

DAVID LIVINGSTONE SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2025

Mr. Clarke
Principal

Message from Administration

Ms. Martinez
Vice-Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are so excited to welcome you and your child back to school. We truly missed you over the summer and look forward to another wonderful year of learning and growth together.

For many students, returning to school feels like coming home. With the support of staff, families, and peers, our new students will soon feel comfortable and part of our school community too. Each new year brings fresh opportunities, routines, and excitement. We encourage you to share your child's strengths, gifts, and any concerns with their teacher. Thank you for entrusting us with your amazing children—every child and every family is deeply valued by our staff. You'll find a full list of teacher contact information in our school newsletter. We also invite you to our **Meet the Staff Evening on Thursday, September 11, 2025, at 4:00 pm–5:00 pm**. At this event, we'll provide an overview of the school year, including the themes your child will explore in class.

This year we are delighted to welcome new staff members:

G. Litt – N/K

J. Scholfield – Grade 2/3

J. Korba – Grade 5/6

A. Sandhu – Grade 1/2

D. Rocha Perez – Music/Art

A. Harish – Grade 1



Throughout September, our school will focus on actively learning about the **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (September 30th)**. This is an important time for remembrance, honouring survivors, and reflecting on the impacts of residential schools. It is also an opportunity to learn together about reconciliation in meaningful ways. Please note that **school will be closed on Tuesday, September 30, 2025**.

We are excited to begin this year with joy, love, and a commitment to rigorous, engaging learning! Please come see us if you have questions, ideas, or things you'd like to share. We are here to support you.

Together, let's make this a positive and memorable school year.

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DAVID LIVINGSTONE COMMUNITY SCHOOL



SCHOOL TREATY

DAVID LIVINGSTONE SCHOOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2025-2026



October

- 7 Immunization Clinic
- 8 No School
- 13 Thanksgiving - No School
- 14 Picture Day
- 16 Bus Ridership
- 22 Mobile Clinic
- 24 MTS PD Day - No School
- 31 Halloween

November

- 4 Picture Retake Day
- 7 No School I
- 8 Indigenous Veterans Day
- 10 Remembrance Day Assembly—10:45 AM
- 11 Remembrance Day—No School
- 20 Student-led Conferences—4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
- 21 Student-led Conferences—No School
- 24 Reports Go Home

December

- 11 Winter Concert—6:00 PM for Grades N-4
- 16 Christmas Sale Parent Room
- 18 Breakfast with Santa AM
- 18 Whole School Movie PM
- 29 Last Day Before Break
- Dec 22– Jan 2 WINTER BREAK

January

- 5 School re-opens after Winter Break
- 6,7,8 Hearing Screening
- 31 No School

February

- 2 No School
- 16 Louis Riel Day—HOLIDAY School Closed

March

- 5 Winter Carnival
- 6 No School
- 19 Student-led Conferences—4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
- 20 Student-led Conferences—No School
- 23 Reports Go Home
- 23-27 Spirit Week
- 27 Movie Day
- 30-3 SPRING BREAK

April

- 6 School re-opens
- 8 Day of Pink
- 10 No School
- 14 Spring Classroom Photos
- 22 Spring Concert Grade 5-8
- 23 Bus Ridership

May

- 5 Red Dress Day
- 8 No School
- 18 Victoria Day—No School
- 27 Volunteer Celebration—10:30 AM

June

- 5 Divisional Pow Wow
- 11 Field Day
- 16 N/K Celebration
- 17 Award Day Grade 1-7
- 18 Grade 8 Farewell
- 19 Report Cards go home
- 21 National Indigenous Peoples Day
- 24 Community BBQ 1:00-2:30 PM
- 30 Last Day of School—Dismissal at 11:30 AM

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are pleased to inform you that our **supervised lunch program** will begin on **Monday, September 8th**.

If you would like your child to stay at school for lunch, please ensure you have completed and submitted the **lunch program sign-up form**. Forms are available in the school office.

Please note the following important details:

- **This is a supervised lunch program only. School lunches will *not* be provided.** All students must bring their own packed lunch each day. We are unable to heat up lunches at school, so please send items that do not require reheating.
- **There is no fee for lunch supervision.**
- **Your child must be officially enrolled before participating.** You will receive a confirmation call once your child has been added to the lunch list. Until then, they must go home for lunch or follow your current arrangements.
- **Once enrolled, participation is required daily.** For safety and supervision reasons, students who are signed up must stay at school for lunch and **cannot go home instead**. If you do not wish for your child to attend the lunch program, please contact the school at **204-586-8346**.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation



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THINKING OF RETURNING TO SCHOOL?

