



December 2023
Newsletter



PRAIRIE ROSE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION

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Ken Romaniuk, Principal

The spirit of celebration is in the air at Prairie Rose School. The academic strengths, challenges and next steps shared with you at the Parent/Teacher Conferences have allowed our students to reflect on their learning as well as set new goals for the next learning term.

November was certainly a busy month and December promises to maintain a similar high pitch schedule of fun and enjoyment. The Christmas Concerts scheduled for December 15 with our Nursery and Kindergarten class's Winter Celebration at 9:45 a.m. in the Gymnasium and on December 19 the Grades 1 to 6 classes will perform **SNOW, SNOW, SNOW** at 1:30 p.m. and 6:30 in the gym. We will have two performances to help accommodate everyone who wishes to come and see the show. Please join us in the afternoon at 1:30 if you can.

We need to Thank our School Patrols and Teacher Leaders who have been so dedicated to serving our school and ensuring our students are safe as they cross to and from school. We appreciate their commitment especially in the cold and windy weather.

As the end of 2023 approaches, the staff at Prairie Rose School would like to thank you for your ongoing support and assistance throughout the past year.

The staff of Prairie Rose School wishes you and your family a very special holiday. May the spirit of peace and joy find you this holiday season and make your holidays bright. We hope you have a joyous and safe festive season and a very happy, healthy, peaceful and prosperous 2024!

Mr. Romaniuk



Land Acknowledgment

"The students, staff, and communities of Winnipeg School Division are committed to truth and reconciliation through building relationships with Mother Earth, the original peoples of this land, and the stories that bring us together. We acknowledge the place in which we gather is on Treaty 1 territory, the homeland of the Red River Métis, and the ancestral lands of the Anishinaabe, Ininiwak, and Dakota Oyate peoples."

Prairie Rose Parent Council Silent Auction

Tickets for our classroom-themed silent auction baskets will be on sale at the
Gr 1-6 Winter Concert Tuesday Dec 19th

Arts & Crafts
Basket

Spa Basket

Coffee Tea & Treats
Basket

Baking Basket

Movie Night
Basket

Family Game
Basket

All proceeds will go towards the Parent Council.



Thank You in advance and Good Luck

It is hard to believe that our first term is already over, and that holidays are just 3 weeks away! We have had such a busy and incredible start to the year, we cannot wait to see what the rest of it has in store for us!

I would like to start by thanking all of our Nursery / Kindergarten families for participating in our Parent-Teacher Conferences. It was wonderful to have a chance to meet with all of you and have the children share all of their hard work!

In our continued explorations of the Alphabet and numbers, throughout the month of December we are going to be doing some fun Snowmen and Reindeer holiday activities, while also continuing to learn about Polar Bears. Many of which will include painting, game playing, singing, dancing, acting and even a little baking. We will also continue to practice for our upcoming Winter Celebration performance, being held in the morning, on Friday, December 15th, 2023.

On the day of the performance the children will report to our classroom at their regular time and then we will be making our way down to the Gym for the concert at approximately 9:45 am. All parents, family and friends are welcome to attend and are encouraged to arrive early (Gym doors will be open at 9:00 am) to get their seats. The performance will be approximately 20 minutes in length and some special holiday treats and refreshments will be served immediately after the performance. Formal invitations will be sent home soon and we look forward to seeing all of you there!

Wishing you and yours a very Happy Holiday Season and all the Best in Health, Wealth, Love and Happiness for 2024!

Sincerely,
Ms. R. Dawybida



It's That Time of Year...



Please join us for our Traditional N/K Winter Celebration!

Prairie Rose Elementary School Gymnasium

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15th, 2023

Nursery /Kindergarten Class Performing @ 9:45 am

Another busy month for room 208:

We are really into the swing of things and loving learning. The students are making great progress and it was so lovely to talk to all of you for the parent teacher conferences about their gains.

Our Daily 5 is still going strong. Please continue to complete home reading with the books in the coloured book bags. Many of the students will have the same books in their bags for a few days. This is to ensure they are understanding and mastering the book. As discussed at Parent teacher, the groups are either working on letter sounds or reading comprehension. Depending on which goals we discussed, please either help your child pay attention to the letters in the word (ex. beginning sound) or discuss the books and ask questions for comprehension.

In social studies we just finished our first unit about community and cultures. We explored and “walked around” different countries on Google Maps and listed all the different countries the students in our class are from. Our final project was to “build” our community on the classroom bulletin board. We all made our houses from construction paper and then made other buildings and things that are part of a community. See the picture below!

We have also been working a lot on our writing, which is one of our goals. We are working on organization right now, and writing from right to left, in the proper sequence (first, then, last etc.).

We have just begun our next science unit, objects and materials and will be exploring how things are made and what they are made of.

