

# GLADSTONE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## APRIL 2026

### IMPORTANT DATES

Apr 6 – CLASSES RESUME

Apr 6 – Family Library Night  
(3:30 pm - 5:00 pm)

Apr 10 – NO CLASSES  
(Non-Instructional Day)

Apr 20 – Family Library Night  
(3:30 pm - 5:00 pm)

Apr 22 – Earth Day

Dear Gladstone Families,

It was so exciting to see families come out to the school this past week to enjoy the talent show with us. The variety of special abilities demonstrated by our students (and some staff members) brought so much joy to our community. It was amazing to hear everyone singing 'Waving Flag' to start the show off, to see the audience joining the performers in a dance routine or just to feel the amazing energy when everyone cheered and celebrated along with those who had the courage to step up and perform. I also loved how different cultures were highlighted. I watched one dance group with students from all over the world performing together and my heart swelled. This is what we can do to combat the messages of fear and hate that seem to be getting so much airtime in the media.

It reminded me of the beautiful philosophy of *Ubuntu* that a friend from Southern Africa shared with me. Ubuntu, he told me, means "I am because you are" - that we are all interconnected and that we can't be human all by ourselves. This resonated deeply with me and is what I feel often at Gladstone. It also has a strong connection to The Honorable Murray Sinclair's four guiding questions:

- Who am I?
- Where do I come from?
- Why am I here?
- Where am I going?

These questions, he believed, can help each of us to find our true identity and deepen our sense of belonging. He stated that

*"true belonging means there are people around you who will help you when you need it - and you, in turn, will help them".*

At Gladstone we come from so many different countries – with over 30 different languages spoken in our homes. This diversity can be challenging to navigate at times as we may have different lived experiences, worldviews and beliefs but there is a richness to it as well. We have the opportunity to work together as a school and community to support our students and families as we learn with and from each other. Thank you so much for your partnership in this!

Sincerely,

- Mr. Nikkel



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Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
			1	2	3	4
			<b>SPRING BREAK</b>	<b>SPRING BREAK</b>	<b>SPRING BREAK</b>	
5	6 <b>Day 4</b> <b>BACK TO SCHOOL</b> <b>LIBRARY NIGHT</b> <b>(3:30-5:00 pm)</b>	7 <b>Day 5</b>	8 <b>Day 6</b>	9 <b>Day 1</b>	10 <b>Day 2</b> <b>NO CLASSES</b> <b>(Non-Instructional Day)</b>	11
12	13 <b>Day 3</b>	14 <b>Day 4</b>	15 <b>Day 5</b>	16 <b>Day 6</b>	17 <b>Day 1</b>	18
19	20 <b>Day 2</b> <b>LIBRARY NIGHT</b> <b>(3:30-5:00 pm)</b>	21 <b>Day 3</b>	22 <b>Day 4</b> <b>EARTH DAY</b> 	23 <b>Day 5</b>	24 <b>Day 6</b>	25
26	27 <b>Day 1</b>	28 <b>Day 2</b>	29 <b>Day 3</b>	30 <b>Day 4</b>		

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# AROUND THE SCHOOL

## PERFORMING ARTS

Thank you to all the students who participated in the Gladstone Talent Show and to the families who supported their kids at home and as an audience. I was very impressed with the variety of talents Gladstone students possess.

Thank you to Ms. Suzu and Ms. Patricia from the Manitoba Chamber Orchestra for sharing the joys of the Cello and Clarinet with us.

On April 16<sup>th</sup> we will be welcoming the Red Lotus Korean Culture Art and Dance members to our school to share their artistry.

For the months of April, May and June we will be focusing on dance in the Performing Arts. This means students need to come prepared to move. For safety reasons students need to be wearing runners or dance shoes (no crocs, heels or sandals) and t-shirts. Hoodies can be dangerous with the floor movements we will be doing.

Looking forward to another fun and creative month at Gladstone!

\_Ms. Cook-dowsett (Ms. Cd)



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# COMMUNITY NEWS



**BECC**  
BLACK EXPERIENCE COLLECTIVE

# UNITY GALA

**A CELEBRATION OF BLACK ACHIEVEMENT**

**April 17, 2026**  
**6:00 to 8:30 P.M. — Doors open at 5:30 P.M.**  
**Tec Voc High School**  
**1555 Wall Street**

Celebrate the achievements, leadership, creativity, and service of Black students and staff across Winnipeg School Division. Enjoy performances, awards, exhibits and refreshments.

 REGISTER ONLINE

 WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION

*Joy  
Love  
Respect  
WSD.*

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