



The Sister Mac Special



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MARCH 2024

◆ Message from the Administrative Team

Dear Sister MacNamara Families,

February has been an incredible learning month with many fun and engaging experiences. Students in Rooms 128 and 129 visited the Royal Canadian Aviation Museum of Western Canada. It was a wonderful day spent exploring and learning together. The Intermediate teachers have been learning about what a Thinking Classroom looks like in Mathematics. A vertical non-permanent surface classroom has been set up and is already in action. The students in Rooms 121 and 228 enjoyed a visit from Trustee Aviso as he came to read to those classrooms. There are so many great things to celebrate at our school!

Our grade 6 students have begun preparing for their next school year. General Wolfe and Hugh John MacDonald will be coming to present about their schools. We encourage families to call, ask questions or visit schools as this will help you to make decisions about where your child will attend Junior High School. Please speak to your child's teacher if you have any questions about Grade 7.

As Term 2 comes to an end, teachers are preparing student report cards to share with you regarding your child's progress. An appointment time sheet will be sent home on **March 4th**. Please complete it with your choice of appointment times and return it as soon as possible to your child's teacher. **Report cards and your appointment time** will be sent home on **Tuesday, March 12th**. **Teachers will be meeting with you in person on Thursday, March 14th from 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM**. Please ensure you participate to find out about your child's progress and to celebrate all of their hard work. If you are unable to join us on March 14th, contact your child's teacher to make alternative arrangements.

Students can look forward to Spirit Week from **March 18—22**. See more details inside this newsletter. Thanks to our Student Leadership Team for creating the schedule for daily events that week! Thank you to Ms. Ali and Mr. Korba for supporting students with this fun filled event. Students will also enjoy a Movie Day on Friday, March 22nd, the last day before Spring Break. Please make sure that your child/children don't miss out on these fun opportunities, as we would love to see all of our Sister MacNamara students here each and every day! **Attendance matters!**

Many of our families and staff will be joining other Muslims from around the world to observe and celebrate the month of Ramadan. We would also like to wish a very Happy Easter to our families that celebrate this holiday.

Important dates:

***March 5th— Picture Day (during the school day) and Family Gathering @5:00 pm**

***March 14th—School Closed for regular classes. Student-Led Conferences 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM**

***March 15th—School Closed for Teacher Professional Development**

***March 25th to March 29th—School Closed for SPRING BREAK. School re-opens Monday, April 1st.**

Sonia Medaglia Dos Santos
 Vice Principal



Debbie Lenhardt Mair
 Principal

“The students, staff, and communities of Winnipeg School Division are committed to truth and reconciliation through building relationships with Mother Earth, the original peoples of this land, and the stories that bring us together. We acknowledge the place in which we gather is on Treaty 1 territory, the homeland of the Red River Métis, and the ancestral lands of the Anishinaabe, Ininiwak, and Dakota Oyate peoples.”

SISTER MACNAMARA SCHOOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2023-24

APRIL

- 1 School re-opens after Spring Break
- 2-3-4 Class Data Review Meetings
- 12 Day of Pink – Assembly 1:15 PM
- 19 Professional Development Day—School Closed
- 23 Grade 6 Immunization Clinic
- 25 Bus Ridership
- 25 Swimming Counts lesson at the school for Grade 4
- 26 Volunteer Celebration—10:30 AM



MAY

- 06 School Planning Day—School Closed
- 20 Victoria Day—HOLIDAY School Closed

JUNE

- 14 Summer Fun Day
- 17 Year End Celebration—9:00 AM
- 21 National Indigenous Peoples Day
- 25 Grade 6 Farewell—1:15 PM
- 25 Report Cards go home
- 28 Talent Show – 9:15 AM
- 28 Last Day of School—Student Dismissal at 11:30 AM



A special thank you to Trustee Aviso, our school trustee, for being a guest reader at our school February 28th. Having you share your love for reading is very much appreciated!



