

# Lord Selkirk School

## October 2024 Newsletter



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### Principal's Message



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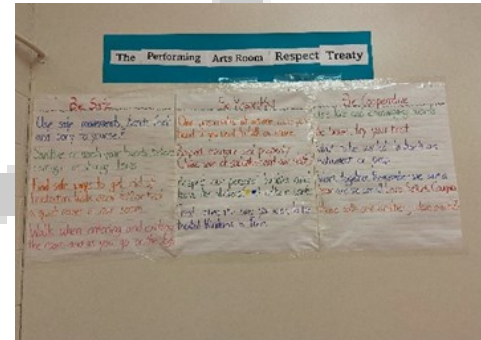
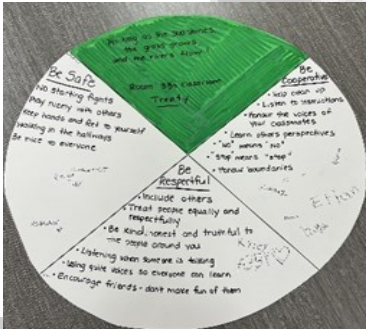
September has flown away so quickly! We have welcomed new students and staff to our Lord Selkirk School family. Teachers have worked with students to set school routines and expectations. Safety continues to be the foundation that creates a conducive learning environment in the classrooms and around the whole school.

All students reviewed the common area expectations based on our **3Bs**

### BE SAFE, BE RESPECTFUL, BE COOPERATIVE



Each classroom has developed a Classroom Treaty that guides children to learn, be safe and enjoy being at school.



### ORANGE SHIRT DAY

The whole week of September 23 – 27 was a time when students and staff learned and reflected on Truth & Reconciliation. Story books were read, posters were created, and students took a walk around the neighborhood to bring community awareness about Canada's history, particularly, the residential school survivors and those who did not make it home alive. Students explored the need to take action to promote living together in peace and harmony.



### PARENT COUNCIL NEWS

Parent council meeting will take place on **October 17 from 5:30-7:00 pm**. If you are interested in taking part in this great group, please RSVP the school at (204) 667-8495 by Monday Oct 14. Child care will be available and light refreshments will be served.

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED:**

If you can spare some time to come and volunteer at our school, please call and ask to speak to Ms. Gabrielle Katchanoski. Your time is very valuable.

**REMINDERS:**

Parents, please call the school if your child/children are going to be away due to illness or other reasons. Always update your information if there are any changes regarding your address or phone numbers. It is also very important to provide the school with emergency contact information in case you are not available to answer the phone.



# Classroom News



**Ms. Murray**

**NURSERY and KINDERGARTEN**

**Room 1**

Wow! September has come and gone so quickly! The students are settling nicely into their routine. This month we worked on following 2 step directions, and becoming independent in life skills such as toileting and dressing for outside independently. The picture above is our daily routine. In October we will begin an inquiry on Nature and go on several walks to explore and collect items found in nature to bring back to our classroom. If you haven't already, please sign the community walk permission form and return it to Ms. Murray as soon as possible.



**Ms. Tien**

**KINDERGARTEN**

**Room 2**

It has been a wonderful start to the 2024-2025 school year and it was great to meet all of the new Room 2 families and students. We have been working on our Classroom Treaty, sharing our stories, learning new routines and building our classroom community. During October, we will focus on the theme of fall. We have begun our exploration of trees and have been observing the changing colours of the leaves. During our morning meeting we talk about the weather and have been noticing the temperature change. With the cold weather fast approaching it is important that your child come to school with warm outer clothes. We will also be engaging in different pumpkin, Halloween and Thanksgiving activities throughout the month which will tie into our Math, Science and Health units.





# Classroom News



**Ms. Broughton**

**GRADE 1**

**Room 3**

Dear Families,

We have had an exciting first month in Grade 1! In science, the students of room 3 have been exploring daily and seasonal changes, while in social studies, they are examining their connections within the various groups around them; family and community. In math, we are focusing on identifying and representing numbers and in literacy we have kicked off our readers and writers workshops. Additionally in health, room 3 has been learning valuable regulation strategies and mindfulness techniques. Thank you for your continued support!

