



# Keewatin Prairie

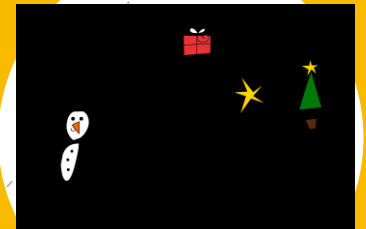
## December Newsletter 2023



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# Administrator Message

Winter is here! So fun for our students! We would like to remind you to ensure your children are always dressed for the weather. Students are expected to be outside before school, during morning, lunch hour and afternoon recess breaks. We know that playing and running around outdoors is important for physical health and well being. The children will be indoors when weather is poor or when the temperature outside reaches  $-28^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Please note that students in Grade 1-6 who go home for lunch are not expected to return to school before 12:50. Supervision between 12:35 pm -12:55 pm is for students who are part of the Lunch Program.

Thank you to all of our parents who connected with us for our Parent-Teacher Conferences. We trust that you have celebrated your child's success after receiving school information and updates. We also trust that you have set high expectations for learning with your child. We ask that you continue to support your child as a learner as they continue to work towards their goals. If you missed your meeting, please give us a call to re-schedule. We are happy to take time to meet with you.

We are looking forward to our Winter Concert early this month to help us 'kick off the winter season!' We have two concerts happening this coming week on December 06 and 07. Students have been practicing daily and we are looking forward to hosting families in our school once more. Please note that the first concert on Wednesday, December 06 will be our Nursery to Grade 4 students and on Thursday, December 07 our Grade 5-9 students will be performing. Doors open at 5:30 pm.

Finally, both Ms. Bui and myself would like to wish each and every one of you, on behalf of the entire staff at Keewatin Prairie School, a very joyous holiday season! May the spirit of this special time touch your families and bring peace and prosperity to all of you.

**Yours in education,**  
*Ms.Enns and Ms. Bui*



Happy  
Holidays!

## PICK-UP AND DROP-OFF Guidelines

This is an **important message for the safety of our students**. We have students gathering around other school entrances prior to the entry bell in the morning and after lunch time. Students are to **wait at the playground** before entering the school, when the entry bell sounds, then they may go to their designated door. This is necessary since there is no adult supervision anywhere else during this period of time.

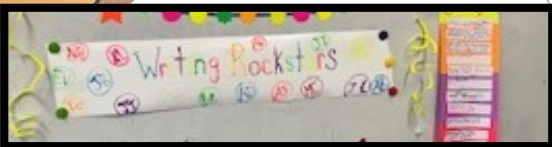
- We need your cooperation when dropping your child off in front of the school.
- Drop off should be from Worth Street.
- Please DO NOT enter from Cecil Street as parked cars prevent 2 way traffic.
- The area in front of Keewatin Prairie School is considered our **STOP! DROP! GO! Zone** before and after school.
- We ask that all parents/guardians who are dropping off students at the school please respect this zone.
- If you are dropping your child off, please approach the zone from the Worth and Elgin intersection.
- Students are to be let out of the right-side curb door of the vehicle.
- Please only enter the drop off zone from Worth and exit via Cecil Street.
- Please do not park illegally along Elgin to wait for your children.
- Elgin has become very unsafe with children being dropped off from both directions.
- School busses and emergency vehicles would not get through making it an unsafe situation.
- We appreciate your cooperation with this system as we work to keep everyone safe
- The parking lot is NOT a drop off zone.



***YOUR CHILD'S SAFETY IS OUR PRIORITY!***



# Grade 2 Writing Celebrations



Grade 2 Authors celebrate their stories in a big way!



# KEEWATIN PRAIRIE WINTER CONCERTS! DECEMBER 06 AND 07

Our students have been hard at work rehearsing to bring you our in-house Winter Concert!

Nursery to Grade 4 students will perform on  
Wednesday, December 06 at 6:00 PM

Grade 5-9 students will perform on  
Thursday, December 07 at 6:00 PM.

We are looking forward to seeing you  
and sharing our musical skills!

Doors will open at 5:15 pm.

Thank you for your support.



## Volleyball Championship Game



The Grade 9 Senior Boys Volleyball Team had a successful season on the court. The boys ended the season with second place in the Winnipeg School Division volleyball league. They played Sisler High School in a hard-fought championship game which resulted in many exciting moments. The team also won first place in the General Wolfe Invitational Volleyball Tournament and second place in the Isaac Newton Smash Invitational Tournament. Besides their on the court achievements, the boys displayed sportsmanship and created friendships with other rival team players. Keewatin Prairie School is very proud of its players accomplishments! Thanks Mr. Gulden and staff members for supporting the team!



## We need your donations of “gently used” and new items to make our Holiday Shopping a success!

This is an opportunity for our students to choose free gifts for two for their immediate family members for the upcoming holiday season. We are encouraging children to bring a reusable bag from home to put their items in.

Please check with extended family members and friends to see if they have any donations. It is very important that we get enough items donated, to ensure that all students have an equal chance to go shopping.

Holiday Shopping” gives our students a chance to be independent shoppers in a safe environment, make decisions and choices on their own while at the same time avoiding the hustle and bustle of crowded malls. **Students will be limited to one or two gifts each depending on donations received.**

We begin the scheduled shopping times with our youngest students and then proceed up by grade. The Holiday Store will be open to students according to the schedule on December 13th and 14th.

Please DONATE gently used or new items to the holiday store! Donations can be brought to the school office by Dec. 11th, 2023, clearly marked “Holiday Shopping.”

Thank you for your help and support!

