



**JANUARY 2024  
Newsletter**

## PRAIRIE ROSE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION

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**Ken Romaniuk, Principal**

Happy New Year!

We hope that the Festive Holiday Season filled your homes with love, joy, and many wonderful moments with family and friends.

2024 has arrived and we wish everyone much health, happiness and success in the new year. 2023 seems to have flown by and filled the school with spirit, pride, activities and many achievements.

Thank you to everyone who contributed items to the Prairie Rose Parent Council Basket Raffle. Also your attendance at both our Grade 1 to 6 concert and the Nursery Kindergarten Winter Celebrations and was greatly appreciated.

As the 2023 came to a close, we must celebrate all of the wonderful happenings at Prairie Rose School and say thank you, to the community, for your unwavering support of the school and our amazing students. The many volunteers and the dedicated staff members, who are committed to making Prairie Rose School a place where opportunities are plenty and ensure our students experience growth and success. All of these things make Prairie Rose School such a unique and special school. Watching student development in academics, achievements in athletics, musical talents, global awareness and student leadership is a statement to what it means to be a Prairie Rose Panther.

2024 will bring new and exciting opportunities for all. The next six months of school will continue to challenge thinking, develop community and to provide rewarding educational opportunities for our students.

On behalf of the entire Prairie Rose Educational Team, we extend wishes to you all for a wonderful New Year!

Mr. Romaniuk



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New Year!**





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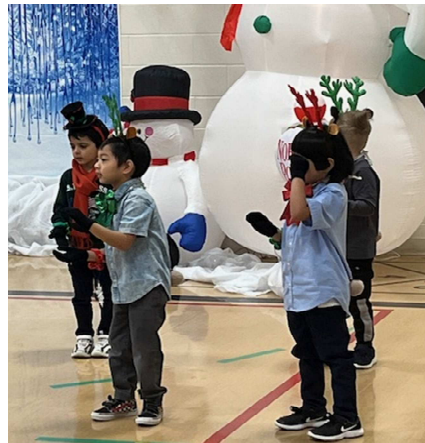


# Pancake Breakfast

Our Holiday Pancake Breakfast was a great success. The entire school came to the gym to celebrate the holiday season with some warm fluffy pancakes. The students ate pancakes with their class and sang along to holiday music. Thank you to all the staff members who helped make this such a wonderful event!









Welcome back and Happy New Year 2024!

I, along with the children, would like to give a HUGE THANK-YOU to all of the parents, family and friends who took time out during the hustle and bustle of the holidays to attend our Winter Celebration!!! Despite some nasty germs that kept many of the kids home on the days leading up to the concert, they all worked extremely hard and did an outstanding job!!!

It was unfortunate that the celebration portion of the concert was unable to proceed the way we would have liked, but thanks to your understanding and support, the morning was a success! We look forward to welcoming all of you back in June for our Year-End Celebration!

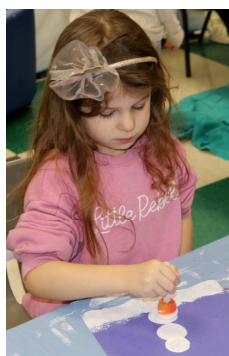
It is a new year, and now that we have had some fun, rest, and relaxation, it is time to get back to work!

We will continue to work on our Alphabet sounds and letter recognition and many of our math skills, as we begin to explore units on Dinosaurs and colours. We will also begin to practice "Dinosaur" Yoga in the classroom, as we try to stay warm during this cold month!

It should be a very busy and exciting time, so please feel free to stop by and see all of us!