Thank you all again for your continued support. Have a wonderful, restful, winter break and we will talk again in 2024!

-Ms. Nassar

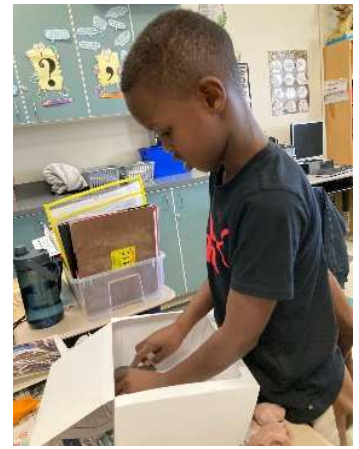


Thank you everyone that participated in Parent Teacher Conferences! We loved sharing our work and the kids' successes. Term one was amazing and we look forward to making more memories in Term 2. Reminder that the Winter Concert is quickly approaching. If you would like to make a donation towards our classroom Silent Auction Package themed "Movie Night" it would be greatly appreciated. A note was sent home with ideas and deadlines. Reminders will be posted on Seesaw this week. We spent some time last month reflecting on what Remembrance Day means and participated in a lovely assembly on November 10th. The students shared what a poppy meant to them and created beautiful wreath. In math we are continuing to work on place value and made some fun place value donuts. We also happened to eat some donuts the same day :P In Art we painted some Birch trees and they turned out so great. We used masking tape and water colour paint. We also added salt! That's right salt! Ask us what happened to the paper when we put salt on the wet paint. We have wrapped up our Social Studies unit on Community and will be starting a new Science Unit this month. A reminder to send all the appropriate winter gear so that the children can enjoy recess on the chilly Winnipeg winter days we can expect ahead. Having items labelled helps if they get misplaced. We look forward to seeing everyone at the Winter Concert in a few weeks. Stay warm and take care.



I can't believe we're already in the last month of 2023! As always, we have been very busy with all kinds of learning and fun activities both in and outside of our classroom. It was lovely talking to all of our families either on the phone or in the school during our Parent-Teacher Conferences. It's always wonderful to discuss all of the progress your children are making and I know the students were excited to share their animal research projects and dioramas. At the beginning of November, we discussed Remembrance Day, why we wear a poppy and read stories about honouring veterans. The class created beautiful poppy art and wrote about what peace means to them. The students were excellent at our Remembrance Day service. On November 20, the school enjoyed a beautiful performance by the Royal Winnipeg Ballet! On November 30, we joined 3 other classrooms for a field trip to the Children's Museum. So much fun was had! In math, we wrapped up our learning about patterns and started to focus on place value. This will continue for the next few weeks. We also started to play different math games with cards to help practice our skills. I'll share some of the games on Seesaw in the coming weeks. In English Language Arts, we continue with our personal writing, story writing, Daily 5 and Home Reading programs. Students also started a novel study to go along with *The Wild Robot*, which we are still enjoying. In Science, we are almost finished learning about Habitats and Communities. The class worked very hard on their first research projects of the year, where they researched a chosen animal. They all did a great job on their habitat dioramas to go along with their research project! December is going to be fun and busy as we wrap up our math and science topics, complete our novel study, work on winter art and writing activities and so much more! We have been practicing a lot for the winter concert and are looking forward to our performances on December 19! Hope to see you there! Wishing you all a warm, safe and fun winter break with your families!

-Mrs. Simons



In music we are learning our winter concert songs. Our class is doing a fast dance about winter fun. We are also performing in the choir, and doing a recorder song for the concert. We hope you can all make it out. In math right now some students are learning about length and perimeter and measurement. We are also working on our problem solving skills. We also do the math computer program dreambox. It gives each student their own individualized math topics to work on. In writing we are doing quick writes and journal writing. In quick writes, we get a prompt to write about like Favorite Memories for example. In journal writing we write about things that happen in our life and experiences we have. Some people do picture writing. We have many opportunities to practice our reading throughout the day. In the morning the computer reads to us during our daily 5 rotations. Then in the afternoon we do some silent reading and then Mr. Young reads aloud to us. We are currently reading the book "Ereth's Birthday" by Avi. This is the third book in the series that we have been reading so far. The story is about a grumpy porcupine that has to take care of three fox kits when their mother dies in a human trap. Also during our daily 5 rotations we practice reading in small groups with people of our own reading level. In art we have been learning how to draw using video lessons and also art and craft projects. We just made some snowflakes today. In Physical Education class we are learning about playing Tchoukball. It is a game that uses a ball and the players have to work together to pass the ball down the court and try to shoot on the net. There is not goal just a net that you have to bounce the ball on and then catch it afterwards. We all really hope you can make it to our winter concert. Also we all hope you can contribute to our winter concert "Spa basket". Mr Young sent out a post on Seesaw, we are looking for items such as soap, bath balms, wine, bubble bath, chocolate, scrubbing device or anything you feel would be a good addition to help someone unwind and pamper themselves. Have a wonderful holiday season!



