



April Showers Bring May Flowers



Keewatin Prairie Community School

April 2024
Newsletter

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WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION

Administrative Message...

Welcome Back! We hope that everyone had a great break and are ready to settle back into the school routines. Time is flying by as we look toward our last three months of school.

This month we will be supporting our Grade 6 students as we begin meeting about this very important transition to Grade 7 for the upcoming school year. Even though we are in the same school, it can be a little worrisome and if your child is expressing any apprehension, please let us know. Look for information coming home soon.

We will be encouraging everyone to wear pink once more on April 12 as we pledge to make Keewatin Prairie School a safe place to be; safe from derogatory and mean words or actions that hurt. We all know that bullying can take many forms and we also know how much words and actions can hurt. Please continue to talk to your children about respect for others and to get an adult if needed to help out if there are any problems. We thank you for your support as we work to keep Keewatin Prairie a safe and trusting place to learn and grow. Grades 5-8 will participate in Anti-Bullying presentations in collaboration with the Winnipeg Police Services.

An important worldwide event is coming up on April 22 and that is Earth Day. Earth Day is the largest environmental event in the world. More than six million Canadians—including nearly every school-aged child—participate in an Earth Day activity in their communities. Earth Day Canada was founded in 1990. Their mission is to foster and celebrate environmental respect, action and behavior change that lessens our impact on the earth.

With safety always on our mind at school, we request you to please be careful if you are driving your children to school. 'Stop, Drop, and Roll' only works if children are dropped at the school sidewalk to ensure safety. We thank you for your attention to this.

We encourage families who have Nursery aged children to register this month to ensure you get the time slot (morning or afternoon) that you prefer. If your child will be four years old before December 31 2024 then he or she is ready to begin school! Beginning school at age four gives children an extra advantage in learning readiness skills in a fun environment. See you at the open house on Tuesday April 16th, from 5:30-6:30 pm!

Enjoy April and the warmer weather.

Yours in education,

Ms. Enns , Ms. Perrun, and Ms. Bui



Nursery and New to Kindergarten Registration Information

Registrations for Nursery and NEW to Kindergarten students are now being accepted for the 2024-2025 School Year.

Nursery students must be 4 years old before December 31, 2024 and New to Kindergarten students must be 5 years old before December 31, 2024.

*Please note that if your child is currently registered here in Nursery, there is no need to fill out a new registration form.

OUR NURSERY PROGRAM IS FREE

to all students who are residents of the Winnipeg School Division.

Residency is based on where the legal guardian resides.

Please bring your child's birth certificate, MB Medical Card and confirmation of your current address.

This could be a rental agreement or tax statement.

We will be hosting an open house for Nursery and Kindergarten families on Tuesday, April 16th from 5:30-6:30 pm for families to pre-register!

Come and visit us in our Office at Keewatin Prairie to pick up a registration form.



Solar Eclipse April 8th 2024

A solar eclipse occurs when the moon passes in front of the sun. On April 8, 2024, a solar eclipse will be visible (weather permitting) in North America. In Manitoba, a 70% solar eclipse will be visible, and some areas of the US will experience a total solar eclipse. A total eclipse is the phase when the moon sits directly in front of the sun, and this phase usually lasts only a couple of minutes. In Winnipeg the eclipse will begin at 12:54 pm, with maximum eclipse at 2:01 pm, and will end at 3:08 pm.

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

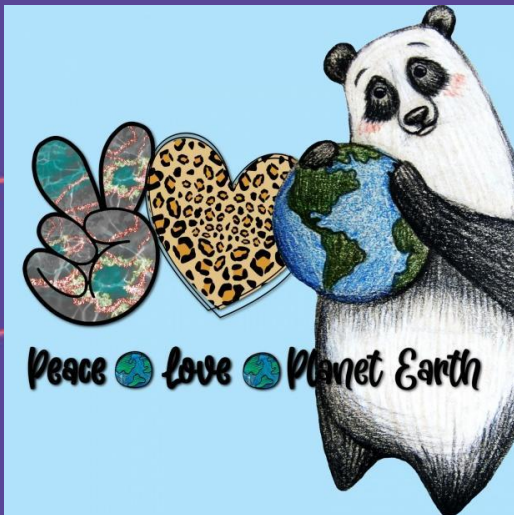
Additional resources are available through the [Royal Astronomical Society of Canada](#), the [American Astronomical Society](#) and the [Canadian Association of Optometrists](#).

Monday, April 22 is Earth Day!

Each year, Earth Day has a central theme, signifying a new focus on a particular environmental concern. The Earth Day 2024 theme is 'Planet vs. Plastics.' This theme is designed to advocate for the end plastics for the sake of human and planetary health, demanding a 60% reduction in the production of **ALL** plastics by 2040. **Planet vs. Plastics**, calls to advocate for widespread awareness on the health risk of plastics, rapidly phase out all single use plastics, urgently push for a strong UN Treaty on Plastic Pollution, and demand an end to fast fashion.

