

DAVID LIVINGSTONE SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2026

Message from Administration

Welcome Back, David Livingstone Families!

Our school community feels complete again with the return of our students, families, and staff. We are so excited to begin the **2026–2027 school year** together. Whether you are returning to our school or joining us for the first time, we want you to know that **you belong here**.

At David Livingstone, relationships are at the heart of everything we do. We believe that every child brings their own **strengths, gifts, experiences, culture, language, and story** to our community. We are committed to creating a place where students feel safe, valued, respected, and connected and where families feel welcomed and heard. We are also excited to welcome our new Acting Principal, **Jaclyn Rivest**, who joins our team with a commitment to supporting students, families, and staff.

September is a special time for new beginnings, reconnecting, and learning together. Throughout the month, students will have opportunities to celebrate culture, community, and learning through our **Pow Wow, Terry Fox activities, and Truth and Reconciliation learning**.

On **September 29**, we will gather for our Truth and Reconciliation Assembly. This is an important opportunity for our students and school community to learn about the truths shared by Survivors and their families and to reflect on what reconciliation means in our everyday lives. At David Livingstone, we strive to honour Indigenous voices, cultures, languages, histories, and ways of knowing throughout the school year, not only during September.

As we begin this new school year, our hope is that every student walks through our doors knowing.

I am welcome.

I am valued.

I belong.

My culture and story matter.

I have strengths and gifts to share.

Ms. Rivest
Acting Principal

Ms. Martinez
Vice-Principal

DAVID LIVINGSTONE COMMUNITY SCHOOL



SCHOOL TREATY

DAVID LIVINGSTONE SCHOOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2026-2027

September

- 9 First day for Students Grade 1-6
- 10 Meet the Staff Night—4:30-5:00 PM
- 14 First full day for N/K
- 24 WSD Pow Wow
- 28 Terry Fox Run - Assembly/Run
- 29 TRC Assembly
- 30 National Day for Truth & Reconciliation



October

- 5, 7, 8 Hearing Screening
- 6 Divisional In-service - Non- Instructional Day
- 7 Family Gathering
- 12 Thanksgiving - No School
- 21 Picture Day
- 22 Bus Ridership
- 23 MTS Professional Development Day - No School
- 28 Mobile Vision Clinic
- 29 Immunization Clinic - 1:00 - 3:15 PM
- 31 Halloween

November

- 4 Family Gathering
- 5 Picture Retake Day
- 8 Indigenous Veterans Day
- 10 Remembrance Day Assembly—10:45 AM
- 11 Remembrance Day—School Closed
- 19 Student-led Conferences—Evening 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
- 20 Student-led Conferences—Whole School Closed
- 23 Reports Go Home

December

- 2 Family Gathering
- 10 Winter Concert—6:00 PM for Grades N-4
- 15 Christmas Sale Parent Room
- 17 Breakfast with Santa AM
- 18 Whole School Movie PM
- 18 Last Day Before Break
- Dec 21– Jan 1 WINTER BREAK

January

- 4 School re-opens after Winter Break
- 22 Professional Development Day—No School

February

- 3 Family Gathering
- 5 Professional Development Day- No School
- 15 Louis Riel Day—HOLIDAY School Closed

March

- 3 Family Gathering
- 4 Winter Carnival
- 5 Professional Development Day— No School
- 18 Student-led Conferences—Evening 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
- 19 Student-led Conferences—Whole School Closed
- 22 Reports Go Home
- 22-25 Spirit Week
- 26 Good Friday - No School
- 29-April 2 SPRING BREAK

