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Newsletter

INKSTER SCHOOL

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Top News of the Month

Colder weather and snow have arrived! With that, brings the need for students to dress in warm winter wear. Please ensure all student clothing, especially boots, ski-pants and jackets are labelled with your child's name. Student mix-ups happen and it is your child's responsibility to be accountable for their personal items. As per WSD policy, indoor recess only occurs when the temperature from Environment Canada is colder than -27°C (at the Forks) with the windchill. Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately to play outside.

With only three weeks of school in December, the month is sure to pass by quickly especially with many school events like the Inkster School Parent Advisory Committee meeting on December 2, Parent-Teacher Conferences on December 4 (3:30-8pm) and December 5 (9-11am) and of course our highly anticipated Winter Concert on Wednesday, December 17 (1:30pm & 6pm). December 19 is the last day of school before Winter Break.

Spirit week December 15-19 will bring out everyone's festive holiday spirit! Dec.15: ugly sweater, Dec.16: festive hat, Dec.17: concert best, Dec.18: wear red and green, Dec.19: PJ Day!

On behalf of all staff, we wish you a wonderful winter holiday and Happy New Year packed with family, friends and fun!

Sincerely,
N. De Luca

December Events

Dec. 2 -Parent Council Meeting (ISPAC) 6pm

Dec. 2 -Report Cards emailed

Dec. 4 -Parent-Teacher Conferences (3:30-8pm)

Dec. 5 -NO SCHOOL-Parent-Teacher Conferences (9-11am)

Dec. 15-19 -Spirit Week

Dec. 17 -Winter Concert (1:30pm & 6pm)

Looking ahead to January:

Jan. 5 - School Resumes

Jan. 6 - ISPAC meeting 6pm

Jan. 28 - Family Night

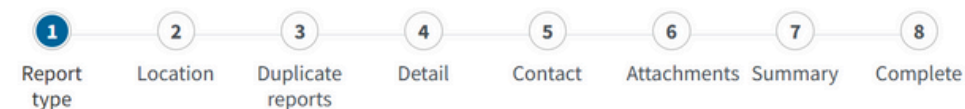
Jan. 30 - Gr. 5/6 Winter Camp at Camp Manitou

Many complaints have been reported by community regarding the unsafe driving/parking habits of Inkster families stopping or parking on the wrong side of Lansdowne at dismissal times. For everyone's safety, please **follow all traffic regulations around the school and be a positive role model for others.**



Parking/traffic violations can be reported to the City of Winnipeg by phoning 311 or online at https://forms.winnipeg.ca/form/auto/pa_parkinginfraction_vof?locale=en

Report school roadway congestion



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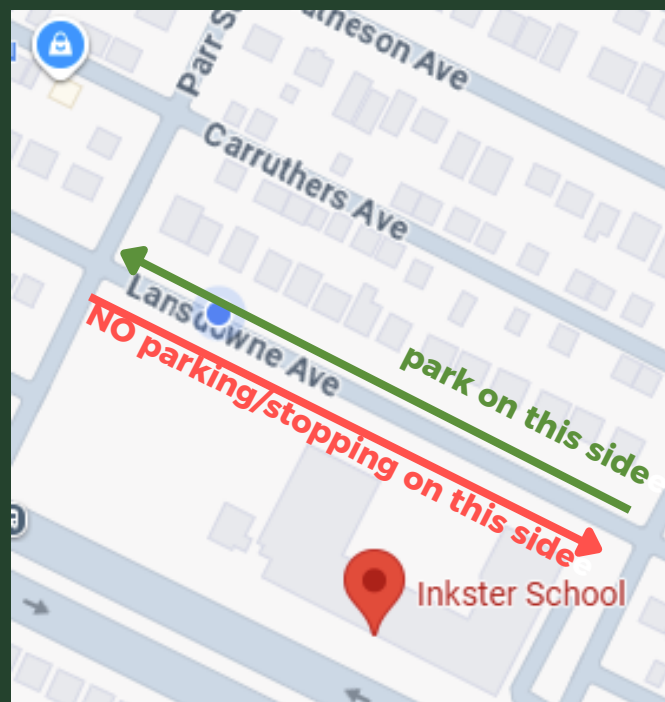
Where is the violation happening?

School roadway congestion

- Reporting roadway congestion around a school during the morning or afternoon drop off and pick up times due to parked cars around the school
- Traffic violations such as making illegal turns, not observing traffic controls or other, contact Winnipeg Police Non-Emergency at English: 204-986-6222 or French: 204-986-7705

In following the rules of the road, as well as safe pick up and drop off practices, parents picking up children in their vehicles should park on the correct side of the street and walk across Lansdowne Ave to greet their child rather than allowing them to run across the road. Parking on the correct side of Lansdowne allows for traffic to flow properly from Parr St. driving towards McKenzie St.

