

JUNE NEWSLETTER

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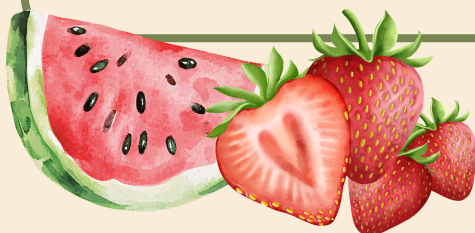
Message from Bowen and Sari

As we head into the final month of our school year, we want to take a moment to reflect on some of the memorable moments from May and look ahead to the exciting events coming up in June.

One of the highlights of May was our Spring Concert. Our students did an outstanding job and put on a fantastic show for families and staff. The school band performed beautifully, and every class impressed the audience with their hard work, creativity, and choreography. A special shoutout also goes to our staff, who proved they can still bust a move with an epic dance performance that had students smiling and cheering. It was a fun event and a wonderful celebration of the talent and spirit in our school community.

Our students have also been busy participating in spring sports, including track and field and soccer. Our Thunder Track team of 14 athletes met every Tuesday and Thursday morning at 7:30 a.m. throughout April and May, practicing a variety of throwing, jumping, and running events. The team competed in two track meets at Pan Am Stadium alongside twenty other middle years schools in the Winnipeg School Division. Our athletes represented the school with pride and showed great determination throughout the season. Thank you to all of our track athletes for a fantastic season. It has been great to see students demonstrating teamwork, perseverance, and school pride.

The regular season has also wrapped up for our Grade 6–8 co-ed soccer team, who finished with a 1–1–1 record. In addition to competing against strong opponents, the team battled challenging weather conditions throughout the season. At times, we also struggled to keep four girls on the field, which is a co-ed requirement. A huge thank you to our girls, who often played the entire game so the team could continue competing. We also extend our appreciation to the families who supported transportation to and from games—without you, the season would not have been possible.





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June brings plenty of excitement as our middle years students head off to camp. Our Grade 7 students will attend camp on June 3–5, followed by our Grade 8 students on June 10–12. Camp is always a highlight of the year and provides students with opportunities to build friendships, challenge themselves, and create lasting memories through outdoor activities, team-building experiences, and time together.

We are also looking forward to our Summer Solstice Celebration on Tuesday, June 17. The feast will begin at 10:00 a.m. in the large gymnasium. Grades 6, 7, and 8 students and their families are invited to join alongside the Powwow Circle as we gather in celebration and community.

As the school year comes to a close, we will celebrate our Grade 8 students at the Grade 8 Farewell on Thursday, June 25 at 1:00 p.m. in the gymnasium. This is always a meaningful opportunity to recognize their accomplishments and wish them well as they move on to the next chapter.

This year, we will also be recognizing two staff members who are retiring: Ms. Argueta and Ms. Bartz. We are grateful for the care, dedication, and contributions they have shared with our school community over the years, and they will be greatly missed.

June is always one of the busiest and most memorable months of the school year. The days are filled with special events, celebrations, and opportunities to connect as a school community. It is often during these final weeks that some of the best school memories are made.

As we finish the year, we encourage everyone to make the most of each day, find joy in the little moments, and continue to show kindness and school spirit. Thank you to our students, staff, and families for making this such a positive and meaningful year.

Please note: There will be no school on Friday, June 19 due to a school in-service day. Our last day of school is June 30, with dismissal at 11:30 a.m.



Upcoming Events

June:

June 3-5 - Grade 7 Camp

June 10-12 - Grade 8 Camp

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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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 / Day 1	2 / Day 2	3 / Day 3	4 / Day 4	5 / Day 5	6
7	8 / Day 6	9 / Day 1	10 / Day 2	11 / Day 3	12 / Day 4	13
14	15 / Day 5	16 / Day 6	17 / Day 1	18 / Day 2	19 / Day 3	20
21	22 / Day 4	23 / Day 5	24 / Day 6	25 / Day 1	26 / Day 2	27
28	29 / Day 3	30 / Day 4 Last Day of School				



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.

