



PRAIRIE ROSE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION

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Ken Romaniuk, Principal

February promises to be another active and productive month at Prairie Rose School.

February is the month that we celebrate Reading, Valentines, 100 Days of School and Louis Riel Day. This marks the half way point for the 2023 – 2024 school year. It seems like just yesterday we were gathering in sunny September to begin another exciting year of learning. As we begin our second half of the school year let us remember to focus on our learning and set meaningful targets to further enhance our work and effort. Report Cards will be going home again in March to share information on how students are performing and highlighting their successes.

We have an exciting week of activities planned for our students to help promote and further encourage the love of reading. Students will have the opportunity to read and share stories with each other during the activities planned for our special week. Reading is so important, as we face it in everything we do. From reading instructions, following a recipe or the directions on how to assemble a new piece of Ikea furniture we read every day. Even with technology we must be able to read the screen and follow the next steps. During the I Love To Read Month, please take some special time to celebrate reading with your children. Perhaps find that special book that you remember as a child and reread it together. Or visit a book store and purchase a new family favorite. It is important for our children to read daily. We appreciate your help and assistance with this.

A very special performance has been arranged to add to our I Love To Read celebrations and we are very lucky to have the Manitoba Theater For Young People's touring performance of Snow White, come to our school.

We look forward to another sensational month ahead filled with reading, learning and enjoyment.

Mr. Romaniuk
Principal



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 School

Registration for the 2024 – 2025 School Year

- Registrations will be accepted for the next school year starting February 26th.
- Prairie Rose School is a Nursery to Grade 6 School.
- If your child will be 4 years of age before the end of December 2024 you can register for Nursery.
- Registrations for all grades will be accepted.
- Documents needed are your child's birth certificate, proof of residence and your Manitoba Health card. Please refer to the registration checklist on the website under the registration tab.
- Registration packages will be available from the office and on line at <https://www.winnipegssd.ca/schools/PrairieRose/Pages/default.aspx>

If you have any questions, or to arrange registration pick up, please call the school at 204 633 4092.

I would like to start by saying a very sincere THANK-YOU to all of the parents and/or caregivers, who ensured that the children arrived at school safely and on time, even during the extremely cold weeks. As a result of your determination and support, we had a very busy and successful January, learning about Dinosaurs through a variety of Math and Language Arts centres!

February is "I Love to Read" month and the school is celebrating with a variety of fun filled, school-wide activities for the children in relation to BOOKS! Throughout the month, the children will participate in trivia contests, reading activities, guest readers and much, much more!!! They will also have the chance to win some great PRIZES for all of their reading efforts!

In our classroom, we will continue the celebration as we learn about different authors, such as Robert Munsch and Mo Willems. We will also further our explorations of books and reading with our trial of the Reading Eggs App, in addition to small reading groups and our Home Reading program.

With Valentine's Day just a couple of weeks away, we will begin exploring some new centres. The most exciting of which is our Post Office, where we will continue to practice our printing / writing skills, by creating some Valentine greetings for our friends and loved ones!

In honour of Valentine's Day, we will be having a small celebration on Wednesday, February 14th and a note with further details will be sent home shortly.

As the winter chill continues, why not curl up and keep warm, with a blanket and a good book!

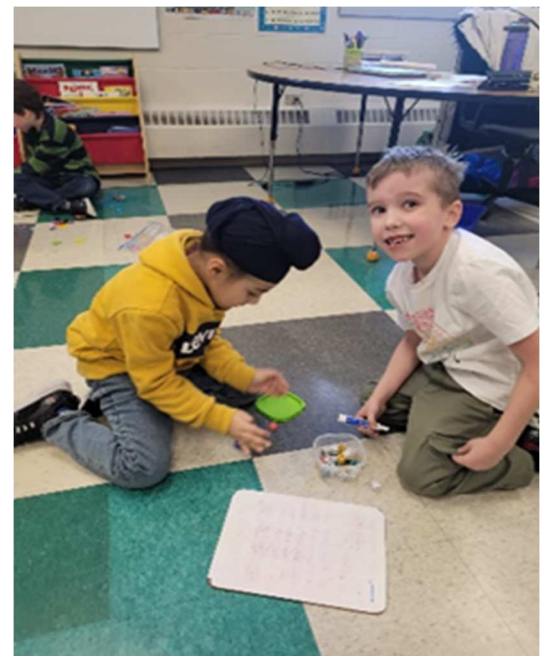
Happy Reading!