Ms. Lyndzee Broughton  
Room 3 Grade 1 Teacher



**Ms. Kornelsen**

**Grade 1 & 2**

**Room 7**

In room 7 we have had a great start to the year! In ELA we have been working in small groups to learn letter sounds, printing, and sounding out words; while in math we have been working on counting, learning numbers, and introducing addition and subtraction. We have been learning about the seasons in science, and learning about our community and Terry Fox in social studies. Be sure to check SeeSaw for more updates and information!

-Ms. Kornelsen





# Classroom News



**Ms. Lubarski-Bailey**

**GRADE 1**

**Room 15**

The students in room 15 are off to a great start this school year. The students have reconnected with classmates and welcomed new friends into our classroom community. Our classroom's golden rule is "treat others the way you want to be treated." We have been practicing being independent learners. We have been working on naming and identifying alphabet letters with focus on forming upper and lower-case letters along with learning letter sounds. As well, the students have started reading sight words. In Writing, the students are expressing their ideas using drawings and adding words to them. Stay tuned for more great learning from Room 15!

**Mr. Jhagru**

**Grade 2**

**Room 8**

In the Great Room 8 we have been settling in and getting to know each other through group games and team build challenges involving cars and ramps. We are working in reading groups, writing activities based on sequencing stories and exploring math concepts around addition, subtraction, and multiplication using Cuisenaire Rods. Stay tuned on SeeSaw to see student learning and classroom updates.



University Of  
Manitoba  
Dental College  
screened our  
students on  
September 27.  
Their work  
was very  
appreciated.





# Classroom News



**Ms. Sampson**

**GRADE 2**

**Room 4**

In Room 4 we have been getting to know each other and refreshing our memories of the expectations in our school. We are starting the year off strong in math by learning about place value and practicing counting to 100 in various ways. We have started literacy groups and use this time to practice different reading and writing strategies. In art we are exploring how to blend the colours; red, white, yellow and brown, so we can create skin tone colours. Keep an eye out on SeeSaw to see how our art projects turn out, as well to hear about all the fun and exciting things that are happening in Room 4.



**Ms. Sanheim**

**Grade 3**

**Room 35**

Room 35 is off to a great start this year! The students are settling into their new routines and becoming more confident with classroom expectations. They are excited about the learning ahead and are ready showing enthusiasm and cooperation!



**Ms. Boroski**

**Grade 5**

**Room 25**

Hello Room 25 Families!

Welcome back! I cannot believe that a full month of school has already gone by! It has been a wild and busy month of getting to know each other, setting expectations, routines and building a classroom community. Learning is already in full swing and we are excited for the year! Reminders to have your child bring back the following forms: consent for off-school grounds community activities, personal information forms, leadership permission forms and supply fees. Supply fees are \$40 and help me to buy the materials that our students need to have a successful year. If you have any questions or need to contact me, you can do so on SeeSaw or through my email, [aboroski@wsd1.org](mailto:aboroski@wsd1.org).



# Classroom News



**Mr. Kojima**

**GRADE 3**

**Room 40**

October 2024

Welcome back to school! Everyone in Room 40 has been busy getting to know one another and learn about the expectations in Grade 3. As a class, we have agreed to be caring, courteous, cooperative, and calm & cool. These four C's connect well with the schools three B's – Be Safe, Be Respectful, and Be Cooperative.

Thank you for your support. If you have any questions or concerns, please email, or contact the school.  
Mr. Kojima



**Mr. Rodrigues**

**GRADE 4**

**Room 36**

It has been a great first month of school in room 36. We have had such a fun time getting to know each other in our morning meetings and closing circles. We have collectively come up with our classroom treaty. In writing we have started off with writing about favorite moments from summertime and have also begun are story experiential program thru Pixar where students are able to design and animate their own stories. In math we have begun looking at addition and subtraction and will be moving on to skip counting and multiplication this month. In science we have been exploring different habitats and food webs and the roles each part plays. In social studies we have begun exploring Canadian identity and have looked at Canadian symbolism and have done an art project where students made their own totem poles. We have also started up with our reading groups in readers workshops. Please remember to pay your school supply fees if you have not already done so. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mr. Rodrigues





# Classroom News



**Ms. Roberts**

**GRADE 4**

**Room 34**

September has been a busy and energetic month in Room 34 as we've focused on building a strong classroom community! We began by creating our Classroom Treaty, where each student contributed to agreements on respect, safety, and teamwork.

