



King Edward Community School



Dear King Edward School Families,

February is here, and while January may have been a long and chilly month, it was also one filled with meaningful learning, celebration, and excitement in our school community.

We are proud to celebrate Black History Month, a time for students to learn, reflect, and honor the achievements, contributions, and voices that have shaped our history and continue to inspire us today. Throughout the month, classrooms will be engaging in lessons and activities that highlight these important stories.

February is also I Love to Read Month, and we can't wait to share our enthusiasm for reading! From guest readers and special activities to fun opportunities that encourage a love of books, this month is all about sparking curiosity and joy through reading.

Be sure to check inside this newsletter for exciting information and details about upcoming events and activities happening throughout the month. There's a lot to look forward to, even as we bundle up and brave the winter weather!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership

Warm regards,

Kristin Melnyk
Principal

Jaclyn Rivest
Vice Principal



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School Calendar

2026
February



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
1	2 Day 1 Inservice Day No School No Sistema	3 Day 2 12:00 Choir	4 Day 3	5 Day 4 12:00 Choir Football 3:30-6:30	6 Day 5	7
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February 2026

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	NO SCHOOL	8:10-8:50 Before School 12 pm KE2 Soccer Game U of W 3:30-4:30 Gr 5/6	8:10-8:50 Before School 12 pm Gr 4 Intramurals 12:30 pm Gr 3 Intramurals	8:10-8:50 Before School 12 pm Grade 5/6 Volleyball Practice 3:30-6:30 Gr 5/6 Football	8:10-8:50 Before School 12:30 pm Gr 1/2 Intramurals	
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Phys Ed Calendar

Family Room

We have been very busy in the family room. We have been busy making various beaded crafts, homemade shopping bags, moccasins, gauntlets the list goes on and on. It is such a wonderful time getting together with the parents of King Edward Community school, be it through the crafts, workshops or just having a cup of coffee, snacks and a chat. Look forward to seeing you in the room.



Family Room Calendar

February 2026 Family Room 108

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	2 Non Instructional No school	3 Mrs. B. Here 😊 Parent room closed in the morning Coffee and Conversation	4	5 Food Hub ●3:10 Char & Vic	6 Mrs. B. Here 😊 Afternoon Painting session with Jackie Traverse.	7
8	9 Mrs. B. Here 😊 Parent room closed in the morning Finish any unfinished crafts in the afternoon	10 Mrs. B. Here 😊 Diamond Art morning or afternoon	11	12	13 Mrs. B. Here 😊 Valentine's Poetry Nutrition Bingo PM Food Hub ● 3:10	14
15	16 Louis Riel Day No School	17 Mrs. B. Here 😊 Coffee and Pancakes in the morning Finish any unfinished crafts in the afternoon	18	19	20 Mrs. B. Here 😊 Diamond Art morning or afternoon Food Hub ● 3:10	21
22	23	24 Mrs. B. Here 😊 Dreamcatchers morning or afternoon	25	26	27 Mrs. B. Here 😊 Dreamcatchers morning or afternoon Food Hub ● 3:10	28

Always welcome anytime I am here to stop in for coffee, tea, a snack and a chat. 😊

Even during other planned activities come on in if you would like to learn how to bead anytime, I am here.

Food Hub will be every Friday 3:10 in the Parent Room by the Gym.

Sign-up sheet will be in the office for Painting and Bingo.

I Love to Read Month



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I Love to Read Month Calendar 2026

A new reading challenge every single day. How many can you do?

