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# **TYNDALL PARK** -School Newspaper-

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### DATES TO REMEMBER

December 4 January 6

Reports go home December 5 | Triad Conferences/No school - pm only December 20 | Last day of school Dec 23–Jan 3 Winter Break First day back

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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.





### A Note from the Editors (AKA: the Adults)

- Tyndall Park students successfully raised \$189 for United Way. Thank you to all Tyndall Park families who generously donated!
- Get your cold weather gear ready! Winter coats, ski pants, boots, hats, mitts, scarves make sure they all fit and are in good working order! If you need assistance with any of these items, please contact the school office and ask for Marni.

## **Roots of Empathy**

#### By: Gavin Timothy Fernandez

Roots of Empathy; many students from Tyndall might not recognize it. That's because we couldn't do it during Covid! Roots of Empathy (ROE) is a way to teach students how to understand other people's emotions, but how? ROE uses babies as a way to see how the baby reacts to things, and help the students understand empathy. They have a theme for every month. The theme for this month is; Crying! But what baby was used for this school year? Well, the baby's name is Everett, the son of Mrs. McFerren! Roots of Empathy is hosted by two people, Mrs. Marni, and Ms. Basaraba and usually done in Grade 3. They enjoy hosting Roots of Empathy, and the students enjoy it too!







### T.U.S.C. with Room 10

#### By: Shantal Castillo

Just so you know, Room 10 has this event called T.U.S.C. every week or two. You'll probably be confused about what T.U.S.C. is. Firstly, T.U.S.C. is actually a meeting event, where each of the students make a presentation about a topic they chose. T.U.S.C. is also an acronym, Totally, Unbelievable, Speakers, Club. What is T.U.S.C.? T.U.S.C. is where you have 20 to 25 jobs depending on how large your class is. How many T.U.S.C.'s each year also depend on how giant your class is. You will get a booklet from Mrs. Klassen about all the T.U.S.C. jobs and what they're about. Your booklet can also be your rough copy when making a speech. In your booklet, you can figure out what your topic is. Your topic also has to be related to your job.

After you're done with your rough copy, you can make a good copy with loose leaf papers, or some cue cards. Every speech you write should have an introduction, a middle paragraph, (which is your topic) and your conclusion. If you don't finish, Mrs.Klassen will tell you that you can finish your unfinished T.U.S.C. next session. That is T.U.S.C., an event that you should know when you're going to be in room 10.







### **UFLI with Mrs. Cardinal**

#### By: Jacob Cruz

Mrs. Cardinal is a learning support teacher who helps other teachers, classrooms, and kids. Mrs. Cardinal has worked at Tyndall Park School for 3 years but has been teaching since 2008. That's over 15 years! She is Vietnamese but she was born and raised in Winnipeg. Here's a fact from Mrs. Cardinal: Teachers go to university for 5 years. That is pretty long! She has her Masters in Education. Her favourite hobbies are creating art, travelling and her favourite food is sushi. She helps with UFLI, which stands for University of Florida Literacy Institute. UFLI is an evidencebased program backed by decades of research in reading. The grade 1 and 2 students have been learning essential skills, including letter formation, phonemic awareness and of course reading! It's inspiring to see Tyndall Park kids at the forefront of learning these foundational skills needed to become fluent readers.

### TP Classroom Spotlight

#### By: Dana Christopher

Mrs. Figueiredo's grade 1 class at Tyndall Park consists of 21 students ages 6 to 7 years old. She appreciates how each student is unique and shows a lot of empathy. Her favorite subject to teach is art, though she did not enjoy it as a child.

The students have a fun and engaging reward system where they can earn "cute little animals" as prizes. By working hard, they can collect points to get items like food, clothes, water, a bed, a blanket and even a little house for their pets. This system encourages students to stay motivated and participate in every activity.

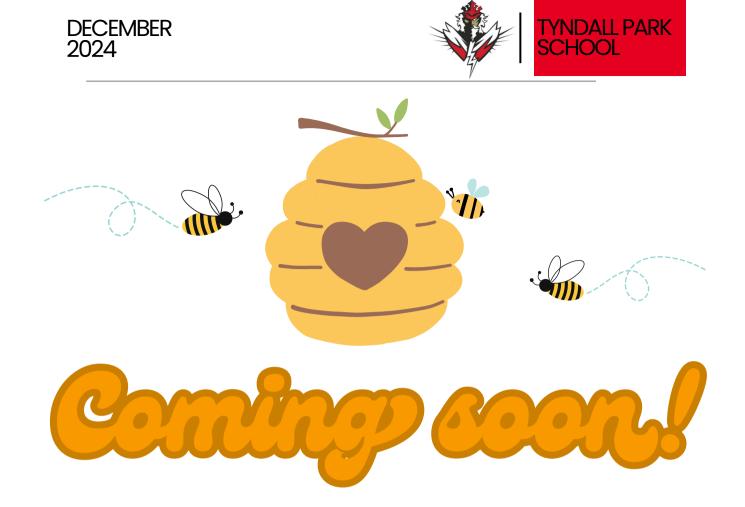
The student's favorite subjects include art, writing, music, reading, and gym while math is their least favorite. Homework includes home reading on weekdays and on weekends is math games for all.

