



# Wellington School

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## NEWSLETTER

## DECEMBER 2023

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Dear Families,

Here we are in December already! The first three months of our school year have flown by so quickly. It is the time and the season however, that gives us all the opportunity to reflect on our year so far and the many things that have brought us happiness and joy.

Some highlights from the month of November include staff and students commemorating the importance of Remembrance Day within their classrooms and through our assembly. On November 10th we gathered in the gym for video presentations, speeches, presentation of class wreaths for display and the playing of the last post.

In partnership with FedEx, Operation Warm Coats came down to the school and donated jackets to every student in the school. The company had over 30 volunteers who helped students fit, size and choose a coat to take home. This heart-warming event was truly a special moment for the students, staff and community of Wellington School.

November wrapped-up with the many learning conversations that made up our Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences. Report cards were sent home and we had a very successful time for families to come in and discuss student progress. If you were unable to make the conferences, please contact your student's homeroom teacher to set up a meeting or phone call. We always encourage these conversations and connections to support student learning.

Family Movie night was another success! Thank you to all the families that supported and took part in the screening of Elemental. This year we had over 20 families participate to enjoy an evening of popcorn and movie. Please watch and stay tuned for the next family event happening in the new year.

Although we have had a mild start to the winter season, the days are slowly getting colder. This is just a kind reminder to please make sure your students have the appropriate winter wear, and if there is anything the school can help with in making sure our students stay warm, please do not hesitate to let us know.

Finally, a very special gift was delivered to Ms. Treger at the end of November. As she is spending time with her bundle of joy at home, we would like to extend a warm welcome to Ms. Jasmine Gauthier who will be joining our Grade 1-2 team in Room 215.

As we close out the last few weeks of the year, on behalf of the Wellington School Family we would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a joyous and safe holiday season and extend our best wishes for a healthy and happy New Year. A reminder that school reopens January 8th.

Sincerely,

**E. Contreras** Principal

**K. Bergmuller** Vice-Principal

## Important Dates to Remember

December 1	Student Holiday Shopping Day
December 14	Family Fun Night
December 15	No PM Classes — PD Day
December 18-20	Family Portraits
December 22	Last Day of Classes
January 8	First Day of Classes
January 17	Traditional Pow Wow Teachings
January 19	No Classes — All Day



## BE THE INSPIRATION

Winnipeg School Division is hiring

When our students see themselves in the people around them, they are inspired to succeed.

Be part of our community of inspiration.

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Every employee is vital in helping us achieve our purpose, vision, values and principles of learning to support the almost 30,000 students we serve. When our students see themselves in the people around them, they are inspired to succeed.

See all current job openings:  
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# AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM WELLINGTON SITE

**AGES 6-12 & GRADE 1-6  
TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS  
3:30PM-5:00PM**

**REGISTRATION  
IS OPEN!!!**

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ARTS & CRAFTS  
BOARD GAMES  
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## **DECEMBER PROGRAM DATES:**

**TUESDAY DECEMBER 5 - AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM  
THURSDAY DECEMBER 7 - AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM**

## **FAMILY FUN NIGHT**

**THURSDAY DECEMBER 14 - WINTER CRAFT NIGHT**

## **FIRST DAY BACK:**

**TUESDAY JANUARY 9 - AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM**



Wellington School & Evermore present:

# FAMILY FUN NIGHT

DECEMBER 14, 2023  
6:00PM - 7:30PM

Join us for a fun evening featuring

**HOLIDAY & WINTER CRAFTS**

**SNACK STATION**

**FRIENDS AND FAMILY**

**DOOR PRIZE**

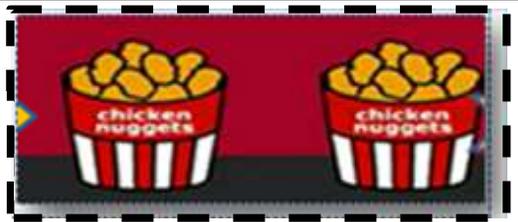
at Wellington School



PLEASE BRING A SMALL BOX OR CONTAINER IN ORDER TO TAKE  
YOUR CRAFTS HOME. PARENTS ARE EXPECTED TO ACTIVELY  
PARTICIPATE WITH THEIR CHILDREN



