

“A community of learners - working together”

Winnipeg School Division

DECEMBER 2024



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 21st and 22nd. 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! Lucas in room 101 won \$25 worth of books for herself and \$25 worth of books for his classroom. We were able to raise a total of over \$850 for the school for books in the classrooms and library.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at our Winter Concerts. This year our Winter Concert will feature our students from **ROOMS 115, 147, 135, 149, 150, 152, 153, 132 & 134** and our Spring Concert will feature our P1, P2, 101, 102, 103, 104, and 105. The theme this year is "Welcome to the Winter". We will be having two separate performances, one at 1:30 pm and the other at 6:00pm that evening. We will be having a bake sale at the performances as well to support our grade 5 and 6 students.

We are also looking forward to some of our Grade 4-6 choir getting the chance at singing the National Anthem at the Manitoba Moose Hockey Game on December 29, 2024 at 2:00 pm. We will send home a link shortly if families would like to attend the game that they are singing at to purchase tickets.

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 6, 2025!

Best Wishes in 2025!

Happy Holidays!

Jude Guzzi
Principal

Alison Petrelli
Vice Principal



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

December 6	Litterless Lunch
December 10	Rooms 101 & 103 Field Trip to WAG- A.M.
December 12	Winter Concert
December 20	Last day of School
December 29	Choir Singing at MB Moose Game
January 6	School Reopens
January 10	Litterless Lunch
January 31	Teacher In-Service Day NO CLASSES
February 7	Litterless Lunch
February 7	Grade 6 Volleyball Tournament
February 17	Louis Riel Day NO CLASSES

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.



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Day 2 2	Day 3 3 HOLIDAY GEAR DAY	Day 4 4	Day 5 5	Day 6 6 HOLIDAY GEAR DAY Litterless Lunch
Day 1 9	Day 2 10 HOLIDAY GEAR DAY	Day 3 11	Day 4 12 Winter Concert Afternoon Show at 1:30 PM Evening Show at 6:00 PM	Day 5 13 HOLIDAY GEAR DAY
Day 6 16	Day 1 17 HOLIDAY GEAR DAY	Day 2 18	Day 3 19 <u>Whole School Sing Along in Family Groups 1-1:30</u>	Day 4 20 HOLIDAY GEAR DAY Last day of Classes before Winter Break



Happy Holidays!
See you on Monday, January 6, 2025!



Robertson's Food Drive

Did you know that 49% of the hungry people in Winnipeg are children? Harvest Manitoba is an organization that provides food to families in need across Manitoba. Harvest Manitoba has provided over 250,000 lbs of nutritional food to families in need. Not only did Harvest Manitoba inspire us to create this food drive, we were also inspired by UNESCO'S 17 goals for sustainable development. The 2 goals we were specifically inspired by were, #2 Zero Hunger and #17 Partnerships For The Goals. The intention of Zero Hunger is to end hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture. The intention of Partnerships For The Goals is to strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development.

With all of this inspiration, we have come up with an idea that we are very excited about, we would like to initiate a **Robertson School Food Drive**. The excitement has spread all of the way to Andrew Mynarski school as they will also be hosting a food drive in collaboration with Robertson School. Both schools have come together to host a friendly competition to see who can collect the most non-perishable and non-expired foods. The winner will be determined by which school has brought the most weight of food. All of the donated food will be made into hampers for Robertson and Andrew Mynarski families in need. Afterwards, the remainder of the food will be donated to Harvest Manitoba. Collection of non-perishable (non-expired) food items will take place **December 2-13**.

Below is a list of suggested food items organized by date as a means to make it easier to decide what to bring.

