


# April 8 - April 12



**Pride in Self, School, & Community**

APRIL IS EARTH MONTH



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
April 8 / Day 6	April 9 / Day 1	April 10 / Day 2	April 11 / Day 3	April 12 / Day 4
<p><b>SOLAR ECLIPSE</b> Wear "eclipse" clothing! Indoor activities!</p> <p><b>MunchaLunch open</b></p>		<p><b>Violin Club</b></p>		<p><b>Bus Ridership</b></p>  <p><b>Running Club</b></p>

## Friendly reminder:

Please send "extra" clothing to school with your child just in case they need a change of clothing due to the wet weather!



## Glenlea Greenhouse Fundraiser



Orders are open until April 15<sup>th</sup> through [www.glenleagreenhouses.com](http://www.glenleagreenhouses.com) and will be ready for pick-up at the school on Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. Funds from the fundraiser will go towards supporting Technology, Grade 6 camp and Farewell.

Thank you for your support!



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### **Solar Eclipse School Plan**

As you are likely aware, there is a Partial Solar Eclipse occurring in Winnipeg on Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup> beginning approximately at noon and ending around 3:00 p.m. Information from Public Health was shared in our Week At A Glance prior to spring break.

As per Public Health, the Winnipeg School Division/our School will be following the recommendation to keep students and staff inside during the above times. To celebrate this unique event, we encourage all students and staff to wear an eclipse outfit on Monday (anything individual's feel represent an eclipse).

Just like during inclement weather, we will have indoor activities during lunch and last recess instead of going outside. Students who go home for lunch are welcome to bring a lunch to stay at school on Monday. Please communicate your lunch plan with your child's teacher. Patrols will only be on duty at the start of the lunch hour. If your child will go home for lunch, please arrange a safe plan for their return at the end of the lunch hour.

During the morning, teachers will be doing some learning with students about the eclipse and then taking time to view it online in their classrooms in the afternoon. No one will be going outside to view it, even if they have sunglasses.

Attached is the Public Health information previously shared.

[solar eclipse safety measures and viewing guidance.pdf](#)

[Solar Eclipse Monday April 8 2024 EN \(002\).pdf](#)

### **Spring Concert!**

Families of **students in Rooms 21, 23, 26 & 28** are welcomed to attend the ANNUAL SPRING CONCERT being held Thursday, April 18th. Save the date, more information to follow.

### **"Family Fun" School/Community BBQ**

Come one, come all to the Family Fun BBQ on Thursday **June 6<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:lordrobertsparentcouncil@gmail.com). Thank you and look forward to seeing you there!

### **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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**HOT LUNCH is Friday, April 26th**

Deadline to order is

**Tuesday, April 23rd at 4:00 PM**

<https://munchalunch.com/login>

If link is not working, copy and paste in your browser.  
Information is also available on the Lord Roberts web page  
under the Community & Family tab, top right.

Thank you for your support!

### 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



### 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 daycare accompanied by an adult. They are not to join the students on the playground without daycare being aware that they have returned.





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April 4, 2024

Dear Families,

Re: Solar Eclipse – Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024

A total solar eclipse will take place on Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup> between noon and 3:00 pm.

While this event is an incredible celestial experience, there are some risks to one's vision if precautions are not taken.

WSD takes advice from Public Health and proceeds accordingly. Please see the attached PDF.

All WSD schools have made plans for their learners that make sense based on the schedules, age group, and design of individual school communities. These plans have already been sent home or will be shortly. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's teacher or principal.

Staff at all our amazing schools will be working with learners to teach not only about safety, but also the incredible miracle that is the universe.

Sincerely,

Matt Henderson



# 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. Sunglasses, 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](#).







Education and Early Childhood Learning

Deputy Minister

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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



## PUNJABI BILINGUAL PROGRAM

# OPEN HOUSE

**April 11, 2024**  
**Prairie Rose School**  
**105 Lucas Avenue**  
**7:00 p.m.**

Winnipeg School Division is consulting with all residents to determine interest in the establishment of a Punjabi Bilingual program for student who will be attending Kindergarten or Grade 1 in the 2024/25 school year.

In bilingual programming schools, the target language is used as the language of instruction for not more than 50% of the school day.

In Kindergarten, the target language is used 100% of the time.

Pre-register during the Open House.

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