

MAY 2026

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INKSTER SCHOOL

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Newsletter



Top News of the Month

April was definitely an unforgettable month with all the crazy weather days and a buzz of activity! Fresh from spring break, we launched into our Day of Pink Pancake breakfast on April 8, Common Area Training on April 9 and staff professional development on April 10 to complete Day 2 of Treaty Education Training.

Students continued to practice common area expectations and Fire/Hold and Secure/Lockdown safety drills the following week along with Bus Ridership training. We also passed our school fire inspection!

The month of May brings two school closures: May 8 for staff professional development and May 18 for Victoria day.

May 5 provides students and staff with opportunities to bring awareness, honor and support MMIWG2S people by wearing red. Two other highly anticipated events this month are the spring camp adventure for grade 5 & 6 students on May 15 and the school's first Spring Production (Where the Wild Things Are) on May 20 at 1:30 & 4:30pm! Students have been busy making props, sets and practicing for an amazing show!

A huge thank you goes to ISPAC for the Staff Appreciation lunch provided on April 22 and their initiative to bring the Babysitter Training Course to Inkster on May 29. Please join us on May 5 for the Inkster School Parent Advisory Council meeting and AGM at 6pm to elect next year's executive members.

Sincerely,
N. De Luca

May-Events

May 5 - Red Shirt Day

May 5 - ISPAC Meeting & AGM

May 8 - NO SCHOOL - Staff Professional Development

May 15 - Gr 5/6 Camp

May 18 - NO SCHOOL - Victoria Day

May 20 - Spring Play

Looking ahead to June:

June 12 - Field Day

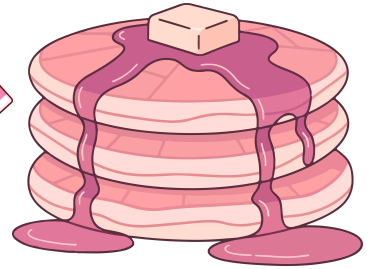
June 18 - ISPAC BBQ

June 24 - Gr 6 Farewell (2pm)

June 26 - NO SCHOOL

June 30 - Last day of school
11:30am dismissal

Day of Pink Pancake Breakfast

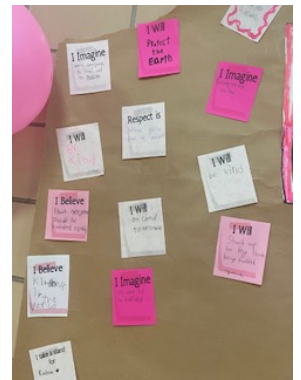
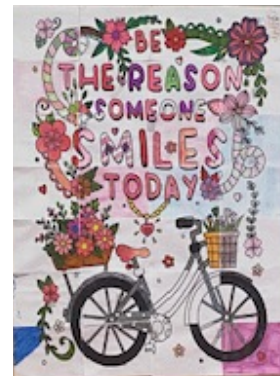


International Day of Pink Pancake Breakfast was held on April 8th, 2026!

Inkster staff and students wore pink to raise awareness about diversity and acceptance and celebrate with a pancake breakfast! Students are encouraged to think about ways they can show kindness and acceptance to everyone through allyship, inclusivity and anti-bullying.

Students worked on collective art pieces demonstrating we are stronger together and created a "Be a Buddy Not a Bully" banner. Students added personal messages, notes and actions for a world of kindness.

Many thank-yous to staff and students who helped to prepare the day before and came early in the morning to start making pancakes!

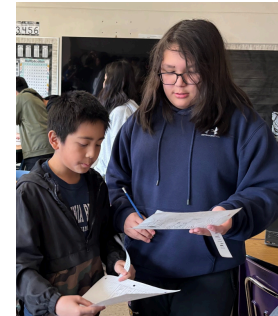
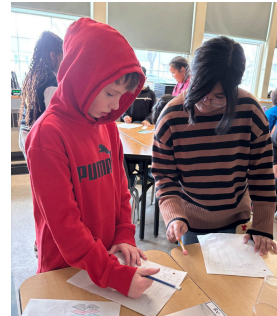
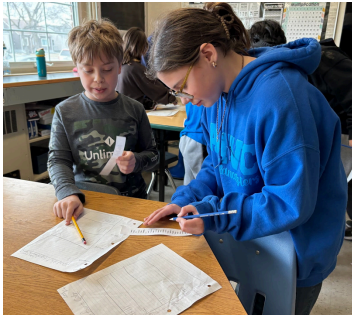


News from Room 4

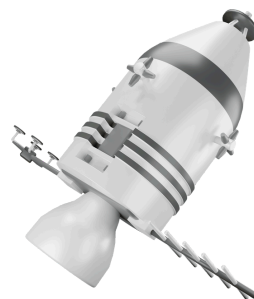
In Room 4, we have been busy learning and growing together. In math, we explored graphing by creating our own bar graphs based on survey questions we developed and asked our classmates.



