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INKSTER SCHOOL

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Newsletter



Top News of the Month

March was an amazing showcase of student learning and progress since the beginning of the school year! We hope you saw the growth of your child and the pride in their learning during student led conferences.

It was a busy month with many exciting events around the school. The whole school was in awe at the "Rabbit and Bear Paws" puppet theatre presentation and squeals of delight were heard all day during Winter Fun Day! Room 6 and 1 had special guest presenters from the Agriculture in the Classroom program and Rooms 4, 5 & 7 had an Online Safety and Bullying presentation from Wpg Police Service.

Room 4, 5 & 7 attended the Freeze Frame Festival and created their own films to premiere at the 3rd Annual Inkster School Film Festival. The students provided an unforgettable experience for the rest of the school! Bravo!

Our Kindergarten and Nursery students displayed courage as they led the school assembly and shared their understanding of the sacred teaching.

The last week of school was filled with school spirit as staff and students wore shirts with words, coordinated their outfits with someone else, wore floral or green, crazy hats and funky hair styles, and relaxed on the last day in pajamas!

April will hopefully bring some nicer weather! Please be cautious when walking on city sidewalks as the morning tends to have icy conditions. It is also the time of year when many hoodies/jackets end up in the lost and found. Please remind your child to check it regularly if you do not label their clothing.

Sincerely,
N. De Luca

April Events

April 6 - Classes resume

April 8 - Day of Pink
Pancake Breakfast

April 10 - NO SCHOOL -
Staff Professional
Development

Looking ahead to May:

May 5 - Red Shirt Day

May 5 - ISPAC Meeting & AGM

May 8 - NO SCHOOL - Staff
Professional Development

May 18 - NO SCHOOL - Victoria
Day



Help prevent the spread of viruses and other illnesses. Sending a child to school when ill also puts others at risk.

HOW SICK IS TOO SICK FOR SCHOOL?

Cold and flu season is here. See our tips for parents and caregivers:



KEEP ME HOME:

- Fever**
(higher than 38°C or 100° F)
- Sore Throat**
- Persistent Cough**
- Strep Throat**
- Vomiting or Diarrhea**
- Abdominal Pain**
(severe or long-lasting)
- Illness**
(prevents from participating comfortably in activities)

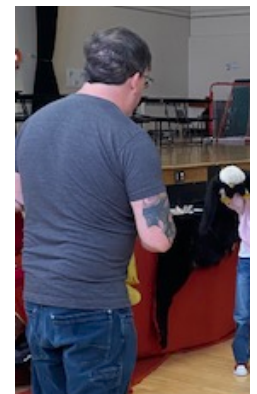
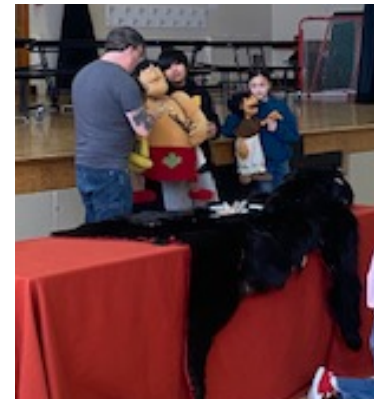
SEND ME TO SCHOOL:

- No Fever**
(without fever-reducing medicine for 24 hours)
- Occasional Cough**
(but no other symptoms)
- Strep Throat**
(after 24 hours of treatment)
- No Vomiting or Diarrhea**
(for 48 hours)



Rabbit and Bear Paws

On March 5, Inkster students were entertained by “Rabbit and Bear Paws: Choose your own Path” puppet theatre. It was a funny and interactive play about making the smart choices (mental, emotional, physical and spiritual) in life and about the two paths open to every person. Path ONE: Is the natural path. Path TWO: The Other path, is the path that is full of challenges (mental, emotional, physical and spiritual) from bullies, ourselves and others who say we can not achieve our own personal goals. A few selected students had the chance to become puppeteers within the story and the audience was able to decide what path the story would follow and the consequences of those decisions.

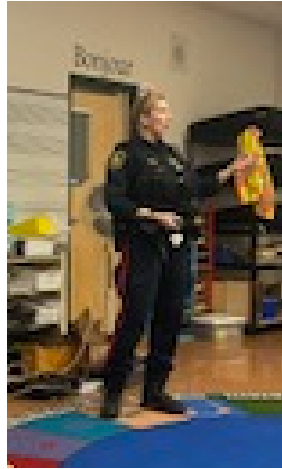


Winter Fun Day

On Friday, March 6 staff and students enjoyed outdoor activities including snowman ice bowling, team ski race, tug of war, sled races, hot chocolate and teaching by the warming fire. Thank you to Mr. Alves, Ms. Forrest, Mrs. McGregor and our leadership students for their help in organizing, setting up and cleaning up the event!




