 ICSC.@Niji AM Gr 1-8 Dance Club 12.30	20 Day 4 Gr 4-8 Kinball 12.30	21 Day 5  Gr 6-8 GSA Club @12 Gr 1-8 Dance Club 12.30	22 Day 6 Last Day of School Rhythm @lunch ??
25 Winter Break Started Dec 23	26 	27 	28 	29 
30	31			