Breakfast Program Information

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



KEEWATIN PRAIRIE SCHOOL

SUMMER SOLSTICE FEAST

**For: Families of Students in Grade 6 -8 and
Pow Wow Circle**

Date: Wednesday, June 17th

Time: 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Location: Keewatin Prairie Gym



UNIVERSAL NUTRITION PROGRAM

The Universal Nutrition Program (UNP) ensures that food is available to all students in every school in Winnipeg School Division, at no cost to families.

The UNP provides meals and/or snacks to students during regular school hours. It does not support food for extra-curricular activities, after-school programs, classroom events, staff, or families.

All schools in WSD must offer a daily snack and/or meal program to all students throughout the school year.

What does “universal” mean?

“Universal” means universal access, not universal participation. Students are not required to take part, but all students must be able to access food at school without barriers, at no cost, and without showing proof of need.

This approach follows Manitoba’s Public Schools Act, Bill C-17 (“Nello’s Law”).

Program details

The type and level of meal and/or snack service at each school depends on community need, staff capacity, kitchen facilities, budget, and divisional policy.

School administrators work with divisional and school staff to design a program that best fits their school community.

The UNP can support breakfast, lunch, and/or snacks. Food is served only during school hours and only to students.

Informing families

School administrators must share information about their school’s UNP throughout the school year using established school communication channels such as their student handbook, website, and/or newsletter.

Schools must also regularly share menus so families can make informed decisions about participating in the program.

School administrators, food coordinators, and support staff should gather feedback from students and families through surveys, student projects, or other engagement opportunities.

Providing safe food

Food served through the UNP must align with:

- » [Winnipeg School Division’s IGAEA Nutrition Policy](#)
- » [Canada’s Food Guide](#)
- » [Province of Manitoba Moving Forward with School Nutrition Guidelines \(2014\)](#)

Schools are encouraged to include culturally relevant foods and dishes whenever possible.

All staff share responsibility for maintaining safe food environments and handling food in ways that reduce risk to students.

Winnipeg School Division has publicly tendered contracts with food suppliers. A UNP must purchase food only from approved vendors.

All schools are registered with Manitoba Health to operate the Universal Nutrition Program.

Funding

UNP funding is intended to supplement a school’s existing nutrition program, if they have one. Schools can still apply for community grants such as Breakfast Club of Canada (BCC), Child Nutrition Council of Manitoba (CNCM), and others.

Community grants follow the same nutrition standards, guidelines, and processes as the UNP.

For more information, contact:

