

“A community of learners - working together”

Winnipeg School
Division

DECEMBER 2023



A Message From Administration...

December is here and its nearly time for the holidays. December is a short month but it is packed full of learning opportunities and celebrations.

November marked the end of our first term. Thank you to all the parents and families who participated in the Tri-Conferences on November 16th and 17th. We truly value your ongoing support and partnership in your child's education. If you were unable to connect with your child's teacher, please feel free to contact them to arrange a convenient time to review your child's progress.

We would like to say Thank You to all who came out to support our annual Scholastic Book Fair during the Tri-Conferences. The Book Fair enables our children to have books at home to read, while raising money to help Robertson School purchase learning resources for all the students to enjoy! Olivia in room 135 won \$25 worth of books for herself and \$25 worth of books for his classroom. We were able to raise a total of over \$800 for the school.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at our Winter Concerts. This year our Winter Concert will feature our students from 3-6 students and our Spring Concert will feature our N/K, 1/2, 2/3, Autism and Life Skills classrooms. The theme this year is "A World for Peace". We will be having two separate performances, one at 1:30 pm and the other at 6:30pm that evening. We will be having a silvercollection at the performances as well as a bake sale to support our grade 5 and 6 students.

We look forward to all the students and staff retuning in the New Year feeling refreshed and ready to dive into new learning opportunities. As winter progresses, please help support your children in dressing for the weather. Recess is outside everyday, so students need to wear warm clothes, winter shoes/boots and accessories to stay safe. As always continue to keep your children home if they are ill.

On behalf of all the staff at Robertson School, we wish you all the very best for the holiday season. May you all have a healthy, safe and festive break and a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year! We will see you all when school re-opens on Monday, January 8, 2024!

Best Wishes in 2024!

Happy Holidays!

Jude Guzzi
Principal

Alison Petrelli
Vice Principal



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

December 1	Litterless Lunch
December 14	Winter Concert
December 22	Last day of School
January 8	School Reopens
January 12	Litterless Lunch
January 19	Teacher In-Service Day NO CLASSES
February 2	Teacher In-Service Day NO CLASSES
February 19	Louis Riel Day NO CLASSES



***WINTER
CONCERT***

THURSDAY DEC.14TH

Afternoon Performance ~ 1:30 PM (Doors open at 1:00 PM)

Evening Performance ~ 6:30 PM (Doors open at 6:00 PM)

ROOMS 101, 103, 105, 132, 134, P1, P2

STUDENTS SHOULD ARRIVE BY 6:00 PM AND GO TO THEIR CLASSROOMS



As a means to bring additional holiday cheer to Robertson's winter concert, the grade 5 & 6 students will be selling baked goods. On December 14th, purchase some baking on your way into the winter concert. All proceeds will go towards grade 5 & 6 end of year activities.



To bring additional holiday cheer to Robertson, the grade 5 & 6 students will be selling candy cane grams during the last week of December. On December 18th-20th students can bring in 50 cents to buy a candy cane gram to give to their friends. They will be given a sheet of paper to fill out with who the candy cane gram is going to, who it's from, and what room number their friend is in. Students will receive the candy canes on December 22nd. All proceeds will go towards grade 5 & 6 end of year activities.

**Holiday Gear Days for
December**

**Want to get into the
Holiday Spirit?**

**Wear your festive attire
(headgear, sweaters,
socks, pants etc.) every
Tuesday and Friday for
the month of December.**

**We are looking forward
to seeing everyone
dressed up for those
days!**

Winter Concert News!!!

It's time for Robertson School's Winter concert again! Performed by the intermediate students on December 14th, it will be an event to remember! This year's show is called, "A World for Peace." All 3/4, 4/5 and 5/6 classes should be brought to school for 6:00pm, which is also when the doors to the gym will be open for family and friends' seating. The show will start at 6:30pm and run approximately an hour. There is also a day show starting at 1:30, with gym doors opening at 1:00pm for seating. Please make sure students are dressed in their nice clothes for the evening performance.

I can't wait to see you there for some holiday cheer!!!