We've begun exploring the *Circle of Courage* by reflecting on the question "Who am I?" and examining our sense of belonging through our relationships with others. In math, the grade 4s have been reviewing and learning new ways to represent numbers. In Literacy, Art and Health, we have been working on creative storytelling, by writing letters to our future selves, creating self-portraits and practicing self-regulation strategies.

Reminders: School fees for the year are \$40 and please ensure that you are connected to our Seesaw Class.



**Ms. Millar**

**Grade 5 & 6**

**Room 33**

Room 33's One Word Goal for the year encompasses joy, determination, and growth. Students are creatively sharing their unique stories and experiences as we work on personal narratives, while also tackling exciting math challenges. We are eager to learn!





# Classroom News



Ms. Ladoucer

GRADE 5 & 6

Room 30

Hello students and families!

We kicked off the year by getting to know each other through interactive games, quizzes, and activities. To ensure that we have the best year possible, we made a classroom treaty with the sun categories Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be Cooperative. We all have signed the treaty in agreement to follow it to the best of our abilities. In math, we are refreshing our memory with the number strand outcomes of representing and decomposing numbers above one million and numbers that contain 3 decimal places. This will set the foundation for addition and subtraction. In writing workshop, students generated ideas for personal narrative stories and will publish a story within the next few weeks. During the month of September, students recorded their silent reading stamina and will be graphing their data over the year to see the growth they have made. As a class, we voted on our Science topics for the year and will be starting with the grade 6 unit: Electricity. We hope to show you the creations we make through the digital portfolio Seesaw. If you haven't connected to your child's account, I will be sending home paperwork shortly so you can view your child's learning at school. Please reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for your support in your child's learning.

Ms. Mary Jane Napolitano

GRADE 6

Room 27

Hello families!

Grade 6 students in Room 27 are embracing the new school year with a positive attitude creating a welcoming, safe, and fun classroom environment. This week, we launched new units in English Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies, with students enjoying group work that fosters collaboration. New students are settling in and becoming part of the community. We have also established our Class Treaty to guide our actions and promote accountability, and we're using the Medicine Wheel to discuss strategies for caring for our physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual well-being. Thank you for being part of our journey!







# Classroom News



## Ms. Cook-Dowsett

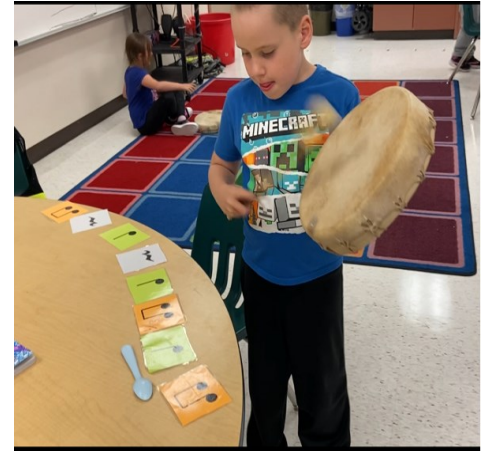
### Intermediate Performing Arts

Grade 3 students have been busy reading and composing age-appropriate music notation. We have demonstrated them on the Traditional Indigenous Hand Drums. Next we will be doing some musical explorations with the book *Mortimore*.

The Grade 4 – 6 students are learning how to play the recorder at Lord Selkirk School this year! Students can use one the schools but if families wish to purchase a Recorder for your child you may do so. Please purchase a Soprano Recorder from a music store such as Long & McQuade or St. John's Music. Most Soprano Recorders are approximately \$5. I ask that the Recorders brought from home have the students full name written on them and I will store them safely in The Arts Room during the school year.

Thank you for your support and engagement. I look forward to the musical creativity ahead!