Grade 5 & 6 News by Mr. Tosczak

This month was super exciting and we are so glad that you are here reading this to learn all about it. Here is what our room did during the last month. There are definitely so many things to discuss.

In ELA, we have been writing polar expression stories. Our polar expression stories are for a contest, where the winners will have their story published in a polar expression book! The rules are that we have to keep the stories under 450 words but over 300 words, which is quite challenging. It's been pretty fun writing our stories because we're allowed to write about anything we like. Even though it takes a lot of steps to go over our work and peer edit, we have been enjoying writing our polar expression stories. Even if we don't win, we've still been really excited to become authors and enter a real writing contest!

In Science we have continued to learn about flight. We finished our research on the different forces (lift, weight, thrust, and drag) that impact flight. We have spent a large amount of time learning about the properties of air and the parts of an airplane. However, the most exciting thing we have done is create our own paper airplanes using our knowledge of flight and after numerous tests and adjustments we had a large competition in the gym to see which plane would travel the furthest. A huge shout out to Madison who had her plane travel almost 1700 meters to take 1st place. One more exciting thing, is that we are going to the Royal Aviation Museum of Western Canada on December 8th. It will be a blast!!!

So far, school has gone great! We learn new amazing things everyday. Also, a quick reminder that our winter concert is on Tuesday December 19th and students in our room need to wear black, white or red. Please continue to check seesaw to see snapshots of our learning.

Thank you to all those families that supported our classroom fundraiser by selling Kernels Popcorn. Our next fundraiser is to support our parent council and we are asking for a small item donation to meet our theme of "A Family Games Night" or a small monetary donation. Thanks again!

Sincerely, the students from our room.



How is it already December? It seemed like the year is flying by once again. We had a very busy month in our classroom and we can't wait to tell you about it.

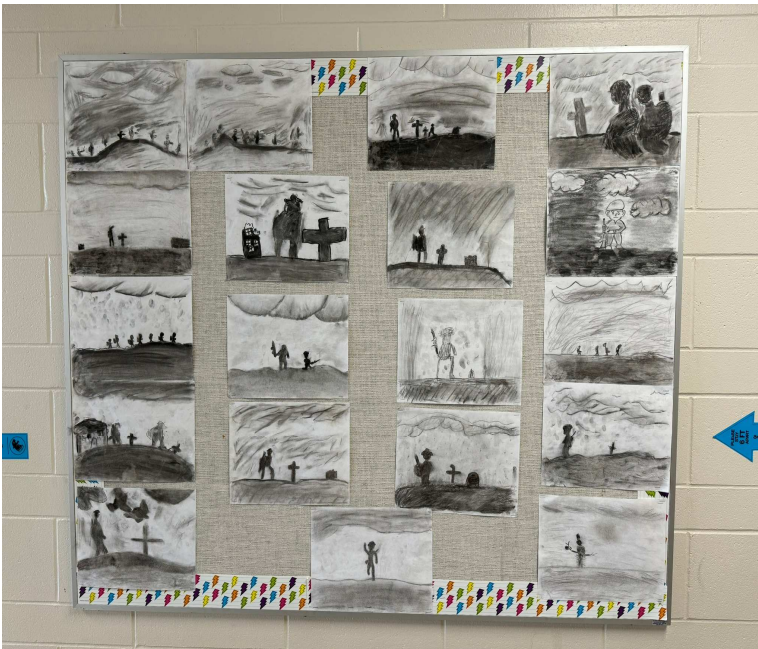
We finished our classroom novel, *Coraline*. It was a very exciting story about a girl who learns what it means to be brave. Being brave means that you know something might be scary, but you do it anyway. There were so many exciting moments in the book. After we finished, we watched the movie to see what they changed or added. It was very interesting to see how the filmmakers changed events around to make things more exciting on the screen.

In math, we continued our work on growing patterns and multiplication. We learned a lot and found new ways to solve problems, like making a list or doing the guess and check strategy. We are also working hard on our Dreambox problems.








For Science, we finished our unit on Flight. We learned about the four forces that affect flight: lift, weight, thrust, and drag. We put all of this learning together at the end of the month when we built our own paper airplanes to fly. Both of the grade 5/6 classes got together to see who could create the airplane that could fly the furthest. What a fun afternoon!

Finally, we looked at the first World War for Remembrance Day. We learned about the many soldiers who fought in the wars and the sacrifices that were made. We saw the images of soldiers walking through the fields and were inspired to make our own versions using charcoal.

Thank you for reading our newsletter. Our Winter Concert Raffle Basket theme is "Coffee, Tea, and Sweets." See you there!