wsdnutritionprogram@wsd1.org



WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION

**STUDENTS ENTERING GRADE 7 IN THE FALL
AND THEIR FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND**

THE

**KEEWATIN PRAIRIE
COMMUNITY SCHOOL**

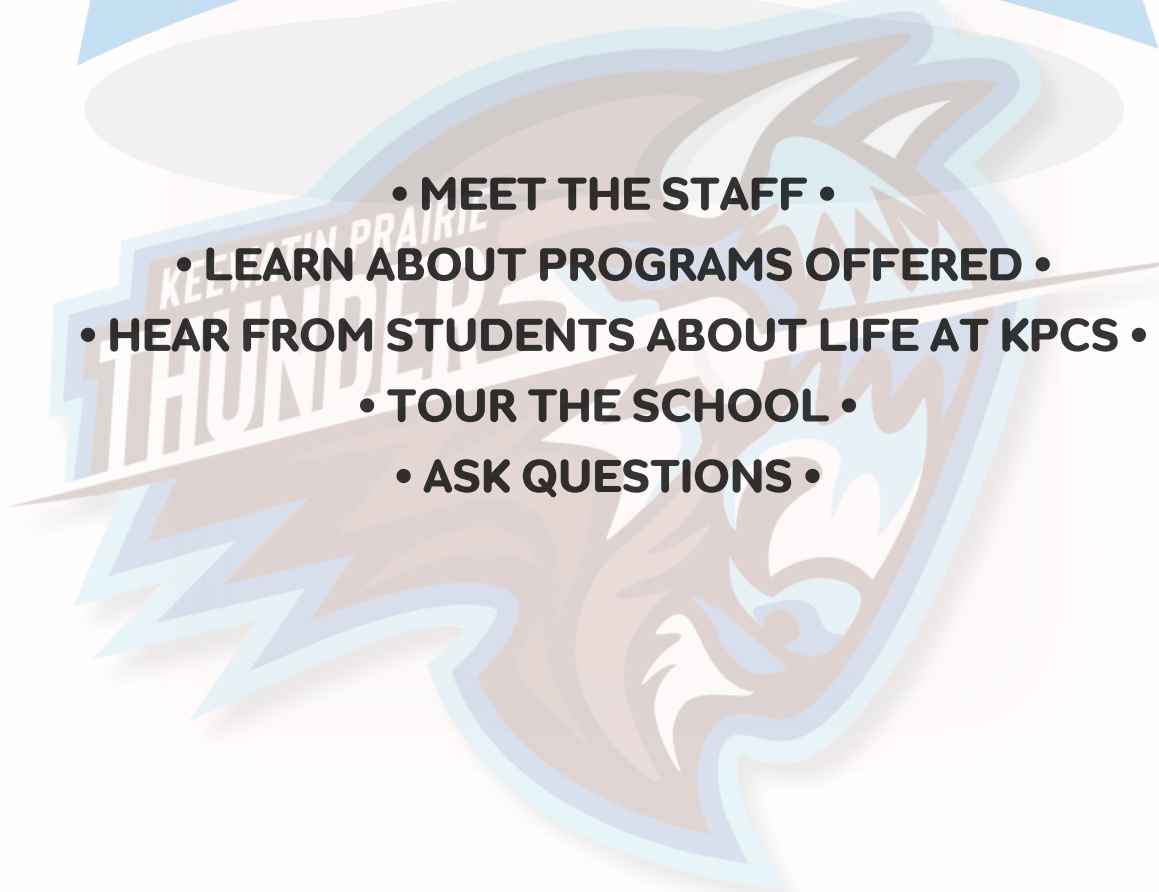
GRADE 7 OPEN HOUSE

WEDNESDAY,

June 10

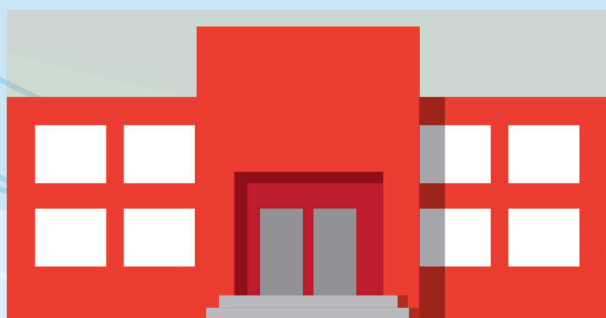
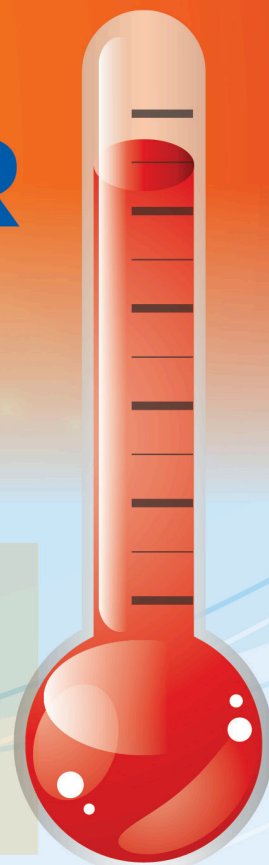
5:00 PM-6:00 PM

- MEET THE STAFF •
- LEARN ABOUT PROGRAMS OFFERED •
- HEAR FROM STUDENTS ABOUT LIFE AT KPCS •
- TOUR THE SCHOOL •
- ASK QUESTIONS •



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.



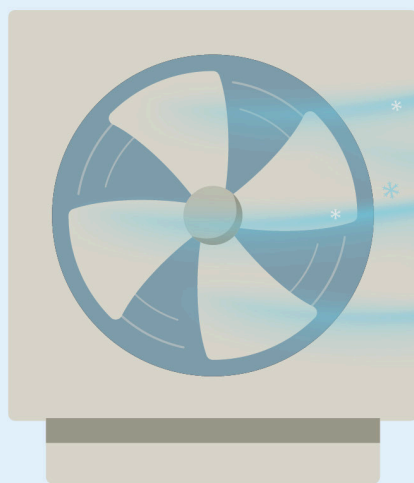
The cost to install and make all our schools fully air conditioned is approximately

\$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