There are also many other places to park on the east side of Lansdowne, Inkster and Parr.



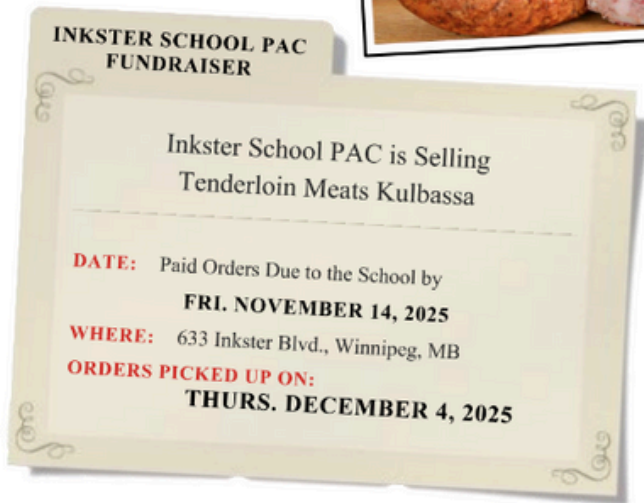
Symbols of Remembrance

The Remembrance Day Assembly always demonstrates student learning around peace, honor, bravery, sacrifice and remembrance. While I missed the assembly, the symbols of remembrance remained in the hallways for the month of November.



PICK UP

Orders placed for the kulbassa fundraiser will be sent home Thursday, December 4 or available for pick up at Parent-Teacher conferences.



KOATS FOR KIDS

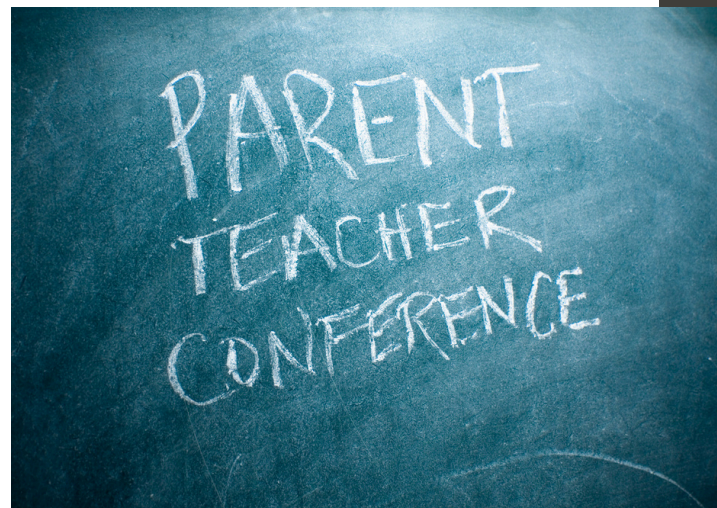
Need winter gear? Please call the school or email lforrest@wsd1.org to request a winter coat or boots on your behalf.



REGISTER NOW

Parent-Teacher Conferences
Thursday, December 4 and Friday,
December 5.

Book your conference time through School Interviews until noon n December 4.



Thursday, December 4
3:30-8pm

Friday, December 5
9-11am

Winter Celebrations

People all around the world celebrate many different winter traditions around this time of year.



Hanukkah

Hanukkah, is an eight-day winter “festival of lights,” which begins each year on the 25th day of the Jewish calendar month of Kislev. For this reason, Hanukkah can range from late November to late December. The festival celebrates the triumph of light over darkness and spirituality over materiality. It commemorates the miracle oil that lasted eight days (despite only having enough oil remaining to last for one day) in the ancient temple. This miracle is recognized by the ritual lighting of the menorah. It holds eight candles—one to light for each day of the festival. Hanukkah is a time for reflection, gratitude and spending time with loved ones.

Kwanzaa



Kwanzaa, is not a religious holiday but a week-long cultural celebration of African heritage, values, promotes community and upliftment between December 26-January 1. Families light a candle for each day of the celebration to represent seven essential principles: unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity and faith. A feast, typically December 31, is a highlight of celebrations and features traditional food, music, storytelling and dance.



Christmas

Christmas is celebrated on December 25 each year by Christians commemorating the birth of Jesus Christ and by non-Christians as a seasonal holiday. Many families celebrate Orthodox Christmas which follows the Julian calendar causing Christmas to fall on a day other than December 25. This year, Orthodox Christmas falls on January 7, 2026. The traditions around Christmas vary widely from country to country and home to home. Popular traditions include decorating trees and homes with lights, gift giving, gathering with loved ones for special meals and acts of generosity and hope.

Winter Solstice

The winter solstice, occurring on December 21, is the shortest day and longest night of the year. It is a significant time for Indigenous peoples in Canada, marked by traditions of gathering, storytelling, and honoring the natural world. For many Indigenous cultures, it is a moment to connect with ancestors, share stories, and celebrate the cycles of nature. This time is often seen as an opportunity to reflect, express gratitude for the past year and set intentions for the future.

