

# DAVID LIVINGSTONE SCHOOL



## NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2025

### Important Reminders

***Report Absences/  
Lates to  
204-586-8346***

**Students need to  
enter through their  
assigned doors.**

***ALL DOORS WILL BE  
LOCKED OUTSIDE OF  
PICKUP/DROP OFF  
TIMES. PLEASE USE  
FRONT DOORS TO  
ENTER IF LATE.***

***This is a nut/peanut  
free school.***

**Remember to dress  
for the weather!**

### Message to Families

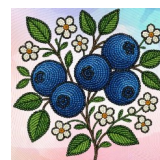
Dear Families,

As we welcome January at David Livingstone School, we enter a season of reflection, renewal, and quiet strength. In many worldviews, winter is a time for rest, storytelling, and listening—a moment to pause, turn inward, and gather wisdom from one another.

January invites us to recognize the resilience we are born with, and the knowledge and traditions that have endured across generations. Through classroom activities, discussions, and shared experiences, students continue to build understanding, respect, and appreciation for diverse perspectives and ways of knowing.

We are grateful for the partnership we share with families and the broader community. Together, we nurture a learning environment rooted in respect, care, and belonging, where every child's story is valued.

Mr. Clarke  
Principal



Ms. Martinez  
Vice-Principal

# DAVID LIVINGSTONE COMMUNITY SCHOOL



# SCHOOL TREATY

# DAVID LIVINGSTONE SCHOOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2025-2026

## February

- 2 No School
- 16 Louis Riel Day—HOLIDAY School Closed

## March

- 5 Winter Carnival
- 6 No School
- 19 Student-led Conferences—4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
- 20 Student-led Conferences—No School
- 23 Reports Go Home
- 23-27 Spirit Week
- 27 Movie Day
- 30-3 SPRING BREAK

## April

- 6 School re-opens
- 8 Day of Pink
- 10 No School
- 14 Spring Classroom Photos
- 22 Spring Concert Grade 5-8
- 23 Bus Ridership

## May

- 5 Red Dress Day
- 8 No School
- 18 Victoria Day—No School
- 27 Volunteer Celebration—10:30 AM

## June

- 5 Divisional Pow Wow
- 11 Field Day
- 16 N/K Celebration
- 17 Award Day Grade 1-7
- 18 Grade 8 Farewell
- 19 Report Cards go home
- 21 National Indigenous Peoples Day
- 24 Community BBQ 1:00-2:30 PM
- 30 Last Day of School—Dismissal at 11:30 AM



### DAVID LIVINGSTONE SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

*David Livingstone School is committed to working together with the community to prepare students for the challenges of the future by providing a safe, supportive environment, reflecting the diverse needs, cultures, abilities and interests of our students while striving for academic excellence.*

# Important Dates

<b>January 4</b>	<b>National Ribbon Skirt Day</b>
<b>January 5</b>	<b>School Re-opens after Winter Break</b>
<b>January 7</b>	<b>Family Gathering 3:45 pm– 4:30 pm</b>
<b>January 6, 7, 8</b>	<b>Hearing Screening</b>
<b>January 31</b>	<b>No School</b>

## Attendance Facts

- Students need to be present to learn. Attending regularly helps children feel better about school.
- Students who miss **only 15 days a year** will end up missing a **full year of school** by grade 12.
- A student with 90% attendance (missing 2 days a month) will miss **4 weeks of school per year!** This can make it harder to learn to read.
- Being only **10 minutes late** each day equals **6 missed days** of instruction over the year. Children who miss too many days in kindergarten and grade one **often have trouble mastering reading.**