Hello, Room 209 families! It is my pleasure to become the new homeroom teacher for grades 1 and 2 at Prairie Rose School. I'm very excited to work with you and your child for the rest of the school year. Beginning in January, we have spent some time getting back to our daily routines. We start our day with a morning message and riddle, where students love brainstorming with each other. In ELA, we are continuing to do daily 5 where students rotate to different stations that involve reading to themselves, reading to someone else, word work, writing, and guided reading. Please continue to support your child in finishing their home reading and spelling word assignments. In math, we are learning about Canadian coins and bills. We are also learning about addition mental math strategies and addition with regrouping. In science, we have finished our objects and material unit, where the students have learned about the different materials and their suitability for a particular function. We are also learning about healthy eating habits and personal hygiene. In art, we continue exploring different art materials to create unique art pieces.

This is how we have started off our learning journey, and I hope that together, we will support our children in reaching their learning goals.

-Mrs. Brar



We had a great first month of 2024.

In math we have been working hard on subtraction and shapes. Many students have made a goal to learn how to count backwards fluently. Please practice at home – it can be as simple as a countdown each morning or at dinner.

In ELA, your child is working on predicting and understanding what they read. Before they read a book we are discussing what it might be about solely based on the title of the book. While doing home reading it is a good idea to have a discussion about the book before, during and after reading. This will help with comprehension. We also started a trial of a program called “Reading Eggs” which follows the science of reading very closely. The students love it! If you want to check it out at home, go to the website and the students can login with their username: firstname+eggs (no spaces) and they will know their passwords.

We have just about finished our second science unit, objects and materials. The unit was very vocabulary heavy, but the students now know words such as absorbent, waterproof, rigid, pliable, and so much more. We will be moving on to social studies where we will learn all about Canada.

We are excited for February and will celebrate I Love to Read Month with some fun guest readers, 100 Day and Valentine’s Day.

-Ms. Nassar


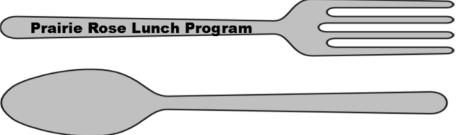


We have been learning about column addition and subtraction as a strategy for adding and subtracting three digit numbers. Next we will be expanding our knowledge of skip counting and applying it to multiplication facts and problems. We have also been working on problem solving strategies for different types of problems like guess and check, make an organized list, using logical reasoning and so on. We have been playing math games. In creative writing some students are creating long stories and typing them up on the computer. In the computer lab we have been doing math practice on Dreambox. In reading we have been working on comprehension strategies. Mr. Young is using Rime Magic for emergent readers focusing on word and letter sounds and word families. During lunches we are practicing our running, jumping and throwing for the track meet at the end of February.



Pizza Lunch and Canteen Days for February

Prairie Rose Lunch Program



Parent Council PIZZA Lunch Reminder

Lunch Program Pizza Lunch
Thursday February 22, 2024.

Orders must be received by Tuesday February 20 at 12:30 pm. Watch for the orders forms to be sent home mid month.

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THURSDAY FEBRUARY 8

Watch for your order forms to be sent home.