WPG Police Online Safety Presentation



On March 16, two Constables from Wpg Police School Engagement Team visited the students of Room 4, 5 & 7 to deliver important reminders about being safe online and bullying related behaviors.

VIOLENCE IN GAMING

First-Person Shooter (FPS)



- links to increased aggression
- decreased empathy
- problematic behaviors (impulsivity, instant gratification)
- motion sickness and eye strain
- glorifying violence
- impacting brain structure (grey matter reduction in memory centers)

Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms

Platform	Age Restriction
Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, Pinterest, Google+, Tumblr, Reddit, Snapchat, Secret	13
LinkedIn	14
WhatsApp	16
Vine, Tinder	17
Path	18
YouTube, Keek, Foursquare, WeChat, Kik, Flickr	18 (13 with parents' permission)

Three big reminders were setting accounts to private, the age restrictions for social media platforms and the impact of violence in gaming.

Online safety tips for parents

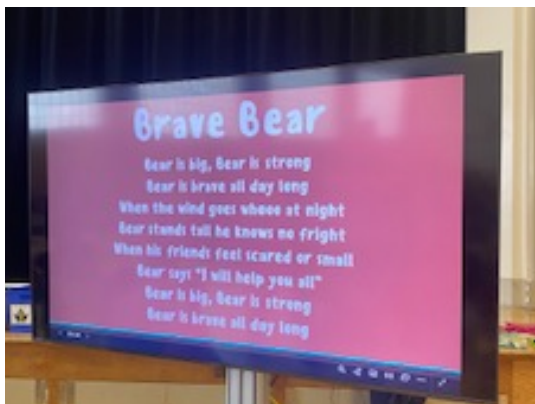
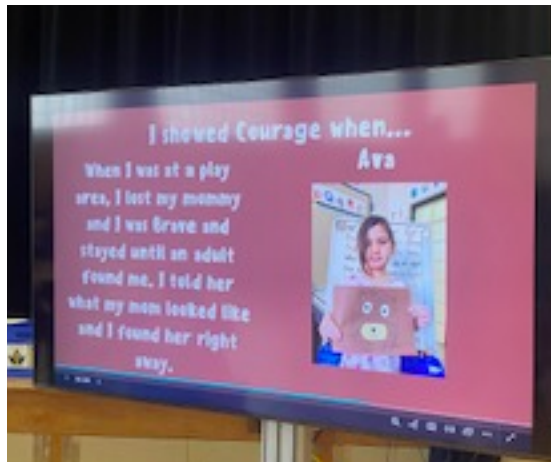
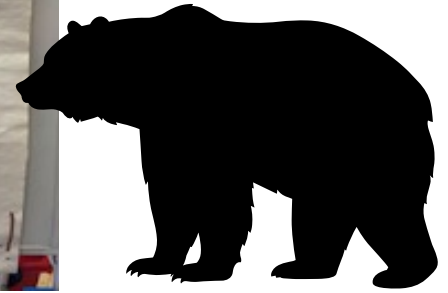
- 🔒 Know what apps your child uses
- 🗣️ Talk to your child about online behavior
- 👤 Monitor friend lists and messages
- ✖️ Limit private messaging
- ⚠️ Watch for red flags
- 👋 Report suspicious activity

INTERNET RELATED CRIMES

- **Cyberbullying 'Criminal Harassment'** - repeated tormenting online, with texts, phone calls and/or emails causing the other person to fear for their safety.
- **Threats of death or serious bodily harm** - whether done face to face, online, over the phone or through text messaging.
- **Distribution of intimate images without consent** - Sharing naked or intimate pictures of another person without their consent

Assembly Rm 9 & 10

On March 18, students from Room 9 and 10 shared their learning about the Teaching of Courage, represented by the bear. Room 9 students reminded us that having courage and being brave means that you still try your best even when it's hard and scary. The students shared their personal examples of when they showed courage, sang a song and shared a poem with the school audience! The artists of Room 10 created a bear picture and gifted each drawing to the other classrooms. Fantastic job to our Kindergarten and Nursery students!



● Up on the rooftop, drip, drip, drip! ●



Leaks on the roof above the gym, in our north hallway outside Room 1 and inside Room 1 remain a constant source of troubleshooting and pivoting. Our students have been fantastic at dodging pails, puddles and having less space in the gym from two obstructed areas as fans dry the hardwood floors.