April

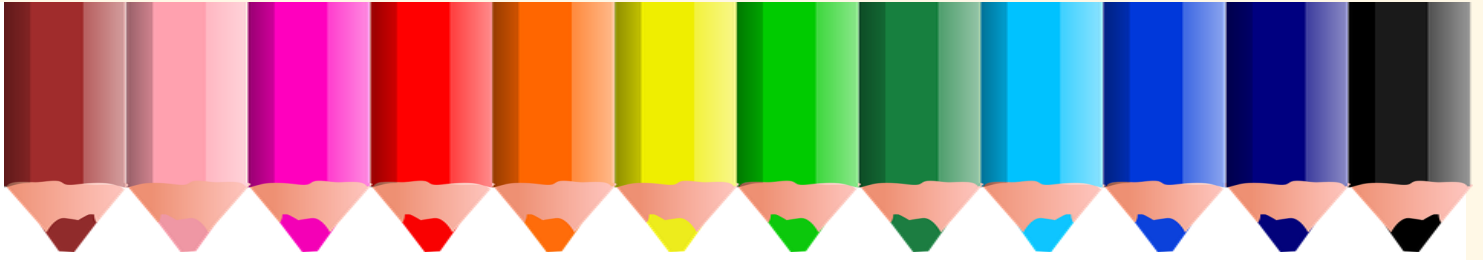
- 5 School re-opens after Spring Break
- 7 Family Gathering
- 14 Day of Pink
- 15 Spring Concert Grade 5-8
- 16 Professional Development Day— No School
- 27 Bus Ridership

May

- 5 MMIWG2S Dress Day
- 5 Family Gathering
- 7 Professional Development Day— No School
- 12 Spring Classroom Photos - staff photo at 8:45 am
- 24 Victoria Day—HOLIDAY School Closed
- 26 Volunteer Celebration—10:30 AM Family Room

June

- TBD Graduation Divisional Pow Wow
- 15 N/K Celebration
- 16 Award Day Grade 1-7 - 10:30 AM
- 17 Grade 8 Farewell - 10:30 AM
- 21 National Indigenous Peoples Day
- 23 Community BBQ 1:00-2:30 PM
- 25 Report Cards go home
- 30 Last Day of School- Student Dismissal at 11:30 AM



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.

You can register online on the David Livingstone School website. You are also welcome to call the school or come to the school to register in person.

In order to register your child you will need 3 things:

- **Your child's birth certificate**
- **Manitoba Health card**
- **Proof of Address**

We are accepting applications at this time. For more information please call the school at 204-586-8346 or email dlg@wsd1.org



School Start Times

The bell will ring at 8:55 and classes will commence at 9:00.

Lunch is from 12:00-12:55. End of the day dismissal is at 3:30pm.

David Livingstone School offers a Breakfast program for grades N-8 in class from 9:00-9:30 am.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are pleased to inform you that our **supervised lunch program** will continue

If you would like your child to stay at school for lunch, please ensure you have completed and submitted the **lunch program sign-up form**. Forms are available in the school office.

Please note the following important details:

- **This is a supervised lunch program only. School lunches will *not* be provided.** All students must bring their own packed lunch each day. We are unable to heat up lunches at school, so please send items that do not require reheating.
- **There is no fee for lunch supervision.**
- **Your child must be officially enrolled before participating.** You will receive a confirmation call once your child has been added to the lunch list. Until then, they must go home for lunch or follow your current arrangements.
- **Once enrolled, participation is required daily.** For safety and supervision reasons, students who are signed up must stay at school for lunch. If you do not wish for your child to attend the lunch program, please contact the school at **204-586-8346**.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation



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Sept 3, 2026

Dear Families,

We are excited to share that the Manitoba government is introducing free transit for youth across the province and is partnering with the City of Winnipeg to provide the service. Students can access passes through their school as part of a staged roll-out beginning the first week of the 2026/27 school year.

School divisions are working closely with Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning to ensure that all eligible youth can access bus passes through their school. Passes will be distributed to students in grades 6 to 12 in the following stages:

- September 8, 2026: Grades 11 and 12
- September 23, 2026: Grades 9 and 10
- September 29, 2026: Grades 6, 7 and 8

If a student needs a transit pass sooner than their grade eligibility, families can speak to school administration so that a pass can be made available for the student. We ask that you emphasize the importance of keeping the pass safe and not losing or damaging it.