Mr. Medina, a student teacher in the class,

values the new learning experiences and opportunities in this teaching environment. He assists with organizing and activities, helps students with their work, and helps create a supportive and fun classroom atmosphere. What an amazing class!







### **Beehives on our Roof!**

By: Jacob Cruz

Did you know that we had a beehive on our school rooftop? It was on our roof for the whole summer and we called a beekeeper to take the hive for hibernation. This is a "*sweet*" opportunity to make our own brand of honey! Honey will be available starting December 5th at Parent/Teacher conferences for \$6.00/jar; only cash will be accepted.











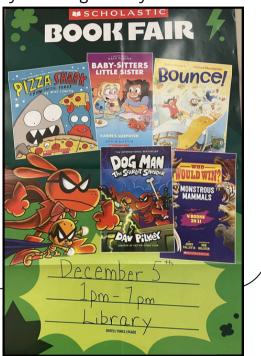


## TP Staff Spotlight

#### By: Sophie Barrion

As an extreme bookworm, I feel that being a librarian would be a dream. Being able to work with thousands of books sounds like heaven to me. So, since my curiosity took over, I'm going to be interviewing Ms.Watson, the one and only Tyndall Park Librarian! Thousands of books equal lots of genres, and I feel like it makes it easier to find books that appeal to your likings. Everyone has

different interests, and every genre has books worth reading. Mrs. Watson's favourite genres are "Horror and Thriller." When I think of a librarian, I think of a person who loves books. Ms.Watson said her reason of working as a librarian is "Because I love reading, and I love books, I think it's important to learning." Books are an amazing way to pass the time, and of course, you would always want to read the best ones. Turns out, "Dog man is the most popular!" Reading is amazing, and I highly recommend going to local libraries and book stores, and taking time to unwind with reading. Mrs. Watson wanted to remind everyone about the Scholastic Book Fair...check out the poster for more info!



### **Remembrance Day**

On Friday, November 9th, Tyndall Park students led a Remembrance Day service to reflect on peace and to honour those who have sacrificed to safeguard our freedoms.









### **Smudging Group**

#### By: Gwen Guno

Many people don't know what smudging is, and if you don't know, let me tell you! Smudging is an Indigenous practice that both Indigenous and non-Indigenous people can do that is used to help have good intentions. It is done by burning sage in an abalone shell and passing it around the circle clockwise, using the smoke to 'clean' their body, mind, and soul. I actually got to participate in Smudging Group that is run by Ms. Kennedy, Ms. Bembenek, Ms. Jestadt, and Mrs. Figueiredo. What they do in Smudging Group is first, they eat their lunch with all the students who joined the group, then they go outside after eating to smudge. Afterwards, they mostly do artistic projects, and Indigenous-related activities. A fun fact is that they have 28 kids in their group, grades four to six. It is considered rude to make gestures during the practice, speak, or go on your device. It is also a part of the curriculum and Smudge Group helps students learn more about Indigenous cultures.

















Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Day 2	<b>3</b> Day 3	<b>4</b> Day 4	5 -No School - pm only -Triad Conferences -Book Fair Day 5	6 Day 6	7
8	9 Day 1	10 Gr. 5 Drama <sub>Day 2</sub>	11 Gr.6 Drama <sub>Day 3</sub>	12 Smudging Group <sub>Day 4</sub>	13 Day 5	14
15	16 Day 6	17 Gr. 5 Drama <sub>Day 1</sub>	18 Gr.6 Drama <sub>Day 2</sub>	19 Smudging Group <sub>Day 3</sub>	20 Last day of school <sub>Day 4</sub>	21 First day of winter
22 Breal	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Hanukkah begins	26 Kwanzaa begins	27	28
29	30	31 New Years Eve	Winter break: December 23rd - January 3rd Classes resume on January 6th, 2025 Have a safe and happy break!			

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