



# King Edward Community School



Dear King Edward School Families,

Happy New Year, and welcome back! We hope your winter break was restful and filled with meaningful moments with family and friends. As we begin the month of January, we are excited to reengage our students in learning and continue building on the strong momentum of the school year.

January is a time for fresh starts and renewed focus. In the weeks ahead, students will be setting goals, deepening their learning, and participating in activities that support both academic growth and personal development. We are grateful for the continued partnership between home and school, which plays such an important role in student success.

Please be sure to review this month's newsletter for important updates, upcoming events, and reminders. As always, we encourage you to reach out with any questions or concerns. Thank you for your ongoing support and involvement in our school community.

We look forward to a productive and positive start to 2026 together.

Warm regards,

**Kristin Melnyk**  
Principal

**Jaclyn Rivest**  
Vice Principal



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# School Calendar

# January 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 HAPPY New Year	2	3
	5 Day 5 WELCOME BACK No Sistema	6 Day 6 12:00 Choir No Sistema	7 Day 7 12:00 Choir No Sistema	8 Day 8 12:00 Choir No Sistema	9 Day 9 12:00 Choir No Sistema	10 Day 10 12:00 Choir No Sistema
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18	19 Day 3 PD Day No School No Sistema	20 Day 4 12:00 Choir Sistema Starts for ALL Sistema Students	21 Day 5 12:00 Choir Sistema Students	22 Day 6 12:00 Choir Sistema Students	23 Day 7 12:00 Choir Sistema Students	24 Day 8 12:00 Choir Sistema Students
25	26 Day 2 12:00 Choir	27 Day 3 Confidence Crew goes to Winnipeg Harvest	28 Day 4 9:30 Arson Prevention Presentation Gr. 2-4 12:00 Choir	29 Day 5 12:00 Choir	30 Day 6 12:00 Choir Heart Health Presentation	31 Day 7 12:00 Choir

# Phys Ed Calendar

January 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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					3	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
8:10-8:50 Before School 12-1 Grade 5/6 Volleyball Intramurals	8:10-8:50 Before School 12 Gr 5/6 Soccer Intramurals	8:10-8:50 Before School 12-12:30 Grade 4 Intramurals	8:10-8:50 Before School 12 pm KE1 Soccer Game U of W	8:10-8:50 Before School 12:30 Grade 1/2 Intramurals	8:10-8:50 Before School 12:30 Grade 1/2 Intramurals	
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# Family Room Calendar

# January 2026 Family Room 108

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4	5 Mrs. B. Here 😊 Coffee and Conversation	6 Mrs. B. Here 😊 Parent room closed AM Working on our moccasins if not finished PM	7	8	9 Mrs. B. Here 😊 Recycling Presentation in the afternoon	10
11	12	13 Mrs. B. Here 😊 Parent room closed AM Working on our moccasins if not finished PM	14	15	16 Mrs. B. Here 😊 <b>Beading on a Loom with Ms. Char &amp; Ms Vicki PM.</b>	17
18	19 Mrs. B. Here 😊 Coffee and Conversation	20 Mrs. B. Here 😊 Painting with Lawrence AM Parent room closed PM	21	22	23 Mrs. B. Here 😊 <b>Beading on a Loom with Ms. Char &amp; Ms Vicki AM or PM.</b>	24
25	26	27 Mrs. B. Here 😊 Parent room closed AM Indigenous Rattle making workshop	28	29	30 Mrs. B. Here 😊 Indigenous Rattle making workshop	31

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 Rattle making workshop.

# Performing Arts

## *“December Nights, December Lights concert”: A Winter to Remember*

On December 4, our school sparkled with joy during the annual December Nights, December Lights Winter Concert. Families, students, and staff gathered to celebrate the season with music, laughter, and glowing holiday spirit. The evening was filled with excitement as our young performers brought warmth to a chilly winter night.

### *Choir Lunch with Mrs. Ella*

Following the concert, on December 9<sup>th</sup>, the choir enjoyed a special lunch together. I, Mrs. Ella, had the pleasure of cooking for our singers as a way to celebrate their hard work and dedication. The lunch was full of smiles, delicious food, and plenty of stories about the big performance. It was a wonderful chance to relax and enjoy each other's company after such a magical evening.



## *Melodies of the Season & School-Wide Singalong*

The celebration continued with the Melodies of the Season Choir Concert on December 17th, where our students' voices filled the auditorium with festive cheer. Immediately after, the entire school joined in a school-wide singalong, creating a chorus of holiday joy.



Adding to the fun, our very own Mr. Mendes, the Phys ed teacher, appeared as Santa Claus, while Mrs. Rosa stepped in as Mrs. Claus. Their surprise entrance brought laughter, excitement, and a touch of holiday magic to the event. From the dazzling lights to the heartfelt songs, this year's concert "December Nights, December Lights" was truly unforgettable. Thank you to everyone who

participated and supported our students. The music, the laughter, and the spirit of togetherness made this celebration one we'll cherish all season long.

*Musically yours,  
Mrs. Ella*



# Sistema

On Monday, December 15, 2025, Sistema students and supporters enjoyed a fantastic winter concert at the SOPAC Centre!

Each orchestra showcased their growing skills, and the Sistema choir ended the concert with a lovely rendition of Somewhere in my Memory by John Williams.