THURSDAY December 7

Motts Fruitsations		\$0.50	<u>Quantity</u> # _____
Rice Krispies Square		\$0.50	# _____
Wagon Wheel		\$0.50	# _____
Bag of Ketchup Chips		\$1.50	# _____
Bag of Original Chips		\$1.50	# _____
Pizza Pop		\$1.50	# _____
Pogo Sticks		\$1.50	# _____

Total amount: \$_____ (Exact Change only Please)

Student Name: _____ Rm# _____

Orders Due: **Wednesday December 6th**

**Prairie Rose School
Winter Concert
Grades 1 to 6
December 19, 2023
1:30 PM & 6:30 PM**

SNOW
SNOW
SNOW



Winter Break is fast approaching and the weather has become much colder. Students participated in floor hockey in the month of November. They learned how to stick handle, shoot and pass by playing a variety of mini games.

Students in grades 3-6 played hockey intramurals at lunch.

During the month of December students will be working on developing their throwing and catching skills while playing tchouck ball.

Tchouck ball is a team sport where students must work together by passing the ball across the court and throwing the ball at a rebounder.



Music News

In November we were working on preparing the songs and sign language for the Remembrance Day assembly. The students did a wonderful job singing "Thinking of You" - There are still many troops overseas and around the world. Pictures in the media of families crying, hugging goodbye, and anxiously watching and waiting for news of their loved ones remains an emotional issue. It is what inspired "Thinking Of You." Even so, the song is not just for troops overseas. It is for anyone far away that is missed and thought about. Our other piece was "We Remember" where all the students from grades 1 – 6 learned the ASL – Americal Sign Language for the words to the song.



On Tuesday, November 7, there was a guest presentation in the music room. Sailor First Class Martin Quesada gave a presentation for Veterans Week, about her personal story and role in the Canadian Armed Forces. The students from grades 3 – 6 were fortunate to hear her speak and the students were a wonderful audience!

As that wrapped up, we began preparing for our winter concert... SNOW SNOW SNOW! The performance is on Tuesday, December 19 and we will have an afternoon matinee run through and an evening performance. We have songs, instruments such as recorders, tone chimes and even boomwhackers. The students are excited to be up on stage for their families and we are looking forward to seeing you all out! Costumes and other info will follow from the classroom teachers.

Pancake Breakfast

This year our school will be hosting a Holiday Pancake Breakfast! The breakfast will be held for students on Thursday December 21st at 9:30. The students will be brought down to the gym as a class to enjoy some pancakes, oranges and juice. This is a chance to celebrate the holiday season as a school.



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 the ice, resulting in thinning of ice that can't be seen from the surface.

Calendar of Events

JANUARY	
8	School Opens Day 1
11	Canteen Day
19	NO SCHOOL - Non-Instructional Day
25	Pizza Lunch
FEBRUARY	
2	NO SCHOOL - Non-Instructional Day
8	Canteen Day
19	Louis Riel Day
	I Love to Read Week
22	Pizza Lunch
MARCH	
1	Grade 6 Camp Day
4-8	Mobile Vision Care
7	Canteen Day
12	Report Cards Go Home
14	Parent Teacher Conferences in the evening
15	NO SCHOOL - P/T Conferences
19	Patrol Activity
21	Pizza Lunch
22	Last day of School before Spring Break
APRIL	
1	School Opens Day 1
11	Canteen Day
19	NO SCHOOL – Non-Instructional Day
25	Pizza Lunch
23	Bus Ridership (9:30AM)
MAY	
6	NO SCHOOL – Non-Instructional Day
9	Canteen Day
23	Pizza Lunch
JUNE	
13	Canteen Day
	Talent Show
20	Patrol Activity
20	N/K Year End Celebration 9:45AM
21	NO SCHOOL – Non-Instructional Day
25	Report Cards Go Home
25	Grade 6 Farewell – 10:00
	Field Day - AM
28	Last Day of School – Dismissal for Students at 11:30 a.m.



PRAIRIE ROSE SCHOOL CALENDAR

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DECEMBER 2023

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

				1 Day 3
4 Day 5	5 Day 5	6 Day 6 Canteen Orders Due	7 Day 1 Canteen Day	8 Day 2
11 Day 3	12 Day 4	13 Day 5	14 Day 6	15 Day 1 N/K Winter Celebration 9:45 Show Patrol Activity
18 Day 2	19 Day 3 Gr 1-6 Winter Concert 1:30 Show & 6:30 Show	20 Day 4	21 Day 5  Pancake Breakfast for Students	22 Day 6 Last day of School before Winter Break
25	26	27	28	29

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO EVERYONE
SCHOOL CLOSED FOR WINTER BREAK
SCHOOL REOPENS MONDAY JANUARY 8, 2024**