Mon. Dec.2	Tue. Dec.3	Wed. Dec.4	Thur. Dec.5	Fri. Dec.6
Veg Out Day Canned or jarred fruits and vegetables	Protein Day Peanut butter, beans, canned meats, tuna or nuts	Carb Day Bagged rice, Minute rice, rice-a-roni	Warm Up With Soup Day Canned soup, stews, broth, chicken noodle soup, alphabet soup or mushroom soup	Carb Day 2.0 Pasta/pasta soup, ramen Kraft dinner, Goodles or Zoodles
Mon. Dec.9	Tue. Dec.10	Wed. Dec.11	Thur. Dec.12	Fri. Dec.13
Rise And Shine Breakfast items, cereal, oatmeal, pancake mix	Chips+Snack Day Granola bars, crackers, cookie, applesauce or fruit cups	Spice Up Your Meal Day Spices, taco seasoning, gravies	Hydration Station Water, juices (in plastic bottles)	FREEDOM DAY! Bring your leftover goods from your pantry

We thank you in advance for helping us make this project come to life.

The ESD Student Committee



WINTER CONCERT

THURSDAY DEC.12TH

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

Evening Performance ~ 6:00 PM (Doors open at 5:30 PM)

ROOMS 115, 147, 135, 149, 150, 152, 153, 132 & 134

STUDENTS SHOULD ARRIVE BY 5:30 PM AND GO TO THEIR CLASSROOMS



As a means to bring additional holiday cheer to Robertson's winter concert, rooms 101, 102, 103, 104 & 105 students will be hosting a bake sale. On December 12th, purchase some baking on your way into the winter concert. All proceeds will go towards the grade 6 end of year activities. This is a cash only event. Thank you in advance.

Winter Concert News!!!

It's time for Robertson School's Winter concert on December 12th! Performed by the Primary Students and Autism Hub classrooms (Autism Hub, Nursery, Kindergarten, Grades 1/2 and two of our Grade 3/4 classrooms). Classrooms participating are: Rooms 115, 147, 135, 149, 150, 152, 153, 132 and 134. It will be a show to remember! This year's concert is called, "**Welcome to the Winter.**" All performing students should be brought to school for 5:30pm, which is also when the doors to the gym will be open for family and friends' seating. The show will start at 6:00pm 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. Please note that the other two grade $\frac{3}{4}$ classes, the 4/5/6 and 5/6 classes will be performing in our Spring concert on April 17 (rooms P1, P2, 101, 102, 103, 104 and 105).

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

Room P2

In P2 we have spent the last several months getting to know each other and creating strong connections as a classroom community, here are just a few highlights from the last few months!

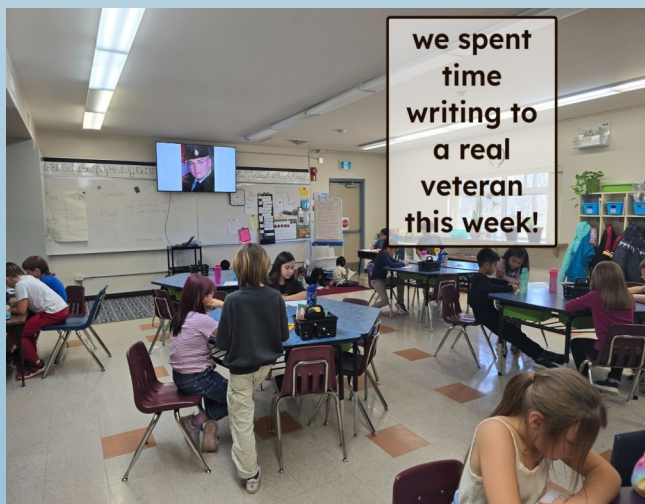
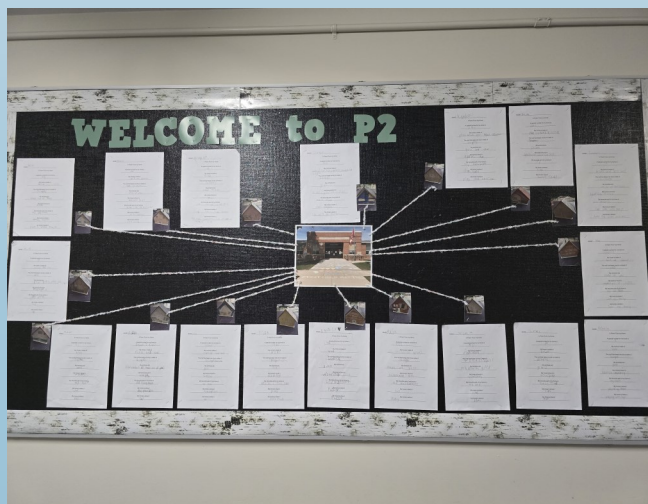
In Mathematics we have been developing a strong place value understanding and have more recently been working on representing two, three and four digit numbers in a variety of ways. We have also been working towards addition skills with and without regrouping.