Registration

IS NOW *Open*



- Complete grade 12 diploma
- Upgrade for post-secondary
- Strengthen your employment opportunities
- Attend online or in Downtown Winnipeg
- No cost - new & returning students welcome

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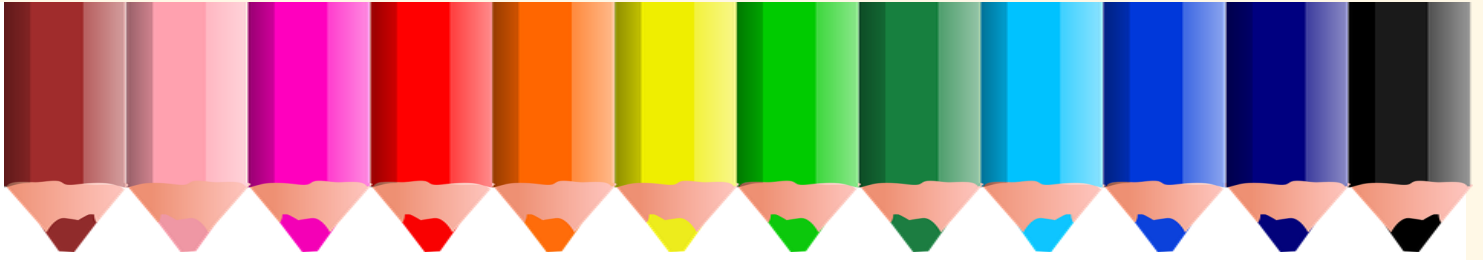


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Attendance Facts

- 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. Children who miss too many days in kindergarten and grade one **often have trouble mastering reading.**

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If your child was born in 2021, they are eligible to start Nursery this September! If they were born in 2020, they are eligible to start Kindergarten.

The registration form is on the David Livingstone School website. You are welcome to fill it in and send it in electronically. If you fill it in, please phone the school to make an appointment to bring your child's ID in to the office.

You are also welcome to call the school or come to the school to register. I

In order to register your child you will need 3 things:

- **Your child's birth certificate**
- **Manitoba Health card**
- **A lease or tenant agreement OR a tax assessment letter to validate your address.**

We are accepting applications at this time. For more information please call the school at 204-586-8346 or email dlg@wsd1.org



School Start Times

David Livingstone School offers a Breakfast program for grades N-8 in class from 9:00-9:30 am. The bell will ring at 8:55 and classes will commence at 9:00. Lunch is from 12:00-12:55. End of the day dismissal is at 3:30pm.

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BACKPACKS!

We are excited to share some wonderful news! Thanks to the generous support of **Costco**, every student at David Livingstone School will receive a **brand-new backpack** this September to kick off the new school year.

These backpacks were donated to our school and we are so grateful for Costco's kindness in supporting our students and families. Their donation helps ensure that every child is prepared and ready for success this school year.

Please join us in extending a big **thank you to Costco** for their generosity and commitment to our school community.







CELL PHONE TIPS FOR FAMILIES

- Turn off screens and remove them from bedrooms 30 to 60 minutes before bedtime
- Learn about parental controls
- Provide clear limits
- Designate some times and places as no-device zones
- Maximize in-person activity and sleep, rather than focusing on total screen hours
- Provide experiences outside with other children
- Provide clear structure to the day and week
- Look for signs of addiction and problematic use
- Delay the opening of social media accounts until 16
- Coordinate with other families to create community expectations
- Talk with your child about the risks, and listen to their thoughts
- Talk to your child's teacher and principal and support the new provincial direction on mobile devices



Based on
The Anxious Generation
by Jonathan Haidt

SEPTEMBER 2025

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 Labour Day	2 Day 1 Professional Development No Classes	3 Day 2 First Day of Classes 	4 Day 3 Shops Day PM Gr.7/8	5 Day 4
8 Day 5 N/K Start	9 Day 6	10 Day 1	11 Day 2 Meet the Staff 4.00 - 5:00 pm 	12 Day 3 Shops Day PM Gr.7/8
15 Day 4	16 Day 5	17 Day 6	18 Day 1	19 Day 2
22 Day 3 Shops Day PM Gr.7/8	23 Day 4	24 Day 5	25 Day 6 Terry Fox Assembly 10:00 am Terry Fox Run 11:15 am 	26 Day 1
29 Day 2 Assembly 9:30 am  ORANGE shirt day	30 National Day For Truth and Reconciliation NO SCHOOL	<p style="text-align: center;">DAVID LIVINGSTONE SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT</p> <p><i>David Livingstone School is committed to working together with the community to prepare students for the challenges of the future by providing a safe, supportive environment, reflecting the diverse needs, cultures, abilities and interests of our students while striving for academic excellence.</i></p>		