

March Newsletter

SHAUGHNESSY PARK SCHOOL

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Administrator’s Message

Happy Almost Spring!

Good things are happening at Shaughnessy, and that includes the month of March!

Walking School Bus, Breakfast Program, Lunch Program and Daily Snack programs are all running and available for all Shaughnessy Park students!

Our Peaceful Village After School Program’s first cohort is up and running, with children from grade 5 – 8 in attendance! The boys’ basketball team just concluded a great season and now we set our sights on the soccer season ahead! Teachers are engaging in focused literacy and numeracy lessons and seeing movement in student learning! Dance club, Chill and Chat, Recycling Club, Chess Club, Pow Wow, Games Group, Intramurals, Art Club, Filipino Heritage Club are just a few of the amazing extra-curricular opportunities for students! In addition to our Inner City Soccer League participation, this year we have joined Inner City Basketball League!

Looking ahead ...

March 13th Evening and **March 14th** Morning – Parent-Teacher conferences. Come and celebrate your child’s learning! **The school is closed March 14th**

March 21st - Shaughnessy’s first Solstice Feast with students having the opportunity to participate in a pipe ceremony at parental discretion!

March 28th – Pop Up Concert for students during the day!

March 31st – April 4th – Spring Break!

Looking forward to a great month ahead with every child in class every day!

You can find us on social media @ShaughnessyPark to keep up to date with many of the exciting things that are happening at Shaughnessy Park!

This Month at a Glance

Spring Pop Up Concert

Camp Manitou

Peaceful Village

Black History Month

Public Health

Parent Room + Important Dates

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For all important correspondence being sent out by the school, we will continue to send information to parents and guardians by email. If your phone number, emergency contacts or address has changed, please let the office know so they may update your information, so that school staff are able to contact you in case of an emergency.

LUNCH DROP OFF REMINDER

If you are dropping off a lunch for a student, please clearly label the name of the student FIRST AND LAST.

We are pleased to announce that our hot lunch initiative is underway for **all lunch program students!** Sign up your child, and never worry about having to drop off a lunch again!

Absence Reporting

Just a reminder that Shaughnessy Park School uses the Safe Arrival system to notify parents of student absences. We are working towards having all absences recorded by parents so they do not receive phone calls. With Safe Arrival, you are asked to report your child's absence in advance by using any of these methods:

1 Using a mobile device, download and install the School Messenger app from the Apple Store or the Google Play Store. The first time you use the app, select Sign Up to create your account. Select Attendance, then Report an Absence.

2 Use the Safe Arrival website, <http://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. Absences can be reported at any time.

FREE

Lunch & Breakfast Program

Just a reminder that the breakfast program is open daily from **8:15 am until 8:45 am**. Children will be going outside after breakfast. Please make sure to dress for the weather.

Shaughnessy Park School offers a **free lunch program** for students.

Please come by the office to sign up

WALKING SCHOOL BUS

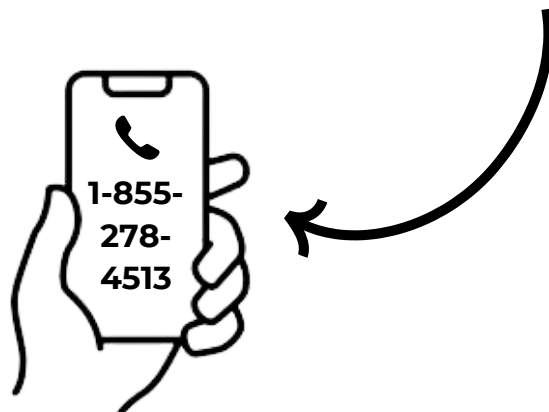
Please have children ready at the door and dressed for the weather by 8:25 AM. WSB will be cancelled when temperatures are too cold.

WSB monitors are unable to wait for children to get dressed and cannot walk children who are not dressed appropriately for the weather.

If you need support with clothing items as the seasons change, please contact one of our guidance counsellors: Ms. Janzen (Nursery - Gr. 2), Ms. Neil (Gr. 3-4), Ms. Katherine (Gr. 5-8).

REPORTING AN ABSENCE?

