

# Keewatin Prairie School

## February Newsletter 2024

# FEBRUARY

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# Administrative Message...

2024 has been off to a good start! It is hard to believe that we are at the mid-point of our school year.

As we roll into February our attention will be drawn to the hopefully soon 'Spring' prediction, courtesy of our Groundhog-Manitoba Mery along with the friendship and kindness themes linked to Valentine's Day and **PINK** Day.

For the past six years our school division has recognized the "Day of Pink" on April 12 as a symbolic initiative to take a stand against bullying. On February 22 we will recognize the International Red Cross "Pink Shirt Day" as well. We encourage all students to wear pink on both days (and of course any other day they wish to wear pink) to be a visual symbol to stop bullying and instead spread kindness.

We also have the 'National Flag of Canada Day' happening on February 15 and this month signifies 'Black History Month' and 'I Love to Read Month.' We will be learning about and discussing all of these important events in grade appropriate ways.

At this time of the year, I want to report that teachers continue to have valuable learning conversations about strategies and goals through Professional Development days and through PLC's (Professional Learning Communities.) This year we are focused on visible thinking as well as increased communication and collaboration strategies to enhance student learning. We are pleased with the growth and the work being done in all areas.

Coming up shortly, our Grade 9 students will begin the very important process of thinking about choices for their new school in the fall. We are working closely with our local High Schools Tec Voc and DMCI to help make this transition a smooth one. Open Houses are coming up as well school presentations are underway. Please chat with your teachers or Ms. Malandrakis (our Guidance Counselor) if you have any questions.

Our Grade 6 students will begin thinking about their transition to Grade 7 this coming month as well. Even though the change is in-house, there are still some worries about what Grade 7 looks like. We will begin providing some initial information to help support students.

Have a fabulous February.

***Yours in Education,  
Mrs. Enns, Ms. Perrun & Ms. Bui***



# Important Reminders

- Please note there is no outdoor/indoor supervision until 8:45 am.
- Breakfast program starts at 8:30 am.
- Please ensure that the parking lot is not to be used as a drop off or pick up spot.

## HOW SICK IS TOO SICK FOR SCHOOL?

Cold and flu season is here.  
See our tips for parents and caregivers:



### KEEP ME HOME:

Fever  
(higher than 38°C or 100° F)

Sore Throat

Persistent Cough

Strep Throat

Vomiting or Diarrhea

Abdominal Pain  
(severe or long-lasting)

Illness  
(prevents from participating comfortably in activities)

### SEND ME TO SCHOOL:

No Fever  
(without fever-reducing medicine for 24 hours)

Occasional Cough  
(but no other symptoms)

Strep Throat  
(after 24 hours of treatment)

No Vomiting or Diarrhea  
(for 48 hours)

# Grade 5 Fort Whyte Field Trip Fun



Students played outdoor games to improve their strength and stamina that were required by the voyageurs.

They enjoyed snow toffee that was traditionally made with maple syrup.



# Nursery Kindergarten

**Registrations for Nursery and Kindergarten are now being accepted for the upcoming 2024 - 2025 school year!**

Children registering for Nursery must have been born by December 31st 2020

Children Registering for Kindergarten must have been born by December 31st 2019

**Please include the following with your application:**

1. Child's Proof of Birth: Birth Certificate, Treaty Card, Canadian Passport, official letter from an assistance agency or receipt from Vital Statistics showing the application has been made
2. Proof of Address: Which can be a copy of purchase agreement, rental/lease agreement, current property tax assessment or child tax benefit statement with address ( if rental agreement is not available)
3. Manitoba Health Card



# Grade 9 Basketball

The Grade 9 Competitive Boys Basketball Team started their season in January. The team got off to a hot start and is starting to gel as a group. "Let's go THUNDER!"



# I ♥ To Read Month

School wide activities start Monday February 26th - Friday March 1st!

Monday February 26	Tuesday February 27	Wednesday February 28	Thursday February 29	Friday March 1
<b>Canadian Author Day</b> Read a book by a Canadian Author	<b>Twosday :</b> Read a book to a partner	<b>Bring a Book to School Day</b> Bring your favorite book to school to share!	<b>Wear a Word Day</b> to celebrate I love to READ	<b>Surprise!</b>



# Open House Info. DMCI



**DANIEL MCINTYRE COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE**  
720 ALVERSTONE STREET, WINNIPEG

## OPEN HOUSE

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH**  
**6 PM TO 8 PM**

Discover the educational opportunities at DMCI! Join us for a tour of our classrooms and explore the latest additions in our new school store. Enjoy captivating performances by our talented performing arts groups. Uncover the diverse extracurricular, sports, and enrichment opportunities available at Daniel Mac. Connect with our dedicated teachers and learn how we can assist your student in reaching new heights.

Come explore DMCI's exceptional Academic, Athletic, and Performing Arts Programming.