Ms. Cook-Dowsett



## Performing Arts with Mr. Quanbury

After a great start to the year in the Arts room, students have started using xylophones to practice steady beat and explore concepts of high and low and loud and quiet. Students will also be experimenting with how to use parts of the playground to create music inspired by Robert Munsch's story *Mortimer*.

The intermediate choir has started working on a song for our Orange Shirt Day Assembly. The intermediate choir will be learning a song for our Remembrance Day assembly.





# Classroom News



## Phys. Ed with Mr. Gurniak

Soccer & Run Club to Start the School Year!

Students have been busy in the gym learning the different warm ups from Monday Runday to Workout Wednesday! After getting warmed up for the first few days classes have been playing some of the classic Lord Selkirk games. This week classes will begin their first sport specific unit as they get to work dribbling, passing and kicking the soccer ball. On October 3rd some of our grade 5 & 6 students will have to participate in a divisional soccer tournament at Chalmers field.

I am excited to announce the return of Run Club! Any grade 3-6 students interested in participating please see Mr. Gurniak for a permission form. Run Club will begin Thursday September 26th after school from 3:30-4:15, we will continue holding weekly practices for as long as the weather permits.

I hope everyone has had a fun active start to the school year! As we move through the school year if you have any questions please feel free to reach out at [JGurniak@wsd1.org](mailto:JGurniak@wsd1.org)

# Run Club



## Intermediate STEM with Ms. Cook-Dowsett

We are thrilled to be launching the STEAM Program at Lord Selkirk School this year. Once a school cycle, Grades 3 – 6 classrooms will be joining Ms. Cook-Dowsett as they explore Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts (dramatic) and Math. Be prepared to save up your recycling at home and hear about the creative building adventures in Room 32!

# Safe Arrival

At Winnipeg School Division, one of our greatest priorities is ensuring that all our students arrive safely to school each and every day. As a part of our safe arrival process, a daily absence check is conducted by staff. Our absence reporting system is called *SafeArrival*. It allows parents to report their child's absence quickly and conveniently in one of three ways:

1. **Parents can call into an automated interactive telephone system via a toll free number (1-855-278-4513) through which absences can be reported.**
2. **Parents can log into a website, <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca> to authenticate their Portal account to report absences and update contact information.**
3. **Parents who have authenticated their accounts and have either an iOS or Android device can download an app that can be used to report absences.**

The system is available 24 hours/day, 7 days a week.

**Future Absences Can Be Reported At Any Time.**

This process includes an automated notification system that will contact parents who have not reported their child absent. The automated notification system will contact parents at multiple contact numbers until one of the designated contacts is reached.

**By reporting your child absent in advance using Safe Arrival, you will NOT receive a call.**

**All absences and late arrival reporting must go through the toll free number. Please do not contact or send notes to the school or classroom teacher to report an absence or late arrival.**

To assist you in using this easy system, we have sent home a business card, containing the toll free number that you can keep in a convenient location for quick reference when reporting your child's absence or late arrival. Additional copies are available in the office

Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring the safety of all our children.

# PICK UP & DROP OFF



Indicated by the sign shown here, school zones surround schools with children in Kindergarten up to grade eight.

Vehicles parked illegally **during school pick up and drop off times** create serious safety hazards for children and cause traffic delays. It's especially important to pay attention to and abide by all signage and rules of the road around schools.

Parking violations that will be enforced around schools include:

- no stopping
- no parking
- parked on boulevard
- wrong side of road
- double parked
- wrong direction
- blocking bike path or pedestrian path
- fire lane
- designated space

**Fines range up to \$300  
Per violation.**

Information from The Parking Store  
<http://theparkingstore.winnipeg.ca/theparkingstore/care/schoolzone.stm>



# Student Accident Insurance

Student Accident Insurance is the key to financially protecting your family against the unexpected expenses you might face when your child is injured.



**Purchase a Plan Today!**

visit [manitobastudentinsurance.ca](http://manitobastudentinsurance.ca) or call us at 1.800.463.5437

## Who is Eligible?

Children are eligible for coverage if they are:

- a) more than 6 months old;
- b) less than 27 years old; and
- c) live in Canada, except the province of Quebec.

