

## PRINCIPAL SPARLING SCHOOL

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#### Spring Break is Here! 🏫

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we bid farewell to March and welcome the vibrant season of Spring, we are excited to share some updates and reminders with you. Spring break is just around the corner, and I hope everyone is looking forward to a well-deserved break. I am proud to highlight some of our students' achievements this month and special events that occurred.

Congratulations to Room 15 for winning the class Phys. Ed award and to Room 7 for winning the class Music award this month. These were presented by Mr. Sharp and Ms. Wedel during our last assembly. On March 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, our boys' and girls' basketball teams participated in a tournament at Sargent Park School. The boys won the championship, and the girls team made it to the finals! Your hard work and dedication are truly commendable.



Room 19 Phys. Ed. Award



Room 7 Music Award

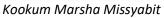
Thank you to the Parent Advisory Committee for planning the **Hot Dog Lunch** and the **Family Movie Night**, in support of the school. Both events were successful and enjoyed by many.



### Thank you to the: I Love to Read/Spirit Week Committee!

We were fortunate to have Constable Blake read at our kickoff assembly and have Kookum Marsha Missyabit read to every class and share water teachings.







Constable Blake

Students had fun dressing up in a variety of ways as well as listening and learning from guest readers and participating in other activities throughout the week. It's been a fun-filled, actionpacked week!



Dress up as your favourite book character





Lorax Day





Pajama Day



#### Room 8 & Room 4 Book Buddies!

It is incredible to see students as young as 6 years of age taking on leadership roles.



Looking ahead, I welcome back Principal Lloyd Rana, returning after Spring Break. He is looking forward to welcoming students back on April 7th, refreshed and ready to learn.

I would also like to express my heartfelt appreciation for the support I received during my time here as the Acting Principal. It has been a privilege to serve this wonderful school community.

#### Upcoming dates:

- Spring Break: March 31 April 4
- School Resumes: April 7
- April 11: Non-Instructional Day No School
- April 18: Good Friday No School

Please find below the **April Calendar**, information about Earth Week, and new information regarding changes with Winnipeg Transit Services, and much more.

Thank you for being a part of this wonderful school community. I wish you all a joyful and restful spring break!

Warm regards,

Leanne Chernetz Acting Principal Principal Sparling School

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6	7 / Day 4 *SCHOOL RESUMES* Board Game Club – Grade 3 Lunch hour	8 / Day 5 Online Safety Presentation from Winnipeg Police – Grades 5 & 6	9 / Day 6 Board Game Club – Grade 2 Lunch hour	10 / Day 1 Sustainability Club 12:30-1:00	11 / Day 2 Non-Instructional Day No School	12
13	14 / Day 3 Intramurals – Gr 3/4	15 / Day 4 Board Game Club – Grade 3 Lunch hour	16 / Day 5	17 / Day 6 Sustainability Club 12:30-1:00 Board Game Club – Grade 2 Lunch hour	18 Good Friday No School	19
20	21 / Day 1 Board Game Club – Grade 3 Lunch hour	22 / Day 2	23 / Day 3 Board Game Club – Grade 2 Lunch hour Mobile Vision Clinic	24 / Day 4 Sustainability Club 12:30-1:00	25 / Day 5 Board Game Club – Grade 3 Lunch hour	26
27	EARTH WEEK 28 / Day 6	EARTH WEEK 29 / Day 1	EARTH WEEK 30 / Day 2	EARTH WEEK	EARTH WEEK	
		Board Game Club – Grade 2 Lunch hour	Discovery Days Field Trip Rooms 7, 9, & 12	ξ	R	

BREAKFAST PROGRAM Monday to Friday 8:30am – 8:45am

Board Game Finale – Held May 14<sup>th</sup> 4-5PM

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# Earth week

Monday, April 21 Active Transportation Day Walk or roll to school. If you must take a vehicle, try being dropped off a block or two away!

Tuesday, April 22 Nature Appreciation Day Enjoy the outdoors. There will be opportunities to learn lawn games, try a scavenger hunt and more!

Wednesday, April 23, Water Conservation Day We will be learning about the importance of keeping our water healthy through experimenting and stories.

Thursday, April 24, Waste Reduction Day Bring a litter free lunch or snack to school. Each class will be challenged to fit their waste into an ice cream pail and learn about composting.

Friday, April 25 Community Clean Up Day Help keep our community clean. Classes will be heading into the community to clean up.

# HOW SICK IS TOO SICK FOR SCHOOL?

Help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses. See our tips for parents and caregivers:



#### **KEEP ME HOME:**

Fever (higher than 38°C or 100° F)

Sore Throat

Persistent Cough

**Runny Nose and Sneezing** 

Vomiting or Diarrhea

Abdominal Pain (severe or long-lasting)

Conjunctavitis (pink eye)

#### SEND ME TO SCHOOL:

No Fever (without fever-reducing medicine for 24 hours)

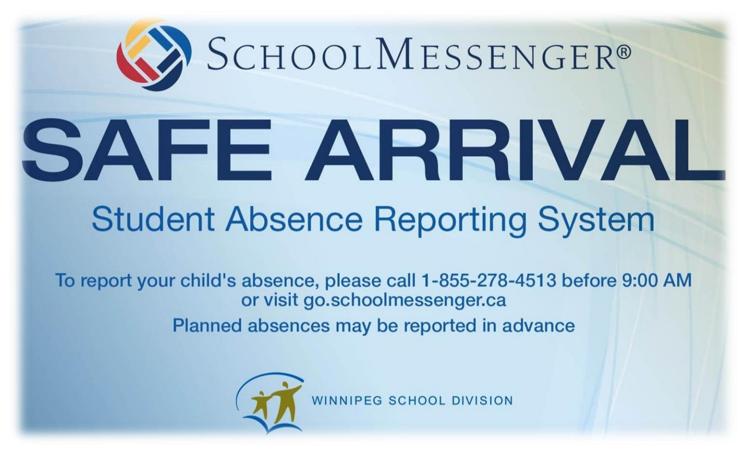
> Occasional Cough (but no other symptoms)

No Sore Throat (for 24 hours)

No Vomiting or Diarrhea (for 48 hours)

Keeping students up to date on COVID and flu vaccinations can prevent them from getting sick. Learn more at **KidCareMB.ca** 

WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION



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:

- 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 <u>https://go.schoolmessenger.ca</u>). 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, <u>https://go.schoolmessenger.ca</u>. 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.



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MATT HENDERSON SUPERINTENDENT

March 25, 2025

Dear families,

It has been brought to our attention that the City of Winnipeg Transit will be making adjustments to the city bus routes and stops throughout the entire city.

On Sunday, June 29, the new bus routes, with new stops, streets, and destinations, will be in effect. Only a small number of routes will remain in place.

If your child relies on Winnipeg Transit Charter, it will no longer exist for middle and senior years. Winnipeg transit has indicated that the new community feeder routes are designed to provide regular service to schools.

Families are encouraged to review the new routes and stops through Navigo or the Transit app. Schedules for the new network go online at the end of April. Late April families can call 311 to request assistance with planning trips on the new network.

For more information you may wish to visit winniped.ca/primarytransitnetwork to learn more.

Sincerely,

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M. Henderson Superintendent