- Programming for Grades 9 through 12.
- A Tradition of Academic Excellence
- Safe, Caring Environment
- Advanced Placement Program
- AP Capstone Certified School
- Medical Professionals Program
- Champion Sports Teams
- Award-Winning Performing Arts
- Wide selection of Extracurricular Activities



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**NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR**

# Open House Info. Tec Voc High School

Discover the endless possibilities that Tec-Voc High School offers at our upcoming Open House on Thursday, February 22, 2024, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Explore our school through an in-person tour and connect directly with our dedicated teachers. Learn about our 20 technical vocational programs, academic programs, and performing arts programs.

At Tec-Voc, we pride ourselves on fostering inclusivity, creativity, and excellence. Our commitment extends beyond traditional education, as we empower students with both academic and technical vocational skills, essential life skills, and Workplace Health and Safety training.

Your future begins here!



**20 TECHNICAL  
VOCATIONAL  
PROGRAMS**

**FULL  
ACADEMIC  
PROGRAMMING**



**YOUR FUTURE  
BEGINS HERE**

**TEC-VOC HIGH SCHOOL  
OPEN HOUSE**

**FEB 22, 2024  
6:00PM TO 8:00PM**

Take a virtual tour anytime by visiting  
[www.tecvoc.ca/virtualtour](http://www.tecvoc.ca/virtualtour)





# Community Support Worker News

Mrs. McNabb here! 😊

I hope you all are enjoying the winter weather!

Please feel free to email me at [mcnabb@wsd1.org](mailto:mcnabb@wsd1.org) or phone me at school (204)783-9012 in regards to activities or ideas you may have that help support families and children.

Food Assistance: If there are families that are in need of food assistance, please contact me. We can work together to support you and your family.

Koats for Kids continues as does winter. If you still require winter gear; we can help.

My calendar is attached.

Come on in any afternoon to the Family Room. Have a great month!



## Parent Council Information

**Date:** Thursday, February 15th 2024

**Time:** 3:45 pm

**Place:** Staff Room

Want to find out what is happening in our school, learn more about programs, goals, division priorities as well get to know us? Come on out to our next Parent Council Meeting! We would love to have you join us. The Draft Budget Consultation is set for February 13th at 7:00 pm at Elmwood High School.

### WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION DRAFT BUDGET CONSULTATION DEVELOPING THE BUDGET FOR THE 2024/25 SCHOOL YEAR

Winnipeg School Division Board of Trustees is holding a series of draft budget community consultations. Learn more about programs and services within WSD's 79 schools and share your feedback on budget priorities.

February 7 at 6:30 p.m. — Inner City District Advisory Committee  
William Whyte School, 200 Powers Street

February 8 at 7:00 p.m. — North District Advisory Committee  
Ecole Lansdowne, 715 Wiginton Street

February 13 at 7:00 p.m. — Central District Advisory Committee  
Elmwood High School, 505 Chalmers Avenue

February 14 at 7:00 p.m. — South District Advisory Committee  
Harrow School, 550 Harrow Street

The Board of Trustees will also hold a public meeting on the draft budget on February 26, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the theatre at Tec Voc High School, 1555 Wall Street (to present to the Board you must register in advance by contacting 204-789-0469 by registration deadline 12:00 p.m., February 22, 2024)



WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION



# FEBRUARY FAMILY ROOM CALENDAR

## OPEN EVERY AFTERNOON 1:00-4:15 pm



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1	2 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> In-service
5	6	7 Ribbon Skirt Making PM	8 Bake and Take 1:00-3:30 pm	9 Girl's Group 2:35-3:30 Food Giveaway 3:30-3:45 pm
12	13	14 Ribbon Skirt Making PM	15 Crafts in the Family Room 1:00-3:30 pm	16 Girl's Group 2:35-3:30 Food Giveaway 3:30-3:45 pm
19 <b>CLOSED</b> Louis Riel Day	20	21 Ribbon Skirt Making PM	22 Bake and Take 1:00-3:30 pm	23 Girl's Group 2:35-3:30 Food Giveaway 3:30-3:45 pm
26	27	28 Ribbon Skirt Making PM	29 Crafts in the Family Room 1:00-3:30 pm	





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# AFTER SCHOOL IN CLASS FILIPINO LANGUAGE Heritage Program 2024

ADMISSION IS  
**FREE**

SCAN TO  
REGISTER



**LIMITED SPOTS ONLY.**



**DAY: Tuesdays**

**TIME: 3:30PM to 5:00PM**

**SCHOOL: Keewatin Prairie  
Community School**

**GRADES: 4 - 6**

**Contact:**

**Marilyn Gomez Malek**  
mmalek@wsd1.org



# Filipino Heritage Program



MANITOBA ASSOCIATION OF FILIPINO TEACHERS, INC.

offers

**FREE**

## FILIPINO HERITAGE LANGUAGE CLASSES FOR TEENS & ADULTS

### *Schedule of Classes*

Class 1: Online Filipino Class  
for Teens, every Monday  
(March 11 – June 3, 2024)  
6:00 – 7:30 pm

Class 2: Online Filipino Class  
for Adults, every Tuesday  
(March 12 – June 4, 2024)  
6:00 – 7:30 pm

Class 3: In-Person Filipino Class for Teens  
every Wednesday  
Tec-Voc High School  
(March 13 – June 5, 2024)  
3:30 – 5:00 pm