Passes are valid for a full year and will expire on August 31, 2027. Passes issued to students are not transferable and are for the student's use only. Students in grades 10 to 12 are encouraged to carry their student ID together with their pass.

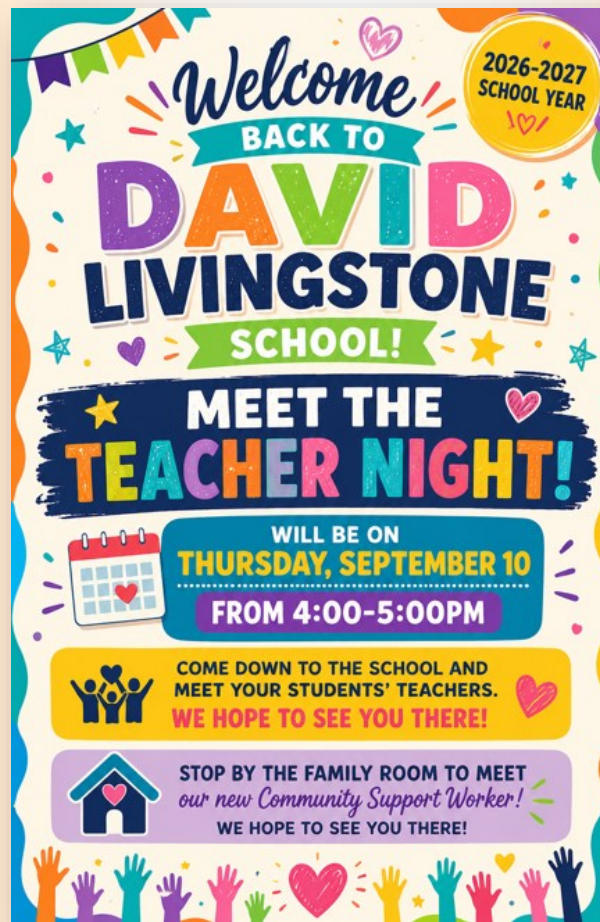
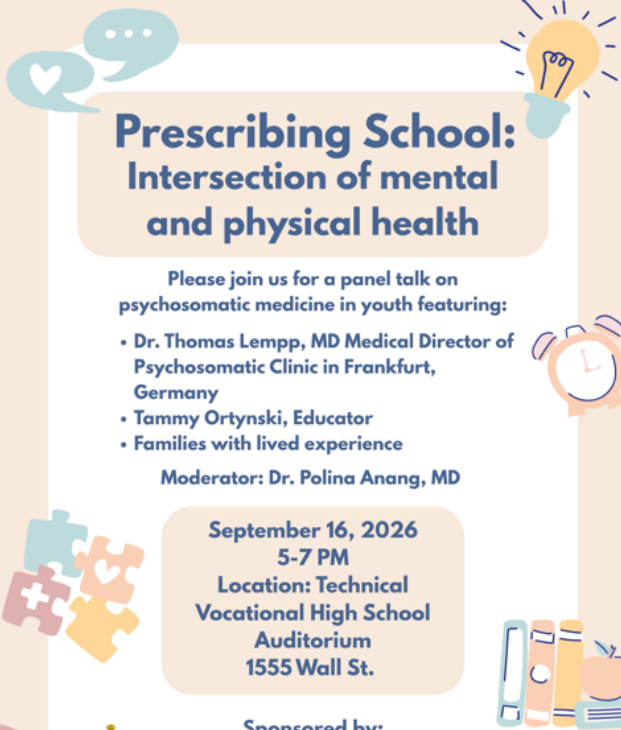
As per current Winnipeg Transit policy, children aged 11 and under can ride free when accompanied by a fare-paying customer.

For information on scheduling, routes, or on how to use Winnipeg Transit, please access winnipeg.ca/youthridefree.

If you have additional questions or concerns, please contact your child's school office.