## LUNCH PROGRAM (Dixie Halladay)



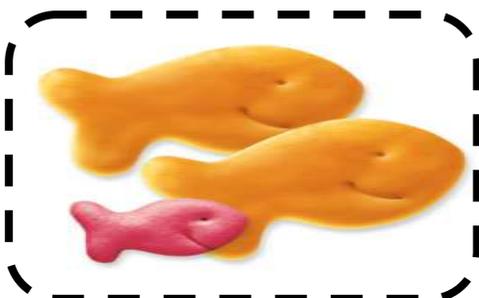
### IMPORTANT NOTICE!



We would like to remind parents that fees are due on the **1st of each month**. Please **remember** to pay the fees on time. Failure to do so will result in your child being **removed** from the program. A reminder to lunch program parent - Please let us know in writing when you are allowing your child to go home or to a friend's house for lunch. The safety of your child is our first concern. Students can register for lunch program if parents **work** or go to **school**. Please do not **send your child with warm-ups for lunch**.

We ask parents to please go over the lunchroom rules with your children on a regular basis: Our policy follows School Division guidelines. When a child misbehaves the first time, a verbal warning will be given. The second time, a written letter will be sent home. Within this letter it will state that your child will be removed from the Lunch Program. Then you will need to make alternate arrangements for your child. In the event of a serious incident - your child WILL BE REMOVED immediately without warning.

We would like to encourage you not to send soda pop or noodles. Nut and seafood allergies among children are becoming increasingly common; therefore we have a NO NUTS & SEAFOOD policy. We have many other allergies as well, children are not allowed to share or exchange their snacks or lunches.



**Snacks** are available through the Lunch Program! Proceeds will go towards hot lunches, equipment. **Cost is approximately \$1.00 each.**

# December

## Family room

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
All activities are subject to change without notice			November 30th Student shopping day 	1 <b>Day 3</b> Student Shopping day 
4 <b>Day 4</b> Family room closed -CSW Meeting am only Student gift wrapping	5 <b>Day 5</b> Student Gift wrapping all day Volunteers needed	6 <b>Day 6</b> Student gift wrapping all day Food Security	7 <b>Day 1</b> Student Gift wrapping All day	8 <b>Day 2</b> Student Gift wrapping all day
11 <b>Day 3</b> Student Gift wrapping	12 <b>Day 4</b> Student Gift wrapping all day	13 <b>Day 5</b> Food Security	14 <b>Day 6</b> Cooking Prep. Am Hands on cooking French onion Meatball sub 1:15pm—3:00pm	15 <b>Day 1</b> Hands on craft Holiday greeting cards 9:30 am– 12:00 No school Afternoon
18 <b>Day 2</b> Prep.am Family portraits 1:00 pm- 4:30pm	19 <b>Day 3</b> Family room closed am only Family portraits 1:00pm– 4:30 pm	20 <b>Day 4</b> Food Security Family portraits 1:00 pm– 4:30 pm	21 <b>Day 5</b> Prep Pot-luck party Family room- Christmas pot	22 <b>Day 6</b> Drop in 
25 <i>Christmas day</i>	26	27	28	29

# News from the Family Room

December has arrived; this month the family room will busy with the preparation for our students holiday shopping and family photos.

I will like to send out an extended heartfelt thanks to all our families that dropped by and to all of our volunteers that helped out in the classrooms, in the breakfast program and the family room. Thanks for all your support. Have a safe and joyful holiday.

*See everyone in the New Year!*

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## Hands on cooking:

December 14th, 2023 : French onion Meatball sub @ 1:15 pm

## Hands on craft

December 15th, 2023 Holiday greeting cards: @ am only

December 21st, 2023: Holiday pot luck : @ 1:15 pm

## Family photos

All must pre-register—limited spots available  
Please remember no to wear anything green due to that green background.

December 18th, 19th, & 20th, 2023 @ 1:00 pm -4:30 pm  
In the family room

## Students Holiday Shopping Day

This is a time when our students are invited to the Family Room to do some Holiday shopping for their families.