Keewatin Prairie School Holiday Store Team



Books	Jewelry	Décor items	Placemats	Mugs
Candles	Cookie Cutters	Holiday Decor	Playing cards	Glassware
Key Chains	Stationary	Guest Towels	Gift sets	Baskets
Toys	Art	Sports Equipment	Childrens movies	Coasters
Crafts	Gloves & Mittens	Children's Books	Ties and Belts	Craft supplies
Vases	Scarves	Knick-knacks	Purses	Trays
CD's	Kitchen Wares	Ceramics	Accessories	Games
Wallets	Puzzles & Games	Cookbooks	Silk flowers	Jewelry

Sorry we cannot accept clothing or shoes.

Snow is falling  
and books are  
calling...

Winter break is right around the corner, and holidays can get pretty hectic! Routines can fly out the window with celebrations, travel and out-of-town guests. As your family prepares for the holidays, use these tips for keeping kids engaged in learning and reading over winter break.

1. Read for fun! Whether your child is in the mood for holiday stories or the newest installment from a favorite series, winter break provides the perfect opportunity to set aside school books and read for fun. Make time for bedtime stories to create the routine and enjoy books on a daily basis.
2. Stock up on books at the local library. Help your child pick out books they're interested in reading over the winter break. Libraries may also have fun, free holiday activities throughout the break.
3. Make the most of travel time. Turn travel time to or from a holiday get-together into an opportunity to practice reading. You can look for license plates from different provinces, try to find the alphabet on the license plates, or count the number of red (or white or green) cars you see. Read street signs and billboards you see along the way.
4. Create a new tradition. A little predictability is comforting for kids. Starting a special Winter Break Story Time can be a new tradition that links reading with happy memories. Hot chocolate and your favorite stories will have the whole family feeling comfy and cozy, while creating memories that will last a lifetime.

Remember, you don't have to be an expert to help your child with reading. By simply interacting with children around books, you can show them that books are important and worthy of our attention.

Courtesy of the Literacy Committee





# LUNCH PROGRAM NEWS



We have been busy in our Lunch Program and are running at full capacity with a waitlist of families waiting to get in. We will call as soon as we have room. Drop-in services are available once in a while, however are not to be used on a daily basis. The \$2.00 drop-in fee is due on the day the service is required.

Families, please review the lunch program rules with your children. Warnings are given for inappropriate behaviour and if continued behaviour occurs, registration may be lost.

We remind registered families to pay monthly fees on the due date. Fees should be brought to the office in a sealed baggie or envelope with the child's name, grade, room number, and amount enclosed. All payments need to be logged in on the sheet provided. Loose Cash/coins or cheques can be left in the front office but need to be dropped inside the deposit box securely. I check the box every few hours.

If a student is going home for lunch or leaving to go to an appointment, a note or a phone call from a parent/guardian is required.

\*Please remember to send spoons and forks with your child. We do not provide. At this time of the year we also remind students to bring winter gear to the lunch program as we go outside as per WSD weather guidelines.

Have a great month and a wonderful holiday break!

Ms. Francisco, Lunch Program Coordinator



The Junior High Student Council will be hosting a Spirit Week for Grades 7-9 classes the week before winter break! Details to follow or see your class representative for more information.

## December Spirit Week

	Monday, Dec. 18	Tuesday, Dec. 19	Wednesday, Dec. 20	Thursday, Dec. 21	Friday, Dec. 22
THEME DAY	Mathletes vs. Athletes	Dress as a teacher day	Festive/Winter Day	Throwback day	PJ day/movie day

Friday December 22, 2023  
Whole School PJ Day!



Central District Advisory – We would like your feedback!

<https://forms.gle/TZdc2Q42LtRWqt21A>

## HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS AT GRADE 5 WONDERLAND!



### DEAR GRADE 5 FAMILIES,

The holiday spirit has sprinkled its magic across our classrooms, turning our school into a festive wonderland! Here's a peek at the whimsical wonders your grade 5 students have been up to:



### ARTISTIC ANTICS:



Merry Christmas



Our artists have been crafting spectacular ornaments, transforming the classrooms into a winter masterpiece.

### MELODIES IN THE AIR:

Feel the enchanting melody of jingle bells and laughter reverberating through the hallways! Our budding musicians are preparing for a festive concert filled with joyful tunes!



### CONCERT DATE:

Save the date for our dazzling Winter Celebration on December 7th! Come and share in an evening of joy, music, and the heartwarming spirit of togetherness.

### WARMEST WISHES:

Wishing you all a season filled with joy, laughter, and the magic of learning!









Gord Tam  
Grade 5 Class Teacher



# December 2023



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				1 Day 3 Last Day of Vision Screening
4 Day 4 Grade 9 Band to Burton Cummings 9:30-11:30 am	5 Day 5	6 Day 6 Winter Concert! Nursery-Grade 4 6:00 PM 	7 Day 1 Winter Concert! Grade 5-9 6:00 PM	8 Day 2 Holiday Store Donations Due
11 Day 3	12 Day 4	13 Day 5 Peak of the Market Orders Pick up  Holiday Store Shopping 	14 Day 6 Peak of the Market Orders Pick up  Holiday Store Shopping 	15 Day 1 Peak of the Market Orders Pick up
18 Day 2 Wear your Holiday Hat Wear All this Week! 	19 Day 3	20 Day 4	21 Day 5 Winter is here! 	22 Day 6 Holiday Sing Along 10:55 am PJ Day!   Last Day of School 3:30 pm Dismissal
25	26	27	28	29
School Reopens: MONDAY JANUARY 08, 2024				