Earth Day as the perfect opportunity to educate our children about the three R's - reduce, reuse, and recycle - and how they can work toward protecting Earth. To help at home, look for ways you can **Reduce, Reuse and Recycle** throughout your house. You'll save natural resources, energy and money, and you'll reduce waste sent to landfills. A couple of ideas include:

- 1) Always carry a reusable bag.
- 2) Be mindful of your cleaning products,
- 3) Get a home energy score,
- 4) Circulate the air inside your home,
- 6) A tried-and-true Earth Day tip: conserve energy within your home by turning off lights.



Swimming Highlights Grade 4

Swimming Counts! runs in partnership between the City of Winnipeg and the Winnipeg School Division and was open to grade 4 students. The program focuses on water safety education, and consists of four sessions in total (one at the students' school and three at the Cindy Klassen Centre pool). This valuable program offers three skill levels to accommodate students' abilities. Students learned Water Safety Skills in hopes that they are better prepared when near water locations. The students who attended were super-excited about the program!



April Showers bring Reading Challenges! 😊

Here are some fun at home reading activities to encourage reading in April!

Celebrate International Siblings Day on April 10 by reading a book about siblings. Share the story with your own sibling if you have one!

Go to page 10 of a children's poetry collection, and read the poem you find there.

Laugh your way through a book of jokes. Select your favourite joke and tell it to a friend.

Think of a skill or hobby you'd like to learn or get better at. Find a non-fiction book with information or how-to's.

Read a book in a voice that sounds like your oldest or youngest relative.

Check out a book with penguins to read on World Penguin Day, April 25. The flightless birds really soar on the pages of kids' books!

Visit your community Library: Wish the Librarian a happy School Library Month. Then ask, "What's your favorite book that rhymes or your favorite poet?"

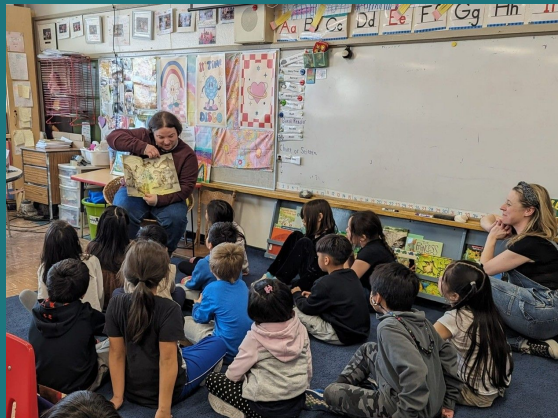
Read a book aloud to a plant you want to see grow.

Think of your favorite movies. Find out if any of them were books first and, if so, read the book! (Ask an adult for help with your research if needed.)

Find your favorite reading spot in your home. If it's possible, design a sign to make it yours.

Have fun!

Rotary Club Readers 2024





International Day of Pink

Friday, April 12
is the **International Day of Pink**.



On Friday, April 12, all students and staff at Keewatin Prairie are encouraged to wear pink to show that they are taking a stand against bullying.

Pink Day began in 2007 when a Grade 9 male student in Nova Scotia was bullied by classmates for wearing a pink shirt to school.

Two grade 12 students rallied their friends to send a message to the bullies. The next day the halls were filled with students in pink shirts.

This started the Pink Day campaign, aimed at bringing together schools and communities throughout Canada to show that actions have impact.

So on Friday, April 12; wear a pink shirt to show we can all use our power to create a safe and respectful school environment!

We will be having some special activities. Please stay tuned!

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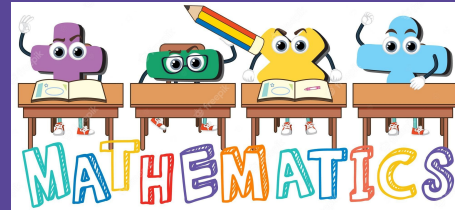
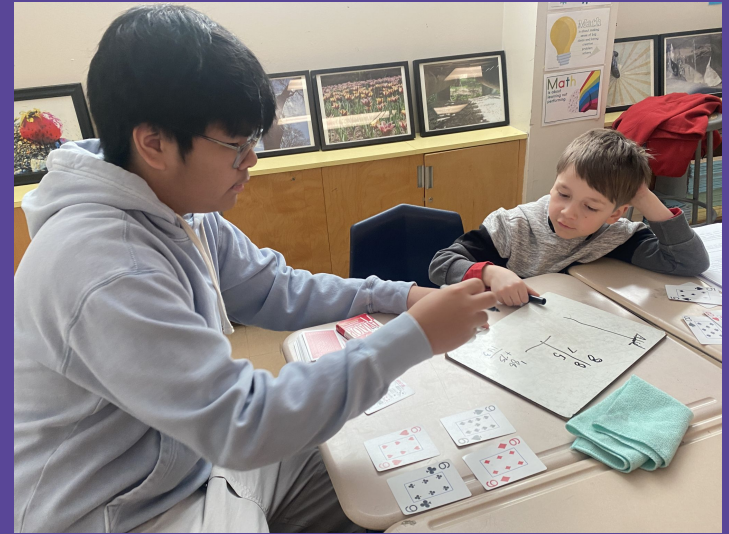
**International
Day of Pink**



Math Buddies

On Thursday, March 21st, the Grade 2 students from Ms. Gilmour's class ventured to the other side of the school to share their math learning through engaging and fun activities and games with the Grade 9 Math students!