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 Borrow some library books in print or online: https://guides.wplwinipeg.ca/digitallibrary</p>	<p>2 Find out who said: "A whole life can be changed by one book"</p>	<p>3 Find a cookie recipe. Make cookies?</p>	<p>4 Ask someone if they want you to read them a story.</p>	<p>5 Find a poster somewhere outside. What is it for?</p>	<p>6 Ask if you can send your family a text. Ask a good question about them.</p>	<p>7 Find the food that has the most ingredients on the label.</p>
<p>8 Make Valentine's Day cards.</p>	<p>9 How many words can you think of that rhyme with "snoozer?"</p>	<p>10 Write down one good line from a song you love.</p>	<p>11 Read signs on Selkirk Avenue until you find a word in another language.</p>	<p>12 Find a good joke, write it down, and put it on the fridge. Did anyone laugh out loud?</p>	<p>13 Read your Valentine cards.</p>	<p>14 What books can you find on Sora? https://soraapp.com/welcome</p>
<p>15 Can you read upside down? Can you write upside down? Can you write backwards?</p>	<p>16 Go back and see if you forgot to do anything on this calendar. There is still time!</p>	<p>17 Email a picture of your favourite book to: kingedward@wsdl.org</p>	<p>18 Where were your shoes made? Check the tags.</p>	<p>19 What's the biggest word you can find? <u>Where did you find it?</u></p>	<p>20 Watch a movie based on a book: https://imaginatio.nsoup.net/childrens-books-adapted-movies/</p>	<p>21 Sing Karaoke! Read and sing at the same time!</p>
<p>22 The Indigenous Family Centre has a new website: https://www.indigenousfamilycentre.com/ What's happening there this week?</p>	<p>23 Read what the weather will be like this week.</p>	<p>24 winnipeg.sd.ca/kingedward/history Read the part about King Edward Community School in 1937. Amazing eh?</p>	<p>25 Find a good palindrome. Emordnilap doog a dnif.</p>	<p>26 Read with a friend!</p>	<p>27 Dress as your favourite book character or author.</p>	<p>28 Time to get some new library books. https://guides.wpl.winnipeg.ca/digitallibrary</p>

Performing Arts

Creative Winter Happenings in Music and Art

Our school has been bursting with creativity this season as students explore rhythm, movement, and hands-on art across our music and art classes. In the music room, every grade has been learning to play djembe drums, discovering how to keep a steady beat, respond to rhythmic patterns, and work together to create lively group music. The room has been filled with energy as students experiment with sound and teamwork. We played to the “Imperial March” from Star Wars, “Can’t Stop the Feeling”, “Maple Leaf Rag by Scott



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Sensory class has been just as exciting. Students have been creating winter forest mixed media-media art, using paint, textured papers, and sensory elements to design snowy woodland scenes. They explored how different textures—smooth, rough, sparkly, and soft—can bring a winter landscape to life. Each piece reflects the imagination and unique artistic choices of its creator.



Music and movement have also taken center stage as students learn winter songs and dance with colorful scarves, using flowing motions to show swirling snow and chilly winds. Classes have been listening to “Winter” from The Four Seasons by Antonio Vivaldi, noticing how the music paints a picture of icy storms and peaceful snowfall. These activities help students connect sound, movement, and imagery in meaningful ways.

Together, these experiences have filled our school with creativity, curiosity, and winter magic, making this season a joyful time for learning and expression.

Musically Yours,
Mrs. Ella

Sistema

Sistema Term two started on January 12 with new Vivaldi students. They learned and tried the different instruments in the program, sang in choir, enjoyed drama games and created their own paper instruments. Over the next few weeks, the new Vivaldi students will transition to their wooden instruments. In addition, the Mozart and Beethoven orchestras will enjoy tackling new scores of music.

Many students in Sistema passed into a higher-level orchestra! This is a great milestone in their Sistema journeys.



Leadership/ Confidence Crew

A Few Words Can Change a Day

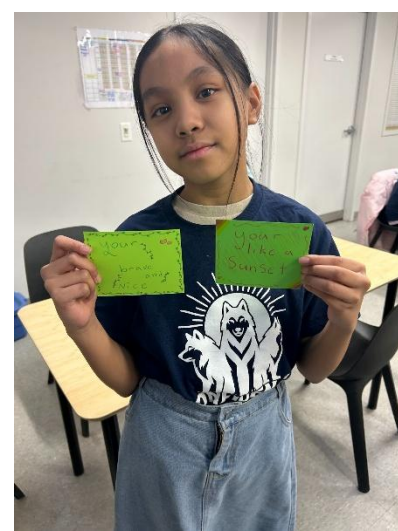
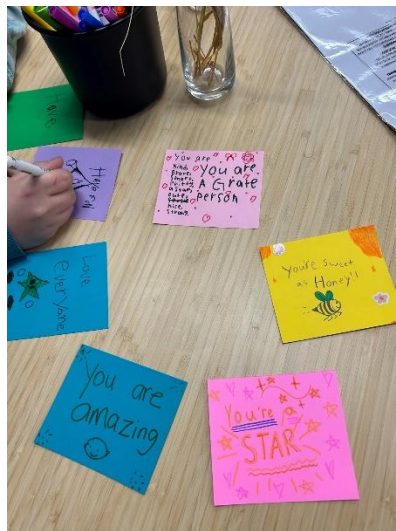
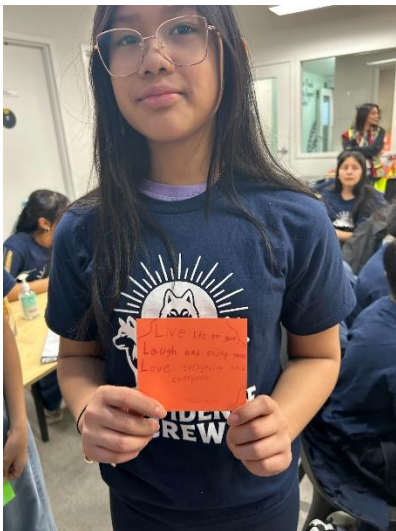
Confidence Crew students spread kindness through Meals2Go
 “You are a star. You are amazing. You are brave. You are kind.”