We're
HIRING

Sister MacNamara School is looking to hire an Adult Crossing Guard for the school year. It is a 3 hour per day position staggered through the school day, coordinating with school starting, noon hour, and ending hours. *This is a paid position.* Applicants must have or be able to obtain a Child Abuse and Registry check and Criminal Record Check.

This is an important position to ensure the safety of our students and families in coming to and from school.

Position starts as soon as possible. Please contact the Principal, Debbie Lenhardt Mair or Vice Principal, Sonia Medaglia Dos Santos for further information.



NEWS FROM THE GYM

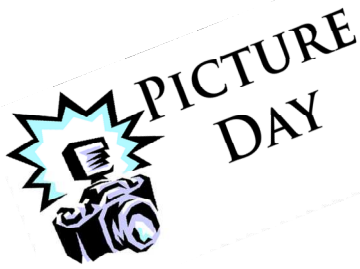
The month of February has been an active and busy time at Sister MacNamara School. In Phys-Ed we focused on heart health and the locomotor skills of jumping. Students have been developing their heart muscle by practicing jump rope every Phys-Ed class. We have also explored jumping focused cultural activities including tinikling (a Filipino folk dance) and several Inuit games. At the end of the month our school held our annual Jump Day and jump rope competition. A huge thank you to Ms. Macdonald for organizing the Jump Rope assembly!



Our grade 3-5 students started our dance residency with the Royal Winnipeg Ballet this month. The dance teacher, Ms. Grace, will be coming nine times to work with classes during Phys-Ed to engage students in the joy of dance. We have been learning a hip hop routine and will soon be transitioning into a complex dance routine which combines a variety of dance genres.

Sister MacNamara will be hosting a grade 6 basketball tournament on March 20, 2024. Weston school will be joining us. This event is a non-competitive, fun chance for students to play and engage with athletes from another school.





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TUESDAY,
MARCH 5 BY
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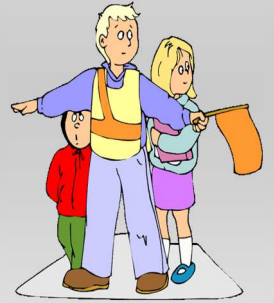
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Thank you to Ms. Cindy, Mr. Benevides, and our safety patrols.

Please remember to always follow safety rules when crossing the streets. Please listen to the patrols as they are there to help keep us safe when crossing the street. Please remember to stay on the sidewalk until it is safe to cross.



Families:

If you are dropping off your child for school, have a meeting or are coming to the family room for activities, we ask that you please wait at the door and we will assist you as quickly as we can.

If you are coming to pick up your child please ring the office we will work on having them ready to go as soon as possible. Thanks for your patience!

***Dismissal times are 12:00 and 3:30 PM.
Please be on time to pick up your children.***

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 through the ice could cost you your life. All parents are asked to please remind children 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.



Daylight Savings Time begins
March 10, 2024. Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour!



WSD NEW STUDENT SCHOOL REGISTRATION STARTS FEBRUARY 26!

If your child is turning four or five by December 31 this year, it's time to register them for Nursery or Kindergarten.

Starting Nursery or Kindergarten is an exciting time and we're here to help. Find your neighbourhood school on winnipegssd.ca and learn more about your child's school and the special role it has in your community. Start your child on the journey of a lifetime of joyful and deep learning.

Visit winnipegssd.ca  

SPIRIT WEEK

<p>MARCH 19 MONDAY</p>  <p>WEAR YOUR FAVORITE COLOR</p>	<p>MARCH 20 TUESDAY</p>  <p>WACKY DAY! DRESS AND DO YOUR HAIR WACKY</p>	<p>MARCH 21 WEDNESDAY</p>  <p>SPORTS DAY SUPPORT YOUR FAVORITE SPORT</p>	<p>MARCH 22 THURSDAY</p>  <p>BEACH DAY</p>	<p>MARCH 23 FRIDAY</p>  <p>PYJAMA DAY AND BRING A STUFFIE!</p>
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ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN IN BUT IT IS STRICTLY VOLUNTARY!

