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Catch the Spirit



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WINTER BREAK

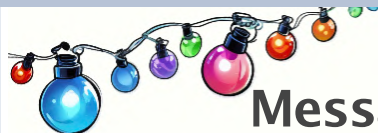
Please note that the last day of school is Friday December 19th and we return to regular classes on Monday January 5th.

CALENDAR

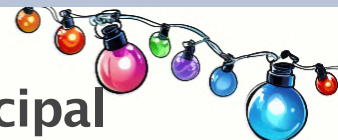
Don't forget to take a look at the monthly calendar so you're up to date on what's happening at our school!



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Message from the Principal



Dear Parents/Guardians,

We concluded our first term last week with report cards and parent – teacher conferences. It was great to see many of our community members in the building to meet with staff and to discuss their children's progress. As the calendar year winds down and we enter the festive and colder month of December, I'd like to take a moment to reflect on our amazing time we have shared so far. The fall semester has been filled with learning, laughter and growth. I am so proud of our students for their hard work and resilience. Thank you, parents and guardians for your continued support and to our staff for creating a positive and engaging learning environment.

Join us **Wednesday, December 17th** for our annual **Holiday Concert!** Doors open at 6:00pm, show starts at 6:30pm. Our students have been practicing diligently and are excited to share their talents with you. Thank you to Mr. Baron for the incredible work and effort in preparing our students.

To conclude our month in December, we will once again offer a free "Holiday Breakfast" on Friday, December 19th in the morning. Everyone in our school community is invited to have breakfast with their child. Join us to celebrate the festive season with some food and fellowship. As a bonus, The Pajama Project generously donated fresh new pajamas for every student. Your child will receive their gift at the Holiday Breakfast.

Please note that the school will be closed from Monday, December 22nd to Friday, January 2nd. We will resume classes on Monday, January 5, 2026.

Let's stay connected! We love hearing from our families. If you have any questions or concerns, or suggestions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at the school's phone number 204-783-6195 or my email address lrana@wsd1.org.

Thank you for making our school such a warm and vibrant place. I wish you and your family a joyful holiday season filled with love, laughter, and cherished memories.

Actively yours,

Lloyd Rana
Principal



For Your Information



At Winnipeg School Division, one of our greatest priorities is ensuring all students arrive safely at school each and every day. To enhance our existing absence-checking procedure, we are in the process of introducing to all of our schools a new, more efficient student absence reporting system called SafeArrival. This new system reduces the time it takes to verify student attendance, makes it easy for you to report your child's absence and easy for staff to respond to unexplained student absences. (see the regularly updated list below of schools using Safe Arrival).

With SafeArrival, you are asked to report your child's absence in advance using any of these three methods:

1. Using your mobile device, download and install the SchoolMessenger app from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store (or from the links at <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>). The first time you use the app, select Sign Up to create your account. Select **Attendance**, then **Report an Absence**.
2. Use the SafeArrival website, <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>. The first time you use the website, select Sign Up to create your account. Select **Attendance**, then **Report an Absence**.
3. Call the toll-free number 1-855-278-4513 to report an absence using the automated phone system.

Winter Concert

This year, our Winter Concert will take place on Wednesday, December 17th. All parents and families are warmly invited to attend and celebrate the season with us. Students have been working hard to prepare a wonderful program of music and performances. Additional details regarding times, location, and class performance schedules will be shared soon.

Holiday Sale

Wednesday, December 10, 2025

We are excited to invite our students to our annual Holiday Sale at Principal Sparling School, in support of Manitoba Harvest. This fun event gives students the chance to shop for affordable, thoughtful gifts while helping our community and the planet by re-using great donations!

Open to the school community from 4:00-5:00 pm.

DRESSING UP FOR COLD WEATHER



December 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winter Holiday Sale 4:00-5:00 pm • Parent Advisory Council Meeting 6:00 pm 	11	12
15 Spirit Week • Crazy hair/hat day	16 Spirit Week • Sports Day	17 • Winter Concert Spirit Week • Spirit Colours	18 Spirit Week • Throwback 70s, 80s, 90s fashion	19 • Last Day of school before winter Break • Pancake Breakfast Spirit Week • Comfy/Pyjama Day
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	Note Regular classes resume on Monday January 5th		

STEAM

Science • Technology • Engineering • Art • Math

The STEAM room is an active environment with an emphasis on hands-on learning, teamwork and creativity. We continue to build our STEAM vocabulary by matching our classroom activities to the 7 stages of the Design Process!

ASK - IMAGINE - PLAN - CREATE - TEST - IMPROVE - SHARE

The November emphasis has been on Technology & Engineering. Students have developed coding language and programming experience with Talebots and our Grade 5-6s have even graduated to block coding with Micro:Bit!

With our Engineering design challenges we develop communication and an ability to solve problems with all classmates while exploring building materials and having fun!