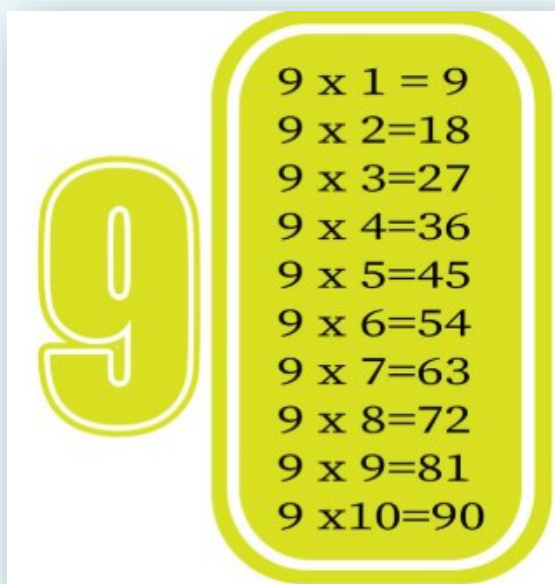
Students in Grade 5/6 Rm 11 have been hard at work learning and refining their knowledge of their multiplication facts up to  $9 \times 9$ . In the weeks leading up to the break, they played games in partners and small groups. Not only did they practice their math facts, but they also practiced their skills of communication and collaboration.

Looking ahead to the new year, Rm 11 will be going on 2 Field Trips:

-February 24 - **Manitoba Museum**

-March 18 - **Project 11- Manitoba Moose Game Day at Canada Life Centre.**

Ms. Lepla



National Ribbon Skirt Day is celebrated annually on January 4. We recognize this day as an opportunity to understand the importance of cultural expression, ensuring Indigenous teachings and values are celebrated and understood across generations. This day honours Indigenous women, girls, and gender-diverse people, highlighting the cultural significance and strength embodied by the ribbon skirt.

### **The Ribbon Skirt**

Ribbon skirts are a representation of Indigenous identity, resilience, and heritage. Their vibrant colours and intricate designs are a symbol of pride and deep connection to the land. They are adorned with ribbons, each carrying personal, cultural, or spiritual significance to their wearer.

### **About this day**

This day commemorates the experience of Isabella Kulak, an Indigenous student from Cote First Nation in Saskatchewan, who was shamed for wearing a ribbon skirt to a formal dress day at her school. In 2022, Isabella's experience sparked a wave of global solidarity and inspired the enactment of the National Ribbon Skirt Day Act in Canada.



## Grade 3/4 Class – Highlights

Our Grade 3/4 class had a wonderful December full of laughter, fun, and memory-making! Thanks to Heavy Construction Santa, all students in Grades 1–4 received generous gifts, and we are so grateful for this thoughtful donation. Our class had a great time playing with our gifts, sharing holiday treats, and celebrating the season together. It was a joyful way to end the year and create memories we will always treasure!





## Ribbon Skirt Club – Volunteers Welcome

Our Ribbon Skirt Club is a special time for students to learn, create, and connect through teachings that honour Indigenous culture and traditions. We are looking for **family members who may be able to volunteer one lunch hour a week** to help support this meaningful work. Your presence and guidance would be greatly appreciated as we walk alongside our students in celebrating identity, culture, and creativity.

If you are interested, please contact the school office 204-586-8346 or come on down, we would love to have you join us.