Take Care,  
Sincerely,

Ms. D





## Grade 1 & 2 News by Ms. Barros:

Happy New Years Everyone! December was a busy fun month, we are so happy we had so many fun opportunities to make memories together. We worked hard to learning our songs for the Winter Concert and we did an awesome job, thanks for coming out to watch us. We made Ginger Bread Houses with our class and maybe ate too much sweets! The Pancake Breakfast was amazing! Thank you to everyone that helped make that a success. We used paint and chalk in art and created some more master pieces to add to our art collections. We wrote letters to Santa and reflected on the nice things we did for other throughout 2023. In Science we have been working on a new Unit called Objects and Materials. We are learning what the objects around us are made of and the reasons why certain materials are used. In math we have started working on Friendly Number for 10, 20 and some of us are working on 100! I am sad that my time with the students has come to end. I will be gone for the rest of the school year and Aditi Brar will be taking over the grade 1-2 classroom. We welcome her and are excited to have her in the building! Hope 2024 is filled lots of love, laughter and learning.

Take care! Love, Mrs. Barros





## Grade 1 & 2 News by Ms. Nassar:

Happy New Year and Happy 2024!

I hope you all had a restful, fun filled, winter break. Room 208 is ready to get back into the swing of things. We will be continuing our learning and excited to do so.

We will be continuing with larger number addition and subtraction in math, and continuing to learn the importance of place value. In science we will continue our "Objects and Materials" unit and as always, we will be working hard on printing, writing, and adding details to our stories.

Your child can practice reading online on RazKids. Simply go to [www.raz-kids.com](http://www.raz-kids.com) and click on "Kids Login". Enter the teacher username: **nnassar** and your child will know how to enter their own password. Please check to make sure they are also answering the questions about each book they read.

December was a month of fun! We would like to thank all the parents and families that came to our Winter Concert. The students practiced, prepared, and did a wonderful job. Our favourite part of December was all the art projects, especially making mini gingerbread houses.

Thank you for your continued support and all the best in 2024.

-Ms. Nassar





## Grade 3 & 4 News by Ms. Simons:

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a wonderful and restful break with family and friends! We had a very busy December filled with winter writing and art activities, winter math activities and lots of practicing for our winter concert. We all had lots of fun performing for friends and families on December 19! Students did a wonderful job! We had such a great time at the school pancake breakfast on December 21. It was so delicious and nice to be together as a school. Now that it's January, we are getting right back into the swing of things with new Math and Social Studies topics. Before the break, we were working on place value and number sense in math. This month, we will begin practicing Mental Math through Number Talks, and we will focus on addition and subtraction. Before the break, we finished our Science unit all about Habitats and Communities. Now, we will focus on Social Studies where we will Explore the World. Home Reading and Daily 5 will continue and we will begin a new program called Thrival in Health. Wishing you all a warm January!

Happy 2024!

-Mrs. Simons





## Grade 3 & 4 News by Mr. Young:

Room 212 would like to wish you a very happy new year! We hope you all had a restful and relaxing holiday from school. We are excited for the coming new year of learning and progress. In room 212 we will set reading, writing and math goals for the coming year and then check them later in the spring. Room 212 had a lot of fun performing our winter concert song "It's a Snow Day" for you. It was a blast, and special thanks to Ms. Drewniak for getting us ready.

In math we will be learning about multiplication and memorizing our multiplication facts. For grade 4's this should be more of a review and extension of existing knowledge and for grade 3's we will be building on their skip counting knowledge to ease into multiplication that way. We will also be focused on continuing our learning of problem solving strategies.

We will continue our small group reading practice. We are working on accuracy, fluency and comprehension of what we are reading. Some groups are getting extra phonics instruction as we match a words letter group sounds to the letters themselves. This helps us to better say the words out loud and decode what we are reading.

In science we learned about materials and structures. We tested the strength of straws by subjecting them to a weight load. We found that, as predicted more straws will hold more weight but we had a small sample size so our conclusion is that our results appear to support our conclusion but we recommend further testing. Please see the testing in action in the pictures below.

Also we have movement breaks about every 30 minutes or so in order to get out of our seats and get active to help our bodies. We call them Granny's Wacky Prizes and pictured below is the class doing a conga line dance.





## Gr. 5 & 6 Student News by Mr. Toscak:

December in our room has been extremely busy yet rewarding as well. We have all learned so much! This month included preparing for our winter concert and practising everything that goes along with putting on a wonderful performance.