Honorary First Premier
of Manitoba

Louis Riel

1844-1885

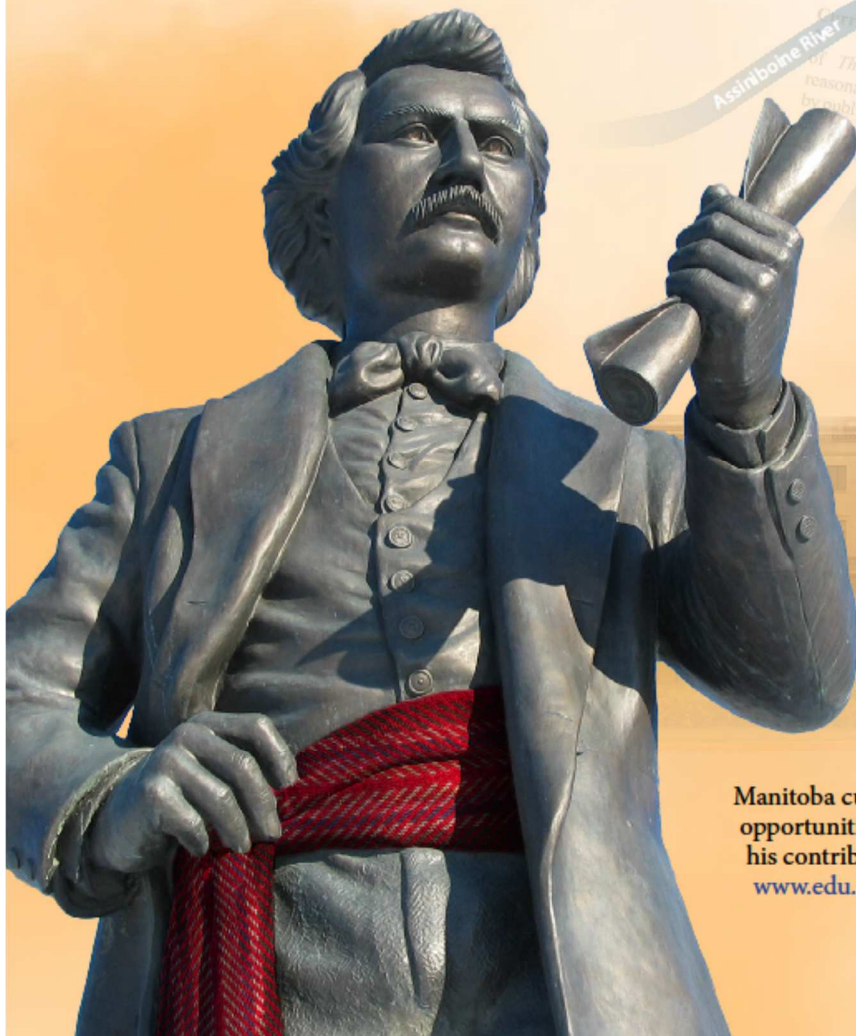


On December 7, 2023, *The Louis Riel Act* received Royal Assent, bestowing the honorary title of First Premier of Manitoba on Louis Riel.