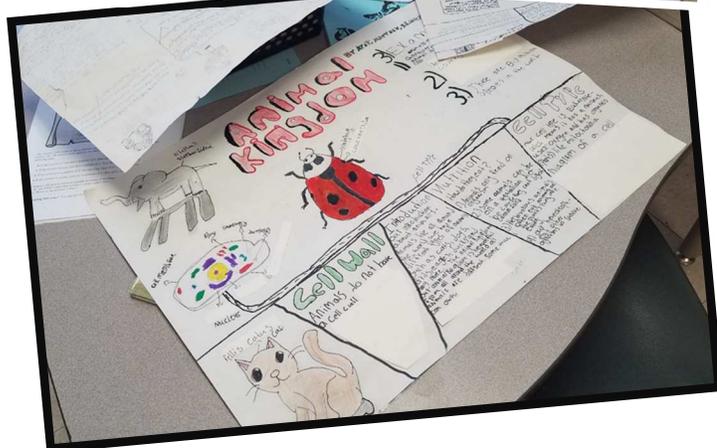
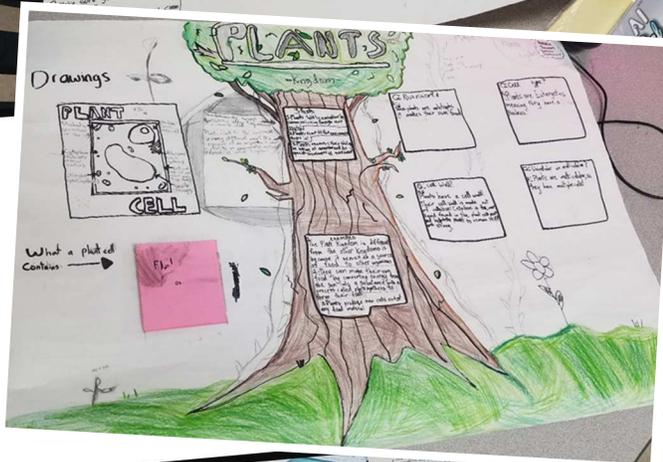
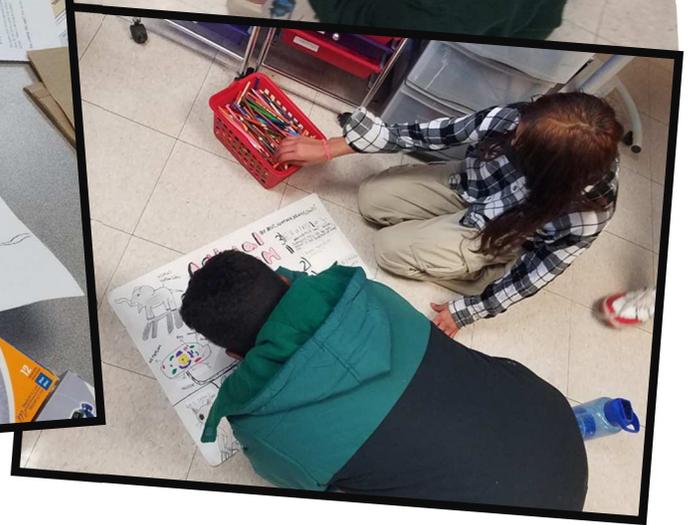
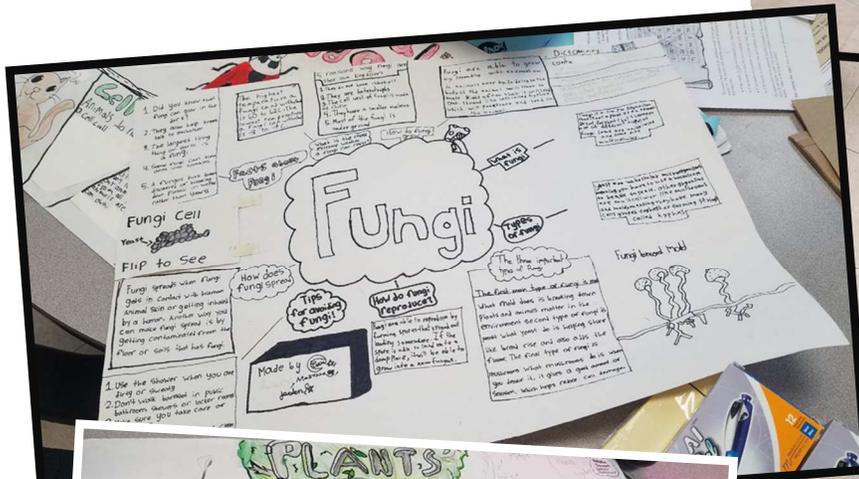
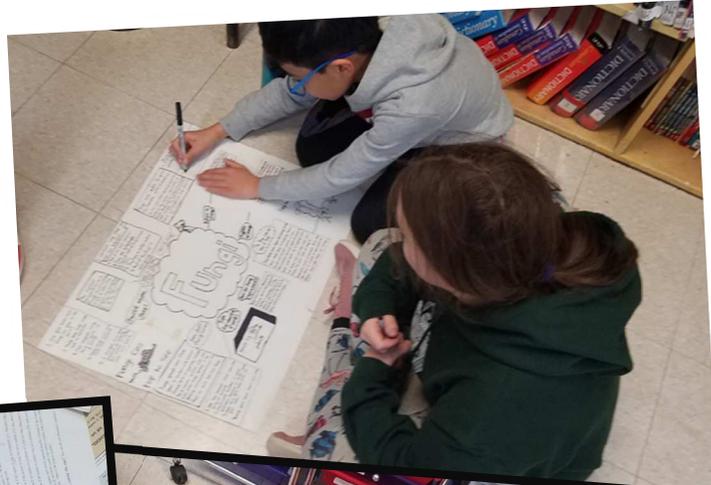
We will be hosting our annual **Students Holiday Shopping Day** on November 30th, and December 1st, 2023 in the Family Room. We will be selling toys, videos, books, music, and household items from 5¢ to \$5.00.