A lot of great math talk, math learning, and even some healthy competition was had by all!



Movie Night 2024



On March 19th, Keewatin Prairie launched movie night after a long hiatus! Our gym was filled with families, popcorn and loads of fun as we shared laughs and giggles watching...

DIARY
of a
Wimpy Kid





What's On At The Leaf

On now at The Leaf: Flora of the Philippines!
This new display is inspired by the lush tropical forests that define the breathtaking landscapes of the Philippines. Plus: chats, workshops, programs, and more!

Filipino Heritage Club

The Filipino Heritage after-class students performed the "Bulaklakan" dance at the Leaf Assiniboine with Ms. Malek on March 17, 2023.

This presentation is part of the Leaf's Flora of the Philippines theme of the month. The event also highlights the Philippine Nature, Culture and Community.



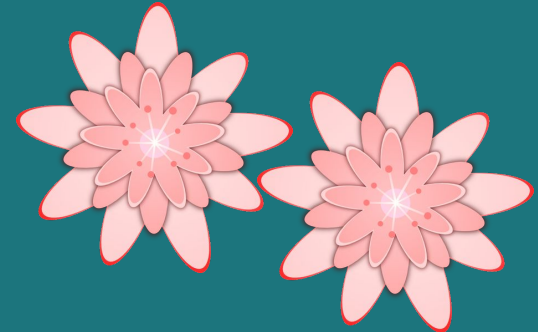
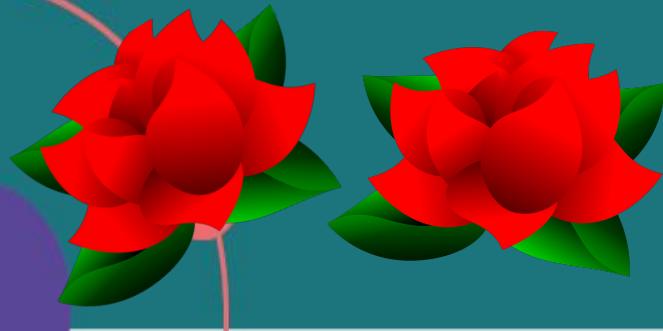
Fleur de Fusilero Presents
7,000+ Islands
Kalikasan, Kultura, at Kapwa
THE PHILIPPINE NATURE, CULTURE, AND COMMUNITY
March 17 | SUNDAY | 2:00-4:00 PM
LEAF TICKET REQUIRED!

COSTUMES & TRADITIONS
FOLK DANCES
STORYTELLING

MEET LOCAL ARTISTS
HARANA AT KUNDIPMAN
TAGALOG GUIDED BIOTE TOUR

Journey into the heart of Filipino culture as we pay homage to the Philippines and its vast array of over 7,000 islands, each brimming with its own unique culture, languages, music, & arts.












We highly encourage you to wear your heritage!
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Community Room Events - April 2024

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	2 FOOD GIVEAWAY PM ONLY	3 INDIGENOUS CRAFTS	4 BAKE AND TAKE PM ONLY	5
8	9 FOOD GIVEAWAY PM ONLY	10 INDIGENOUS CRAFTS	11 BAKE AND TAKE PM ONLY	12
15	16 FOOD GIVEAWAY PM ONLY	17 INDIGENOUS CRAFTS	18 BAKE AND TAKE PM ONLY	19 <u>No School</u>
22	23 FOOD GIVEAWAY PM ONLY	24 INDIGENOUS CRAFTS	25 BAKE AND TAKE PM ONLY	26
29	30			

April 2024

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 Day 1 	2 Day 2 GR 4 Swimming 	3 Day 3	4 Day 4	5 Day 5
8 Day 6	9 Day 1	10 Day 2	11 Day 3	12 Day 4 Grade 1 - Children's Museum (all day)  
15 Day 5	16 Day 6  1:00 Grade 5&6 Anti Bullying Presentation WPS <i>Parent Council at 3:45 pm</i> <i>Nursery and Kindergarten Open House 5:30-6:30</i>	17 Day 1 1:00 Grade 7&8 Anti Bullying Presentation WPS	18 Day 2 <u>Rm 115 AM class to Children's Museum all day NO CLASSES Room 115 pm and Room 111 pm</u> 	19 Day 3 <u>No School Professional Development Day</u>
22 Day 4 <u>Rm 115 PM & Room 111 PM classes to Children's Museum all day NO CLASSES Room 115 AM</u>  	23 Day 5	24 Day 6 <u>1:45 pm Grade 9 Band to River East Personal Care Home</u> 	25 Day 1 <u>Pizza Lunch Grades 1-9</u> 	26 Day 2
29 Day 3 Bus Ridership 	30 Day 4			