In ELA we have been hard at work exploring a variety of fairytales and identifying four important steps: the set up, the small moment, the trouble within the story as well as how it wraps up. We continued the exploration with writing our very own adapted fairytales and designing a book cover to match! We have very brave writers who are willing to share their creativity at every step of the writing process. We also have the honour to write to a veteran for Remembrance Day.

For science and social studies we studied building materials and communities. We explored how we are connected to the community and as a final project created piggy banks that look like our homes! We matched it with a poem from our home and made a lovely display!

We have also been so lucky to partner with Mrs.Phats classroom as learning buddies. We enjoy our meeting time every day 6!

-Ms.Mac



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. With the Soccer teams done for the year, up next will be Volleyball. 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, a reminder for 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.



Room 132

Inquiry “How do communities/land change over time?”

We started our inquiry with a walk around the community, thinking about what the area would have looked like 50 years ago? 100 years ago? 200 years ago? This led to our reflection about the structures and materials that have been used to build the houses and roads. We noticed natural structures like birds nests and types of grasses. The next step in our exploration was to test materials for strength, flexibility and durability. We have begun designing purposeful structures like tables, cat towers, bird houses and bridges to build and test.



Art “Interconnectedness”

We connected with and appreciated the cultural influences that have impacted modern visual art styles today such as the Papunya Tula Art Movement in Australia. We used painting techniques to create leaf paintings that incorporate the Papunya Tula style and many other elements of art such as line, shape, and warm/cool colours.



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.

Make Reading a Part of Family Time

Why not make reading a part of your valuable time with your kids? Here are some ways to integrate reading into your daily family activities:

- ❖ Read bedtime stories
- ❖ Play a boardgame
- ❖ Read a recipe and cook something yummy together.
- ❖ Create a comfy reading space in your home.
- ❖ Put your child in charge of reading the grocer list at the grocery store

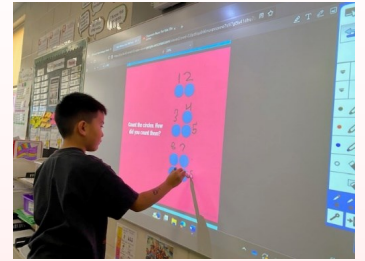
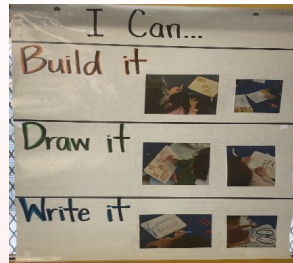
The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go!

Dr. Seuss

Room 152 News

As we approach the end of this term, we want to take a moment to thank Mrs. Montero and Ms. Liyah for all their hard work and dedication to our class. They've been such a big help since September, and we will miss them both when their student teaching time here finishes.

In Math, we have been exploring various ways to represent numbers using a concept circle. This method helps students visualize numbers through pictures, symbols, words, and real-life examples. One of the strategies we've focused on is "making 10," which supports students in developing their addition skills. We also have regular "Number Talks," where students share their thinking and strategies for solving problems. The lessons and questions are adapted to meet each student's needs, ensuring that everyone can work at their own pace and level.



We also spent time learning about Remembrance Day and discussing what peace means. To share our thoughts, we created a bulletin board about peace, which is now displayed in the school. In addition, we had visits from community helpers, such as firefighters and police officers, who taught us about the important roles they play in keeping our community safe.



