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DATES TO REMEMBER

Dec 11 *Winter concert*

Dec 19 *Last day of school!*

Jan 5 *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.



● Staff Spotlight

By: Jind Gill

My name is Jind and I had the opportunity to interview Mr. Erichsen, our current vice-principal. I asked him some questions and here are his answers.

First, he said he has been working at Tyndall Park School for four years. He even got to be our acting principal from this past February to November! Mr. Erichsen is having a great experience working here and he loves his job, but it can be hard sometimes with all of his responsibilities. He said Tyndall Park is special to him because all of the students and staff want to come to school. His favorite thing though is all of the kind and helpful kids we have here.

Mr. Erichsen loves teaching about nature and animals. Did you know he also learns from us? In fact, he learned from a student last year that wombat poop is shaped like cubes. That's a good scientific fact!

Something else I was curious about is what inspired Mr. Erichsen to teach. Mr. Erichsen said that his history teacher, Mr. Greaves inspired him to become a teacher himself by making learning fun and interesting. Hope you enjoyed reading my article. I had a fantastic time interviewing Mr. Erichsen!





Remembrance Day Ceremony

By: Yuna Christopher & Aiyannah Mejia



Zoom in to see the incredible student art



Hello, our names are Yuna and Aiyannah and we are going to tell you about how we observe Remembrance Day at Tyndall Park. In the morning at 10:45 we had our Remembrance Day assembly. We talked about the soldiers that fought in various wars. The reason why we stand for the soldiers on November 11, is because that's when World War One ended, in 1918. On the eleventh day, of the eleventh month, and the eleventh hour. For Remembrance Day at Tyndall Park, grades one, two, and three made poppies and grades four, five, and six made doves and we had a choir led by Ms. Colobong sing a song about peace. At eleven o'clock Ms. Dow played "Revelie" and "The Last Post" on her trumpet and for one minute everyone stood and thought about the soldiers that fought for our country and the sacrifices they made. After Ms. Dow was done, we didn't clap (out of respect) and we left the gym quietly. It was a peaceful ceremony. Thank you to the students in Rooms 9, 10, and 4 for leading our ceremony.





Winter Concert

By: Francine Fremista

You may have heard some angelic vocals, or fine singing when walking by the music room. Well, that's because Tyndall Park is preparing for our annual Winter Concert, "Gnome for the Holidays"! This is an extra special one because our school hasn't done a concert in 2 years! Our brand-new music teacher, Ms. Colobong, has been working super hard with all the grades to put this musical/concert together. Down below is important information and etiquette to follow.

Concert information:

- Time: 6:30pm along with a daytime matinee show at 1:30
- Date: Thursday, December 11th
- How long: 30 minutes (minimum)

Audience etiquette:

- Please pay attention and stay for the whole performance, all students have worked hard!
- Please remain silent during performance times.
- Everyone is welcome to clap after songs, or whenever it's appropriate!
- Please turn off your ringer and do not use flash photography.
- Please be respectful!
- A reminder to only take pictures of your own children and to not post pictures of others online.

What to expect:

- Grade 3/4 will do the opening, grade 1/2 will perform after, and grade 5/6 will close
- A few grade 6's will speak in between songs, and other grades may speak during songs.
- The Winter Concert is holiday-themed, specifically Gnome-themed!

Students are working hard practicing for this special show, and hope our audience enjoys it! We look forward to seeing you there!





GNOME

For the Holidays!

By
John Jacobson & Walter Jack

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When: December 11th
Time: 1:30 or 6:30pm
Where: Tyndall Park gym
Who: Grades 1-6



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Holidays of December

By: Hamalia Alam

There are many holidays throughout December. First up we have Hanukkah, which starts on December 14th. It is the Jewish festival of lights. Hanukkah is celebrated for 8 days and 8 nights. One candle is lit on the first night and an additional candle is added each night until all 8 candles are lit. Hanukkah is celebrated for 8 days to symbolize the miracle of the oil. During the ceremony of the 2nd temple, when the Maccabees reclaimed the temple they only found one jar of pure oil which was just enough to light the menorah for a single day. Miraculously, the oil burned for 8 days. This became the basis for the length of the holiday.

Next, on December 25th, is the well-known holiday, Christmas. Many people worldwide celebrate Christmas. Christmas is traditionally celebrated by the Christians as the day Jesus Christ was born. People celebrate the holiday by getting together with family and friends and sharing the jolly spirit with kindness and happiness.

After Christmas on December 26 is Kwanzaa. It is a weeklong celebration of African-American and African culture. Each of the seven days is dedicated to one of the Nguzo Saba, or seven principles of African heritage: unity, self determination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity, and faith. These are highlighted each day through discussions, activities and the lighting of a candle on the Kinara (candle holder). Friends and family gather each day to give thanks, exchange gifts, and share feasts. What a month full of celebration and joy!



A Note from the Editors (AKA: the Adults)



-Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather now that winter is here! Boots, winter coats, snow pants, hats, mitts, scarves, and a change of socks!

-Our first Hot Lunch of the year was a great success and raised a total of \$576.30 that will go toward providing students with experiential learning opportunities.