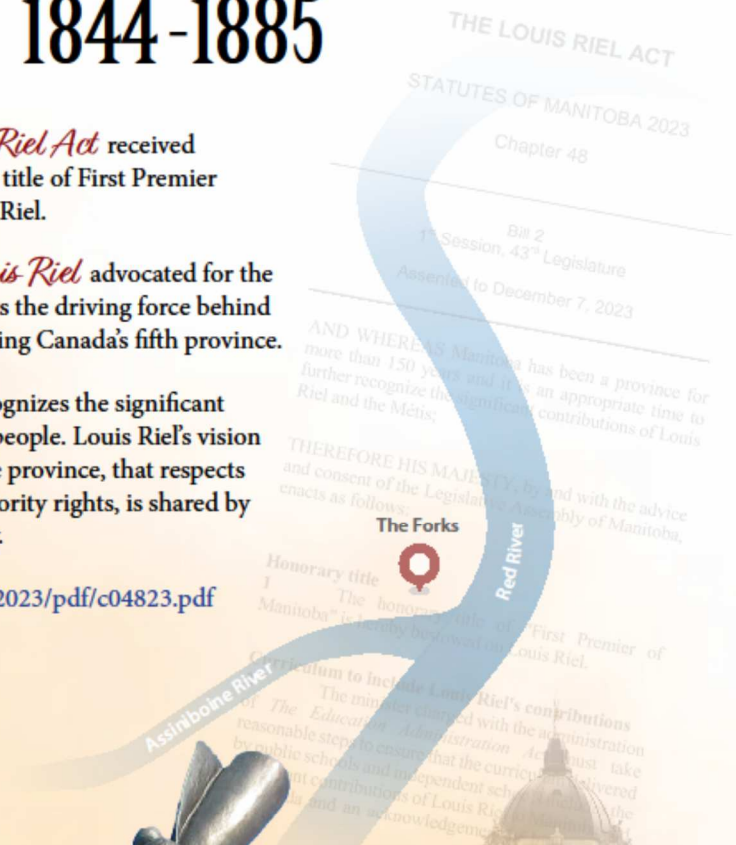
As Manitoba's honorary First Premier, *Louis Riel* advocated for the citizens of the Red River Settlement and was the driving force behind Manitoba joining Confederation and becoming Canada's fifth province.

After more than 150 years, the Act recognizes the significant contributions of Louis Riel and the Métis people. Louis Riel's vision of a multicultural, bilingual and inclusive province, that respects the rights of Indigenous peoples and minority rights, is shared by Manitobans today.


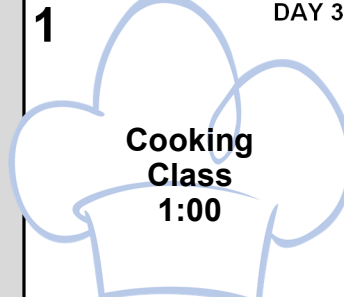




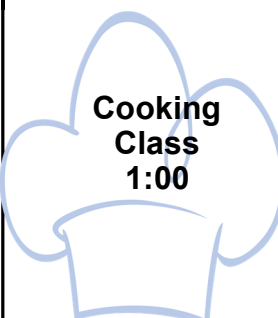
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Manitoba curricula that offer many opportunities to focus on Louis Riel and his contributions can be found at www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/cur/socstud/rielf/.



FAMILY ROOM MARCH 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>When schools, families, and community groups work together to support learning, children tend to do better in school, stay in school longer, and like school more.</p> <p>- Anne Henderson & Karen Mapp</p>  <p>PTO.org</p>				<p>1 DAY 3</p>  <p>Cooking Class 1:00</p>
<p>4 DAY 4</p> <p>Family Room Closed</p>	<p>5 DAY 5</p> <p>Canada MB Housing Benefit Presentation 1:00</p> 	<p>6 DAY 6</p> <p>Bingo!</p> <p>2:30</p> <p>Family Gathering 5:00</p>	<p>7 DAY 1</p> <p>Wiggle Giggle Munch 1:15-3:15</p>	<p>8 DAY 2</p>  <p>Cooking Class 1:00</p>
<p>11 DAY 3</p> <p>Wellness Art 2:30</p> 	<p>12 DAY 4</p> <p>Public Health Nurse Presentation: First Aid at Home 1:00</p> 	<p>13 DAY 5</p> <p>Bingo!</p> <p>2:30</p>	<p>14 DAY 6</p> <p>Student Led Conferences</p> <p>NO CLASSES</p>  <p>Free book give-away</p>	<p>15 DAY 1</p> <p>NO CLASSES</p> 
<p>18 DAY 2</p> <p>Wellness Art 2:30</p> 	<p>19 DAY 3</p>  <p>Cooking Class 1:00</p>	<p>20 DAY 4</p> <p>Bingo!</p> <p>2:30</p>	<p>21 DAY 5</p> <p>Paint Day 9:15 am</p> <p>Wiggle Giggle Munch 1:15-3:15</p>	<p>22 DAY 6</p> <p>Family Room Closed</p>
<p>25</p> 	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> 