Roof replacement is the responsibility of the Province.

We are currently on the waitlist for a new roof. WSD Building Department continues to respond rapidly to new leaks, repair/patch as needed and are doing everything they can. We thank them for their prompt response to our frequent calls and new issues.

Families are encouraged to reach out to their MLA with concerns regarding the roof rather than WSD.



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.

ISAAC NEWTON OPEN HOUSE

730 ABERDEEN AVE.

APRIL 16, 2026

3:30-5:45PM

Attention
Grade 6
Families:



[HTTPS://WWW.WINNIPEGSSD.CA/ISAACNEWTON](https://www.winnipegssd.ca/isaacnewton)

DAY OF PINK PANCAKE BREAKFAST

International Day of Pink Pancake Breakfast
April 8th, 2026

Inkster staff and students are invited to wear pink on Wednesday, April 8th as we raise awareness about diversity and acceptance and celebrate with a pancake breakfast! Our school will come together for a short assembly followed by a pancake breakfast at 9:15 a.m.

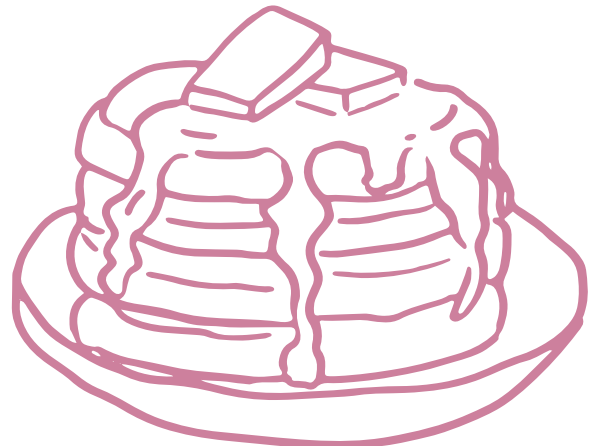


Let's create a world where love outshines hate!

Students will be encouraged to think about ways they can show kindness and acceptance to all through classroom discussions, story read alouds and whole school activities. A book display will be in our school hallway showcasing a variety of books about friendship, diversity, inclusivity and anti-bullying.

What is Day of Pink?

The Day of Pink takes place on the second Wednesday in April. It is the international day against discrimination, bullying, homophobia, transmisogyny, and transphobia. You can celebrate it by wearing a pink shirt and participating in or organizing activities in your workplace, community, or school.



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.

Meeting Dates

6pm-School Library

April 7

May 5
June 2

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

The North District Advisory Committee is an Advisory Committee to the Board of Trustees, which includes Parent Council representatives from all schools in the North District. In accordance with the Board's guidelines, the Advisory Committee is to include one parent representative selected by the Parent Council of each school. The Committee meeting schedule for the 2025/2026 school year is as follows:

Tuesday, April 28, 2026, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. – Isaac Newton School (730 Aberdeen Ave)

If you wish to be the official parent representative on the North District Advisory Committee for Inkster School, please ensure you are at the next ISPAC meeting to be voted/selected.

In Loving Memory



It is with profound sadness that the family of Marie Elloyn Martens (nee Shultz), announces that she passed away suddenly February 28, 2026, age 49, at home in Winnipeg, MB.

She leaves behind her husband, mother, children and grandchildren.

She will be missed by her many friends and colleagues from the Winnipeg School Division.

Marie brought a vibrant positive energy to Inkster School. Her laugh, sense of humor and her common phrase, "You know what I mean?" can still be heard in the hearts and minds of everyone who knew her.

Marie will be missed...



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

APRIL 2026

MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY	
DAY 4	6	DAY 5	7	DAY 6	8	DAY 1	9	DAY 2	10
SCHOOL REOPENS				DAY OF PINK PANCAKE BREAKFAST 9:15AM  FIDDLE CLUB		COMMON AREA TRAINING INDIGENOUS DANCE		NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY NO SCHOOL	
DAY 3	13	DAY 4	14	DAY 5	15	DAY 6	16	DAY 1	17
PBIS REINFORCEMENT WEEK				FIDDLE CLUB		ISAAC NEWTON OPEN HOUSE 3:30-5:45PM INDIGENOUS DANCE			
DAY 2	20	DAY 3	21	DAY 4	22	DAY 5	23	DAY 6	24
BUS RIDERSHIP AM/PM				FIDDLE CLUB		INDIGENOUS DANCE			
DAY 1	27	DAY 2	28	DAY 3	29	DAY 4	30		
				FIDDLE CLUB		INDIGENOUS DANCE			