Room 9 Super Writers!

The kindergarten students in room 9 are a class of Super Writers! Students get the time to work on writing several times a week. Through modelled writing, shared writing, and daily opportunities to talk, tell stories and explore, students are learning to think of an idea, draw a picture that matches, and then add writing to their pictures to tell a story. Every child has an entry point in writing. Some students are making random marks on the page, some are using beginning letters to label their drawings, and others are using a combination of known words and letter sounds to write sentences! Students are able to sit quietly and stay on task, writing for 10 minutes straight! It is so lovely to watch all the students work so hard and focused. I cannot wait to see how they will progress as the year goes on!

News From Room 9

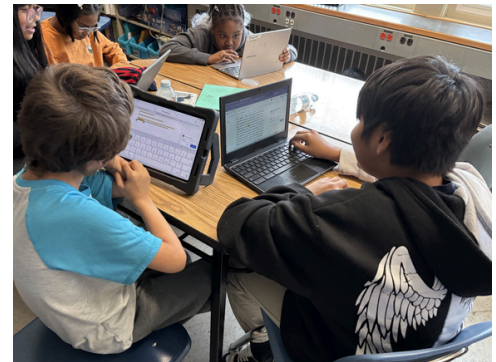
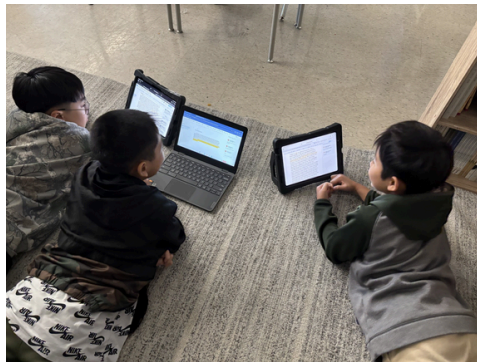


This month, Room 4 has been working hard on planning and creating their fictional stories. Students developed detailed plans, created storyboards, and have now begun writing their narratives. They have also been practicing how to give constructive feedback to their peers and, just as importantly, how to apply that feedback to improve their work. In addition, students have been using an editing checklist to make sure they meet all the criteria for strong writing.

Students have also been engaged in two research projects. One focused on battles Canada participated in during World War I or II, and the other being the five kingdoms of living things. After completing their research, students created presentations and shared their learning with their classmates.

We also enjoyed an exciting learning experience sparked by the appearance of the Northern Lights. After so many of us saw them recently, our curiosity grew! We watched videos to learn how the Northern Lights occur, checked forecasts to find out when they might reappear, and many students were able to view them that same day. Following this, the class created artwork inspired by the beautiful colours and movement of the aurora.

News From Room 4



- **Mobile Vision Clinic is Coming!**



The Mobile Vision Care Clinic (MVCC) will be coming to Inkster once again on February 17. Consent forms will be sent home the first week of January. All students with completed forms will receive a comprehensive eye exam at school by a certified optometrist at no cost to families.

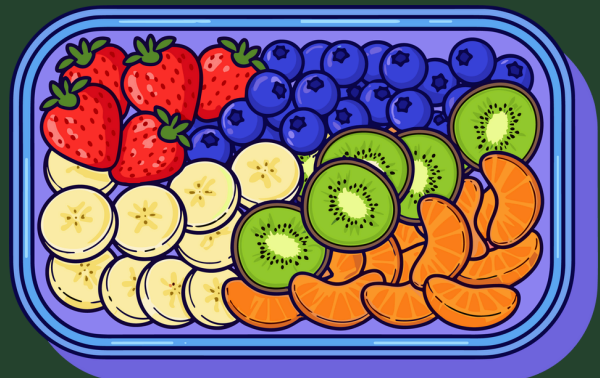
➤ **Lost and Found**

Stop by the Lost and Found and have a look for your child's missing items. Any items not claimed by December 5th will be donated.



- **Whole School Snack Begins**

Students are loving the snack options made available to them each morning on the grab-and-go carts! Starting Wednesday, December 3rd an additional snack will be provided for students in their classroom as a morning snack option.



Inkster School Parent Advisory Council (ISPAC)

ISPAC works on behalf of all parents and guardians to discuss educational matters, assist in fundraisers and be involved in our children's education to support a high-quality education and school experience.

The Inkster School Parent Advisory Council is a group of parents selected by vote each year to represent parent views. Parent Councils have an important role to play in school improvement by ensuring that the parental perspective is represented.

We meet once a month for approximately one hour.