We wish to thank our wonderful students for their fantastic attitudes and incredible playing, our dedicated staff, teaching artists, food coordinators, helpful administrators, and the warm and encouraging support of family and friends!

We look forward to creating more meaningful, memorable, and musical experiences in the New Year together!

Leah Ross and Chris Budlong



# Coding Workshop

Students in rooms 116, 118, 120, and 129 had an amazing time in their recent coding workshops! They got to try using codes and even made robots move, which was super exciting to watch. Working together, they solved problems, shared ideas, and discovered how fun it can be to bring technology to life. The best part was seeing their robots in action—every little movement felt like magic! These workshops weren't just about learning; they were about playing, exploring, and building confidence. By trying new things, making mistakes, and figuring out solutions, students learned that teamwork and creativity make challenges easier and more fun. The robots were a big hit, and everyone left with smiles, new skills, and a sense of pride in what they created.

*With regards,  
Mrs. Ella*



# Rm 117 – Grade 2

The Grade 2 students explored winter learning through a hands-on snowflake building activity using popsicle sticks. Students designed and built their own snowflakes, discovering that each one was unique.

Students explored 2D shapes and lines, Learned about symmetry and balance, Counted sticks, and compared lengths and patterns.



Our Grade 2 students took part in a fun and festive Gingerbread House building activity that combined creativity, teamwork, and learning across subject areas.

Using graham crackers, icing, and decorations, students designed and built their own gingerbread houses. They planned their structures, worked carefully, and shared ideas as they built.

This hands-on activity helped students see how math, science, and creativity work together, while building confidence and teamwork skills.



# Rm 210 Grade 6

As a class, we explored ways we can make a positive impact within our community. Students learned about four inspiring Manitoban citizens. Working collaboratively, students designed informative posters and concluded the project with a gallery walk, where they had the opportunity to learn about each impactful citizen through their classmates' work. Students discussed how their passions and talents can be used to support and give back to their community.



# Leadership/ Confidence Crew

## Tin by Tin, We Win Food Drive: Kindness in Action at King Edward

The confidence crew continues the act of generosity.

For the month of December, staff, students and families brought in non-perishable items, made posters, and filled the donation bin guided by the Circle of Courage of Generosity.

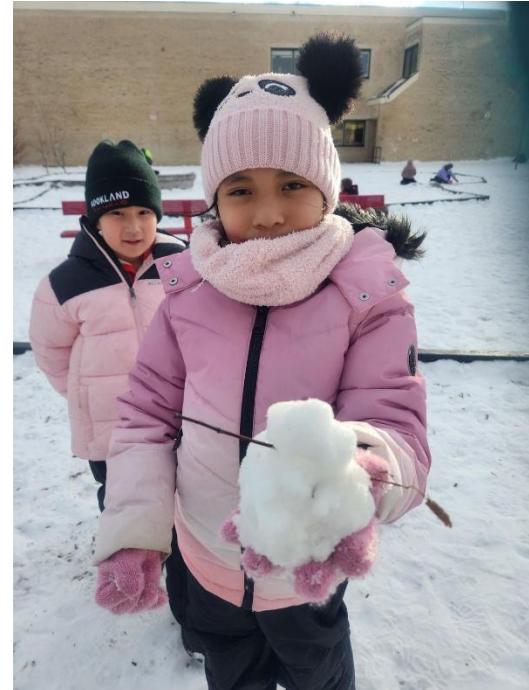
Through your generosity we collected over 200lbs of food for Winnipeg Harvest!

## Well done Confidence Crew!!!



# Fun in the Snow!!!

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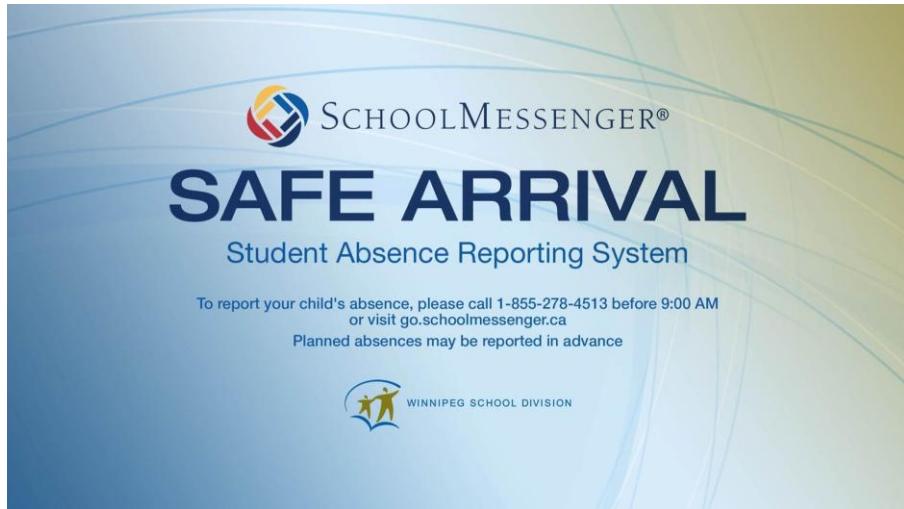
# Friendly Reminders

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- 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

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# 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.