

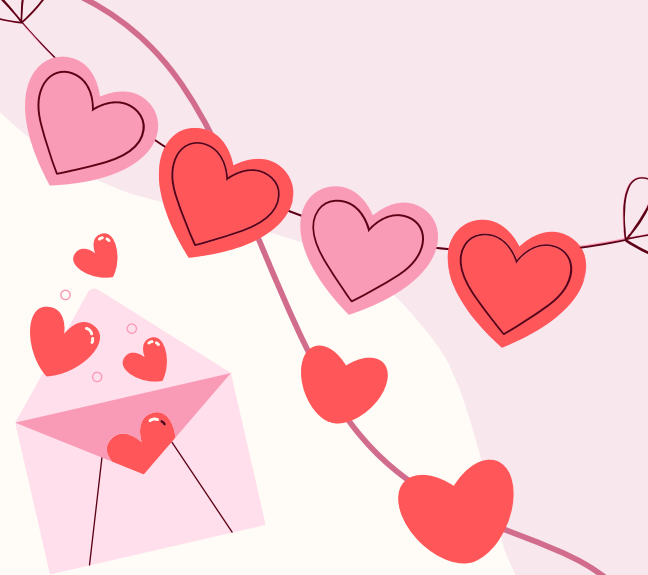
# FEBRUARY Newsletter

## KEEWATIN PRAIRIE COMMUNITY SCHOOL

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## Message from Administration

### A Warm and Active Start to 2026

January may be one of the coldest months of the year, but at Keewatin Prairie, the learning, activity, and community spirit have been anything but cold. Students and staff have embraced a lively and meaningful start to 2026 through sports, cultural learning, hands-on experiences, and school-wide celebrations.

### Basketball Season Heats Up

The new year kicked off with the excitement of basketball season. Our Grade 7/8 boys teams, coached by Ms. Ablao and Mr. Gullden, are off to a strong and determined start. With two practices and games each week, students are sharpening their basketball skills while developing teamwork, resilience, and confidence. Alongside athletic training, players participate in team classroom sessions focused on mental toughness—building confidence, accepting challenges, staying in control, and leading with strong character. Sportsmanship and responsibility as student-athletes continue to be an important focus. We are also proud to have a Grade 5/6 boys and girls team participating in the Inner City Basketball League, gaining valuable experience and representing Keewatin Prairie with pride.

### Learn to Skate Program

Our Grade 3 students showed tremendous courage and growth during our Learn to Skate program this month. Many began with shaky steps but quickly built confidence and skill. A team will be selected to represent Keewatin Prairie at the WSD Skate Race at Canada Life Centre on February 18. We are very proud of their progress.

### Hands-On Learning Across Grades

January has been full of experiential learning across classrooms. In Electronics & Design, Grade 7 and 8 students explored basic electronics by experimenting with circuits, resistors, and other components. In Graphic Arts, students designed their own custom high-top shoes, blending creativity with thoughtful planning and design principles.

Grade 6 students spent time at Niji Mahkwa School, where they cooked traditional Métis dishes and built a woodworking project using both hand tools and power tools. These experiences strengthened cultural learning and hands-on skills.

Grade 6 classes also visited the Inner City Science Centre for two full days of learning. Students explored microscopes, investigated electricity, and even made homemade ice cream—a highlight of the experience.

### Middle Years Book Club Launch

Our Middle Years Book Club launched this month with its first novel, *Hopeless in Hope*. Students are already engaged in lively discussion, deep thinking, and thoughtful questions. Book clubs like this help students share ideas, build community, and explore stories in meaningful ways—complete with snacks to fuel the conversation.

### **Ivan Flett Memorial Dancers**

We were honoured to host the Ivan Flett Memorial Dancers, whose phenomenal performance filled our school with energy, talent, and tradition. Students were captivated from start to finish, experiencing culture through movement, music, and storytelling.

### **Winter Fun at FortWhyte Alive**

Grade 5 students embraced the season during their unforgettable day at FortWhyte Alive. They enjoyed tobogganing, snowshoeing, roasting marshmallows, the blanket toss, tug-of-war, and even the seal race. Despite the cold, the day was filled with joy, laughter, and connection with nature.

### **Staff Learning with Tasha Spillett**

Staff had the honour of learning with Tasha Spillett, New York Times bestselling author. She shared her wisdom, stories, and “glimmers,” inspiring us to continue honouring students’ identities, lived experiences, and stories. It was a heartfelt and powerful professional development experience.

### **School-Wide Olympic Unit**

We are excited to participate in a school-wide Olympic Unit this month. Each class from Nursery to Grade 8 has selected a country to represent, and over a three-week period, students will explore movement-based Olympic activities, learning connected to their chosen country, and core Olympic values such as perseverance, teamwork, respect, and fair play. Some activities will take place outdoors, so please ensure students are dressed appropriately on PE and activity days. The celebration will conclude with a Closing Ceremony on **February 26** and an Olympic Field Day on **February 27**. This school-wide initiative promotes spirit, cultural awareness, and active participation.

