



JANUARY 2024

C.A.R.E.

Happy New Year, and welcome back Pinkham Family!

I hope everyone had a restful and meaningful time with your family during this winter break!

The new year is always a great time for looking back to the past, but more importantly, looking forward to a new year. The new year is a time to reflect on the changes we would like to make and resolve to follow through on those changes. As we begin 2024, Pinkham's high expectations in academics continue from the beginning of the year. The students and staff worked hard to the very last day before the break and will continue for the rest of the year.

Kudos to our hard-working staff for holding the holiday pancake breakfast and mental health activities on December 21; it was a great success!

This January month is a busy month of learning and gaining more knowledge. We invite you to our Assembly on January 30 and the Parent Council meeting on January 31.

All of us at Pinkham School have one vision for our students: to get all the support they need academically and emotionally to help them become all they can be.

Attendance is paramount; students who attend school regularly are likelier to do well in literacy and numeracy assessments than those who do not. By attending class regularly, the student can keep up with daily school work and be reaching full potential.

Please remind your children to dress appropriately for the weather, remembering that students are expected to go outside twice daily until the temperature drops to -25 degrees Celsius.

We have some students with food allergies such as dairy and nuts, so please help us keep those students safe and healthy.

I am honoured to be part of this amazing community, who love and care for their children.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns; my door is always open.

Together, we stand stronger.
Have an amazing January month!

Mercy Sackey, Principal

Greetings from Room 215!

We had a lot of firsts last month. We had our first Fire and Safety presentation. In the presentation we learned how important it is to be prepared for preventing fires in the home and school, how much equipment fire officers wear while going to a call, and that we need to practice fire drills not only at school but at home as well.

Room 215 started their first TUSC (Totally Unbelievable Speakers Club) last month as well. In this TUSC task, students came up with 10 questions to interview each other. They met in pairs, asked each other these questions and wrote down their answers. We will also be able to hear the results of the questions at the end of the month.



Another first we have had in December is the opening of the Makerspace room. Room 215 not only explored, did crafts, and build inside the room, but also did a building challenge. Their challenge was to make a maze using Legos or blocks and have their robot mouse (Talbot) make its way through the maze. The students needed to estimate distance, problem solve, and persevere while they coded the directions inside their Talbot. They had a lot of fun!

I am proud of how these students don't give up when things get hard. They meet every challenge with a smile and a can-do attitude!

Everybody Belongs in Room 115!



The holidays are almost here, and I am so proud of all the learning happening in Room 115! The nursery and kindergarten students demonstrate independence by coming to school prepared to learn. Students are demonstrating growth by following the routines of the classroom such as cleaning up during clean up time and lining up quietly before going to gym. Most importantly, students are learning to show kindness towards their classmates and themselves by using kind, caring words. Students are also learning to include others while playing and respecting the personal space of others while exploring in the classroom.

Students are learning ways to express love and kindness towards themselves such as using their voice at a sharing circle. They are learning about persistence while drawing a building a tower with blocks and by understanding that making mistakes is part of the joys of learning! Students demonstrate determination and



patience towards themselves while learning how to perform a somersault in the gym.

The nursery and kindergarten students are learning how to show kindness towards their classmates as well! I am so proud to see student's express

empathy towards a student who is sad by offering a hand or a gentle hug. I am also so proud to see students encourage their classmates by saying "don't give up!" or "you can do it!"



Together, the students are creating a learning space where every student feels safe to express themselves, to grow and to explore the world around them because in Room 115, **Everybody Belongs!!**



COMMUNITY SUPPORT MESSAGE

FAMILY ROOM

Our Family room is beautiful space filled with resources and room for programming. We also use the space for our monthly Parent Council Meetings. Thank you to those who participated in September's Parent Council meeting, it was a great success! You can use our computers, sewing machines and phone. I can fax and photocopy for you. We have a free clothing depot and small housewares.

If you have any ideas for programming that you would like to see or if you want to come in and check out any of our resources, please call or email me and we can schedule a time that works for both of us.