Executive Members

ISPAC Chair

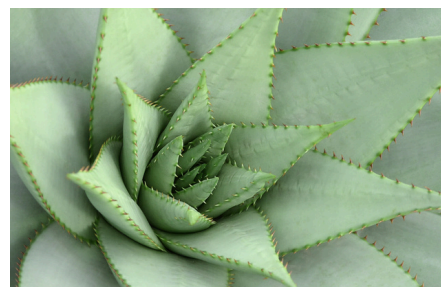
Meagan Berry

ISPAC Co-Chair, Treasurer, Secretary

Kaylee Childs
Kelsey Petkau

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Meeting Dates

December 2
January 6
February 3

March 3
April 7
May 5
June 2

ALL MEETINGS ARE AT 6PM IN THE SCHOOL LIBRARY

The North District Advisory Committee is an Advisory Committee to the Board of Trustees, which includes Parent Council representatives from all schools in the North District. In accordance with the Board's guidelines, the Advisory Committee is to include one parent representative selected by the Parent Council of each school. The Committee meeting schedule for the 2025/2026 school year is as follows:

Tuesday, January 27, 2026, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. – Luxton School (111 Polson Ave)
Tuesday, April 28, 2026, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. – Isaac Newton School (730 Aberdeen Ave)

If you wish to be the official parent representative on the North District Advisory Committee for Inkster School, please ensure you are at the next ISPAC meeting to be voted/selected.

Important Dates to Remember

NO SCHOOL ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

September 2	Non-Instructional Day	February 2	Non-Instructional Day
September 30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation	February 16	Louis Riel Day
October 8	Non-Instructional Day	March 20	Student Led Conferences
October 13	Thanksgiving Day	April 10	Non-Instructional Day
October 24	Non-Instructional Day	May 8	Non-Instructional Day
November 11	Remembrance Day	May 18	Victoria Day
November 21	Non-Instructional Day	June 26	Non-Instructional Day
December 5	Parent -Teacher Conferences		

SCHOOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Tuesday, September 2	Meet The Teacher – 4:30pm to 6:00pm
Wednesday, September 3	First Day of Classes
Thursday, September 11	Common Area Training
Friday, September 12	Picture Day
Mon-Fri, September 15-19	PBIS Reinforcement Week
Tues-Thurs, September 23-25	Kindergarten/ New to Division Hearing Screening
Monday, September 29	Orange Shirt Day
Wednesday, October 15	Bus Ridership AM & PM
Thursday, October 23	Family Night
Tuesday, October 28	Picture Retakes (AM only)
Monday, November 10	Remembrance Day Assembly -AM
Tuesday, December 2	Report Cards Emailed Home
Thursday, December 4	Parent -Teacher Conferences - Evening
Friday, December 5	Parent-Teacher Conferences - Morning
Mon-Fri, Dec. 15-19	Spirit Week
Wednesday, December 17	Winter Concert
Friday, December 19	Last Day Classes before Winter Break
Monday, January 5	School re-opens
Thursday, January 8	Common Area Training
Mon-Fri, Jan. 12-16	PBIS Reinforcement Week
Thursday, January 29	Family Night
February	I Love to Read and Write/ Literacy/ Black History/ Metis Heritage Month
Tuesday, February 17	Mobile Vision Clinic
Friday, March 6	Winter Fun Day
Tuesday, March 17	Report Cards Emailed Home
Thursday, March 19	Student Led Conferences - Evening
Friday, March 20	Student Led Conferences - Morning
Mon-Fri, Mar. 23-27	Spirit Week
Friday, March 27	Last Day of Classes before Spring Break
Monday, April 6	School Resumes
Wednesday, April 8	Day of Pink Pancake Breakfast & Assembly
Thursday, April 9	Common Area Training
Mon-Thurs, April 13-17	PBIS Reinforcement Week
Wednesday, April 20	Bus Ridership
Tuesday, May 5	Red Shirt Day
Thursday, June 4	WSD Pow Wow
Friday, June 12	Field Day
Wednesday, June 24	Grade 6 Farewell – PM
Thursday, June 25	Report Cards Emailed Home (date change)
Tuesday, June 30	Last day of school – 11:30am dismissal

December

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
	Day 2 1	Day 3 2 Report Cards	Day 4 3 Fiddle Club Insect Club	Day 5 4 Parent-Teacher Conference 3:30-8pm Indigenous Dance	Day 6 5 Parent-Teacher Conference 9-11am NO SCHOOL	
	Day 1 8	Day 2 9 Am 4 & 5 to MTYP 12-3pm	Day 3 10 Fiddle Club	Day 4 11 Insect Club Indigenous Dance	Day 5 12	
	Day 6 15	Day 1 16	Day 2 17 Winter Concert 1:30 & 6pm	Day 3 18	Day 4 19 Last day of classes	
Spirit Week:	Ugly Sweater	Festive Hat	Concert Best	Wear Red/Green	PJ Day	
<div>    </div> <p>School resumes Jan. 5</p>						

Merry
CHRISTMAS!

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