Orders are due Wednesday February 7th
(Exact change only please)

February?! Wow! Didn't we just get back from winter break? As usual, we have been busy, busy, busy! New Math, Social Studies and Health units, along with Writing and art projects have helped make the cold month of January seem to fly by! In Math, we have been focusing on addition and subtraction, Number Talks and Math Strings. Mental math strategies have been explored and practiced using various activities. Students have been having fun with new math games as well. Ask your child to teach you how to play "Doubles, Race to 100." It's a good one! Next month, we'll start to learn about measurement and time. We started the new unit, Exploring the World in Social Studies in January. So far, we have been looking at the different continents, oceans of the world, countries and their borders and Basic Human Rights. The students enjoyed a quick mini research project on different countries. This unit will continue into February where we will learn about organizations that support communities and making a difference. We worked through the writing process with our "The Night My Snowman Came Alive" stories. After reading the book, "Snowmen at Night", students created their own stories while focusing on each step of the writing process (Pre-writing, Rough Draft, Editing, Revising, and Publishing/Good Draft). Once completed, we used chalk pastels to create our beautiful snowmen at night artwork to accompany our stories. We also created winter landscapes in art. This project had us focusing on colour, shape, space, value and perspective. Students also worked hard at creating multimedia hot chocolate artwork where they looked at colour, shape and pattern while using paper, different kinds of paint and cotton balls! In Health, we began the Thrival program, which focuses on Mental Health awareness and well-being. Next month we will start a new class novel, continue with Daily 5 and Reading and dive into our spelling program. We are all excited about I Love to Read Month and Valentine's Day! Have a wonderful February!

-Mrs. Simons



Hello Parents/Guardians! We are going to be telling you what we have been doing in January. We are very excited to share all of the neat things we have been exploring this past month! We hope you have a lot of fun reading!

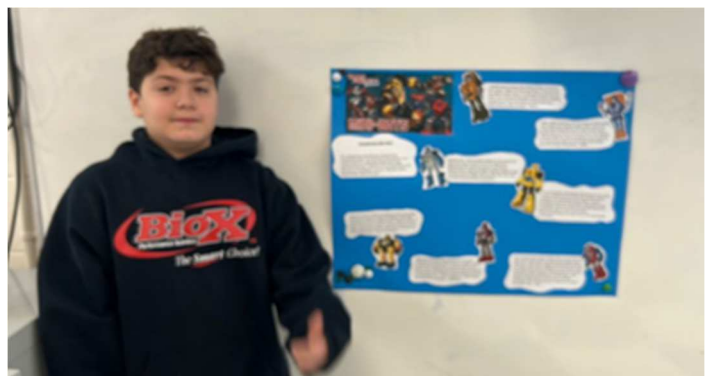
In ELA, we have started a couple new things. We have begun our new novel study on the book "Wonder" by RJ Palacio. This book is about a boy who begins school for the first time in grade 5 because of a medical condition that he has and his struggles with his peers accepting him. So far it is really good and we can't wait to see what happens next. We have also started using a new reading program called "Reading Eggs" It is a lot of fun and a nice alternative to Raz Kids. We continue to practice our accuracy, fluency and comprehension using this program. Did you know we can use Raz Kids and Reading Eggs for our home reading?

In Social Studies we have been researching the first people that lived in Canada long before it was ever a country called Canada. Every student has been working on learning about the first people that lived in a different region in Canada (Plains, Northwest Coast, Eastern Woodlands, Eastern Subarctic, Western Subarctic, Plateau and the Arctic). After researching their region, we prepared google slide presentations which we presented to the classroom. It was really interesting and we had our classmates teach us about the other regions. Some of them even gave us a quiz to see if we listened.

In science, we have been learning about the weather. So far, we have discussed what the atmosphere is and the different layers that protect us from things like the sun. We have also learned about what weather is and how it is different from climate. Did you know that the sun is responsible for all the different weather that we have on our planet? We also have started to learn about the different tools we use to measure and predict weather such as barometers, thermometers and Rain Gauges.

That is all from us! We hope you liked reading our newsletter and enjoyed hearing all of the fun things we did this past month. We cannot wait for more learning!

Talk to you again at the beginning of March!



