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INKSTER SCHOOL

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Newsletter



Top News of the Month

Welcome back from Winter Break! The Parent-Teacher Conferences in December saw record attendance while the Winter Concert performances had lower attendance than usual due to weather conditions. Thank you for supporting and being a partner in your child's learning. Spirit Week fun was had by everyone in the building and was a great end to 2025!

January is the beginning of a new year and nature's way of saying, 'Let's begin again!'. Calendar years are tracked through three main types of calendars: solar which follows the earth's rotation around the sun; lunar which focuses on months that follow phases of the moon; and lunisolar which is a combination of the two methods. There also are many variations within each type of calendar.

The Anishinaabe calendar follows the moon cycles. There are Thirteen Moons within the year and each moon reflects changes in the environment. Traditional teachings and guidance on how to establish mino bamaadaziwin or mino-pimatisiwin (the good life) are associated to each of the moon's phases. The names differ by region and often among different communities. The first moon is January, Spirit Moon (Manidoo Giizis), and a time when we are encouraged to sit in silence and reflection. Cold winter days are perfect opportunities for reflection!

In January, we begin again and reflect on our learning journey along the way.

This month students have the opportunity to review our PBIS common area expectations, safety drills, be a part of community through clubs/sports and at the Family Night. Gr 5/6 students will attend Winter Camp! Though the days of January are sure to be cold, there is a lot to look forward to!

Sincerely,
N. De Luca

January Events

Jan. 6 -Parent Council Meeting (ISPAC) 6pm, library

Jan. 12-16 - Common Area Training Reinforcement Week

Jan. 28 - Family Night

Jan. 30 - Gr 5/6 Winter Camp at Camp Manitou

Looking ahead to February:

Feb. 2 - Non-Instructional Day - NO SCHOOL

Feb. 5, 12, 19 - Gr 4 Swimming Counts

Feb. 16 - Louis Riel Day - NO SCHOOL

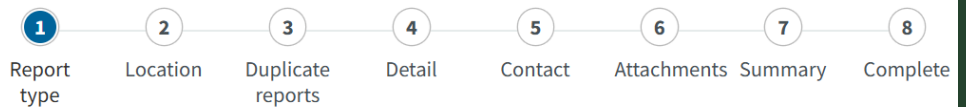
Many complaints have been reported by community regarding the unsafe driving/parking habits of Inkster families stopping or parking on the wrong side of Lansdowne at dismissal times. For everyone's safety, please **follow all traffic regulations around the school and be a positive role model for others.**



Parking/traffic violations can be reported to the City of Winnipeg by phoning 311 or online at

https://forms.winnipeg.ca/form/auto/pa_parkinginfraction_vof?locale=en

Report school roadway congestion



Report type

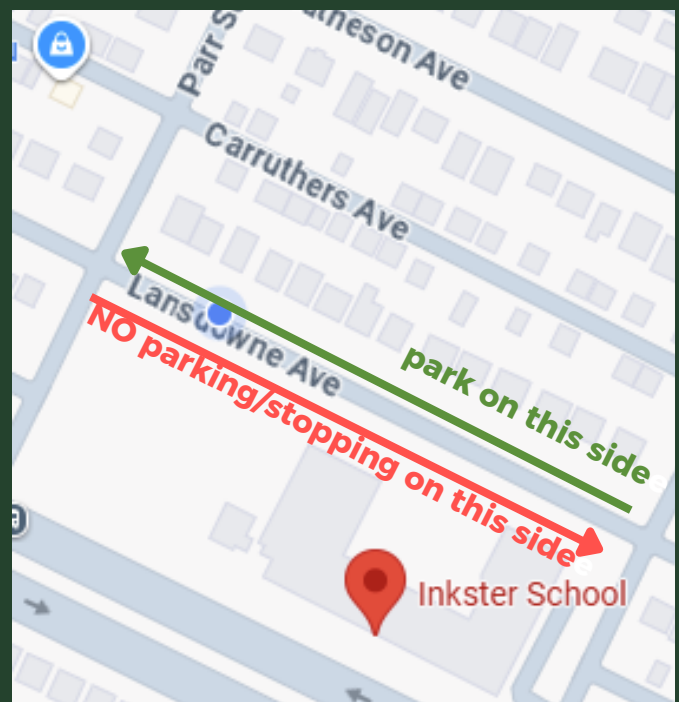
Where is the violation happening?