SAFE ARRIVAL

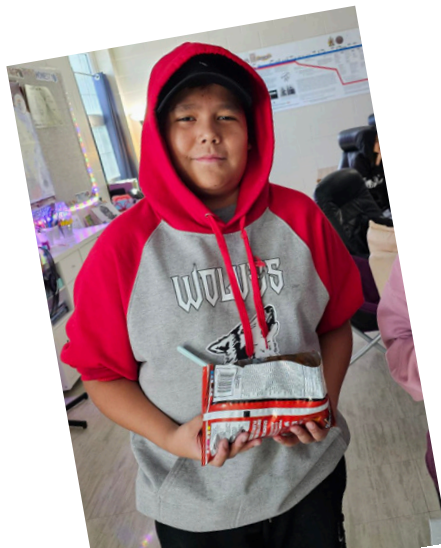


LAND BASED LEARNING

WITH MS. DELARONDE

I am happy to share that our Indigenous way of learning at Shaughnessy Park is thriving! Students are learning how to bake and cook, preparing different delicious foods as they learn the importance and significance of what the Spring Equinox means to us as Indigenous peoples. A few things we have been making are: bannock, banana bread, nachos, tacos in a bag, Indian tacos, mixed berries with honey and powdered sugar, and bannock with berries and honey! We have also started practicing a few drumming songs gifted to me by Elder, Cara Widrick. We are also exploring an opportunity to receive drumming teachings from Knowledge Keeper Clint. Stay tuned for more details of our land-based learning adventures!

Mii Gwayak,
Joellee Delaronde



POP UP CONCERT

Come Celebrate Our Student's Learning!

28 March, 2025

11:15 AM to 12:00 PM
Shaughnessy Park Gym

**Performances By
Grade 7/8 Band**

**Timberwolves Dance Teams
and More!**



APPLYING FOR HIGHSCHOOL

GRADE 8 STUDENTS

This is the time of year when the Grade 8 students and their families need to think about where they will go to school for the next four years. Sisler High School is the place where many of our students go for high school. Several students also go to Tec Voc High School. RB Russel is a great option for a smaller high school!

When parents and students have made a decision of school, families and students will need to fill out a registration form.

Please call the school if you have any questions regarding the high school application process. **Ms. Katherine and Ms. Lori are also available to meet with your students to discuss possibilities for high school!**



MS. KATHERINE



MS. LORI

Let's Talk
High School!

SHAUGHNESSY PARK STUDENTS ARE HEADED TO

MARCH 17 GRADES 1 - 4
MARCH 18 GRADES 5 - 8



We're excited to announce that all students Grades 1 - 8 will have the opportunity to attend Camp Manitou for a fun-filled day of outdoor, land-based activities! This exciting experience will allow students to engage with nature, build teamwork skills, and make lasting memories.

Please review the permission forms sent home with your child and return them to school as soon as possible. We want to ensure every student can join in on this adventure, so kindly send the completed forms back **ASAP!**

Thank you for your support, and we look forward to an amazing day at Camp Manitou!

We can't wait!



AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMMING **THE PEACEFUL VILLAGE**

The Peaceful Village Inc. is an independent, non-profit, non-governmental organization that promotes educational equity and social justice by collaborating with public secondary schools to build their capacity to improve student learning and engagement.

The Peaceful Village is an afterschool program for youth, which is facilitated by The Peaceful Village Inc. They providing students with academic support, learning materials, a hot meal, and other activities to engage with. There are also optional activities for students during PD days and school breaks. The Peaceful Village also operates during the summer to provide activities and opportunities in activity-based learning over the break.

*Check Out
The Peaceful
Village Online!*



**THE PEACEFUL VILLAGE IS AT SHAUGHNESSY PARK
SCHOOL EVERY TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, AND
THURSDAY FROM 3:30 - 6:30 PM**



**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO
JOINED OUR GRAND OPENING!**

STUDENT COUNCIL

Shaughnessy Park Student Council is working hard to build student spirit at Shaughnessy Park, and enhance student voice. Check out their new initiatives, stay tuned for Valentine's week activities!



STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Student attends school regularly or is currently working on and improving attendance!



Student treats peers and adults with RESPECT!



Student works hard and try their BEST!

Do you know a student like this?

Student Voice will have a nomination box **located in the office** and will **draw one winner on the first Tuesday of every month** to receive a prize and get their photo taken for the Student of the Month bulletin board.



IDEA BOX

Do you have an idea that you think will make school more fun for staff and students?