Gr. 5 & 6 Student News by Mr. Forbister

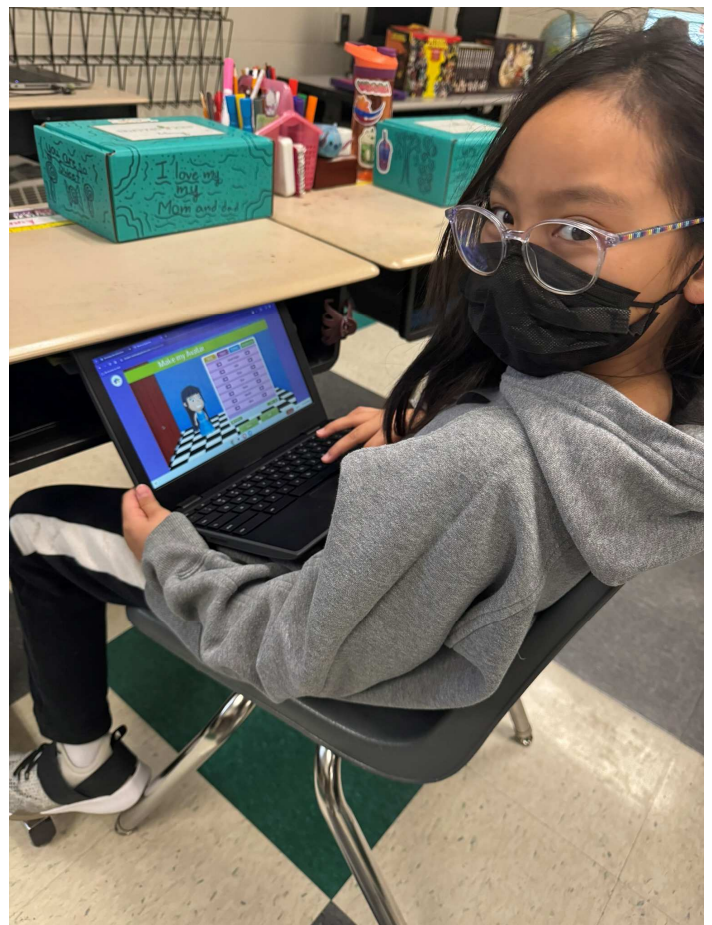
Another month has come and gone in our classroom, and we've been very busy. We got off to the new year running!

In ELA, we started our new novel, *Howl's Moving Castle*. This is the story of a girl named Sophie who is turned into an old woman by a witch. She goes to try to find a cure and makes a deal with a fire demon named Calcifer who lives with a wizard named Howl. This has been a really interesting book so far and we can't wait to see where it ends. We also started the Reading Eggs program at school. This is a new website that has a lot of books and some really cool rewards for doing activities. We have had a lot of fun with it.

In math, we worked on problem solving, open ended questions, and multiplication and division work. We have learned different ways to start solving problems and ways to check our answers. It can be tough at times, but finding the answer on our own feels really good.

In Social Studies, we learned more about Canada and the development of the Hudson's Bay Company. We looked at how the English and French fought for European control of the trade and how different Indigenous groups helped to fight for each side in the war. We also started our Weather unit in Science. We've had lots of different weather this month, so we are curious to see how it is caused.

Next month will be I Love to Read month, so make sure to look at what kinds of dress-up days we are going to have!



During the month of January, the students in grades 5 and 6 practiced hard for our volleyball tournament. We also started practicing for our Track Meet that will be held on February 27th at Max Bell Centre. Students will get a chance to compete against other schools in running, jumping and throwing events. All of the events are team events and include relay races, shot put and long jump. Students will continue to practice at lunch to prepare for the Track Meet.

Students are also learning how to play badminton during Phys. Ed class. Students will learn to serve the birdie and will learn a variety of shots.