### **Festival du Voyageur – February 13**

On Thursday, **February 13**, students from Nursery to Grade 6 will participate in approximately 1.5 hours of Indigenous games and winter activities as part of our Festival du Voyageur celebration. Students will also enjoy bannock and hot chocolate. Families are asked to ensure students come prepared with warm coats, mitts, hats, boots, and snow pants so they can fully enjoy the outdoor experience.

### **Pink Shirt Day – February 25**

On **February 25**, Keewatin Prairie will participate in Pink Shirt Day, a day dedicated to standing up against bullying and promoting kindness, empathy, and inclusion. Students and staff are encouraged to wear pink to show their commitment to creating a safe, caring, and respectful school community. Throughout the day, classrooms will participate in learning activities focused on kindness, compassion, the impact of our words and actions, celebrating diversity, and how to be an “upstander” rather than a bystander.

### **Thank You**

Our Winter has been joyful, active, and inspiring at Keewatin Prairie. Thank you to our students, families, and staff for your continued commitment to making our school a vibrant, supportive, and engaging place to learn—even in the heart of winter

## **Upcoming Events**

- No school: February 2
- No School Louis Riel Day  
February 16
- Pink Shirt Day February 25

## **Breakfast Program Information**

Students are welcome to come through our front doors between 8:30 AM and 9:00 AM for breakfast



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### February:

Feb. 2 – Professional Development Day for Staff – No Classes

Feb. 16 – Louis Riel Day – No School

Feb. 25 – Pink Shirt Day

### March:

March 3 – Grade 8 Farewell Photos

March 19 – PM – Family Conferences

March 20 – Family Conferences – No Classes

March 30 – April 3, 2026 – Spring Break

### April:

April 6 – School Reopens

April 10 – Professional Development Day for Staff – No Classes

### May:

May 5 - Red Dress Day

May 6 – PM - Spring Concert – Grades 1-8

May 8 – Professional Development Day for Staff – No Classes

May 18 – Victoria Day – No School

### June:

June 19 – Professional Development Day for Staff – No Classes

June 24 – PM - Farewell Celebration – Grade 8 students

June 25 – Grade 8 Farewell (students and families)

June 30 - Last Day of School – Early Dismissal



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Please ensure that your child arrives at school every day. If your child is going to be absent, please use our Safe Arrival system to report their absence. You can report absences the following ways:



1-855-278-4513 - Call the toll-free, interactive telephone system.



go.schoolmessenger.ca - Set up your Parent Portal account, then log in.





Safe Arrival App - Set up your Parent Portal account, download the Apple or Android app, then log in.



Students cannot leave the school during school hours on their own. If your child needs to leave school before regular dismissal times, a guardian must be called for Middle School students. Elementary families must pick students up from the office and sign them out.



**FEBRUARY 2026**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 / Day 1 Non-Instructional	3 / Day 2	4 / Day 3	5 / Day 4	6 / Day 5	7
8	9 / Day 6	10 / Day 1	11 / Day 2	12 / Day 3	13 / Day 4	14
15	16 Louis Riel Day 	17 / Day 5	18 / Day 6	19 / Day 1	20 / Day 2	21
22	23 / Day 3	24 / Day 4	25 / Day 5 Pink Shirt Day 	26 / Day 6	27 / Day 1	28

**MARCH 2026**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 / Day 2	3 / Day 3 Gr. 8 Farewell photos 	4 / Day 4	5 / Day 5	6 / Day 6	7
8	9 / Day 1	10 / Day 2	11 / Day 3	12 / Day 4	13 / Day 5	14
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22	23 / Day 5	24 / Day 6	25 / Day 1	26 / Day 2	27 / Day 3	28
29	30 Spring Break Starts	31 				

# Housing and I.D. Resource Event

February 12, 2026, 3:30 to 6:00 p.m.  
R. B. Russell Vocational High School  
364 Dufferin Avenue

Winnipeg School Division and End Homelessness Winnipeg are hosting events to help our community members get income and housing supports they qualify for. Join us to receive on-site sign-up services and information on available resources for individuals and families.

To sign up for services you will need some ID such as:

- Manitoba Health Card
- Government Issued Photo ID
- Proof of Income/Option C
- Current Tenancy Agreement
- Direct Deposit/Banking Information
- EIA Budget Letter
- Proof of Status/Residency
- Completed Guarantor Form

If you are unsure of which documents you will need to bring, or if you require assistance in filling out forms please contact:

Kasia (Katarzyna) Guzzi  
Community Support Program  
Coordinator  
[kguzzi@wsd1.org](mailto:kguzzi@wsd1.org)  
204-788-0203







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**720Alverstone Street,Winnipeg**

# OPEN HOUSE

**Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**6 pm to 8 pm**

Discover the educational opportunities at DMCI! Join us for a tour of our classrooms and enjoy performances by our talented performing arts groups. Uncover the diverse extracurricular, sports, and enrichment opportunities available at Daniel Mac. Connect with our dedicated teachers and learn how we can assist your student in reaching new heights.

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- Medical Professionals Program
- Champion Sports Teams
- Award-Winning Performing Arts
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 information

Catchment area students may now register for the 2026-2027 school year