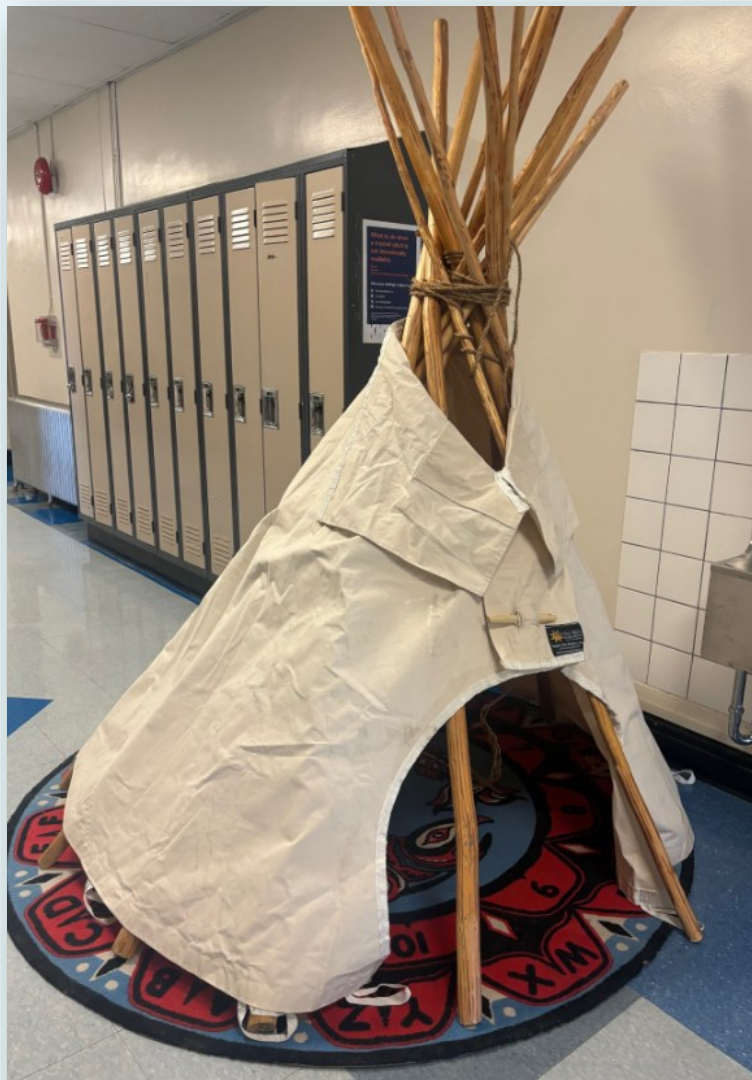


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## Learning Through the Tipi at David Livingstone School

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Our 6-foot tipi at David Livingstone School is more than a structure, it's a place of learning and connection. This year, our Leadership Group has been sharing the teachings of the tipi with younger students, guiding them on its cultural significance and showing classes how to set it up. Through these hands-on experiences, students gain a deeper understanding of Indigenous traditions, community, and the importance of working together.



## Three stylized fireworks are depicted in the top right corner. One is blue, one is red, and one is yellow, all with radiating lines representing sparks.

A festive blue and white illustration of a winter scene. The background is a light blue gradient with falling snowflakes. In the center, the words "HAPPY NEW YEAR" are written in large, bold, white 3D block letters with a blue outline. Surrounding the text are various winter-themed elements: a small evergreen tree at the top center, several large and small snowflakes, and several round ornaments in different shades of blue and white. The overall mood is celebratory and wintry.



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A X T C Z S M L E R S W  
Y P F B U K D I J N O H  
M Z R S C A R F T L C E  
S N O W J T H S P T K D  
F G Z I C E V N A B S M  
O K E X T U C O L D H Q  
R B N A Y I T W Z P F S  
T Q O D U A G M E L T K  
S C P O H B F A J A N I  
U W I N T E R N K Y G X  
Z A H F M S L E D O B P

boots	hat	plow	slip
coat	ice	scarf	snow
cold	melt	skate	snowman
forts	mitts	ski	socks
frozen	play	sled	winter



The students in Room 13 have been working very hard and were very excited to share their learning with their families during Student-Led Conferences. It was nice to see so many families come to the school and support their children.

As part of their study of the human body systems, specifically the cardiovascular system; the students in room 13 were involved in a WISE KIDnetic workshop, where they were able to participate in the dissection of a pig's heart.

We hope you had a safe holiday break and all the best in the New Year!

Mr. Gillespie

Miss Ester





THINKING OF RETURNING TO SCHOOL?

# Registration

IS NOW *Open*

- Complete grade 12 diploma
- Upgrade for post-secondary
- Strengthen your employment opportunities
- Attend online or in Downtown Winnipeg
- No cost - new & returning students welcome

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## School Start Times

David Livingstone School offers a Breakfast program for grades N-8 in class from 9:00-9:30 am.

The bell will ring at 8:55 and classes will commence at 9:00.

Lunch is from 12:00-12:55. End of the day dismissal is at 3:30pm.

## January 2026 in the Gym

For the month of January in the gym, students in Rooms 1,2,4,5 and 6 will work on manipulation skills. Rolling, bouncing and catching will be our focus. When rolling we want to hold the ball with one hand, backswing and follow through with the rolling hand. The bounce has us pushing a ball down ahead of the feet while ensuring there is no slap. With the catch we will practice keeping our eyes on the ball and catching with the hands only (not scooping to our chests).

