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**INKSTER SCHOOL**

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# Newsletter



## *Top News of the Month*

June is a month of constant activity with learning to squeeze in, the anticipation of warmer weather, the hope of an extended or extra recess from the teacher, the excitement of class trips and the emotional end to a year of learning and being together. There is much to celebrate and reflect on from this school year as we encourage students to see how far they've come. That growth and journey is the result of your partnership with the school, reinforcing and holding high expectations, staff commitment and dedication, and your child's willingness to learn.

Much appreciation goes out to the Inkster School Parent Advisory Council Executive members, Meagan Berry, Kaylee Childs and Kelsey Petkau for their time and commitment in supporting Inkster students in so many ways. We look forward to continuing the work with the new executive members next year.

The mixed emotions will continue for us all as we say goodbye to a few staff members as well. Ms. Colli has announced her retirement and Ms. Kaur has finished her grade 3/4 term with us. Thank you both for your dedication to the students and community! We wish you well on your next adventure! Inkster will welcome Ms. Tien for the Nursery/LST position and Ms. Szurnicki in the grade 3/4 term in September.

Additional changes to staffing and programming include a morning-only Nursery class, a morning-only Kindergarten class, an afternoon Nursery/Kindergarten class and seven other classrooms: 1/2 Ms. Nichols, 1/2 Ms. Gretchen, 2/3 Ms. Miller, 3/4 Ms. Fehr/Ms. Szurnicki, 4/5/6 Mr. Preyma, 5/6 Ms. Bartisz, 6 Mr. Scibak. Mrs. McGregor will continue in Performing Arts/LST, along with Mr. Alves in PE, Ms. Armstrong in Music, and Ms. Idone and Ms. Forrest as LST.

On behalf of all staff, we wish you a restful and wonderful summer holiday!

Sincerely,  
N. De Luca

## June-Events

June 12 - Field Day

June 18 - ISPAC BBQ  
4:30-6:30pm

June 24 - Gr 6 Farewell 1:30pm

June 25 - Report Cards sent

June 26 - NO SCHOOL

June 30 - Last day of  
school 11:30 dismissal

## **Looking ahead to September:**

**September 8 - Teacher/Family  
Meet and Greet 4:30-6pm**

**September 9 - First Day of  
School Grade 1-6**

**September 25 - Picture Day**

**September 30 - NO CLASSES**

# Spring Production

For months, students from all grades and classrooms have been preparing for the Spring Production of "Where the Wild Things Are". The production was a creative blend of various types of puppetry and theatre. We are so proud of all students who worked so hard in creating all the sets, props and costumes and spent so much time practicing their parts! Lots of gratitude for Mrs. McGregor for leading this huge undertaking and to Ms. Armstrong for her support. We hope everyone enjoyed the show!

## WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE



STORY AND PICTURES BY MAURICE SENDAK





# Grade 5 & 6 Camp

The grade 5 and 6 students had their second camp adventure this year at Camp Manitou! Students enjoyed many activities! Much appreciation for the fundraising efforts of ISPAC and the support of the Inkster community to ensure camp experiences remain free for all families!



## Working in Hot Weather

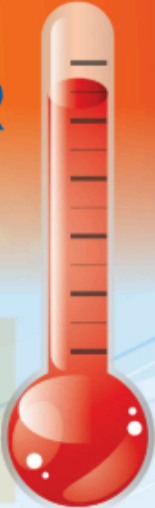
Hot weather can present challenges for parts of our building. All classrooms have 1-2 oscillating fans to create air movement. All classrooms have had blind replacements and repairs to block sunlight. Several areas of the school have air conditioning that classrooms are able to work in. Staff encourage students to stay hydrated and to wear a hat when outside during recess.

## News from Room 36

As part of our Science unit on structures, students in Room 36 explored natural-made structures by learning about and building tipis. Through this hands-on activity, students learned how different designs help keep structures stable and strong. The project also connected to our Indigenous learnings as students discussed the importance of tipis in many First Nations cultures.

# WSD SCHOOLS & HOT WEATHER

Winnipeg School Division has 78 schools, with some being the oldest school buildings in Manitoba. The average age of our school buildings is 70 years old, with 16 buildings over 100 years old.



The cost to install and make all our schools fully air conditioned is approximately **\$130 Million**



- 32** facilities with full air conditioning
- 27** facilities partially air conditioned (i.e. only in modern school additions or gymnasiums).
- 19** facilities with no air conditioning

WSD includes air conditioning upgrades in our yearly 5-Year Capital Plan submissions to the Province.