School roadway congestion

- Reporting roadway congestion around a school during the morning or afternoon drop off and pick up times due to parked cars around the school
- Traffic violations such as making illegal turns, not observing traffic controls or other, contact Winnipeg Police Non-Emergency at English: 204-986-6222 or French: 204-986-7705

In following the rules of the road, as well as safe pick up and drop off practices, parents picking up children in their vehicles should park on the correct side of the street and walk across Lansdowne Ave to greet their child rather than allowing them to run across the road. Parking on the correct side of Lansdowne allows for traffic to flow properly from Parr St. driving towards McKenzie St.

There are also many other places to park on the east side of Lansdowne, Inkster and Parr.



I Love to Skate Month

Speed Skating Manitoba and WSD will host I Love to Skate month for January 2026. Students are encouraged to participate in community-based skating events:

1. Skating bingo cards will be available for interested students at the start of January. Students who complete the bingo card will be entered into a draw for skating prizes.
2. The Winnipeg Speed Skating Club will be offering a FREE skating program for students in Gr 4-6. The First and Fast Strides Program runs on Mondays starting January 5th to February 23rd from 6-6:45pm at Sargent Park Arena (1111 Wall St.) For more information and to register, please visit [Winnipeg Speed Skating website](https://www.speedskatingmb.com/schedule/sto2026)
3. Skate the Oval Event hosted by Speed Skating Manitoba on Sunday, February 1st, 2026, at the Susan Auch Oval, the only official speed skating Oval in Manitoba (999 Sargent Avenue). Join Speed Skating Manitoba from 2pm to 5pm for a unique experience to help kids in hospital. Skate around the Oval, try speed skates, see how fast you can skate with the radar gun, enjoy hot chocolate, listen to great music and watch a speed skating demonstration. Register to receive a FREE Skate the Oval toque at: <https://www.speedskatingmb.com/schedule/sto2026>



**SPEED
SKATING
MANITOBA**



Attention all families:

Please check your home libraries for books that you are no longer reading. Room 1 will be organizing a book swap in February for I Love To Read month. As books are brought to Room 1, students will receive a ticket for each book donated. Each ticket will allow the student to choose a book from the donated books in February.

**Thank you!
Room 1**

Book Swap



WSD 123: Continuous Improvement 2025/26

<https://media.winnipegsd.ca/media/Default/medialib/wsd-123-continuous-improvement-2025-26.9b1ca835144.pdf>

Grounded in our moral purpose and guided by the question “What are the most powerful actions WSD can take to ignite paths to the good life – Mino-Pimatisiwin – for all learners?”, this report provides a clear picture of the progress, challenges, and priorities for the WSD school year ahead.



SAVE THE DATE

Family Night
Wednesday, January 28
5:30-7pm

Information will be sent home
to families by Jan.16

TOP SELLERS

**Congratulations to our top 3
Kulbassa fundraising
classrooms:**

Room 5
Room 6
Room 4



**TRIVIA
NIGHT**

Craft Club



Grade 1 & 2 Craft Club students were working hard over the lunch hours to make their winter themed creations!



Winter Fun

Students in Room 6 head outside for some fun in the snow!



● Mobile Vision Clinic is Coming!



The Mobile Vision Care Clinic (MVCC) will be coming to Inkster once again on February 17. Consent forms will be sent home this week. Please check your child's backpack and contact the office if you need an additional form. All students with completed forms will receive a comprehensive eye exam at school by a certified optometrist at no cost to families. ●

➤ Lost and Found

Please label your child's clothing and winter gear as mix-ups with other students happen and our Lost and Found area fills up quickly with hats, mitts, scarves, hoodies and all other kinds of items. Your child is responsible for their personal items while at school.



● Morning Hot Breakfast Delayed

The morning Grab-and-Go carts will still provide a variety of nutritious foods for students as they enter the building and the additional whole-school snack on Wednesdays will also continue. Due to the resignation of our Food Coordinator, we will be unable to offer the morning hot breakfast, originally scheduled to begin this month, until a replacement for the position is found.



Inkster School Parent Advisory Council (ISPAC)

ISPAC works on behalf of all parents and guardians to discuss educational matters, assist in fundraisers and be involved in our children's education to support a high-quality education and school experience.

The Inkster School Parent Advisory Council is a group of parents selected by vote each year to represent parent views. Parent Councils have an important role to play in school improvement by ensuring that the parental perspective is represented.

We meet once a month for approximately one hour.