Class 4: In-Person Filipino Class for Teens  
every Thursday  
Sisler High School  
(March 14 – June 6, 2024)  
3:30 – 5:00 pm



Early Registration  
(with draw of prizes)  
January 8 - 31, 2024

To REGISTER, please email:

vicky.sa.cabrera@outlook.com for in-person class

cecildeguzman21@gmail.com for online class


Last year the Filipino Heritage After-class was a major success, both for Keewatin Prairie School and MAFTI, and we hope for another exciting year of programming. The next after school session will start on February 6, running Tuesdays from 3:30 to 5:00 PM with Ms. Malek. Another class will be open for all performing KP Heritage students to be held every Saturday, from February 10 to June 1, the Performing Art Class.

For those who are also interested, MAFTI is offering free Filipino-language classes for teens and adults, both online and in-person. We love and appreciate the unwavering support of parents and the passion of our students in these programs. It gives students and the community the chance to witness and experience the rich Filipino cultural heritage.



In September, students were again invited to participate in the Winnipeg Jets Fans Fest at the Hockey For All Centre, Portage Ave.



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
FEBRUARY			1 Day 1	2 Day 2 <b>NO SCHOOL TEACHER PD</b>
5 Day 3	6 Day 4 Filipino Heritage Language Club starts today 3:30-5:00 pm	7 Day 5	8 Day 6 Pow Wow Club (Lunchtime)	9 Day 1
12 Day 2	13 Day 3 Filipino Heritage Language Club 3:30-5:00 pm Central Advisory Committee Meeting @ Elmwood High at 7:00 pm	14 4 Valentine's Day 	15 Day 5 Pow Wow Club (Lunchtime)  Parent Council Meeting @ 3:45 pm	16 Day 6
19 <b>NO SCHOOL LOUIS RIEL DAY</b>	20 Day 1 Grade 1-Lunch Pgm. Fees Due Today  Filipino Heritage Language Club 3:30-5:00 pm	21 2 Grade 9 Band To Concert Band Festival	22 Day 3 Pow Wow Club (Lunchtime)  Tec Voc Open House 6-8pm	23 Day 4
26 Day 5 PIZZA LUNCH GRADES 1-9 	27 Day 6  Filipino Heritage Language Club 3:30-5:00 pm	28 1  <b>PINK SHIRT DAY SAY 'NO TO BULLYING'</b>	29 Day 2	01 Day 3 





# FEBRUARY 2024



I LOVE TO READ MONTH!

Our Voices are Unique

## Tips to Promote Reading at Home

- ✓ Read to your child
- ✓ Read with your child
- ✓ Be a role model
- ✓ Consider creating a special reading space in your home that is quiet and cozy
- ✓ Use rhymes, games and songs
- ✓ Visit the library, and create one at home
- ✓ Have a variety of story books available for your child (fiction and non-fiction)
- ✓ Limit screen time

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Prepared by: <b>Reading Council of Greater Winnipeg</b> Please visit: <a href="https://rcgw.weebly.com">https://rcgw.weebly.com</a>				<b>1</b> Read or view on YouTube, <i>I Am Me: A Book of Authenticity</i> by Susan Verde.	<b>2</b> What does it mean to be unique?	<b>3</b> Create a word splash of things that make you unique.
<b>4</b> Write an "I Am" poem all about you!	<b>5</b> Design a puzzle piece that shows who you are.	<b>6</b> Tell a friend one thing you find unique about them.	<b>7</b> Write a pen pal letter to someone outside of your community.	<b>8</b> Buddy read with someone younger or older than you.	<b>9</b> Start a gratitude journal.	<b>10</b> Visit your local library and take home a new book.
<b>11</b> Read a book with a family member.	<b>12</b> Read or view on YouTube, <i>Only One You</i> by Linda Kranz.	<b>13</b> Paint a rock to represent you!	<b>14</b> Share Valentine's Day cards with people you care about.	<b>15</b> National Flag of Canada Day! Create your own Canadian flag.	<b>16</b> What does kindness mean to you?	<b>17</b> Complete 3 random acts of kindness in your community.
<b>18</b> Listen to an audiobook by a new author.	<b>19</b> Celebrate Louis Riel Day by reading with someone you love.	<b>20</b> Watch "We Are All Different –And that's Awesome" by Cole Blakeway on YouTube.	<b>21</b> What questions would you ask Cole Blakeway?	<b>22</b> Read <i>Remarkably You</i> , <i>Out of My Mind</i> , or <i>The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl</i> .	<b>23</b> What advice would you give someone about being authentic?	<b>24</b> Volunteer to help someone in your neighbourhood.
<b>25</b> Create a bookmark showing all of your favourite things.	<b>26</b> Read <i>It's Okay to be Different</i> by Todd Parr.	<b>27</b> Design a new book cover for <i>It's Okay to be Different</i> .	<b>28</b> If you could create another book page for <i>It's Okay to be Different</i> , what would it say?	<b>29</b> Celebrate the Leap Year by reading your favourite book!		