Students in Rooms 10, 11, 13 and 14 will work on the sport of basketball. We will work on passing, catching, dribbling, pivoting and shooting. The sport of basketball was invented by Canadian, James Naismith. He was a teacher who thought it would be a good way to keep children busy while waiting for the baseball season to start. The first players used peach baskets nailed to the wall and a soccer ball. Skilled basketball players have good running and jumping skills, the ability to shoot a ball accurately and a good sense of teamwork and strategy.

## Extra Curricular January Gym Activities

Mondays 12:30	Grade 4-8 Floor Hockey
Thursdays 12:30	Grade 4-6 Basketball Team Practice
Fridays 12:30	Grade 7-8 Basketball Team Practice



# Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) Clinic

This CRA clinic offers one-on-one help. Register to reserve a spot. You can register by phone, online or at any Winnipeg Public Library.

This clinic helps with the following services only:

- Applying for benefits (CCB, GST, DTC)
- Answering personal tax questions (no trusts, business or farming)
- Updating information (address, direct deposit, contact information)
- Printing letters or Proof of Income Statements (Option C)

Registration opens 2 weeks prior to event date at 10 a.m. You can register for one CRA clinic only at a time. On the day of the CRA Clinic, the order of when you are seen will depend on when you check in at the branch. Check in starts 30 minutes prior to the clinic start time. Limited walk-ins will be taken if time allows, or if spots are not yet filled.

**St. Boniface Library** 204-986-4331  
Thursday, Jan. 15 from 1-4 p.m.

**Charleswood Library** 204-986-3072  
Friday, Jan. 23 from 1-4 p.m.

**Henderson Library** 204-986-4314  
Friday, Jan. 30 from 1-4 p.m.  
Tuesday, Feb. 24 from 1-4 p.m.

**Louis Riel Library** 204-986-4573  
Wednesday, Jan. 21 from 1-4 p.m.

**Millennium Library** 204-986-6489  
Wednesday, Jan. 7 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Wednesday, Feb. 4 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.  
\*Drop-in only. No registration.

**Osborne Library** 204-986-4775  
Monday, Feb. 2 from 1-4 p.m.

**Pembina Trail Library** 204-986-4369  
Tuesday, Jan. 20 from 1-4 p.m.  
Wednesday, Feb. 25 from 1-4 p.m.

**St. James-Assiniboia Library** 204-986-3424  
Friday, Jan. 9 from 1-4 p.m.  
Friday, Feb. 13 from 1-4 p.m.

**St. John's Library** 204-986-4689  
Wednesday, Jan. 7 from 1-4 p.m.  
Wednesday, Feb. 4 from 1-4 p.m.

**Sir William Stephenson Library** 204-986-7070  
Monday, Feb. 9 from 1-4 p.m.

**Transcona Library** 204-986-3950  
Thursday, Jan. 8 from 1-4 p.m.  
Friday, Feb. 20 from 1-4 p.m.

Unable to register or have an urgent need? CRA offers services by phone.

- General Enquiries: 1-800-959-8281 (for general questions)
- Benefits Enquiries: 1-800-387-1193 (for questions related to GST and CCB)
- Business Enquiries: 1-800-959-5525 (for questions related to businesses)
- [canada.ca/taxes-help](https://www.canada.ca/taxes-help) (to find someone to get your taxes done for free)



Scan to  
register.















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# JANUARY 2026

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		1	1	2 Winter Break Ends
5 Day 5 School Reopens  Gr.4-8 Floor Hockey @12:30 pm	6 Day 6 Ukulele Club at 12:00 pm  Hockey H.E.R.O.S.	7 Day 1 Family Gathering @ 3:45 pm	8 Day 2 Gr.4-6 Basketball @12:30 pm  Spirit North 	9 Day 3 7/8 Basketball @12:30 pm
H E A R I N G S C R E E N I N G				
12 Day 4 Gr.4-8 Floor Hockey @12:30 pm 	13 Day 5 Ukulele Club at 12:00 pm  Hockey H.E.R.O.S.	14 Day 6	15 Day 1 Gr.4-6 Basketball @12:30 pm  Spirit North 	16 Day 2 7/8 Basketball @12:30 pm 
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