These are words meant to inspire. These simple, powerful affirmations were included in the Meals2Go program by the Confidence Crew students. Meals2Go is supported by Winnipeg Harvest. It fills the weekend gap for many students who rely on school meals during the week by providing nutritious take-home food kits for Saturday and Sunday. It was especially meaningful for our students to imagine other children opening these kits with the handwritten affirmation cards they made for them.

These notes included positive messages, drawings, and thoughtful words, simple small gestures with a big impact. This work reflects the Generosity pillar of the Circle of Courage: giving without expecting anything in return and discovering purpose through service.

Many students eagerly wrote more than one note, wanting their encouragement to reach as many children as possible. Our Confidence Crew will continue the initiative, because sometimes all it takes is a few words to help another child believe in themselves.

“You don’t have to change the whole world—sometimes, you just have to help one person believe they matter.” This was a full circle moment with kids helping kids



From Bin to Beyond: Confidence Crew Gives Back

Last term, the Confidence Crew and our school community came together for our Tin for the Bin Food Drive. Our students and learning community, diligently collected food with care, knowing it would help others in need. This week, our Confidence Crew had the opportunity to see what happens after donations are made. They visited Winnipeg Harvest and were welcomed for a behind the scenes experience that brought the entire process to life. The visit helped students understand that giving does not end when food is placed in a bin. It continues through many hands and many steps.



During the visit, students took part in hands-on work, packing over 121 cases of baby food and a bin and a half of potatoes. They worked together, asked thoughtful questions, and saw how their efforts connect to families across the city. The experience was meaningful and enjoyable, but more importantly, it showed students that giving back is not a one-time event. There are many ways to contribute, and everyone has something to offer. The Confidence Crew left with a deeper understanding that you are never too young to give back, and that small actions, when done together, make a real difference.

Black History Month

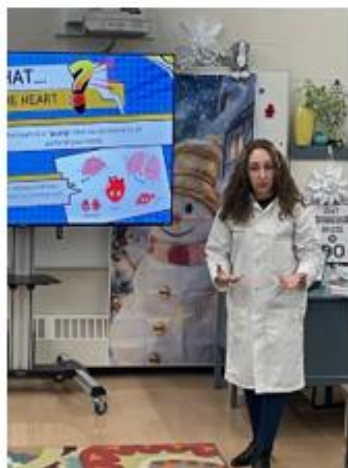
Hidden in Plain Sight: Black Inventions We Use Every Day

As we approach Black History Month, our school is excited to open a special mini museum space in the library that invites curiosity, reflection, and conversation. This exhibit will highlight Black inventions and contributions that many of us use every day, often without knowing their origins. Items on display will include everyday objects such as the iron and ironing board, potato chips, guitar, rolling paint brush, fire extinguisher, ice cream scoop, and traffic lights. These familiar items help tell a much larger story about creativity, resilience, and innovation rooted in the lived experiences of Black individuals.

This mini museum is an opportunity for our school community to better understand the importance of Black history and to recognize how deeply it is woven into our daily lives. Classes are invited to visit, explore the displays, look closely at the images and artifacts, and ask questions. The exhibit will be open starting February 3rd and will remain available throughout the entire month of February. We hope students leave not only learning something new but also feeling inspired to think more deeply about history, identity, and the many ways people contribute to the world around us. We look forward to welcoming classes into the library to explore, wonder, and learn together.



♥ Learning About the Heart: A Special Presentation for Rooms 21, 210, 208, and 206



they work together

Students in Rooms **21, 210, 208, and 206 had an exciting opportunity to learn all about one of the most important organs in the human body - the heart. The classes welcomed Dr. Inna Rabinovich-Nikitin, a leading researcher from the Cardiovascular Institute at St. Boniface Hospital, who led an engaging and informative heart-health presentation.