**We will also be offering free gift wrapping to our students.**

# ROOM 115

Mr. Neil Kolton

The year has been swimming by fast for room 115. The students have been studying life on this planet and all its wonderful diversity. Starting with their sketchbooks and pencils, they have observed all the life around them, and are now diving into the microscopic world of cells and what makes up living things.



This month they have been working hard looking at the 5 Kingdoms of life and are separating into groups studying and creating posters for each Kingdom. Some are looking at the Animal Kingdom with the diverse size and shapes of the smallest insect to the massive blue whale. For others, it is the sun energized Plants or tiny microscopic Bacteria. And some are even challenging their preconceived notions of life by looking at the wacky and weird world of Fungi and even the confusing and all-encompassing Protists. Good work room 115, we can't wait to see the final results and share them on the bulletin board for all to learn!



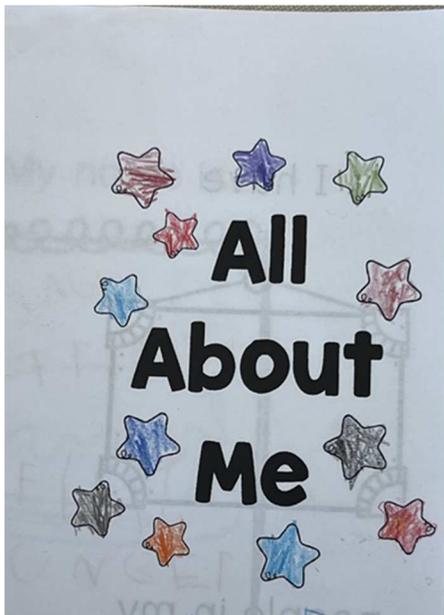
# We are all unique!

By Room 228

Over the past little bit, we have been busy learning all about ourselves and how we are all unique and different from each other, yet we share common interests and basic needs. As we learn more about ourselves, we are discovering that we all have our own interests, things that we are good at, likes and dislikes, and ways of expressing ourselves. We are learning to build our community in the classroom by learning how to respect each other and our things, being loving and kind, by being brave to try new things and make mistakes.