If a child is 14 years old or older at any time during the Coverage Period, they must be a full-time student within the 12 months prior to any claim. We define a full-time student as being enrolled in a minimum of 3 courses at the same time, during any 4-month period.

If you have children enrolled in different schools or school boards, they may all be insured under one policy.

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Program Arranged by:  
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# Student Accident Insurance



Dear Parent/Guardian:

The School Division and the Manitoba School Boards Association are committed to the health and welfare of students. Injuries and accidents are everyday occurrences. The home, playground, school and community all present possible hazards to children and adolescents.

## Universal Student Accident Insurance

The School Division maintains Universal Student Accident Insurance coverage, underwritten by iA Special Markets, for all students attending our division's schools. The program provides basic accident and medical coverage while students attend school or participate in school-organized activities. It also extends to provide coverage to high school students enrolled in an approved course or class outside of school that qualifies for credit in Physical Education. This coverage does not extend to any other activities at times outside of school, i.e. not 24 hour coverage.

For students who are engaged in remote learning, the Universal Student Accident Insurance will remain in-force for periods where the student is on a live call with a teacher or school staff member. Coverage does not extend when watching pre-recorded content or engaging in independent study. Please see the attached document with further information in regard to Universal Student Accident Coverage in regard to remote learning.

The Universal Student Accident Insurance Program complements but does not replace the Voluntary Student Accident Insurance coverage purchased by parents/guardians.

*It is recommended that all parents/guardians consider purchasing Voluntary Student Accident Insurance, which provides 24-hour coverage for all accidents at home, school, sports, organized activities or play for the entire year, including remote learning.*

## Voluntary Student Accident Insurance

The Voluntary Student Accident Insurance underwritten by Old Republic Insurance Company of Canada provides enhanced accident coverage for accidents and benefits beyond that of the Universal Student Accident Insurance held by the School Division or through a parent/guardian's benefits plan through their employer. Benefit coverage includes ambulance, hospital, accidental dental, disability, fractures, dislocations, and many other benefits.

Please visit [www.manitobastudentinsurance.ca](http://www.manitobastudentinsurance.ca) or refer to the attached brochure and application form for details and how to enroll your child(ren) in the Voluntary Student Accident Program. If you have any questions, please contact Old Republic Insurance Company of Canada at 1.800.463.5437.

You can also visit our Parent Portal at [www.hubinternational.com/MSBAParentPortal](http://www.hubinternational.com/MSBAParentPortal) where you can find further details on Universal and Voluntary Student Accident Insurance for your School Division.

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## Universal Student Accident Insurance

This program provides coverage for all full-time students registered in participating Manitoba School Divisions while:

- (a) in or on school buildings or premises by reason of attending classes on any regular school day;
- (b) in attendance at or participating in any school activity approved and supervised by proper school authority;
- (c) travelling directly to or from any regularly scheduled and approved school activity under the direction or supervision of a proper school authority;
- (d) travelling directly to or from the Insured Person's residence and school for the purpose of attending classes or participating in any school sponsored activity;
- (e) participating in physical activities taking place as part of the grades 9 to 12 Physical Education Curriculum as approved by a proper school authority;
- (f) engaged in the performance of the duties assigned to the Insured Person while participating in a school approved work experience program.

Program Highlights	
Benefit	Coverage Detail
<b>Loss of Life – Accident Only</b>	\$50,000 per student
<b>Dismemberment or Total and Permanent Loss of Use - Accident Only</b>	Various up to \$50,000 per student
<b>Medical Reimbursement Benefit – Accident Only</b> - including registered nurse, hospital charges, wheelchair rental, prescription drugs, etc.	Aggregate maximum of \$15,000 for expenses incurred within Canada and \$2,000 for expenses incurred outside of Canada
<b>Ambulance – Accident or Sickness</b>	Up to \$2,000 per student per incident
<b>Emergency Transportation other than Ambulance – Accident or Sickness</b>	Up to \$50 per student per incident
<b>Dental Expenses – Accident Only</b>	Up to \$2,500 per student per incident
<b>Eyeglasses and Contact Lenses – necessary due to injury from Accident</b>	Per student New \$300/Replacement \$200

Underwritten by: Industrial Alliance Insurance and Financial Services Inc.