🧠 What the Students Learned

Dr. Rabinovich-Nikitin guided students through a fascinating exploration of:

- How the heart works as a powerful pump that keeps blood moving throughout the body
- The different parts of the heart and how

- Why heart health matters, even for kids

- Healthy lifestyle habits that help keep the heart strong, such as staying active, eating nutritious foods, getting enough sleep, and managing stress

Students were eager to participate, ask questions, and share what they already knew. Many were surprised to learn just how hard the heart works every single day and how small choices can make a big difference in long-term health.



🌟 Inspiring Healthy Habits

The presentation encouraged students to think about their daily routines and how they can take care of their bodies. Dr. Rabinovich-Nikitin emphasized that heart-healthy habits start early and can last a lifetime.

Teachers reported that students left the session energized and curious, with many continuing the conversation back in their classrooms.

🙏 A Special Thank-You

We extend our sincere appreciation to Dr. Inna Rabinovich-Nikitin and the Cardiovascular Institute at St. Boniface Hospital for sharing their expertise and inspiring our students to make healthy choices.

Our hearts are fuller - and healthier - after this wonderful learning experience!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Ella Golubchik

Shout Outs

Thank you for the delivery of blue toques
donated by Val Johnston
of
Dragon Lady Hockey School!



Toques are available for anyone who needs
one. Stay warm!



Upcoming Events

Mobile Vision is coming to King Edward on March 4, 2026.



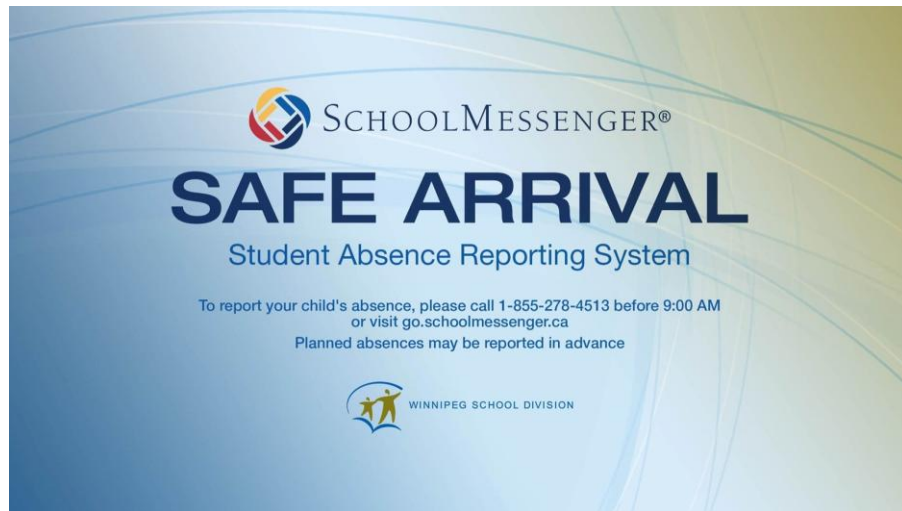
Please return all vision forms to the office as soon as possible

If you need another form, please contact your child's classroom teacher

Friendly Reminders

- **When visiting the school, please go to the office, sign in, and speak with one of the clerks.**
- **As the weather gets colder, please remember to send your child with warm clothing and footwear. Children go outside for recess up to -28C.**
- **Families are always welcome in the building, but we ask that only staff members take children to and from their classrooms.**
- **Bike Cage is closed until the Spring – please keep all bikes and scooters at home**
- **Please check the Lost & Found frequently**
- **Students should return from lunch NO EARLIER THAN 12:50 PM**

Absence Reporting - Safe Arrival



Breakfast Program

**Please come and join Sam
for breakfast every school day.
8:30 – 9:15 AM**



Lunch Program

**Please do not send your child with fish, seafood, peanut
or nuts in their lunch.**

Community News



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Housing and I.D. Resource Event

February 12, 2026, 3:30 to 6:00 p.m.
R. B. Russell Vocational High School
364 Dufferin Avenue

Winnipeg School Division and End Homelessness Winnipeg are hosting events to help our community members get income and housing supports they qualify for. Join us to receive on-site sign-up services and information on available resources for individuals and families.

To sign up for services you will need some ID such as:

- Manitoba Health Card
- Government Issued Photo ID
- Proof of Income/Option C
- Current Tenancy Agreement
- Direct Deposit/Banking Information
- EIA Budget Letter
- Proof of Status/Residency
- Completed Guarantor Form

If you are unsure of which documents you will need to bring, or if you require assistance in filling out forms please contact:

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