

April 1 - April 5



Pride in Self, School, & Community

APRIL IS EARTH MONTH



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
April 1 / Day 1	April 2 / Day 2	April 3 / Day 3	April 4 / Day 4	April 5 / Day 5
School Resumes			WSO -Rm 21 & Rm 23 "Adventures in Music" Field Trip	
REMINDER Daycare Closure	Violin Club			

Glenlea Greenhouse Fundraiser



Orders are open until April 15th through www.glenleagreenhouses.com and will be ready for pick-up at the school on Tuesday, May 21st. Funds from the fundraiser will go towards supporting Technology, Grade 6 camp and Farewell.
Thank you for your support!

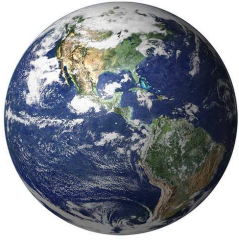
REMINDER
DAYCARE CLOSED
Monday, April 1st



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Student Intentions for the 2024-2025 School Year

An email was sent out on Monday, March 18th to our Nursery to Grade 5 students for their intention for the upcoming school year. Please respond by Wednesday, April 3rd.

Lunch Program Update

Please be advised that all Lunch Program Students will now be eating at 11:55-12:25 and then going outside together. If you have any questions please contact Lunch Program at Irpclunchprogram@gmail.com

“Family Fun” School/Community BBQ

Come one, come all to the Family Fun BBQ on Thursday June 6th, 2024 from 5-8pm at Lord Roberts School! Rain or shine there will be food, 50/50, door prize, entertainment and fun!! Funds raised from this event will be going towards the school technology needs.

Look out for pre-order forms for food and drinks coming out in May. If you're interested in volunteering at the BBQ or have any questions please contact the parent council via email at lordrobertsparentcouncil@gmail.com. Thank you and look forward to seeing you there!

Reminder for our Grade 6 Students

Friendly reminder to our Grade 6 student families to register at your catchment school for the upcoming year for Grade 7 as soon as possible please.

Daycare Closure

Daycare will be closed for Monday, April 1st. Please make alternate arrangements for your child's supervision during the lunch hour and for pick up at the end of the day.

Food Security

Periodically Lord Roberts School is able to access food donations through the Second Harvest Food Rescue Program. Depending on what is available, we are sometimes able to use the food in the school to enhance our breakfast and snack programs. Other times, the food is more suitable for home use. If you would like to be on our list of families to contact should be have food available to donate, and are in need of this food security, please email or call the school office.



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Thank you to everybody who purchased from our Book Fair. We raised \$1370.19 to purchase books for the school.

Dates to Remember

Spring Concert (Room 21, Room 23, Room 26, Room 28) - Thursday, April 18th

No Classes—Divisional Closure - Friday, April 19

No Classes - Divisional Closure - Monday, May 6th

School Closure - Victoria Day - Monday, May 20th

Family Fun BBQ - Thursday, June 6

No Classes—School Closure - Friday, June 7

Grade 6 Farewell - Wednesday, June 26

Nursery/Kindergarten Farewell—Thursday, June 27th

Last Day of Class - Dismissal 11:30 - Friday, June 28

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Friendly Reminder....

Entry/Arrival - Morning arrival /line up 8:50

Exit/Dismissal - 3:25

Teachers will greet and dismiss their students outside daily.

Students should not arrive unaccompanied at school before 8:50 line up as there is no supervision.

Students who are registered for lunch program or daycare will be supervised on site during the lunch hour. If your child goes home during the lunch hour and is **not** part of the daycare or lunch program, they should only return to the school at 12:55. If your child is a daycare student and leaves during the lunch hour and returns before 12:55 they must be dropped off at the day-care accompanied by an adult. They are not to join the students on the playground without daycare being aware that they have returned.



March 20, 2024

To: Board Chairs, School Divisions
Superintendents of School Divisions
Principals of Funded Independent Schools
Directors/Owners/Operators of Early Learning and Child Care Facilities
Boards of Directors of Early Learning and Care Centres

Dear Colleagues:

RE: Solar Eclipse – Monday, April 8, 2024

A total solar eclipse is set to occur on April 8, 2024, between approximately noon and 3 p.m. Central Standard Time, spanning from Southern Ontario to Newfoundland and Labrador, with the rest of Canada experiencing a partial eclipse. Manitoba will experience an approximate 50 percent occlusion eclipse.


This is an awe-inspiring event that will draw the gaze of people; however, there is a risk of permanent vision damage if proper precautions are not taken. Even a brief look at the partially eclipsed sun can result in permanent damage.

