



# SISTER MAC SPECIAL

MARCH 2026

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Dear Sister MacNamara Families,

February has been an incredible learning month, filled with many exciting learning opportunities and celebrations. Congratulations to each classroom for writing their reflective land acknowledgements. We are so proud of you for your thoughtful, intentional land acknowledgements that reflect your voice and your commitment to the land.

February has been a month of learning and celebration in our school community, because of the I Love to Read/Black History Month. As we celebrate I Love to Read month, we continue encouraging students to explore books, strengthen their literacy skills and discover the joy reading brings.

We are also proud to celebrate Black History Month. This is an important time to honour the history, achievements and contributions of Black individuals who have shaped our world. Teaching this history helps students to build understanding, appreciation and respect for diverse stories and experiences. Thanks to the grade 6 students for getting us off to a strong start with an assembly presentation on Cultural Holidays and Celebrations Around the World. It was a great learning experience!

A big thank you goes out to all our amazing guest readers for honoring our invitations: we were thrilled to have our very own WSD Superintendent Matt Henderson, WSD Kookum Marsha Missyabit, Councillor Markus Chambers, Author Tasha Spillett, Minister Willard Reaves, Black History Representative Nadia Thompson, Winnipeg Blue Bombers Jamieson Sheahan and Gavin Cobbe, Principal Wayne Wyke, WSD Anti Racism Education, Monique Burke, V.P. Sonya Williams, and many more who took time to read to our students this February. We thank you for honouring our invitations and sharing your stories with us. We are committed to creating a learning environment where every child sees themselves represented and valued.

The grade 5 students concluded the month-long celebration with an assembly presentation and Drumming by Jay Stroller, African Percussionist. Thank you for supporting our school environment where every student feels seen, valued and inspired. We are excited to invite all parents and caregivers to attend our upcoming Student-Led conferences. These are valuable opportunities for students to share their progress and set goals. Your participation shows support and strengthens our school community. An appointment sheet will be sent home on March 3; please select your preferred times and return it promptly. Your child's report card and your appointment time will be sent on Tuesday, March 16th. Teachers will meet with you in person on Wednesday, March 18th, from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM, and on Thursday, March 19th, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Thank you for being such an important part of your child's learning journey. We look forward to seeing you there. If you are unable to join us, please contact your child's teacher to make alternative arrangements.

The last week of school is also full of excitement, with Spirit Week from March 23rd to March 27th. More information to follow this month! Participation is optional, but it's a lot of fun for students and staff. Students will also enjoy a Movie Day on Friday, March 27th, the last day before spring break. Please make sure that your child or children don't miss out on these fun events, as we would love to see all our students here every day. Attendance is very crucial.

Many of our families and staff will be joining other Muslims from around the world to observe and celebrate the month of Ramadan. Happy Ramadan to all our friends.

Important Dates:

March 4th Classroom Group Picture Day

March 5th - Family Gathering

March 18th Student-Led Conference 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM and March 19th, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

March 20th – School Closed for regular classes - Staff Professional Learning Day

March 30th to April 3rd School Closed for SPRING BREAK

M. Sackey  
Principal



C. Couture  
Vice Principal

## SISTER MACNAMARA SCHOOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2025-2026

### APRIL 2026

- 6 School re-opens after Spring Break
- 10 Professional Development Day - **NO CLASSES**
- 16 Bus Ridership
- 17 Day of Pink - Assembly 1:15 PM
- 23 Family Gathering 5:00 PM
- 24 Volunteer Celebration 10:30 AM



### MAY 2026

- 8 School Planning Day - **NO CLASSES**
- 7 Family Gathering 5:00 PM
- 7 Grade 6 Immunization AM
- 18 Victoria Day - HOLIDAY - **SCHOOL CLOSED**

### JUNE 2026

- 12 Field Day
- 17 Year End Celebration
- 21 National Indigenous People's Day
- 24 Grade 6 Farewell - 1:15 PM
- 30 Talent Show 9:15 AM
- 30 Last Day of School - 11:30 dismissal for all students

The City of Winnipeg Police River Patrol Unit wishes to remind all citizens of Winnipeg about the present dangers in and around our waterways. All waterways should be considered dangerous and falling through the ice could cost you your life. All parents are asked to please remind children about these dangers. This includes all frozen bodies of water such as rivers, creeks, ditches and retention ponds.



*Take our advice and stay off the ICE.*

## SISTER MACNAMARA SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Sister MacNamara School is to create a safe and respectful environment where adults support students in achieving academic and social success. We appreciate and honour each other's strengths, differences, and cultural backgrounds while maintaining high standards for learning.





# NEWS FROM THE GYM

Sister Mac has continued our partnership with the Royal Winnipeg Ballet for another season of dance. This year our grades 3-6 students are starting off our dance sessions by learning a contemporary dance. This has been reinforced in physical education classes as we recently completed a unit on about creative movement; exploring the different ways we can move our body in time, energy, and space. Our school also got to see dance in action as we the School of Contemporary Dance came and performed at our school in February. We are proud of our students and their risk taking, collaboration, and willingness to try new things as we dance.