We have been learning all about our names and how they hold a special meaning for us and our family. For some of us, we found out that our names come with a story or hold a special meaning. For example, some of the students found out they were named after their father or grandparent, after a birthstone, or in hopes for peace or love.

Pictured is an art project we did. Each student was tasked with creating a doll that represented them. These beautiful dolls are a great example of how uniquely different we all are as we express ourselves through our own creative lenses, our physical image and the way we dress. Be who you are and be proud!



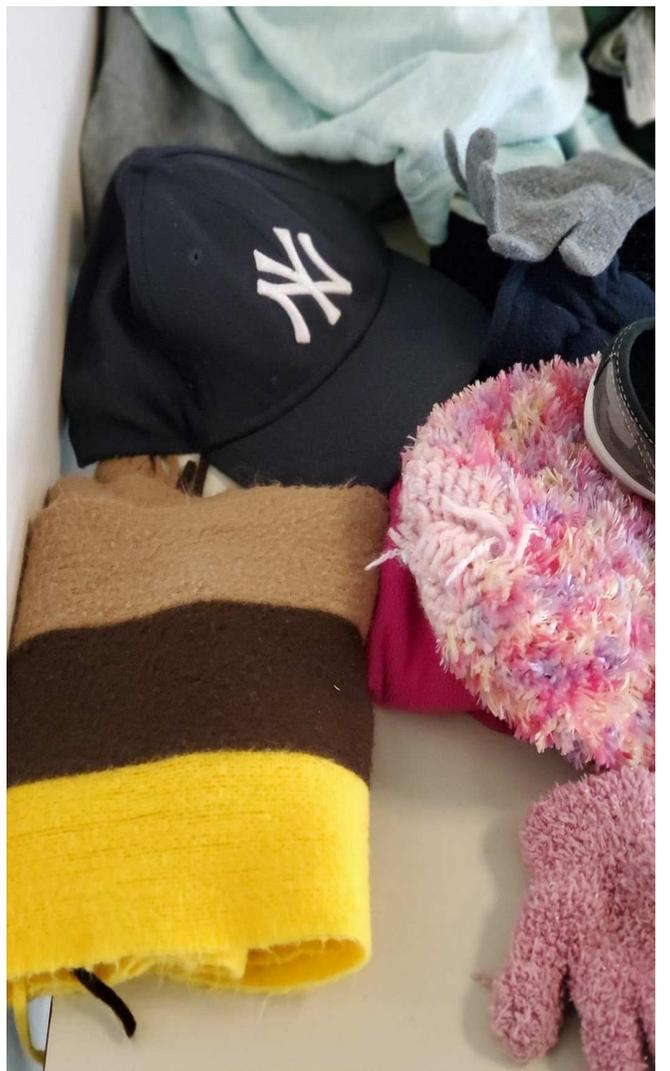
**Does any  
of this  
belong  
to you?**