### Keeping students and staff cool

WSD implements the following techniques:

- Running ventilation systems early in the morning to cool schools before arrival
- Controlling outside air intake during the school day
- Using oscillating fans to create air movement
- Minimizing using overhead lights
- Switching off unused classroom electronics
- Closing shades to block direct sunlight
- Taking cool-down breaks between lessons
- Avoiding excess movement during midday heat
- Encouraging students and staff to stay hydrated
- Checking students and staff for heat-related health symptoms

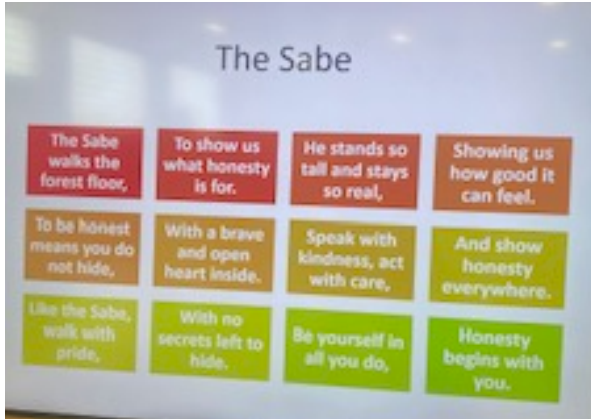
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# Assembly Rm 1



The students from Room 1 shared their learning about all of the Seven Teachings and created beautiful artwork of each of the animals represented. They focused on the sacred teaching of Honesty, represented by the sabe by reading a poem and performing skits.



# Patrols

The School Patrol program is completing another successful year of keeping Inkster students safe on their way to and from school. Many thanks go out to all our patrollers and their supervisors who have shown great dedication to their positions and duties. School Engagement Officers have monitored and judged the Patrols throughout the year on their performance and attention to detail.

We would also like to recognize and thank our grade 6 Patrols as they move on from Inkster.



**Congratulations to our school patrols! The team placed 3<sup>rd</sup> within the WSD, North Division!**



## ● Rooftop update! ●

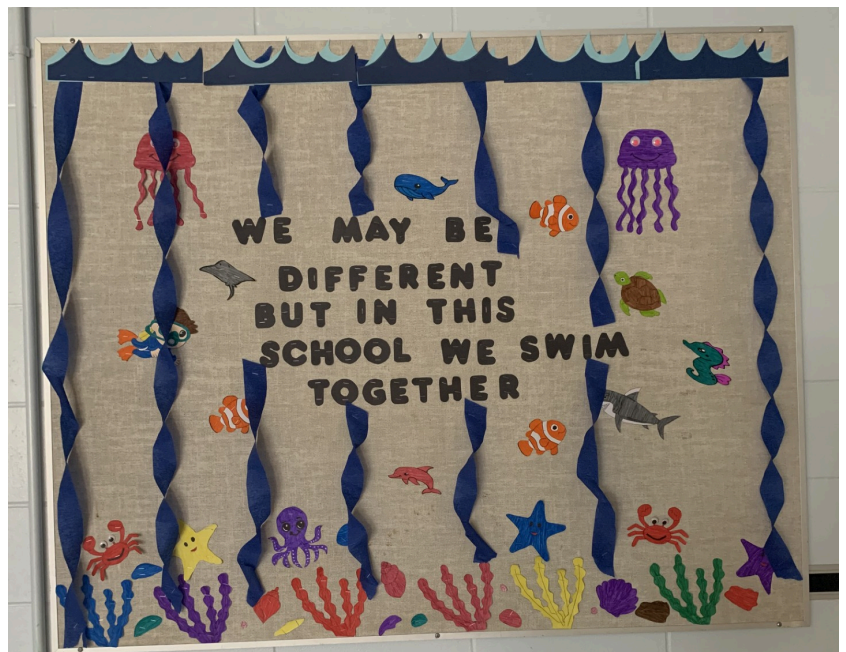
Contractors came to visit Inkster on May 7 after a request for proposals from WSD. No word on which contractor was awarded the contract yet however work is scheduled to begin in July. As a result of the work, the Inkster Community Child Care Centre will use several rooms within the school building while work is being done over the gym.