We want to hear it! Please take a minute to write it down and put it in our **IDEA BOX located in the school office.**

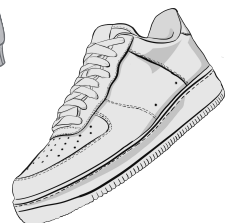
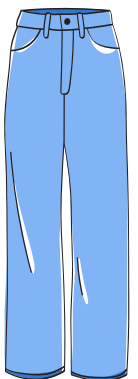
TIMBER TUESDAY



First Tuesday of Every Month

Wear Blue, Gray or White or your Shaughnessy Gear!
We will pump up school spirit over announcements during the day and do random draws for some special prizes!

We will announce a **Staff of the Month** and a **Student of the Month!**
Photos will be taken and we will put them up on designated bulletin boards to add to throughout the year!



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TIMBERWOLVES BASKETBALL

It was an absolute pleasure coaching this school year's junior high boys' basketball team. Watching some of them grow and develop from inexperienced athletes learning how to play the sport into full-blown basketball players was a sight to see. Practice was where they worked on improving their skills and learned how to play the game the right way. Come game time, they put in maximum effort through four quarters, something that doesn't necessarily show up on the box score. They won one game, but they got better every single time they stepped onto the court, and that's what really mattered. That was our main goal going into the season.

For many of them, this was their first opportunity to play organized basketball, and despite it not showing on our team's win-loss record, they were successful at every turn. For others, particularly the grade 8 boys, this gave them an opportunity to set an example and be role models for the younger players to look up to. Now, they pass on the torch to them for the following basketball season. I am so proud of how far each one of them has come.

Thank you to all the families for allowing me to be your children's basketball coach, and thank you for all your support throughout our season. It truly means a lot to them and to me. We really appreciate it. Until next season!

GO TIMBERWOLVES!



TIMBERWOLVES DANCE

The Timberwolves dance team is stepping up their game this season by working closely with coaches from Sisler to learn new skills, refine their technique, and build excitement and school spirit! Through collaboration and hard work, the team is not only elevating their performances but also fostering a sense of unity and pride. Stay tuned as they bring energy, creativity, and school pride to every routine, leading the charge in making this year's spirit more vibrant than ever! **You can see our Dance Team at our Spring Pop Up Concert on March 28th!**



Go Timberwolves!

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

For these past 2 years at Shaughnessy Park School, I have been privileged to plan and organize Black History Month activities in our N/K classroom. The students have been learning and celebrating some incredible and inspiring Black individuals who have helped to create a better life for all the communities either in Canada or across the globe. We also had the privilege of having speakers to share their experiences and successes with us. This year we had a chance of hosting Mr Donald Biabo speaking to the students about his job as a business development manager in the fuel industry. Mr Biabo happened to be the dad to the twins in our classroom. Those students that participated learned a lot about how the fuel gets into our cars. His presentation was engaging and informative. In our classroom we learned about the incredible Black person, Garret Morgan who invented the traffic lights that are now used all over the world. We also learned about the inspirational Black Canadian woman who is on the Canadian \$10 bill. Viola Desmond advocated and confronted racism in Nova Scotia. We're very fortunate to have the support of our administration and staff to make this happen!

MS. K



Check it out!

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH

IN NURSERY / KINDERGARTEN



TREATING LICE

Cases of head lice have increased at Shaughnessy Park School. **Head lice do not cause disease.** Anyone can get lice; they are not a sign of uncleanliness. In order to stop the spread of lice we are asking that you please check your child's head for head lice and their eggs today and weekly on a regular basis. Itchiness of the scalp may be a sign of lice.

If your child does have lice, please treat him or her immediately. They may return to school after the first treatment. The treatment is a lice-killing shampoo that can be bought at any drug store or pharmacy. Follow the instructions on this shampoo exactly.

Wash things that have touched the child's hair such as combs, brushes, scarves, hats, jackets, pillowcases, shirts/tops with collars in hot water. Hot water or the heat cycle of the dryer will kill any live lice or nits. Things that cannot be washed should be dry-cleaned or placed in a plastic bag, sealed and left for 10 days.

If accessing appropriate treatment is difficult for your family, please contact our public health nurse,

Jocelyn Kingshott
jkingshott@wrha.mb.ca
204-226-1649



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Connect with
me for support!



ART CLUB

Join us over the lunch hour for
Open Art Club!