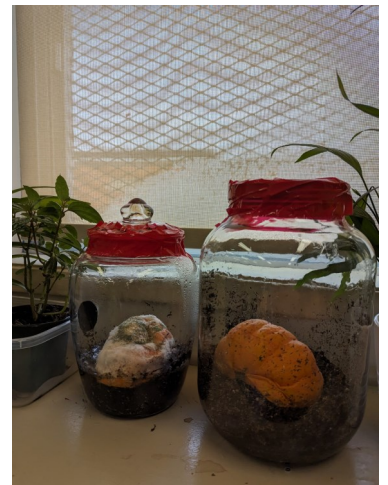
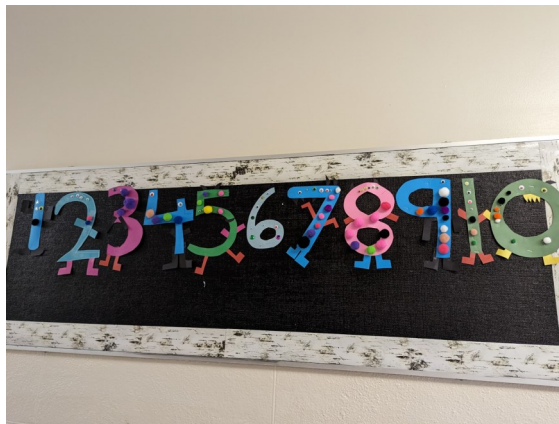
Mr. Rosner - Music/Performance Teacher (Robertson School)

Nursery-Kindergarten Room 147

The first part of the year flew by! We are already almost to the Christmas break. During our first months together Nursery and Kindergarten did so much learning and growing together. At tri-conferences I had many great conversations about what we have been up to.

We have had so many highlights in this term! In Science we have been monitoring some pumpkins we sealed in jars on October 13th. Take a look at the photos! We can't wait to see what other changes our pumpkins will make over the next few months, and the student's have been quite the scientists and are having many conversations about the changes that are happening. In Mathematics we have been learning lots about numbers 1-10, and were lucky to be selected as part of a math pilot program for the division. In ELA we have been doing lots of learning around letters, their sounds and exploring other important topics around words. Such as how we can blend and segment words. We have completed many crafts and activities around many topics this year.

As we go into the wintertime, we are looking forward to doing lots of winter crafts, books and learning. Well done Nursery Kindergarten!



Room 103 News

English:

In writing, our focus is on writing an informational report on extreme weather such as tornadoes, hurricanes, tsunamis and more. Students have been working on pulling information from a variety of sources then putting it into their own words. They are organizing their work into different paragraphs and sections. Students are exploring word choice and transitions in their writing from one paragraph to the next.

Math:

In math students have been building their multiplication skills by understanding how to multiply 2 digit by 2 digit numbers through the distributive property. As well as learning how to identify the lowest common multiple and greatest common factor with number pairs. They have been exploring division in relation to multiplication and how to solve 3 digit division by 1 digit divisors.

Science:

Students are continuing to learn about the weather through exploration and discussion. They will use this knowledge to help them understand the impact of global warming on the Earth and how we can help the Earth.

Social Studies:

We are learning about the first people of Canada through research by exploring the different groups of people. We are working on building our understanding and appreciation of the impacts of the first people on the land and in our lives.

Health: We are learning about the importance of friendship. While exploring how to make a good friend and how to solve conflicts.

Art: Students have been exploring a variety of different important artists to Canada. We just finished learning about the indigenous artist, Norval Morrisseau. We learned to draw shapes first then outlined our shapes to create our animal. Then we used paint and sharpie to finish our creations. They all look fantastic. See the process below.



News from P2

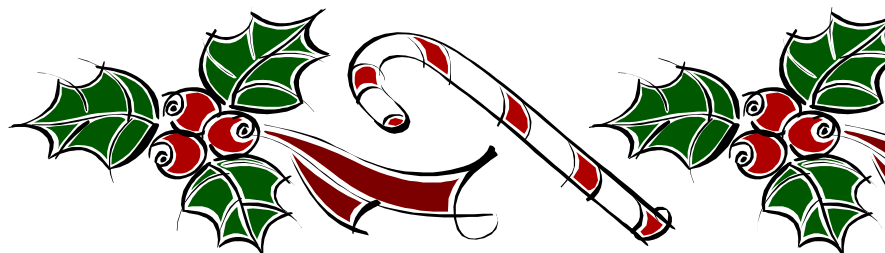
Wow - Term 1 sure did fly by fast! During Term 1, the Grade 4/5 students in P2 worked super hard and learned a lot. All of that learning and progress was reflected in their report cards. At Tri-Conferences, many families expressed how proud they were of their children. Most importantly, the students were proud of themselves! Over the next term, we will work to keep that momentum going.