Our grade 6 students have been having a ball while playing in the WSD Inner City Basketball League. The league began in January and runs through the month of March with games against other schools occurring over the lunch hour at the Sport for Life Building. You have shown great teamwork, fair play, and hard work during the games. Thank you for representing our school so grandly!



This year Sister Mac returned to the WSD skate races. Students in grade 4-6 practiced skating at Central Park during the months of January and February, then competed in the big race on February 18th. The race was held at Canada Life Centre and students got the opportunity to skate on the same ice as the Winnipeg Jets! We are so proud of all the hard work, perseverance, and determination you showed in learning to skate. You braved the cold weather and bumpy ice conditions with a smile on your face and a positive attitude. Congrats!



Students participated in skating event in February!



# I LOVE READING

Thank you to all our guest readers this month for I love to Read and Black History Month!





# SCHOOL REGISTRATIONS FOR 2026-27



If your child was born in **2022**, they are eligible to start Nursery this September! If they were born in **2021**, they are eligible to start Kindergarten. Nursery and Kindergarten are half day classes either in the morning or afternoon.

- Registrations will be done on line for the upcoming school year. You are welcome to go to the Sister MacNamara website. There you will see the tab **Registrations**. Please follow the instructions and register online. If you do not have access to online registration, you are welcome to come in to the office to either fill out electronically or fill out a paper copy.

Please bring your child's:

- **Birth certificate**
- **Manitoba Health card**
- **A lease or tenant agreement OR a tax assessment letter to validate your address.**

For more information, please call the school at 204-942-6965 or email [sisternac@wsd1.org](mailto:sisternac@wsd1.org).



## Grade 2/3 Room 223

Our Grade 2/3 students celebrated Black History Month and I Love to Read Month by creating a lapbook about an important Black Canadian. Students researched key facts about their chosen individual, including their achievements, contributions, and legacy in Canada. Using books and classroom resources, students practiced their reading and research skills while learning about historical figures who have helped shape our country.

They organized their learning into creative lapbooks filled with important facts, illustrations, and reflections on why their person is significant. This activity helped strengthen students' reading comprehension and writing skills while also fostering a deeper appreciation for diversity and perseverance.



The students also recently took on an exciting hands-on project, designing and building their very own "Big City"! This project gave students the opportunity to think like engineers, architects, and community planners. First, students explored what makes a community work, identifying important buildings and spaces such as homes, schools, hospitals, parks, stores, fire stations, and roads. They then planned and designed their structures, considering how each building would serve the people in their city. Throughout the project, students developed problem-solving skills, creativity, teamwork, and an understanding of how structures and communities work together. From planning and building, to organizing streets and parks, students had fun bringing their ideas to life! This project was a wonderful example of learning through play and hands-on exploration, and it highlighted the students' creativity, innovation, and collaboration. The Big City in Room 223 is a testament to what students can achieve when they work together to design, build, and imagine!



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Ms.Randhawa

In our Grade 5 classroom, we have been enjoying learning through various activities.



Our Grade 5 learners have been working hard on developing their Math foundational skills.They explore different math operations using a variety of manipulatives, tools and visuals.

In science, students are learning the concept of simple machines through STEAM projects where they are thinking critically and making their projects.



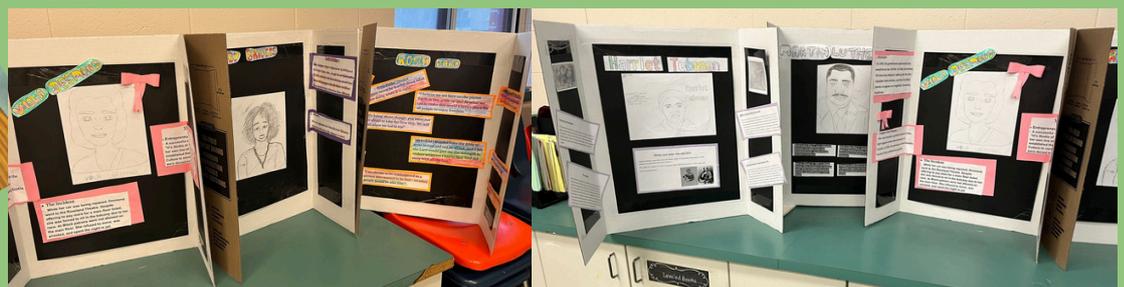
Our classroom has created our Land Acknowledgement together after discussion in the classroom.

We are enjoying discussions about Black History Month and are making our projects on different heroes of Black History, where the students searched on their early life and contributions.



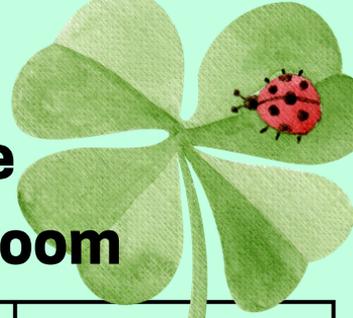
Recently, we had a great speaker for I Love to Read month where the students of our class sat together with another class and enjoyed the session with the guest speaker.