- Weekly food security of potatoes, onions and bread is available Thursday mornings starting at 8:40 out the gym doors.
- Meals to go will be given to every student to take home every Friday. N/K a.m. students will be given to them Monday mornings as meals to go is dropped off at our school late afternoons. Bags will be filled with food items such as fruit, yogurt, and cereal.
- *Coats for Kids* has started. If you would like to receive winter wear for your child(ren) I need the following information: child name, room number and size of coat and boots. We do not always receive boots, but we try. You can give this info to your child, call, or email me. We have already given coats to 14 students.
- Celebrating Grandparents, our last date was December 15th. We had 6 grandparents join us for lunch, storytelling, and nutrition bingo. All participants left with a beautiful food package filled with a turkey, baking supplies and other goodies, fun was had by all. This is a fun casual afternoon of telling stories and enjoying lunch together. Please let me know if you are planning on attending, I need to make sure we have enough food and prizes.
- Our next Parent Council Meeting is on Wednesday, January 31st at 5 p.m. These meetings are great way to meet other Parent/Guardians and share school information.

Please let us know if you are attending and how many, we need to make sure we have enough food. Let us know if you need a translator.



PINKHAM SCHOOL IN PICTURES



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)



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MANITOBA'S
EXCELLENCE
IN EDUCATION
AWARDS

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DO YOU KNOW AN OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR?

Nominations are now being accepted for Manitoba's Excellence in Education Awards, recognizing outstanding achievement by educators in the following award categories:

TEACHING EXCELLENCE

OUTSTANDING NEW TEACHER

OUTSTANDING TEAM COLLABORATION

OUTSTANDING SCHOOL LEADER

PREMIER'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

For complete information on selection criteria and the nomination process, visit:

www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/excellence/

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:
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Submission Deadline:
January 18, 2024

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UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

- January 8 - School Reopens
- January 29 - Mobile Vision Care Clinic
- January 30 - Assembly at 9:15 a.m.
- January 31 - Parent Council at 5:00 p.m.

Student Absences

To report your child's absence, please call
1-855-278-4513 before 9:00 AM or visit
go.schoolmessenger.ca

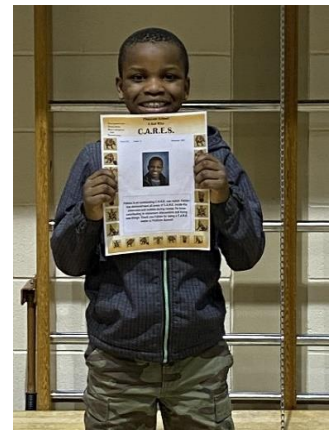
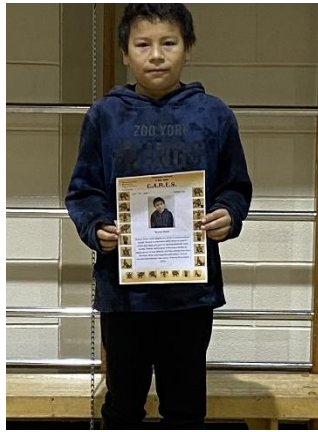


January 2024



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 WINTER BREAK	2 WINTER BREAK	3 WINTER BREAK	4 WINTER BREAK	5 WINTER BREAK
8 School Reopens	9 Gr. 1/2 intramurals- 12 pm Performing Arts Club - 12 pm	10 Gr. 3/4 intramurals- 12 pm Soccer practice – 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm	11 Gr. 5/6 intramurals – 12pm	12
15	16 Gr. 1/2 intramurals- 12 pm Performing Arts Club - 12 pm	17 Gr. 3/4 intramurals- 12 pm Soccer practice – 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm	18 Gr. 5/6 intramurals – 12pm	19
22	23 Gr. 1/2 intramurals- 12 pm Performing Arts Club - 12 pm	24 Gr. 3/4 intramurals- 12 pm Soccer practice – 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm	25 Gr. 5/6 intramurals – 12pm Winnipeg Youth Football 3:30 pm- 6:15 pm	26
29	30 Gr. 1/2 intramurals- 12 pm Performing Arts Club - 12 pm Assembly	31 Gr. 3/4 intramurals- 12 pm Soccer practice – 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm Parent Council– 5pm		

November C.A.R.E. Awards



Patrol Award

Lauren Mcauley



Congratulations to Novembers C.A.R.E. Award Recipients!

The following students are students who excel at showing C.A.R.E in the classroom and playground setting.

Lexie Caballero Tommy Wood Mahaliyah Mckay
Fabien Elocho Londyn Albert Kildana Russom
Kayeden Nesbitt