# LOST & FOUND

Please see the Family Room to claim your lost item



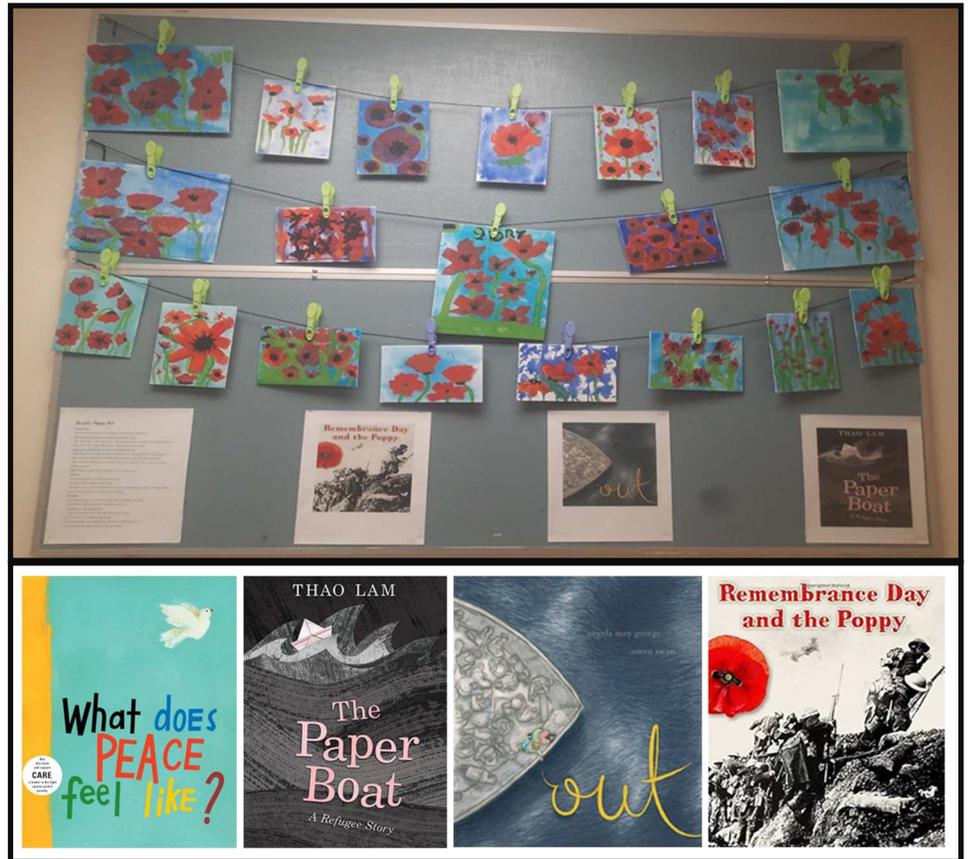
# ROOM 217

Ms. Sarah Lenhardt Mair

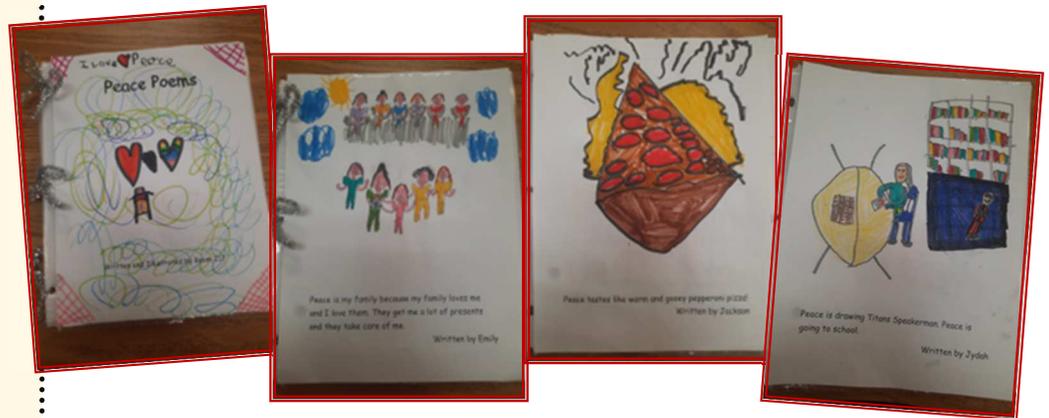
In November, Room 217 learned about Remembrance day and the poppy as a symbol of remembrance. We discussed safety and what peace feels like. We did this through a few sources.

## Books and Videos:

- We watched a video about how the poppy became a symbol from Remembrance Day called *The Poppy Story* from PoppyscotlandEdu here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K8Jv0T9eFUy>
- We read the book *Remembrance Day and the Poppy* by Helen Cox Cannons
- We read the book *Out* by Angela May George to discuss safety and war
- We read the wordless picture book *The Paper Boat* by Thao Lam to discuss safety and war
- We read *What does Peace Feel Like?* by Vladimir Radunsky
- We watched an art tutorial from *Art For Kids Hub* here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I96XUkSv1h4>



After learning about these topics we made poppy art and wrote peace poems.



Our intent with this learning:

- To learn about Remembrance Day
- To relate to our social studies learning about Remembrance Day, history, global and local communities, kindness and caring
- To become better painters and artists