



DECEMBER 2023

C.A.R.E.

Happy December, Pinkham Families!

It is cold outside but warm in our building and our hearts!

It was a busy November month with many fun and exciting activities. Thank you to all the parents and caregivers who attended the Parent-teacher conferences either in person or remotely. It was great to see many of our parents in the building celebrating their children's learning. Congratulations to the two prize winners! Kataleya Appleyard Moose and Benjamin Benoit.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Remembrance Day assembly, a day to observe the services and sacrifices of those past and present. It is always great to have parents, caregivers and community members join us on this special Day!

Students in grades 1 to 6 experienced the Winter Wonderland celebration at the convention center last week. It was one of the best days at Pinkham! Thank you to the Winter Wonderland organizers and Pinkham staff for their hard work and dedication in making this spectacular!

Well, December is another busy month; there is no school on December 8th as teachers will be learning more about the Mamàhtawisiwin: The Wonder We Are Born With document and how they can apply it in their classrooms.

We invite all students to participate in the pancake breakfast on December 21. The last day of school is December 22.

Please remind your children to dress appropriately for the weather, remembering that students are expected to go outside twice daily until the temperature drops to -25 degrees Celsius. Please help your child by ensuring that they are dressed daily for the weather.

Thanks to all the parents who joined us at our Parents Council meeting on November 29th; seeing so many parents come out was great! We do not have a Parent Council meeting in December, but we hope to see you at the next one on January 31st.

Please take some time to read the calendar at the back to help plan for the month.

It is always a great honour for me to work with this amazing family and community!

Thank you for your continued support, and I wish you all a wonderful winter holiday season!

Hello from Room 218!

We have been discussing a lot about our Polar Bears. Our cub squad, as we call our class, have been eager and embraced the Polar bear life. They have been curious and have asked a lot of questions regarding our Unit. From where we see polar bears to how they hunt their food to their living conditions. They have shown so much interest and have been engaged in this unit. They were asked to do a polar bear habitat and the presentations they have done is awesome. We are excited to show it all to you when we are done. We will learn more about the communities that live close to the polar bears and the challenges polar bears in today's world.

At the start of the school we built up our community first, showing C.A.R.E. to our classroom, classmates and the adults in the room. When we have it locked down now, our squad's mindset has grown to have great collaboration and communication during small and whole-group learning. We are all giving our best when it comes to our writing. Our cub squad has shown show much growth with their writing and the learning to write more and make a story.

I am proud of what my cub squad has done and the efforts they have shown and have achieved so far. Can't wait for what's in store for us ahead.

Welcome to Arts at Pinkham School!

My name is Ms. Kandia and I am the Arts teacher this school year. In Arts, we have been exploring Visual Arts, Music, Dance and Drama. Students began the year by exploring various mediums, including paint, watercolour, and clay. Students learned to work as teams through instant challenges, both in Visual Arts and Drama.

Recently, Room 217 and Room 218 have been integrating their learning about Polar Bears into Music and Dance as we explore the sounds and movements Polar Bears make. We began by exploring the book "I Can Dance the Zoo" by Hannah Beach and Rafael Fuentes for inspiration. Using Dance, students have been exploring how words can create movement, and how we can dance words, using our bodies, for example "powerful" can mean moving our bodies in a powerful way, or using our legs to take powerful steps. Each class brainstormed words for polar bears, and together, we created a story of movement. After creating a movement story, the students listened to a variety of music, chose a song that reflected their movements, and practiced their movement story with music.



Room 210 has been working on rhythm, singing, and creating music. They began by learning a song both by voice, and on wooden xylophones. Next, everyone took turns playing the xylophone while everyone else sang and kept rhythm by passing around an object. Room 210 also performed a song for the school's Remembrance Day Assembly called "There will be Peace".




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Submission Deadline:
January 18, 2024

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COMMUNITY SUPPORT MESSAGE

Our Family room is a beautiful space filled with resources and room for programming. We also use the space for our monthly Parent Council Meetings. Thank you to those who participated in September's Parent Council meeting; it was a great success! You are able to use our computers, sewing machines and phone. I can fax and photocopy for you. We have a free clothing depot and small housewares.

If you have any ideas for programming that you would like to see or if you want to come in and check out any of our resources, please call or email me, and we can schedule a time that works for both of us.

- Weekly food security of potatoes, onions and bread has started. It will be available Thursday mornings starting at 8:40 out the gym doors.
- Meals to Go has started. Every Friday, Meals to Go bags will be given to every student to take home. N/K a.m. students will receive them on Monday mornings as Meals to Go dropped off is in the afternoons. Bags will be filled with food items such as fruit, yogurt and cereal.
- Koats for Kids has started. If you would like to receive winter wear for your child(ren) Please provide the following information: child name, room number and size of coat and boots. We don't always receive boots, but we try. You can give this info to your child, call or email me.
- Celebrating Grandparents is on December 15th at 1 pm. This is a fun, casual afternoon of telling stories and enjoying lunch together. Please let me know if you are planning on attending. I need to make sure we have enough food and prizes.
- Our next Parent Council Meeting is on Wednesday, January 31st, at 5 p.m. These meetings are a great way to meet other Parents/Guardians and share school information.

Please contact us if you are planning to attend and how many, to ensure enough food for everyone!

Thank you,
Sherrie Houle

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UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

December 8 - No Classes – Teacher Professional Development

December 13 – Whole School Lunch

December 21 - Pancake Breakfast

December 22 - Last Day of Classes before Winter Break

Pinkham students were treated to a Winter Wonderland put on by Children's Variety. What a fun event!!!



Student Absences

To report your child's absence, please call **1-855-278-4513** before 9:00 AM or visit **go.schoolmessenger.ca**

Congratulations!

To Benjamin, Kataleya and families for winning these amazing packages. Thank you for entering the draw at the parent/teacher conferences!

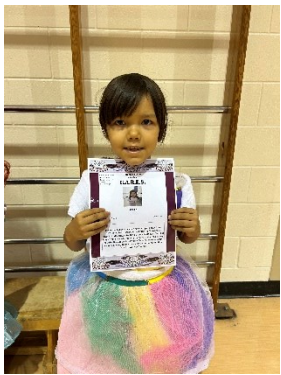


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October C.A.R.E. Awards



**Patrol Award
Mahaliyah**



Congratulations to Octobers C.A.R.E. Award Recipients!

The following students are students who excel at showing C.A.R.E in the classroom and playground setting.

Basil Nafea	Halimo Ibrahim	Qyra Francisco
Naymar	Lauren Mcauley	Izzy Smith
Summer	Zoe Chua	Jojo Smith
Eros Monzon	Layla Wood	