Enter Term 2... In our classroom, we are either wrapping up current units or have already jumped into new ones. In ELA, we have just begun our Units of Study unit on Opinion Writing. The students sure do have some strong opinions - we may have some future lawyers amongst us. In Mathematics, we are learning addition, subtraction, and multiplication strategies. Who knew there were so many ways to solve a math equation? Another big focus in math this year continues to be our Thinking Classrooms problem solving tasks. P2 is always up for a challenge! Completing math tasks in groups has really opened our eyes to the endless possible strategies that exist when solving problems. It also gives us great experience with working as a team. In Science, we are working on finishing up our unit on Weather. In our next unit, we will be learning all about Properties of and Changes in Matter. In Social Studies, we will soon be moving on to learning all about the Fur Trade.

During the month of November, we were able to take in our first field trip of the year! Thank you to the staff at Stonewall Quarry for providing a fun and educational day for the students in P2, P1, Room 132, and Room 134. We learned about the rock cycle, different kinds of rocks, went on a tour of the Quarry grounds, got to see the old kilns, and did a little fossil hunting.



We are looking forward to another term together!

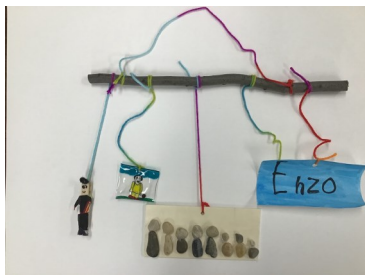


Look what Room 150 has been up to

The students in Room 150 are authors, scientists and world travelers too! We wrote and illustrated a book called "If you find a leaf it could be ..." inspired by Aimee Sicuro.



We shared and celebrated our different cultures and family traditions by creating an art piece to represent: ourselves, a group we belong to (ex. soccer team, hockey team, art class etc), members of our family, a family tradition/culture and our name.



In Science class we have been learning about solids, liquids and gases. We did a science experiment and made oobleck. We learned that it could be a solid and a liquid! It felt so cool. You can make your own at home:

Recipe:

1 cup of cornstarch

$\frac{3}{4}$ cup water

Food coloring (optional)

Mix together in a plastic bowl.



We will be packing our suitcases soon and visiting different countries and learning about their holiday traditions. We can't wait to go!

From,
Room 150



Room 134

Throughout the school year the students in room 134 have been very busy with many different things including math, inquiry, reading and writing. While writing, we have been focusing on using a Storyteller's voice. The children in room 134 have been focusing on adding more to their stories by using dialogue, exact actions and descriptive language. Please enjoy some excerpts from their excellent work!

Soak City

Me, Sammi and her dad walked to the line and waited. I felt nervous. We took another step, and waited, again. Finally, it was our turn. We got on. I felt scared. Then we put on our seatbelt. "Have a fun ride," the employee said. Our ride was starting very slowly. I breathed hardly.

"Ahh, I'm gonna die!" I thought to myself.

-Quennie

Funny Story

I was sharpening my pencil. When I pulled it out I touched the pencil lead. The lead was doing a Michael Jackson 45-degree angle like in smooth criminal. 'Jezreel, look at this!' I said. "What?" Jezreel asked.

"The pencil is doing a Michael Jackson!" I said.

-Nico

Stick War Legacy

I was walking through the mall and then I saw it. "Please, please, please! Can I get it Mom!?" I asked.

"Mmmmmm, let me think. Okay, yes!" my Mom said.

"Thank you, thank you, thank you!" I said. It was Stick War Legacy!

-Aiden



Physical Education News



Some information regarding exciting events that will be taking place for our students in the new year as well as some programming details about our Physical Education classes.

The school volleyball teams will begin practices in January in preparations for the annual Winnipeg School Division Volleyball tournament that will be held in February. Students will bring more information home regarding this event as we get closer to the date. Intramurals will continue to run during the lunch hour until the end of April followed by the Robertson Running Club in May in preparations for the Winnipeg School Division Fit Run event which will be held in June. Finally, preparations for the annual Robertson Track & Field day will also take place in June.

For safety reasons, students must have a clean pair of gym runners to participate in Physical Education classes. Regular shoes, sandals, boots and crocs are not allowed and not safe for use in the gym.

Mr. Capizzi
Director Robertson Phys. Ed

Introducing...The Den!

Room 123 (also known as “the old library”) has a new name...The Den! Thanks to everyone who cast their votes at Parent Teacher conferences. The Den is well on its way to being (mostly) complete & ready for student use in December. We plan on having classes participate in a “soft launch” of the space to learn about its purpose and function by mid-December. Two new staff members, Ms. Dayao and Mr. Gabe, have been hired to oversee the space and to plan & implement appropriate programming for classes, small groups, and individual students. More information will be provided in January’s newsletter, once the processes & programming move into the implementation phase. We are so excited to finally be able to share this amazing space with the staff and students at Robertson School!