Music News

This month we have started learning about the percussion family. It is the largest group of music families and includes instruments that are not really instruments, such as the sounds from spoons to piano and from xylophones to triangles. It isn't just about drums! Percussion is anything that can keep a beat or make a rhythm.

We have been using percussion when exploring the music of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. He may have died over 225 years ago, but his music lives on. The students have played along to such pieces as "Eine Kleine Nauchtmusik" and the "Turkish March". Students in grades 3 – 6 are even able to play his music on the recorder. We will begin creating our own interpretative compositions of "Twinkle, Twinkle", just like Mozart did, writing and practising so we can perform them for our classmates.

The grade 5 and 6 students have begun keyboarding and learning I, IV, V7 chords. Music is patterns and math: rhythms based on subdivisions of time and fractions, done instantaneously, internally. Chords have a pattern to them, and once you know it, it becomes something you can do, even when the music key changes. Next month we will continue with learning and researching about Mozart, as well as start on the brass family. We have some fun choir songs that we will continue to practice.



HOME INFORMATION UPDATES

If, at anytime during the school year, your *HOME INFORMATION, work and any other contact telephone numbers change, please let the office know as soon as possible.*

This information is vital in the case of an emergency, if your child is injured or becomes ill.

Current home and work (as well as cell) telephone numbers are necessary to ensure that you, or your emergency contact person can be reached.

Bus cancellation:

During the school year there may be times when school bus transportation is cancelled due to inclement weather or poor driving conditions, but schools will remain open. School bus transportation for all school divisions in the City of Winnipeg is cancelled when the wind chill reaches -45°C by 6:15 a.m. based on the Environment Canada readings in Winnipeg. When bus transportation is cancelled in the morning, it will not resume later in the day even if weather conditions improve. All major Winnipeg media outlets are contacted in the early morning and are asked that they broadcast and/or post bus cancellation information.



Severe Weather Conditions:

Severe weather conditions and poor roads may extend the running time of some buses, resulting in late arrival and departure. Parents/guardians should make sure that children are suitably clothed until picked up and that they have a place to go in the event the bus does not arrive. Parents/guardians must also ensure that children have a place to go after the return trip.

Contact information:

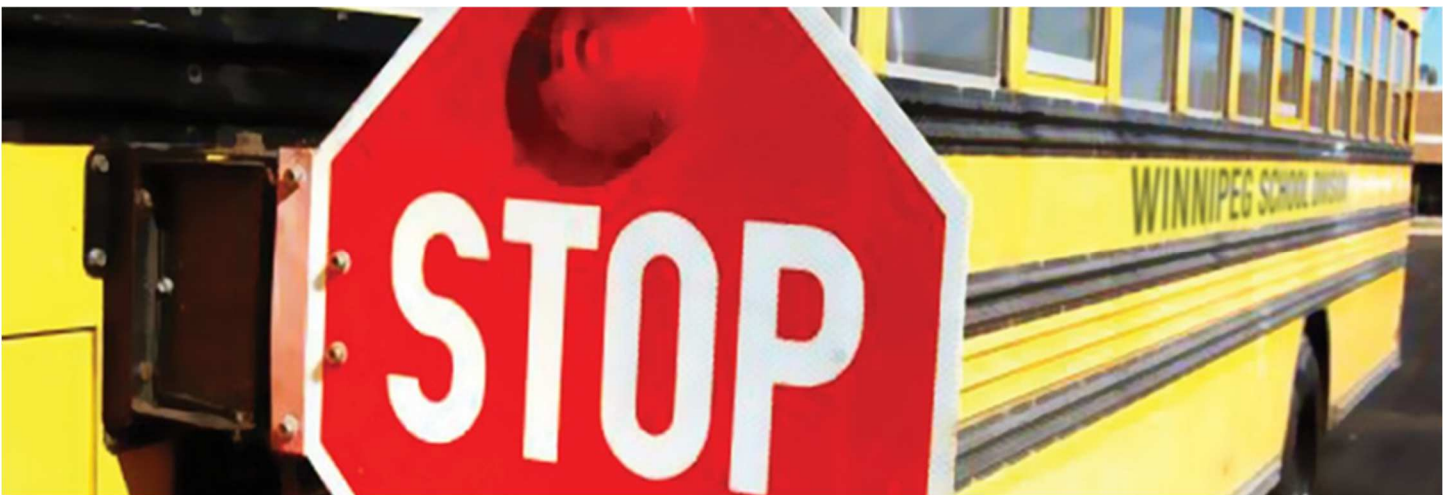
A) All Regular / Special Education Programs Requests for transportation service, reporting changes of address or anticipated long term absences (over three days) - please telephone student's school.