Once the roof is complete, the next step will be replacement of the gym floor. Conversations with WSD Building Department are ongoing.

WSD WPSH in conjunction with WSD Building Department have addressed concerns related to air quality by conducting air quality testing in several areas of the school. Final results conducted by Pinchin Ltd. have revealed no concern for mold in any of the tested areas and good indoor air quality.

Students in Room 32 and 34 have been busy learning about spring, plants, animals and activities.

**Room 32/34 Fun!**



## Inkster School Parent Advisory Council (ISPAC)

We are gearing up for our year-end **community BBQ on Thursday, June 18 from 4:30-6:30pm!**

**Parent-volunteers are needed to help with the food/drink table, bounce house and face painting. More volunteers means shorter wait times!**

Please email [inksterpac@yahoo.com](mailto:inksterpac@yahoo.com) if you are able to volunteer for a half hour shift.

### **Food/Drink Table:**

4:30-5pm

5-5:30pm

5:30-6pm

### **Bounce House:**

4:30-5pm

5-5:30pm

5:30-6pm

### **Face Painting:**

4:30-5pm

5-5:30pm

5:30-6pm

## Annual General Meeting & Elections

The Annual General Meeting was held over due to not enough parent representation. **Please join us on Tuesday, June 2nd to elect the new ISPAC representatives** for the 2026-2027 school year! Pizza and childcare available. Please RSVP by email.

### **Chairperson:**

- » Prepares the monthly meeting Agenda
- » Chairs a one-hour monthly meeting; ensuring that everyone has a say and that decisions are understood and recorded by the secretary
- » Promote/arrange fundraisers
- » Facilitating the resolution of conflict
- » Representing the council at district meetings
- » Hold the annual AGM meeting each May
- » Has the deciding vote if the council votes are tied
- » Keep up to date with school matters
- » Welcome and encourage new parents to be active participants at meetings
- » Delegate tasks to other PAC members
- » Has signing authority on the Parent Council bank account
- » Attend school events and speak with staff, students and families
- » Assist in the planning of school events and other school initiatives

### **Co-Chairperson:**

- » Shares and fills responsibilities with the chairperson or in the absence of the chairperson
- » Is a secondary signing authority on the Parent Council Bank account

**Secretary/Treasurer:** (position can be held by two people separately or one person handle both roles)

- » Take meeting minutes and type them up for the next meeting
- » Provides a report after each meeting for the school website
- » Bank Deposits as needed
- » Signing authority on the Parent Council Bank Account
- » Issuing Cheques for requests and events
- » Balancing the bank account
- » Provide a yearly report of the finances of the Parent Council bank account



## Meeting Dates

6pm-School Library

June 2

# WSD & Pride Parade



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RE: 2026 Pride Parade Participation

Dear Families,

Winnipeg School Division is proud to participate in Winnipeg's Pride Parade on Sunday, June 7, 2026. This is an opportunity for our community to come together in celebration and to show our ongoing commitment to inclusion, diversity, and equity.

Students and staff are creating a parade float experience that reflects the importance of honouring and celebrating all identities. Families, students, and all members of the WSD community are warmly invited to walk alongside the WSD float in vibrant show of support and division spirit.

Ways to participate:

- Walk with us: Families, students, and staff are welcome to join alongside the float (supervision of children remains the responsibility of families).
- Show your pride: Wear bright colours or WSD Pride T-shirts and bring signs to celebrate.

Parade details:

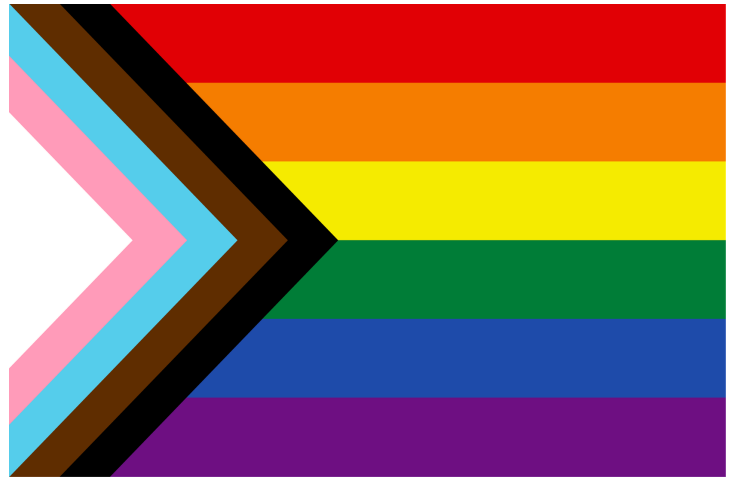
Rally begins at 10:00 a.m. at the Manitoba Legislative Building. WSD participants will gather at 10:30 a.m.—look for WSD Pride Flags and school banners.