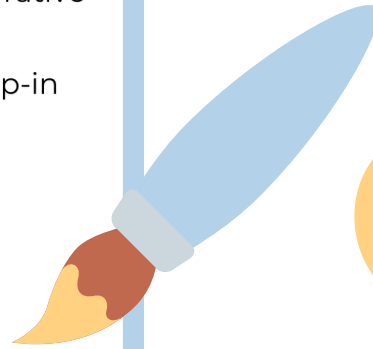
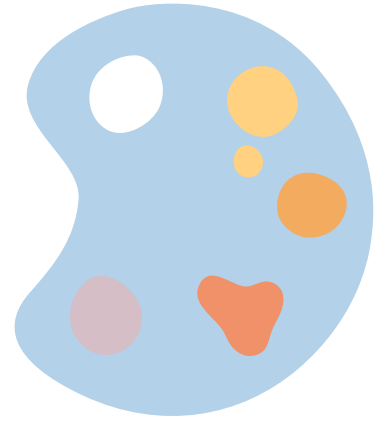
GRADES 7,8

In this club grade 7/8 students will have the opportunity to work on independent and collaborative art projects. This club will also be responsible for painting the Treaty 1 Mural next to the office. Drop-in and make some art! No sign-up required.



GRADES 4,5,6

Grade 4,5,6 students are invited to the art room to learn about the artistic process, work collaboratively and make some art! A signed permission slip and sign-up is required. Students can come to the art room to grab a permission slip and sign up for the club.



MS. JEAN

CLASSROOM CHRONICLES

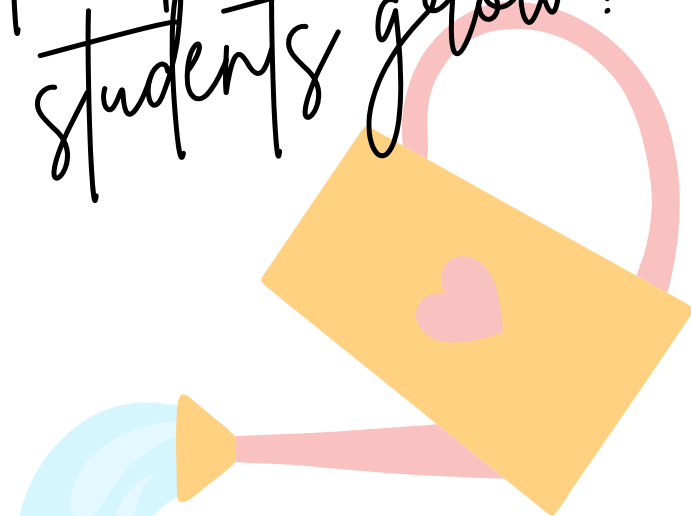
WITH MR. SONY



Mr. Sony is the teacher who's always ready to make his students laugh, even if it means being a little "cringe" on purpose. He loves plants and has two classroom garden that's always growing—inside and out. He believes gardening teaches patience and growth, just like his students.

A big book lover, Mr. Sony works every year to get grants for new books for his students and fellow teachers. Outside the classroom, he helps with the Recycling Club, runs the Jays Club baseball program, and cheers on students at volleyball and basketball games—he may not always know what's happening, but he's there to support! Mr. Sony makes learning fun, whether it's through plants, books, or a good laugh. His energy and care for his students make him a school favorite!

Helping our students grow!





PARENT ADVISORY MEETING

March

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MS. KIM



	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
Day 2	3	Day 3 4	Day 4 PAC Meeting 5:00 PM Parent Room Opens at 10AM	Day 5 CSW Meeting AM	Day 6 Moccasin Making 1 - 3:30 PM
		RB Russel 1:00 PM			
Day 1	10	Day 2 11	Day 3 12	Day 4 Parent Teacher Conferences Evening	Day 5 Non Instructional Day Parent Teacher Conferences
		RB Russel 1:00 PM	Parent Room Opens at 10AM		
Day 6	17	Day 1 18	Day 2 Nutrition Bingo 1 - 3:30 PM Parent Room Opens at 10 AM	Day 3 20	Day 4 Moccasin Making 1 - 3:30 PM Solstice Feast
	Parent Room Closed PM	RB Russel 1:00 PM			
Day 5	24	Day 6 25	Day 1 What's Up Wednesday 1:00 - 2:00 Parent Room Opens at 10 AM	Day 2 27	Day 3 Moccasin Making 1 - 3:30 PM Pop Up Concert
		RB Russel 1:00 PM			
	Spring Break	31	ALL PARENT ROOM PROGRAMS REQUIRE SIGN UP PARENT ROOM CLOSED FRIDAY MORNINGS PLEASE BRING BAGS FOR FOOD PICK UP		

Come spend some time in the parent room!