B) Transportation Information Scheduling, operations and enquiries – refer to the Winnipeg School Division Transportation Department at 204-789-0452 (8:00 a.m.– 4:30 p.m.). Transportation Supervisor - Curtis Basso @ 204-789-0452.

C) Daily Information

Bus time enquiries, daily absences, lost articles, call Radio Dispatch (7:00 a.m. - till last child is dropped off) at:

WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION - 204-586-8800



Prairie Tales I Love to Read Month

February, 2024

This year, "I Love To Read" will be celebrated throughout the entire month of February! We have I Love to Read each year at Prairie Rose School to encourage reading, writing and sharing in the joy of literacy! This year our theme is "**Prairie Tales**". We will be diving into the magical world of Fairy Tales! We are looking forward to all kinds of activities, contests, guests readers, dress-up days, and more! We love to read!

Mystery Readers

Reading Challenge

Contests

Book Blitz

Kahoot

Guest Readers

Dress-up Days

Trivia Questions



DRESSING UP FOR COLD WEATHER

Thick sweater

With a hood to keep your head warm



TIP:

Adding layers will help keep you warm as the temperature drops.

Light jacket

Wind-resistant would be ideal



Winter Accessories

HAT

For your head and ears

SCARF

For your neck and face

GLOVES

Insulated – water-proof would be ideal



TIP:

During extreme cold, keep all skin covered and spend as little time as possible outside.

TIP:

For extra warmth, wear extra undergarments (like tights and thicker socks)

Winter jacket

Thick outerwear to keep out wind and wet snow – longer length would be ideal



Winter boots

Water-proof footwear will keep your feet dry, with good grip for when walking on snowy or icy paths



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SAFE ARRIVAL

Before the bell time of the current day,
call 1-855-278-4513
or visit <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>
to report your student's absence

Please note that all students who are not in attendance at school during any given day, are part of the school-wide call back system.

Teachers report the names of children who are absent, and if the parent of the absent child has not called the Safe Arrival Call In System at 1-855-278-4513 to report their absence, they will be notified by phone at their home or workplace regarding the student's absence by the automated system.

They will continue to be called every 5 minutes until they verify the absence. In order to ensure the safety of our students, it is imperative that parents/guardians notify the school of any absences or late arrivals. Students who arrive at school late are instructed to call the office once at Cohort door for a staff member to pick them up.

TRAFFIC SAFETY:

Parents, please help keep your children safe. Would you please reinforce safety messages with your children!



- Children should be reminded that at this time of the year vehicles often have a difficult time stopping suddenly on slippery streets.
- When walking to and from school, children should cross at intersections with the school patrols.
- Parents are also asked to obey traffic regulations and be extra careful at all times when in school zones.

Make plans to celebrate Manitoba's Louis Riel Day, February 19, with your family.