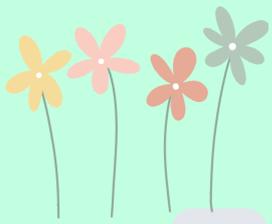
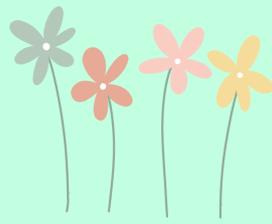
We continue to learn and explore new things in our grade 5 classroom.



# March

## in the Family Room



monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday
	Craft Time 1:15	Nutrition Bingo 2:30	Family Gathering 5-6 pm	
2	3	4	5	6
	Craft Time 1:15	Cooking Class 1:15	Family Event 4:30-5:30 pm	
9	10	11	12	13
	Craft Time 1:15	Nutrition Bingo 2:30 SLC 4-8 pm	student led conferences AM -no classes all day	PD -no classes
16	17	18	19	20
	Painting 9:30 am	Cooking Class 1:15		
23	24	25	26	27
	<i>Spring Break</i>			
30	31			

# March

## Family Gathering

**Thursday, March 5th**

Please join us for school news and dinner. Childcare is provided!

Presentation:  
ACOMI Resource Centre

## Family Event

**Thursday, March 12th**

**4:30-5:30 pm**

Dinner will be served!  
Please watch for the flyer to be sent home with your student.

## Student Led Conferences

The Family Room will be open

**March 18<sup>th</sup> 4-8 pm**

during Student Led Conferences.

Please stop by and check out our giveaway tables and upcoming events!

## Craft Time

**Tuesdays @ 1:15 pm**

Mar 3 - Wooden Easter Sign

Mar 10 - Stenciled Tote Bags

Mar 17 - Fabric Flower Craft

**Tuesday, March 24 @ 9:30 am**

Painting

## Nutrition Bingo

**Wednesday, March 4 and 18th**

**@ 2:30 pm**

Food prizes for all participants!

## Cooking Class

**Wednesday, March 7 and 24th**

**@ 1:15 pm**

Create a dish to take home!

When schools, families,  
and community groups  
work together to support learning,

children tend to do  
better in school,  
stay in school longer,  
and like school more.

- Anne Henderson  
& Karen Mapp



## Contact Info

Email us!

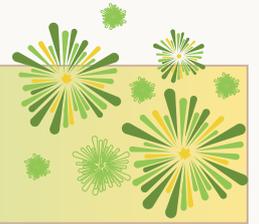
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# March 2026



MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY	
2	Day 2	3	Day 3	4	Day 4	5	Day 5	6	Day 6
RWB GR. 3-6		Filipino Heritage Club 3:30 - 5:00		CREATIVE Hands Club 12:00 - 1:00 <b>Classroom Photo day</b> BASKETBALL 12:00-1:00		FAMILY GATHERING 5:00 P.M.  Football @ U of W 3:30 - 6:30			
9	Day 1	10	Day 2	11	Day 3	12	Day 4	13	Day 5
Basketball - 12 - 1:00		Filipino Heritage Club 3:30 - 5:00 RWB GR. 3-6		BASKETBALL 12:00-1:00  CREATIVE Hands Club 12:00 - 1:00		Football @ U of W 3:30 - 6:30 PM  Family Event 4:30 - 5:30 PM <b>MTYP - N-3 PM</b>			
16	Day 6	17	Day 1	18	Day 2	19	Day 3	20	Day 4
Brass band Concert AM		Filipino Heritage Club 3:30 - 5:00 <b>Report Cards Go Home</b>		Basketball 12 - 1:00  CREATIVE Hands Club 12:00 - 1:00 student led conference EVENING 4:00 - 8:00		student led conference <b>NO CLASSES</b>		Professional Development <b>NO CLASSES</b>	
23	Day 5	24	Day 6	25	Day 1	26	Day 2	27	Day 3
		Soccer U. of W. 12:00 - 1:00 Filipino Heritage Club 3:30 - 5:00 <b>MTYP PM</b>		CREATIVE Hands Club 12:00 - 1:00 <b>ASSEMBLY AM</b> RMS 202, 221		Basketball 12: - 1:00 U. of W. Football @ U of W 3:30 - 6:30 <b>RWB GR. 3-6</b>		<b>Movie Day</b> <i>last day before spring break</i>	
<b>One Color Day</b> wear one color from head to toe		<b>Career Day</b> dress for the career you want		<b>Crazy Hair Day</b>		<b>Cultural Day</b> share your culture with everyone		<b>Pyjama Day</b> don't forget your stuffie	

## SPRIT WEEK

		Looking ahead.....	
		MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2026 ..... SCHOOL RESUMES FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 2026 ..... PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT - NO CLASSES FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2026 ..... VOLUNTEER CELEBRATION	