Sincerely,

Matt Henderson
Superintendent & CEO

Prescribing School: Intersection of mental and physical health

Please join us for a panel talk on
psychosomatic medicine in youth featuring:

- Dr. Thomas Lempp, MD Medical Director of Psychosomatic Clinic in Frankfurt, Germany
- Tammy Ortynski, Educator
- Families with lived experience

Moderator: Dr. Polina Anang, MD

**September 16, 2026
5-7 PM**
Location: Technical
Vocational High School
Auditorium
1555 Wall St.

Sponsored by:
Manitoba Psychiatric Association
Social Advocacy Section



CELL PHONE TIPS FOR FAMILIES



- Turn off screens and remove them from bedrooms 30 to 60 minutes before bedtime
- Learn about parental controls
- Provide clear limits
- Designate some times and places as no-device zones
- Maximize in-person activity and sleep, rather than focusing on total screen hours
- Provide experiences outside with other children
- Provide clear structure to the day and week
- Look for signs of addiction and problematic use
- Delay the opening of social media accounts until 16
- Coordinate with other families to create community expectations
- Talk with your child about the risks, and listen to their thoughts
- Talk to your child's teacher and principal and support the new provincial direction on mobile devices

Based on
The Anxious Generation
by Jonathan Haidt

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WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION

DAGWAAGIN POW WOW

SEPTEMBER 24, 2026

We invite students and staff to join us for a day of learning. Explore Indigenous knowledge, teachings, and traditions through engaging learning experiences designed for students in Grades 1 to 8.

Site location:

Naawi-Oodena
Field at the corner
of Kenaston Boulevard & Grant Avenue
10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Order of the Day:

- » 10:00 a.m. — Grand Entry
- » 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. — Learning Sessions
- » 1:30 p.m. — Pow Wow Closing Ceremonies

Additional Information:

- » Community members are warmly welcome to attend and dance.
- » WSD Pow Wow Circles are encouraged to participate.
- » Invited drums only, thank you.
- » Registered dancers will receive an honorarium.
- » Students may register on-site to receive a dancer honorarium but must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.
- » Community vendors are not permitted.

For more information:

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204-775-0231

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THINKING OF RETURNING TO SCHOOL?

Registration

IS NOW *Open*



- Complete grade 12 diploma
- Upgrade for post-secondary
- Strengthen your employment opportunities
- Attend online or in Downtown Winnipeg
- No cost - new & returning students welcome

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A Certified Adult Literacy and Learning Centre



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Here, there is hope

Attendance Facts

- Students need to be present to learn. Attending regularly helps children feel better about school.
- Students who miss **only 15 days a year** will end up missing a **full year of school** by grade 12.
- A student with 90% attendance (missing 2 days a month) will miss **4 weeks of school per year!** This can make it harder to learn to read.
- Being only **10 minutes late** each day equals **6 missed days** of instruction over the year. Children who miss too many days in kindergarten and grade one **often have trouble mastering reading.**



SEPTEMBER 2026

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
7 Labour Day	8 Day 1 School Opens Non-Instructional Day	9 Day 2 Bell Rings @ 8:55 am 	10 Day 3 Gr. 7/8 SHOPS  Meet the Teacher 4:00-5:00 pm	11 Day 4
14 Day 5 Nursery/Kindergarten Begin am/pm	15 Day 6	16 Day 1	17 Day 2	18 Day 3 Gr. 7/8 SHOPS
21 Day 4	22 Day 5	23 Day 6	24 Day 1 Divisional Pow Wow 	25 Day 2
28 Day 3  Terry Fox Assembly and Run Gr. 7/8 SHOPS	29 Day 4 Assembly 9:30 am 	30 National Day For Truth and Reconciliation NO SCHOOL	DAVID LIVINGSTONE SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT <i>David Livingstone School is committed to working together with the community to prepare students for the challenges of the future by providing a safe, supportive environment, reflecting the diverse needs, cultures, abilities and interests of our students while striving for academic excellence.</i>	

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