In ELA, students have been engaged in Literacy Centers, which include phonics practice, using the Everfi program, reading Epic books, and both independent and partner reading. These activities support literacy skills and foster a love of reading.

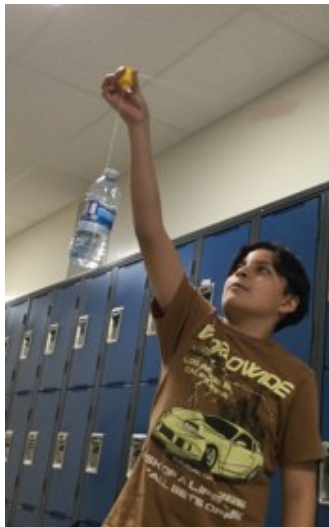
We're excited for the upcoming winter concert and look forward to sharing our song about Hanuka!

Day 1 Eagles	 Meet with Ms. Nicole	
Bears	 Meet with Mrs. Phat	 Meet with Mrs. Phat
Turtles	 Meet with Mrs. Montero	 Phonic games
Beavers	 Phonic games with Mrs. Phat	
Wolves		

ROOM 105 NEWS: OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER SNAPSHOTS

SCIENCE: SOLAR SYSTEM- Scaled size and distance

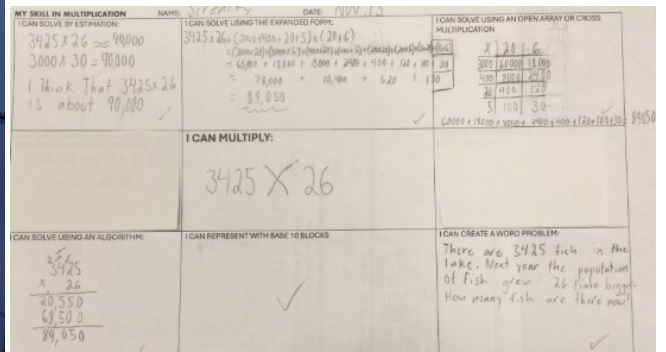
INQUIRY: If the sun were 1.33 meters in size, the planets' size relative to the sun and actual distances will also shrink. If we use toilet paper squares to measure the distances (1 square = 15 Million kilometers) will we be able to fit all of the 8 planets, including Pluto (a dwarf planet) inside our school ground? How far apart would each planet be?



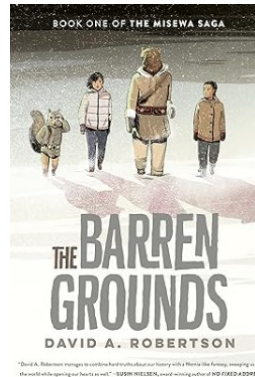
INQUIRY:

How does gravity affect the solar system?

MATH: MULTIPLICATION OF WHOLE NUMBERS



ELA NOVEL STUDY

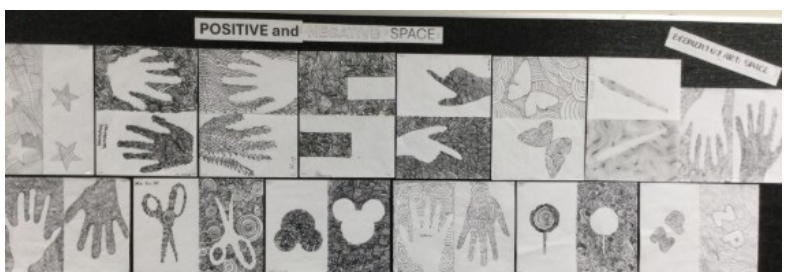


REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE LED BY OUR CLASS:



HEALTH: PERSONAL IDENTITY

What's the Most Beautiful Thing You Know About me?



SOCIAL STUDIES

ART: Space an Element of Art: Positive and Negative Space