LITERACY AT HOME

Building a Reader

Explore Books!

Give your child an opportunity to explore books. Visiting a library or bookstore gives them a chance to find books that interest them.

Read, read, read!

Make sure to read for at least 20 minutes per day! Your child can read independently, aloud to an adult, or back and forth with a partner.

Ask Questions!

While reading encourage your child make predictions, discuss the characters, identify the main idea, as well as the problem and solution in the story.

Make it Fun!

Reading shouldn't be a chore. Intentionally read with your child and discuss the books they are reading. It helps them develop basic language skills and expands their vocabulary.

Be an example!

Let your child see you read, whether it be a book, a newspaper or a cookbook. These experiences help set the stage for child to become a successful reader and writer.

Digital Books and Apps

Nothing beats curling up with a book and reading to your child. However, sometimes your child might enjoy something a little different. There are several free sites online that offer books for reading or that can be read aloud to your child.

Digital Books

EPIC!

<https://www.getepic.com/>

Storynory

<https://storylineonline.net/>

Free Children Stories

<https://www.freechildrenstories.com/>

APPS

Endless Reader

Learn to spell and read-Duolingo ABC

Starfall.com

Kids A-Z

Logic of English

The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go!

_Dr. Seuss



Do not Walk, Skate, or Play on Frozen Retention Ponds

Retention ponds are never safe to use for winter recreation activities. Ice conditions can change quickly without warning, and falling through the ice can be deadly. Remind your children to stay away from frozen retention ponds. Keep dogs on leashes when walking near a retention pond so they don't run onto the ice.



Do not walk, skate, or play on frozen retention ponds. Talk to your children about staying away from the ice.



Do not place hockey nets, benches, light structures, or any other items on a frozen retention pond. To report a structure or item on a retention pond, contact 311.



If you see someone on a retention pond, call 911.

Water from snowmelt or nearby water main breaks can drain into retention ponds. This water is often mixed with street salts, which can cause ice to melt and thin unevenly. This water enters retention ponds from underneath

winnipeg.ca/retentionponds

Please see additional information.

Ice Safety Video Link

[\(97\) Beware of dangers on our waterways and thin ice - YouTube](#)

Here is a link to the City blog with more information.

[Stay off the ice: Emergency responders warn | City of Winnipeg](#)

North West Ringette Association

REGISTRATION LINK: <http://NWRA.rampregistrations.com>

REGULAR SEASON REGISTRATION FEES

*Fees include Ringette Manitoba and Winnipeg Ringette League fees, regular season games (including fees for refs and minor officials).

Level	Registration Fee	Association Fee	Age	Total Fees After New Player Discount
R4U	\$340	\$60	2015 birth year and after	\$230.00
U10	\$395	\$60	2014 & 2015 birth year	\$257.50
U12	\$395	\$60	2012 & 2013 birth year	\$257.50

ASSOCIATION FEE - \$60

Association fees go towards, but are not limited to, RAMP Registration costs, website fees, Just Try Ringette, cage rental at Seven Oaks Arena to store NWRA equipment, jerseys, rings, whistles, whiteboards, etc.

NEW PLAYER INCENTIVE

For the 2023-2024 season, NWRA will offer any new players to Ringette a 50% discount on registration fees ONLY.

Use PROMO CODE "2023newR4U" to receive \$170.00 discount for any child born between January 1, 2016 and December 31, 2020!!!

Use PROMO CODE "2023newU10" or "2023newU12" to receive \$197.50 discount for any child born between January 1, 2012 and December 31, 2015!!!

Subsidy Information

Subsidies are available through [JumpStart](#) and [Kidsport](#). If you require assistance or have a older than 11 years old, please contact registrar@nwra.ca for more information.



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Winnipeg School Division
is hiring:

- School clerks
- Educational Assistants
- 5th Class Power Engineers
- Bus Drivers




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WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
				Day 3 1 Litterless Lunch
Day 4 4	Day 5 5 Holiday Gear Day	Day 6 6 Assembly hosted by Room 137 1:30 PM	Day 1 7	Day 2 8 Holiday Gear Day
Day 3 11	Day 4 12 Holiday Gear Day	Day 5 13	Day 6 14 Winter Concert Afternoon Show at 1:30 PM Evening Show at 6:30 PM	Day 1 15 Holiday Gear Day
Day 2 18	Day 3 19 Holiday Gear Day	Day 4 20	Day 5 21	Day 6 22 Holiday Gear Day Last Day of School



Happy Holidays!
See you on Monday, January 8, 2024!