A special thank you to these students who have been reading the morning announcements and training other interested students!



As a school community, we enjoyed participating in the Pink Pancake Breakfast. Leading up to the event, we read and discussed books that helped us understand and appreciate how everyone is unique and deserving of acceptance.



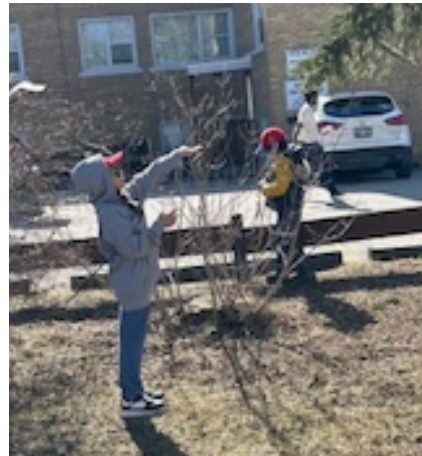
We also followed an exciting moment in space exploration, learning about Artemis II and how it builds on the legacy of Apollo 13 by travelling farther from Earth than any humans before. This month, our class also had the opportunity to host a whole-school assembly focused on Truth, represented by the turtle in the Seven Sacred Teachings.

We were also fortunate to welcome Skills Manitoba, who presented on the many career opportunities in the trades. Students enjoyed hands-on activities, including exploring electric circuits and building marble runs. With the warmer weather ahead, we are looking forward to taking our learning outdoors and making the most of new opportunities.



Cool 2Be Kind

Students in Room 6 and 2 have been working on acts of kindness. Inspired by the The Winnipeg Police Association Cool 2Be Kind Project campaign, Room 6 and 2 were awarded funds to carry out their project goals along with a supply of Cool 2Be Kind swag for participating students. The students first act of kindness was to write and deliver letters to residents in the neighborhood along Lansdowne Avenue.

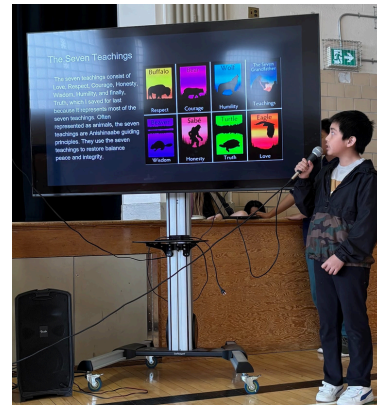
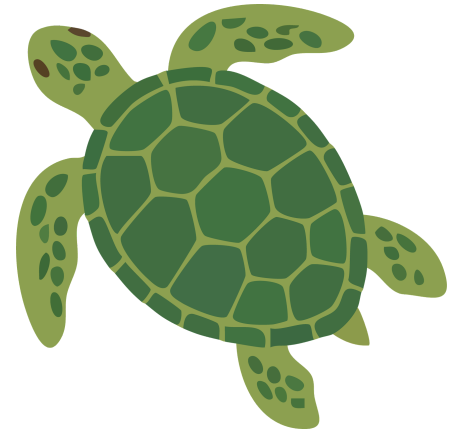


Room 2 and 6 take their learning and kindness outdoors! Students enjoyed providing bird seed to local birds in the area for their second act of kindness demonstrating how to take care of and give back to the natural world around us. Stay tuned for more from these kind grade 1 and 2 students!



Assembly Rm 4

On April 22, students from Room 4 shared their learning about the Teaching of Truth, represented by the turtle. Room 4 students created a slide show and shared examples of speaking the truth and being your true self through their skit performances. Well done Room 4!



Butterfly Presentation



Students in Room 2 and 6 are learning about butterflies! They have been noticing and wondering, reading books, watching videos and had a presentation with Cathy from Manitoba Monarch Teacher Network. Very soon, the classrooms will have their own caterpillars to watch as they go through the different stages to become painted lady butterflies!