Children and students may need extra supervision during the eclipse, as they may not fully comprehend the risks involved. Early learning and child care facilities and schools are encouraged to have plans in place to keep children indoors during the afternoon to ensure they don't view the eclipse unless appropriate eye protection is available and worn. Note that anyone who may not understand the risk or have difficulty following safety instructions are at greater risk.

Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning has consulted and collaborated with Manitoba Health, Seniors and Long-Term Care, to develop the attached guidance on solar eclipses. This resource includes a general overview, risks, and information on how to view eclipses safely.

Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning will continue to work in collaboration with its partners to ensure the health and safety of children, students, and staff. Thank you for your continued interest, engagement, and collaboration as we work together to create positive and thriving learning environments.

Sincerely,



Brian O'Leary
Deputy Minister
Education and
Early Childhood Learning



SOLAR ECLIPSE

Safety Measures and Viewing Guidance



What is a solar eclipse?

During a solar eclipse, the moon moves between the sun and the Earth, partially or completely blocking the sun's rays. This means that the sun will appear less bright, and people will be able to look at it directly without turning away.

What are the hazards of viewing a solar eclipse?

Looking at the sun, including during a solar eclipse, can cause **solar retinopathy**, which can permanently damage the retina's light-sensitive cells at the back of the eye. Even a brief look at the sun during an eclipse can cause **permanent harm** to the eyes. A person may not experience any pain or discomfort while watching the event and still suffer **severe damage** as a result.

Symptoms may not surface until 12 to 48 hours after the event and could involve retinal burns, temporary or permanent vision loss and blurred vision. Once symptoms start, it is usually too late to reverse any resulting damage. If someone experiences any changes in their vision from watching the solar eclipse, they should immediately have someone else drive them to a hospital or to their optometrist to be assessed.



Schools and child care facilities are encouraged to have a basic plan to ensure that children, students and staff will be safe.

Keep a close eye on children during a solar eclipse. Their eyes are still developing and let in more light to the retina than adult eyes, so they are at higher risk of harm if they look at the sun without proper eye protection.

How can I safely observe a solar eclipse?

Indirect observation through a recording (for example, watching on television or streaming online) is the safest way to view an eclipse. **Direct observation** requires appropriate safety measures, including internationally-certified eclipse glasses, camera lenses (including smart phone cameras), binoculars, telescopes or anything else that is not specifically made for viewing an eclipse are not safe.



Additional resources

Additional resources are available through the [Royal Astronomical Society of Canada](#), the [American Astronomical Society](#) and the [Canadian Association of Optometrists](#).

March 15, 2024

Re: Be Vigilant for Measles – Rise in Imported Cases in Canada

Dear Parents/Guardians and Caregivers:

There has been a significant rise in measles cases in many parts of the world. Most confirmed cases of measles in Canada are in returning travellers who were infected abroad. To date, there have been no laboratory confirmed cases in Manitoba in 2023/24.

Measles is very contagious. The most recognized symptom of measles is a red, blotchy rash, which often begins on the face and spreads down the body. Other common symptoms include fever, runny nose, cough, drowsiness, irritability and red eyes. Measles is a serious illness, especially for young children, and can result in lung and brain infections and other conditions that lead to serious complications or death.

The best protection against measles is vaccination. As part of Manitoba's routine immunization schedule, children can receive two doses of a measles vaccine to protect against the disease; either the measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine or the measles, mumps, rubella and varicella (MMRV) vaccine that also provides protection against chicken pox. This vaccination is given at 12 months and again between the ages of four and six years. Together, these doses provide 97 per cent protection against measles. In addition to those doses, children age 6 months to under 12 months are eligible for 1 dose of MMR vaccine if travelling to a measles endemic country.

The full list of eligibility criteria for the measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) and measles, mumps, rubella and varicella (MMRV) vaccines in Manitoba can be found at:
<https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/vaccineeligibility.html>

Immunization Records:

You can get your immunization record by submitting a request via the e-form
<https://forms.gov.mb.ca/immunization-update-request/>.

If you or your children are new to Manitoba and have immunization records, these can be submitted to Manitoba Health, Seniors and Long-Term Care to have them validated and entered into Manitoba's Immunization Registry. More information on the process to submit records is available on the Immunization Records website:

<https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/div/records.html>.

We encourage parents/guardians and caregivers to be vigilant for measles symptoms, especially after travelling. If you suspect you or your child may have measles, please call your primary health care provider and get their advice on next steps.

Further resources can be found at:

- Measles webpage: <https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/diseases/measles.html>
- MMR and MMRV Vaccine factsheets:
 - MMR - <https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/factsheets/mmr.pdf>
 - MMRV <https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/factsheets/mmr.pdf>

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