Things to do During Winter Break

By: Sophie Barrion



At this point, you probably know me for my activity articles. If you don't, well, hello! I'm Sophie, and some know me for the marvelous activity articles I have made from grade 5 to grade 6. Activity articles are my specialty! Obviously, you're here for the article and not my constant yammering about myself, so, let's get into this!

If you spend time outside in the winter, you most likely have felt the thrill of tobogganing down a hill, or have made snowmen. Though, sometimes it can be hard to find a place with a good hill to sled down, or enough snow to make a snowman or two. If the weather isn't very suitable for your average snow day games, indoor activities can be just as fun. Not quite as exhilarating, though.

Right now, I'll rule out some commonly used time-passers. Baking is pretty much a year round thing to do, with some themes being needed to make it less repetitive. Cookie cutters, and festive frosting patterns are obvious things, but flavoring the cookies to be peppermint or gingerbread are touches that will please the mouth rather than the eye. Though, even by the time this article is posted, it'll still be a BIT too early to bake cookies for Santa. By my parent's terms, it is, however, early enough to set up the tree, and early enough to DECORATE!!! I think I may find decorating the tree more entertaining than most, but it is enough to entertain most kids for a long time. One thing to note is to not use fragile glass or ceramic ornaments with younger children or pets. Believe me, lots of ornaments have shattered because of them. Another thing to do that doesn't require much outdoor time in the windiest of times is going shopping for presents. Whether for your own children or for their cousins, it is always fun for the younger audience, though not entirely fun for the adults. If you aren't planning to fire a cannonball at your wallet, bring a pen, a clipboard and some papers for your kids so they can write or draw a wish list of toys and other things that they want.

That concludes my article! I hope that this gave you some ideas on what to do when your child is whining for something fun, and I hope that this article was enjoyable. Have a happy holiday season, and I wish for your end of the year to be splendid!





TP Classroom Spotlight

By: Jind Gill

During grade 3 we were in one of our favourite classes. The class teacher is very kind, hard working and enthusiastic. Do you know who it is yet? It's Ms. Basaraba's class! We asked them if they had the chance to switch classes would they do it and not a single one of them said yes. Ms. Basaraba's students told me lots of positive things about her. One of her students said Ms. Basaraba is very 'coool.' They like to play a math game called Mathletics and they also said she's the best teacher (which we agree with). A lot of her students said their favourite activity is mindfulness, and mindfulness was our favourite in her class too! Some people said it was choice time and others said math and art. One of the students said they hate home time (which we also agree with). Some fun things we remember in Ms. Basaraba's class is choice time and colouring in our mindfulness colouring book. Their classroom number is room 21 so the next time you see Ms. Basaraba's class say 'hi'!





Interviews with Grade 6s

By: Therrina Yankech & Sammi Pineda



Sophie, Rm P1

Sophie's favourite colours are **green** and **yellow**, her favourite sport is badminton, and her favourite animal is a Crocodile Monitor lizard! Sophie's favourite subject is writing. One of her favourite things about Tyndall Park is the staff.

Maryam's favourite colour is muted **blue** or **teal** and she doesn't have a favourite sport but she likes cats!

Maryam likes the subject art and her favourite thing about Tyndall Park is that there are a lot of kind people.



Maryam, Rm P3



Interviews with Grade 6s Contd...



Harkirat, Rm 9

Harkirat likes the colour **RED**!
He also likes soccer, panthers, math, and
the Tyndall Park gym!

Aubrey has been at Tyndall Park since nursery!
Her favourite colour is **PURPLE** and she loves
volleyball, art, and pandas.
One thing she loves about Tyndall Park is the
all the activities and clubs!



Aubrey, Rm 10

Pratham's favourite colour is **RED** he loves soccer. His
favourite animal is a T-Rex! He likes Physical Education
and he also loves the gym!



Pratham, Rm 10



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**GRADES
4-6**

- **SPOTS ARE LIMITED**
- starting on January 2026 to June 2026
- **Every Thursdays**
- **3:30 PM - 5:00 PM**
- **Tyndall Park School, Library**

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DECEMBER



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>Squad 3 patrols</p> <p>→</p>	1 Day 2	2 Gr.5 Drama Rm. 6 Swimming 1:30-2:30 Day 3	3 Gr.6 Drama Day 4	4 Smudging Group Day 5	5 Day 6	6
 <p>Squad 2 patrols</p> <p>→</p>	7 Day 1	8 Last Gr.5 Drama Rm. 6 Swimming 1:30-2:30 Day 2	9 Gr.6 Drama Day 3	10 Smudging Group Winter Concert 1:30/6:30pm Day 4	11 Day 5	12 13
 <p>Squad 1 patrols</p> <p>→</p> 	14 Day 6	15 Day 1	16 Gr.6 Drama Day 2	17 Student Pancake Breakfast Smudging Group Day 3	18 Last day of school! Day 4	19 20
<p>21</p> <p>Winter Solstice</p> 	22 <p>Winter Break</p> <p>→</p>	23	24 <p>CHRISTMAS EVE</p>	25 <p>Christmas Day</p>	26 <p>HAPPY KWANZAA</p>	27
28	29 <p>Winter Break</p> <p>→</p>	30	31 	<p>Have a safe and Happy Holiday Season!</p>		