SPRING BREAK!

FAMILY ROOM NEWS

MARCH 2024

Events

Mondays – Wellness Art @ 2:30

March 11 – Paper Flower Wall Decorations

March 18 – Wood Block Letters

Tuesdays

March 5 – Canada Manitoba Housing Benefit Info Session @ 1:00

March 12 – Public Health Nurse with First Aid at Home @ 1:00

March 19 – Cooking with Nasra @ 1:00

Wednesdays – Nutrition Bingo! @ 2:30

March 6, 13, and 20th



Thursdays @ 1:15-3:15

Wiggle, Giggle, and Munch

March 7 & March 21st

(no WGM March 14th due to Student Led Conferences)

In the Family Room

A time for caregivers and children to have fun together through active play, games, songs, crafts, and a healthy snack.

All parents/caregivers and their children ages 1-5 years old are invited to attend.



Friday @ 1:00

March 1 – Cooking Class

March 8 – Cooking Class

March 15 – PD day (no school)

Potato and Bread Distribution

Potato and bread distribution is available Tuesday afternoons or anytime on Wednesdays. Please contact Nicole or Nasra if you would like a pickup.

Haddii uu jiro barnaamij aad u malaynayso inuu faa'iido kuu leeyahay oo aad jeclaan lahayd inaan samayno, fadlan u sheeg Nasra iyo Nicole.

Ikiwa kuna programu yoyote ambayo unadhani inaweza kuwa na manufaa kwako na ungependa tufanye, tafadhali wajulisha Nasra na Nicole.



Family Gathering

Wed, March 6th @ 5 pm



School news, presentation, draws, and pizza!



Please join us!

Are you renting your home?

Come out on March 5th for a CMHB Info Session to learn about rent and utility supplements through the MB government.

March 12 – Public Health Nurse Justine will explain the contents of a first aid kit that participants can take home!



Please RSVP to Nicole or Nasra as there are a limited number of kits.

Contact us with any questions!

Nasra (speaks Somali and Swahili) - nhassan@wsd1.org
Nicole - nichristmas@wsd1.org

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				1 DAY 3

Looking ahead.....

MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2024 CLASSES RESUME

FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 2024..... NON INSTRUCTIONAL DAY—NO CLASSES

TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2024 GRADE 6 IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2024 GRADE 4—SWIMMING COUNTS—in school training

4 DAY 4 RWB AM 	5 DAY 5 PICTURE DAY 	6 DAY 6 <u>Family Gathering</u> <u>5:00</u>	7 DAY 1 GRADE 6 SOCCER TOURNAMENT	8 DAY 2
11 DAY 3 SPRING FORWARD! Daylight Saving Time 	12 DAY 4 REPORT CARDS GO HOME REPORT CARD RWB AM 	13 DAY 5	14 DAY 6 Student Led Conferences 9:00 AM—8:00 pm NO CLASSES 	15 DAY 1 NO CLASSES Professional Development 
18 DAY 2 WEAR YOUR FAVORITE COLOR 	19 DAY 3 WACKY DAY! 1st of Spring 	20 DAY 4 SPORTS DAY GRADE 6 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT	21 DAY 5 BEACH DAY	22 DAY 6 PYJAMA DAY MOVIE DAY
25	26	27	28	29
				GOOD FRIDAY 