The parade runs from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., starting at Memorial Park near the Legislative grounds, and ending at the Winnipeg Goldeyes Blue Cross Park at The Forks. WSD programming concludes at Blue Cross Park. We encourage families to head to The Forks for more Pride festivities or to leave via their own transportation plans.

Come prepared for the weather (comfortable shoes, hat, water, sunscreen, etc.).

We look forward to celebrating Pride together as a WSD community.

Sincerely,  
WSD Inclusion Across the Rainbow Committee



## Request from MB Hydro

Please see the important safety message from Manitoba Hydro regarding objects making contact with power lines.

Power lines are everywhere. They serve an important purpose: making sure you have electricity to charge and power your devices, light your home, cook meals, and more.

When foreign objects - oversized vehicles, pairs of shoes, or even birds - make contact with power lines, it can cause power outages that can take hours to restore. When this happens, you and your neighbours will be unable to access the electricity you need to turn on the lights, charge your phone, or microwave snacks.

And it's more than just an inconvenience. Something as simple as tossing a pair of shoes so they dangle off a power line can lead to fire, electric shock, property damage, injury, and even death.

### **Increase in number of shoes thrown onto power lines**

Manitoba Hydro has noticed an increase in the number of shoes being thrown over power lines in the areas near the intersection of Dufferin Ave and King St. In fact, a recent sweep saw our crews remove over 40 pairs at once—and new shoes thrown onto the power lines within 24 hours of clearing.

### **Asking your help**

While Manitoba Hydro has no reason to believe students at Winnipeg School Division schools in the area are responsible for throwing shoes onto power lines, this letter is part of a targeted outreach on this issue. It is intended to help reduce potential for damage to infrastructure and limit hazards faced by Manitoba Hydro employees as they work. We're also concerned that children may try to climb the poles to retrieve the shoes – this is very dangerous and should only be handled by trained Manitoba Hydro employees.

We kindly request this letter be passed along to WSD schools around Dufferin Ave and King St, with the suggestion that this critical safety message be delivered to students, staff and administrators.

Thank you in advance for your help keeping Manitoba Hydro's employees and members of the public safe.

If you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

*Alexis LaForest*

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Community Investment and Public Safety Supervisor



## 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
Wednesday, January 28	Family Night (date change)
Friday, January 30	Gr 5/6 Winter Camp
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
Monday, April 20	Bus Ridership
Tuesday, May 5	Red Shirt Day
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

# JUNE 2026

MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY	
DAY 1	1	DAY 2	2	DAY 3	3	DAY 4	4	DAY 5	5
		RM 2, 6, 36 AT FARM & FOOD DISCOVERY CENTRE  <b>FIT RUN-AM</b>  ISPAC MEETING/AGM 6PM		<b>FIDDLE &amp;            INDIGENOUS            DANCE AT MUSIC            EQUALS            PERFORMANCE</b>					
DAY 6	8	DAY 1	9	DAY 2	10	DAY 3	11	DAY 4	12
		<b>NURSERY &amp;            KINDERGARTEN            AT FARM</b>						<b>FIELD DAY</b>	
DAY 5	15	DAY 6	16	DAY 1	17	DAY 2	18	DAY 3	19
<b>ALL            CLASSROOMS AT            ASSINIBOINE            PARK</b>  <b>NURSERY/KINDER            RETURN AT 1PM</b>						<b>ISPAC            COMMUNITY BBQ            4:30-6:30PM</b>		<b>PATROLS AT            WHEELIES-AM</b>	
DAY 4	22	DAY 5	23	DAY 6	24	DAY 1	25	DAY 2	26
				<b>GRADE 6            FAREWELL            1:30PM</b>		<b>REPORT CARDS            SENT HOME BY            EMAIL 4PM</b>		<b>NON-            INSTRUCTIONAL            DAY            NO SCHOOL</b>	
DAY 3	29	DAY 4	30						
		<b>LAST DAY OF            SCHOOL -            DISMISSAL            11:30AM</b>							