Term of Coverage: September 1, 2024 to September 1, 2025

Students **must** have Manitoba Health or provincial healthcare replacement coverage to be eligible under this plan.

Coverage is provided, subject to the Terms and Conditions of Master Policy 100005613 on file with The Manitoba School Boards Association.

Claim Forms are available at [www.hubinternational.com/MSBAParent](http://www.hubinternational.com/MSBAParent) or by emailing [SpecialMarkets-Claims@ia.ca](mailto:SpecialMarkets-Claims@ia.ca) or call toll-free 1-800-266-5667.

*This coverage compliments but does not replace the Voluntary Student Accident Insurance coverage. This program provides coverage in addition to benefits available through Manitoba Health and any other group benefits program.*

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# YEAR AT A GLANCE 2024-2025

<b>September 3</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> – Admin. Day - Meet the Staff 3:30-5:30 p.m.
September 4	First day for Gr.1-6 students, N/K interviews – all day
September 5-6	N/K staggered start
September 9	Nursery & Kindergarten begin full days
September 20	Terry Fox Run (Rain date September 27th)
September 27	Orange Shirt Day
September 30	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
October 1	Picture Day
<b>October 9</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> – WSD Division Wide—PD Day
<b>October 14</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> – Thanksgiving
October 17	Grade 6 Immunizations , p.m.
<b>October 25</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> – MTS P.D. Day
October 31	Halloween Parade p.m.
November 6	Picture Retakes p.m.
November 8	Remembrance Day Assembly, 11:00 a.m.
<b>November 11</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> – Remembrance Day
November 19-21	Hearing Screenings
<b>November 22</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> - P.D. Day -Treaty Education Day 2
November 26	Report Cards Sent Home
November 28	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> (P.M.) Student—Led Conferences, 1:00 - 8:00 p.m
November 29	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> - PD Day
December 16-20	Spirit Week
December 18	N –Gr. 2 Winter Concert, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
December 20	Last day of classes before Winter Break – Enjoy!
January 6	School reopens – Welcome Back!
January 7	Mobile Vision Clinic
<b>January 31</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> – P.D. Day
February 11-13	Special Someone Sale
February 14	Valentine Parties, p.m.
<b>February 17</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> – Louis Riel Day
February 21	Winter Fun Day (Snow date February 28)
March 12	Grade 3-6 Musical 6:00 p.m.
<b>March 14</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> – PD Day
March 17	Report Cards Sent Home
March 24-28	Spirit Week
March 28	Last day of classes before Spring Break – Happy Break!
April 7	School reopens – Welcome Back!
April 9	International Day of Pink
<b>April 11</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> - PD Day
<b>April 18</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> - Good Friday
<b>May 9</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> – Admin. Day
<b>May 19</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> – Victoria Day
June 17	Dance Showcase/Wellness Fair 4:30 p.m.
June 19	Grade 4 – 6 Recognition Assembly, 10 a.m.
June 20	Water Fun Day 1:00 p.m.
June 24	Grade 6 Farewell, 10:30 a.m.
June 24	Report Cards Sent Home
June 26	Farewell Assembly 9:30 a.m.
June 27	Last Day of Classes –11:30 a.m. Dismissal for students





# October 2023



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 Day 2	2 Day 3	3 Day 4	4 Day 5
	Picture Day			
7 Day 6	8 Day 1	9 Day 3	10 Day 3	11 Day 4
		No School Division Wide PD Day	Hold and Secure Practice #1	
14	15 Day 5	16 Day 6	17 Day 1	18 Day 2
NO SCHOOL— Thanksgiving			Grade 6 Immunizations p.m.	
21 Day 3	22 Day 4	23 Day 5	24 Day 6	25 Day 1
	Bus Ridership			NO SCHOOL MTS PD Day
28 Day 2	29 Day 3	30 Day 4	31 Day 31	
PBIS Assembly		Fall Feat 11:30am- 12:30pm	Halloween Parade p.m.	