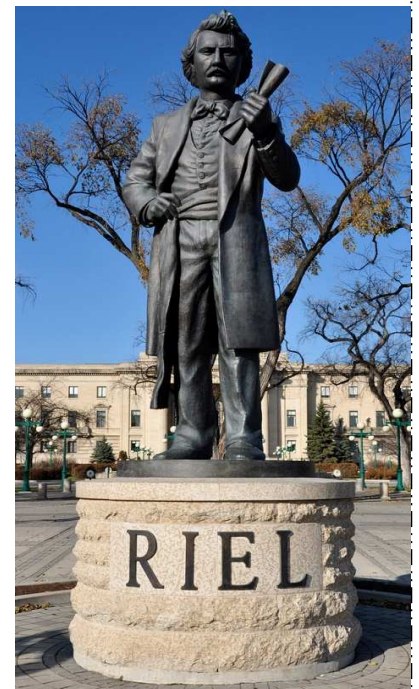
Louis Riel

Louis Riel was a passionate Métis leader. He was a catalyst in the events that occurred making Manitoba become Canada's fifth province and joining confederation in 1870. Louis Riel had a dream of a civilized world that embraces all cultures. This dream is celebrated by all Manitobans on Louis Riel Day.

Why Remember Louis Riel? Louis Riel is recognized as an advocate of justice for the Métis people, but he represents much more. He helped lay the framework for minority rights and cultural co-operation, and is regarded as a founder of Manitoba. It is very important to remember Louis Riel's contribution to Canada.

Commemorating Louis Riel. A resolution was passed by parliament citing Louis Riel's role in the Founding of Manitoba on 10 March 1992.

On 26 September 2007, Manitoba legislature passed a bill establishing a statutory holiday on the third Monday in February as Louis Riel Day, the same day some other provinces celebrate Family Day, beginning in 2008. The first Louis Riel Day was celebrated on 18 February 2008. This new statutory holiday coincides with the annual celebration of the Festival du Voyageur in Winnipeg.



"We must cherish our inheritance.

We must preserve our nationality for the youth of our future.

The story should be written down to pass on. "

~ Louis Riel

Calendar of Upcoming Events

| 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 | |
| 19 | Patrol Activity |
| 21 | Pizza Lunch |
| 22 | Last day of School before Spring Break |
| APRIL | |
| 1 | |
| 11 | Canteen Day |
| 19 | <i>NO SCHOOL – Non-Instructional Day</i> |
| 25 | Pizza Lunch |
| 23 | Bus Ridership (9:30AM) |
| MAY | |
| 6 | <i>NO SCHOOL – Non-Instructional Day</i> |
| 9 | Canteen Day |
| 23 | Pizza Lunch |
| JUNE | |
| 13 | Canteen Day |
| | Talent Show |
| 20 | Patrol Activity |
| 20 | N/K Year End Celebration 9:45AM |
| 21 | <i>NO SCHOOL – Non-Instructional Day</i> |
| 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. |

Student Enrollment 2024 - 2025

Moving?

Please notify the school if you know that your child will not be attending Prairie Rose School next year. This information helps us make a more accurate projection of student enrollment for the upcoming school year. Your cooperation is required by completing the cut off provided and returning it to the classroom teacher. *Not required if your child is in grade 6.

The student listed below will not be returning to Prairie Rose School next year.

Student Name

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date: _____



PRAIRIE ROSE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CALENDAR

Telephone: 204-633-4092 Fax: 204-633-4902

FEBRUARY 2024 I LOVE TO READ MONTH



| Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri |
|---|----------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|--|
| | | | 1 Day 1 | 2 Day 2 Non Instructional Day NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS |
| 5 Day 3 | 6 Day 4 | 7 Day 5 Canteen Orders Due Sports Day | 8 Day 6 Canteen Day | 9 Day 1 |
| 12 Day 2 | 13 Day 3 | 14 Day 4 Valentines Day Red/Pink/White shirt day | 15 Day 5 | 16 Day 6 |
| 19 Louis Riel Day | 20 Day 1 Pizza orders Due | 21 Day 2 Wacky Hair or Hat Day | 22 Day 3 Pizza Lunch | 23 Day 4 9:15 Snow White Presentation MTYP |
| 26 Day 5 Pre Registrations opens for 2024-2025 school year | 27 Day 6 | 28 Day 1 Pajama Day | 29 Day 2 | |