● Rooftop update! ●

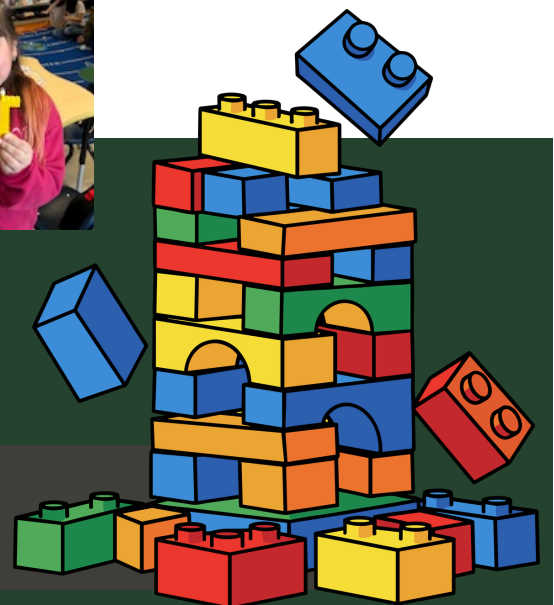
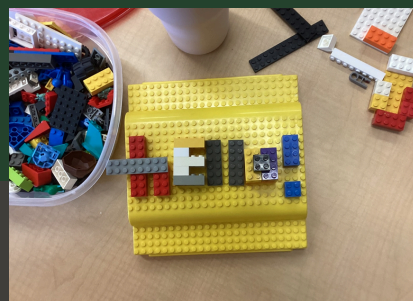
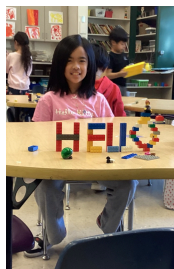
Leaks in the roof above the gym, in the north hallway outside Room 1 and inside Room 1 have subsided although the damage sustained to the hardwood floors remains. We received good news this month that the province granted an emergency replacement of the entire school roof! No specific date or company awarded the roof replacement has been provided. Contractors will be visiting the site on May 7.

The next step will be repairs/replacement of the gym floor. Conversations with WSD Building Department are ongoing.

WSD WPSH in conjunction with WSD Building Department are addressing recent concerns expressed by community related to air quality and have conducted initial air quality testing in several areas of the school. Final results will be shared with community when available.

Grade 1 and 2 students met for four sessions over their lunch hours in April as part of the Creative Builders Club. Their mission? Build! Create! Explore!

Creative Builders Club




Registration for 2026-27 School Year

Registrations for students new to Inkster School can now be completed online at <https://www.winnipegssd.ca/student-registration>. **Children born in 2022 can register for Nursery and children born in 2021 can register for Kindergarten.**

Grade 6 students will automatically be pre-registered for Grade 7 at their catchment school. A registration form is not required at this time.

The Winnipeg School Division supports students attending catchment schools. **If you are considering attending a school other than your catchment school, you must complete the School of Choice application form on the WSD website:** <https://www.winnipegssd.ca/student-registration> **between April 6-May 15.** School of Choice applications are approved by the Superintendents' Department. Application does not guarantee enrolment at a School of Choice.



ST. JOHN'S HIGH SCHOOL
INVITES YOU TO ATTEND ONE OF OUR

GRADE 7 INFO NIGHTS

MONDAY **11** 4:30 PM-5:30PM
MAY
-or-
THURSDAY **21** 4:00 PM-5:00 PM
MAY

Join us for dinner, prizes, and an exclusive opportunity to explore what St. John's Middle Years has to offer. Open to all current grade 6 students and their families.

St. John's High School Library



**School of Choice
applications close
May 15.**

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 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

Please join us on Tuesday, May 5 to elect the new ISPAC representatives for the 2026-2027 school year! If you are interested in running for Chairperson, Co-Chairperson, Secretary or Treasurer, please contact Meagan at inksterpac@yahoo.com.

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

May 5

June 2

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

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				DAY 5 1
DAY 6 4 RUN CLUB	DAY 1 5  RED SHIRT DAY SOFTBALL 3:30PM ISPAC MEETING/AGM 6PM	DAY 2 6 RUN CLUB FIDDLE CLUB	DAY 3 7 INDIGENOUS DANCE SOFTBALL 3:30PM	DAY 4 8 NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY NO SCHOOL
DAY 5 11 RUN CLUB	DAY 6 12 GR 6 IMMUNIZATION-PM SOFTBALL 3:30PM	DAY 1 13 RUN CLUB FIDDLE CLUB	DAY 2 14 INDIGENOUS DANCE SOFTBALL 3:30PM	DAY 3 15  GR 5&6 CAMP MANITOU RUN CLUB
VICTORIA DAY NO SCHOOL 18	DAY 4 19 SOFTBALL 3:30PM	DAY 5 20 SPRING PUPPET PERFORMANCE 1:30 & 4:30PM WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE  RUN CLUB	DAY 6 21 LAST INDIGENOUS DANCE SOFTBALL 3:30PM	DAY 1 22 RM 36 & 1 - SKY TEACHINGS
DAY 2 25 RUN CLUB	DAY 3 26 SOFTBALL 3:30PM	DAY 4 27  LAST FIDDLE CLUB RUN CLUB	DAY 5 28 RM 2, 6 & 36 - OAK HAMMOCK MARSH SOFTBALL 3:30PM	DAY 6 29 GR 6 BABYSITTER COURSE 9-3:30PM RUN CLUB