Speaking of our winter concert, it was on December 19<sup>th</sup> and we had two performances: one in the afternoon and one in the evening. We hope you enjoyed our performances because our music teacher, Ms. Drewniak, was working so hard to find all the music and teach our class multiple songs! This winter concert goes perfectly with our Secret Santa exchange which was a lot of fun. We had to choose names randomly and buy a gift for the person we picked!

Throughout the month we worked on our final activities in our flight unit. It ended with a fantastic field trip to the Royal Aviation Museum of Western Canada. This field was phenomenal and we got to see so many artifacts involved with aviation history. We were even able to sit in a few planes and experience what it might be like to be a pilot of a small training plane and even a fighter jet. This field trip was AWESOME.

In ELA, we have worked really hard on all different activities including reading, writing, grammar, novel study and much more. However, the activity that really stands out was our inquiry projection presentations. It was really interested to hear from our peers about some of their passions and the projects were all really different. Here are some of projects that were presented during the month of December. Dino and Gio researched all about the history of Emojis and created a Google Slides presentation to share their findings. King taught us about the 4 seasons and created a board game for his classmates to play with him. Meleigha and Bethany created a posted collage about the KPOP sensation New Jeans. Cailee, Aiden, Vaeh and Kristal presented on different animals that they love. Fawzi and Madison showed us about the virtual reality game Gorilla Tag and Reet taught us all about Doctors. As you can see the presentations were very different which made each one very exciting to listen to.

Well that sums up everything we have done this month in our room...see you in the New Year!





## Gr. 5 & 6 Student News by Mr. Forbister

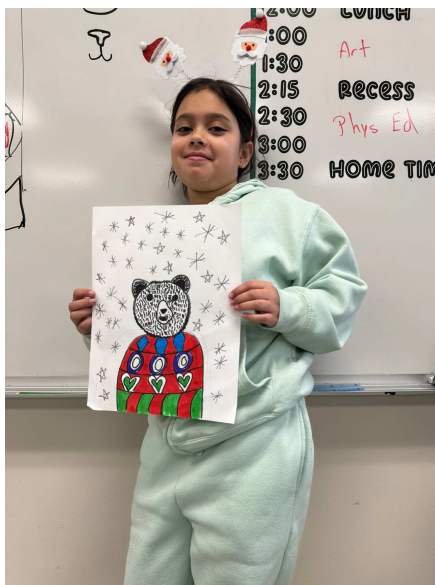
Welcome to the New Year! We sure had a great month in December and now it's time to get back into the swing of things. Here are some of the things we did in December.

Thank you to everyone who donated to our Sweets and Tea basket for the Winter Concert. We had a great turnout. We worked really hard with our Tone Chimes and it turned out great. It was a great night for everyone.

In Language Arts, we read a short novel called "Fortunately, the Milk". This was a funny story about two kids waiting for their dad to get back from the store, and the crazy story he tells when he gets back. There were so many different twists and turns. In Math, we kept working on our problem solving skills through different math problems. We are getting better and better at finding new ways to start solving a problem.

We took a trip to the Royal Canadian Aviation Museum at the start of the month. We got to see so many different airplanes up close. Our favourite parts were being able to sit in the cockpit of an airplane and sitting in the seats in an airplane from the 1950s! There was a lot to do and we learned a lot. Finally, in Social Studies we started learning about the first explorers from Europe. We learned about the different things they traded and how England and France fought for Control of Canada.

Thank you for reading our newsletter. Lets' kick 2024 off with a bang.





## Music News:



## 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."**



# 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)



WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION



## Looking Ahead:

FEBRUARY	
2	<b>NO SCHOOL - Non-Instructional Day</b>
8	Canteen Day
19	Louis Riel Day
	I Love to Read Week
22	Pizza Lunch
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	<b>NO SCHOOL - P/T Conferences</b>
19	Patrol Activity
21	Pizza Lunch
22	Last day of School before Spring Break
APRIL	
1	School Opens Day 1
11	Canteen Day
19	<b>NO SCHOOL – Non-Instructional Day</b>
25	Pizza Lunch
23	Bus Ridership (9:30AM)
MAY	
6	<b>NO SCHOOL – Non-Instructional Day</b>
9	Canteen Day
23	Pizza Lunch
JUNE	
13	Canteen Day
	Talent Show
20	Patrol Activity
20	N/K Year End Celebration 9:45AM
21	<b>NO SCHOOL – Non-Instructional Day</b>
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.



