### Keewatin Prairie Community School March Newsletter 2024

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# Administrative Message

#### Nicer weather, longer days...We always look forward to March!

Our Student Led Conferences are right around the corner and we invite you to celebrate the growth that your child(ren) have made since September. This is a great opportunity to ask questions, review the learning and help set goals for the upcoming term. Appointments are to be made online and will open on Tuesday March 6th, 2024. Notification to sign up for appointments will be emailed to you prior.

Special thanks to our 'I Love to Read' committee for a fabulous month chock full of great activities that encourage the love of reading, reading challenges, special book quotes and jokes, guest readers and more! Thanks to our Student Council for their work to make a fun week for their Candy Grams campaign. It was lots of fun.

While there are several different recognized Pink Days throughout the year; our School Division has adopted the International Day of Pink-held annually. This year on April 08, we will once again look specifically at bullying-prevention, respect and kindness throughout the division. As we say to students; "Every day is Pink Day" and they are welcome to wear their pink shirts anytime.

The Grade 9 transitioning process is now underway! As excited as children are to go to Grade 9 in a new school, it can be also be a little nerve-wracking! Know that we are working closely with Junior High School staff to help make this transition a smooth one. We know that you are supporting your child but if you note any distress at home, please let us know.

Enjoy this month, the end of our short winter and the upcoming Spring Break.

Yours in education, E. Enns, M. Perrun & J. Bui





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### Registrations for Nursery and NEW to Keewatin Prairie Kindergarten are now being accepted for the 2024-2025 School Year.



Nursery students must be 4 years old before December 31, 2024 and Kindergarten students must be 5 years old before December 31, 2024.

#### Our Nursery Program is FREE

to all students who are residents of the Winnipeg School Division. Residency is based on where the legal guardian resides. Please bring your child's birth certificate, MB Medical Card and confirmation of your current address.

This could be a utility bill, rental agreement or tax statement.

Online Registration is available for download on our Keewatin Prairie website: https://www.winnipegsd.ca/keewatinprairie/page/22314/registration-information Please call the office if you have any questions at (204) 783-9012



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#### Grade 10 Registration Information

There has been much anticipation and thinking about Grade 10 this month as our Grade 9 students have been preparing to register for Grade 10!

On February 16, students went to visit Tec Voc. In the afternoon, DMCI registrations were done online this year for interested students. It really is a tough decision as both schools have lots to offer.

We hope that families have had some good conversations about next year and if you have any questions, please call Ms. Malandrakis, our Guidance Counselor, who can put you in touch with the contact people from the new schools. Please give your completed applications to the office and we will be sending them on to the appropriate high school.

Please see Ms. Malandrakis if you have any questions. We encourage everyone to get those applications in as soon as possible, so that students can plan for the next phase of your educational journey!

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#### Elementary Students Ace Racket Skills This Term! - Ms. Desrosier - Elementry Phys Ed.

I am thrilled to share the exciting developments happening in our elementary PE classroom this term, as our learners have been enthusiastically honing their racket skills! I have been fostering an environment that encourages collaboration and growth, ensuring that every student feels supported in their racket journey. I believe that these early experiences will lay the groundwork for a lifelong love of physical activity and sportsmanship.

**Grades 1-2** In the introductory stages, the athletes practice precision and hand-eye coordination by hitting a ball off a tee. This foundational exercise not only improves their aim but also builds the fundamental skills necessary for more advanced racket activities.

As we progress, our focus has shifted to using striking skills to send a ball across the floor. This not only enhances their striking techniques but also promotes teamwork and friendly competition. The joy on their faces as they successfully navigate the ball across the floor showcases the genuine sense of accomplishment that comes with mastering a new skill.

**Grades 3-4** These budding athletes have immersed themselves in the world of badminton! They have been working hard at serving the birdie and engaging in thrilling rallies with their partners. Some athletes have already started contemplating their moves, strategically placing the birdie to outsmart their opponents - a testament to their problem solving abilities. These sessions not only become a platform for physical activity but also a space for fostering teamwork, sportsmanship, and healthy competition.

**Grades 5-6** It's time to celebrate the incredible achievement on Street Racket court! This was a new game that was introduced this year. They have embraced the challenge of this unique game, and the results are nothing short of spectacular.

The small court and absence of a net required the students to have very accurate strikes, and each student rose to that challenge! First, the students practice striking in such a small area. With very precise underhand serves and strikes students were able to rally back and forth with a partner. Next was to introduce the rally point scoring system. It has brought a new dimension to the matches. It's not just about hitting the ball; it's about strategy, teamwork, and, of course, scoring those crucial points. I have witnessed some epic rallies, and can't wait to see more!



#### News from the Music Room... S. Giancola

Our Grade 9 concert band did extremely well at this year's concert band festival. The group received many positive comments and the adjudicator was very pleased with their performance. Way to Go Grade 9 Band Students!



#### Keewatin Prairie's Got Talent!!

Auditions will be held March 19<sup>th</sup> after morning announcements in room 301 and is for grades 3-9. Please come prepared with your selection!



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#### News From the Classrooms

The One Hundredth Day of Learning was on February 14<sup>th</sup> 2024 this year and was a highlight for the students in Room 113.

On March 1, 2024 several members of the Rotary Club of Winnipeg-West toured the Junior High classrooms and read to some grades 1-3 classes. We are grateful for the support of Rotary over the past 3 years. In September, 2023, The Rotary Club of Winnipeg-West provided a donation of \$3000 to support the Junior High Literacy Program. Thank you Rotary!

This month Grade 3 Room 212 is celebrating a huge accomplishment! They have devoured 2500 books for a total of 347 hours read to date! Bravo!













### Afternoons in the Family Room







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