WSD PAC Feedback Tool: Childcare, Nursery, and Kindergarten

WSD is seeking feedback from families and communities on barriers and opportunities related to childcare, nursery, and kindergarten. Your insights will help us understand community needs, strengthen partnerships, and guide planning for early learning spaces. Please submit your feedback by January 12 to inksterpac@yahoo.com or inkster@wsd1.org or by Google Form with this link: <https://forms.gle/AGKsKmPdTp128Zeh6>

1. What barriers exist for families when it comes to childcare, nursery, or kindergarten in your school community?

- ☐ Lack of available spaces
- ☐ Limited affordability or subsidies
- ☐ Transportation challenges
- ☐ Waitlist or registration difficulties
- ☐ Accessibility or inclusion concerns
- ☐ Hours that don't align with family schedules
- ☐ Limited information or communication about programs
- ☐ Other: _____

2. What opportunities do you see to strengthen or expand early learning and childcare options in your community?

- ☐ Partnerships with community childcare providers
- ☐ Expanded nursery or kindergarten offerings
- ☐ Shared use of school spaces
- ☐ Wrap-around care before/after school
- ☐ Family learning and engagement opportunities
- ☐ Improved communication or outreach
- ☐ Other: _____

3. What are families in your community saying about their needs and hopes for early learning and childcare?

4. Next Steps or Ideas to Explore

Meeting Dates

January 6
February 3
March 3

April 7
May 5
June 2

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, January 27, 2026, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. – Luxton School (111 Polson Ave)
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 contact ISPAC.

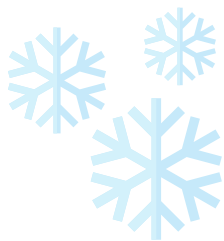
Important Dates to Remember

NO SCHOOL ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

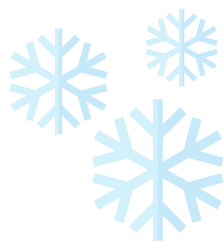
September 2	Non-Instructional Day	February 2	Non-Instructional Day
September 30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation	February 16	Louis Riel Day
October 8	Non-Instructional Day	March 20	Student Led Conferences
October 13	Thanksgiving Day	April 10	Non-Instructional Day
October 24	Non-Instructional 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		


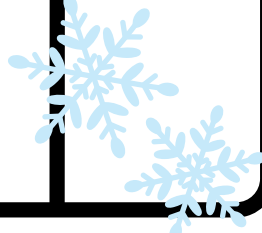
SCHOOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

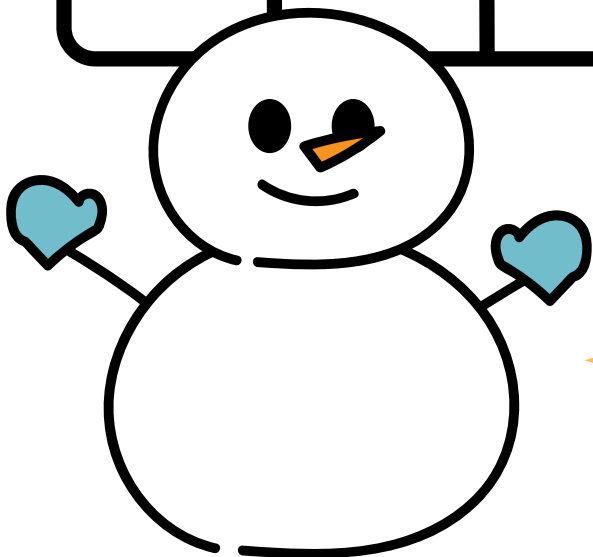
Tuesday, September 2	Meet The Teacher – 4:30pm to 6:00pm
Wednesday, September 3	First Day of Classes
Thursday, September 11	Common Area Training
Friday, September 12	Picture Day
Mon-Fri, September 15-19	PBIS Reinforcement Week
Tues-Thurs, September 23-25	Kindergarten/ New to Division Hearing Screening
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
Wednesday, April 20	Bus Ridership
Tuesday, May 5	Red Shirt Day
Thursday, June 4	WSD Pow Wow
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



January



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
	Day 5 5	Day 6 6 ISPAC Meeting 6pm, library	Day 1 7 NO Fiddle Club	Day 2 8 NO Indigenous Dance	Day 3 9	
	Day 4 12 PBIS Reinforcement Week	Day 5 13	Day 6 14 Fiddle Club	Day 1 15 Indigenous Dance	Day 2 16	
	Day 3 19	Day 4 20	Day 5 21 Fiddle Club	Day 6 22 Indigenous Dance	Day 1 23	
	Day 2 26	Day 3 27 North District Parent Advisory Meeting 6:30pm at Luxton School	Day 4 28 Fiddle Club Family Night 5:30-7pm	Day 5 29 Indigenous Dance	Day 6 30 Gr 5/6 Winter Camp	



   **HAPPY**  
  **NEW YEAR**  