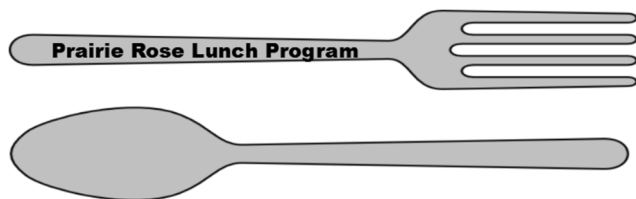
## Physical Education News by Ms. McFadyen:

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful Winter Break and was able to see family and friends. We are already part way into January so this month will fly by. This month students will be learning how to play volleyball. Grade 1 and 2 students will learn how to bump and set using beach balls. Students in grades 3-6 will learn the rules of the game and will work on developing skills using training volleyballs. At the end of the month Prairie Rose will be hosting a Triple Ball tournament for students in grades 5 and 6. This will be a co-ed tournament on January 30<sup>th</sup>.





## Pizza Lunch:



## Parent Council PIZZA ORDER FORM in Support of the Lunch Program

Lunch Program Pizza Lunch Thursday January 25, 2024.  
Orders must be received by Monday January 22 at 12:30 pm.

**\$3.00 per slice**

\_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ would like to order the following slice(s) of pizza.  
Student name Room Number

# of slices \_\_\_\_\_ **Pepperoni** # of slices \_\_\_\_\_ **Cheese**  
Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Please provide exact amount as we are unable to provide change

Thank you for your cooperation and continued support.

## Lunch Program News:

### ALLERGY ALERT

PLEASE BE AWARE WE HAVE STUDENTS THAT HAVE SEVERE ALLERGIES TO  
PEANUTS AND NUTS.

Exposure to a tiny amount of this allergen is a serious cause for concern and life threatening.  
Please be mindful of what you pack your child(ren) for lunch. Remind your child(ren) not to share  
food or accept food from anyone.

A reminder list of allergies specific to each classroom will be sent out later this month.

HELP US KEEP YOUR CHILDREN SAFE !

### TAX RECEIPTS ISSUED

All families that have paid in full or monthly will have received receipts as of December 2023.

These receipts can be used for tax purposes.

As stated in our lunch program brochure, a \$10.00 fee will be charged to re-issue a payment history/ receipt.  
Any questions please feel free to email [jmendoza@wsd1.org](mailto:jmendoza@wsd1.org).

Please note: tax receipts have been issued as payment has been received throughout the year.








Jenna Mendoza  
Lunch program coordinator



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# CANTEEN

## THURSDAY January 181th

Motts Fruitsations		\$0.50	Quantity # _____
Rice Krispies Square		\$0.50	# _____
Wagon Wheel		\$0.50	# _____
Bag of Ketchup Chips		\$1.50	# _____
Bag of Original Chips		\$1.50	# _____
Pizza Pop		\$1.50	# _____
Pogo Sticks		\$1.50	# _____

Total amount: \$\_\_\_\_\_ (Exact Change only Please)

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Rm# \_\_\_\_\_

Orders Due: **Wednesday January 17th**





# PRAIRIE ROSE SCHOOL CALENDAR

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HAPPY  
NEW  
YEAR

## JANUARY 2024

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

1	2	3	4	5
8 Day 1  School Re Opens	9 Day 2	10 Day 3	11 Day 4	12 Day 5
15 Day 6	16 Day 1	17 Day 2  Canteen Orders Due	18 Day 3  Canteen Day	19 Day 4  Non Instructional Day NO SCHOOL
22 Day 5  Pizza Orders Due	23 Day 6	24 Day 1	25 Day 2  Pizza Lunch	26 Day 3
29 Day 4	30 Day 5	31 Day 6		