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June 2023

Principal: Ms. N. De Luca



Another school-year done!

June was full of activities, from assemblies to special guests to the occasion our students look forward to the most: the Grade 6 Farewell.

As we look forward to 2023-24, we would first like to thank all the staff, students, and volunteers who made this amazing school-year possible.

The 2023-24 school year begins on Tuesday, September 5th, with “Meet the Teacher” night! Classes begin at 9am on Wednesday, September 6th. We look forward to welcoming back our wonderful Inkster community!

Until then, have a happy and safe summer.

Inkster School Staff

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Class News: Room 3

Room 3 students learned about the importance of dental hygiene and oral health!



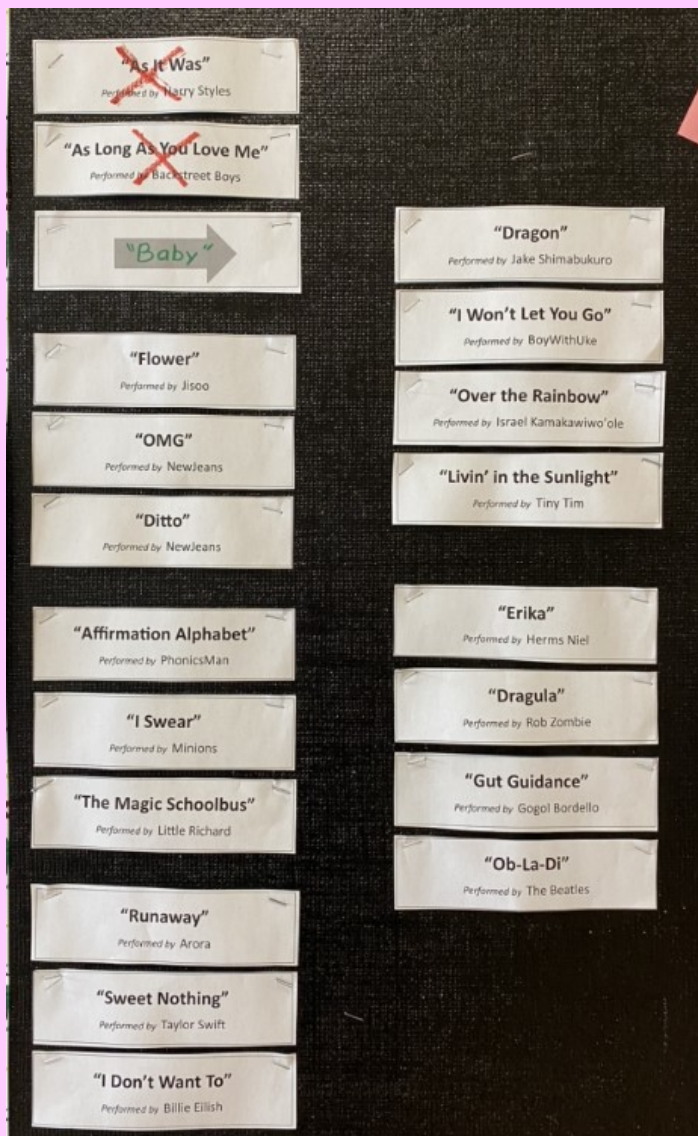
Class News: Music

Grade 5 and 6 students finished the year learning about throat-singing! They learned that Mongolian and Tuvan styles use fundamental tones and overtones to make music, and Inuit throat singing incorporates inhalations and exhalations to play a game of overlapping echoes. Both traditions use the true and false vocal cords!





The now-traditional "Song Battle" winner for 2023 was announced on the last day of school. Competing songs were suggested by students and staff in March, then voted for in a series of head-to-head competitions throughout June. The winning song for the 2022-23 school year is "Baby," by Justin Bieber!





Riccah, Mia, and Fiona made a video of their “story-song” performance! They were inspired by Robert Munsch’s “Swamp Water” and composed their own lyrics, melody, xylophone descant, and even made up actions. Not only did their song sound great, they are an excellent example of how to collaborate as a team!

You can watch their video, “Story-Song Team, Gr.4-5,” on the “Ms. Armstrong’s Music Class” YouTube channel.



Inkster Fiddle Club at the “Music Equals” 2023 showcase.

In Our School: Math Groups



Math Groups
celebrated outside!



Tec Voc Pow Wow

Rooms 5 and 8 went to
the annual Pow Wow
held at Tec Voc!



In Our School: Leadership

Leadership students were instrumental in setting up and running Field Day. They explained stations, kept the water buckets full, and more! Many thanks to the Leadership crew!





Leadership also worked on independent research projects this term, focussing on a social-justice topic of their choice. A stand-out presentation was made by Nia, who chose the topic of Refugees. Examples of her slides are below. Nia gave her audience a handout of Warsan Shire’s “Home,” on the next page.

What is a refugee?

- “Refugees are people who have fled war, violence, conflict or persecution and have crossed an international border to find safety in another country.” -UNHCR



Low- and middle-income countries host
74%
 of the world’s refugees and other people in
 need of international protection.

Famous Refugees

- Albert Einstein: Fled Nazi Germany, widely regarded as a genius
- Freddie Mercury: Fled from Zanzibar due to violence, regarded as one of the greatest singers in rock music
- K’NAAN: Fled civil war in Somalia, has 3.9 million listeners on Spotify

The first step to helping is to understand, and this presentation was made for understanding.

This world is small. The least we can do is help each other. We can all make an effort to help refugees in need.

End

“Home” by Warsan Shire

*no one leaves home unless home is the mouth of a shark
you only run for the border when you see the whole city running as well
your neighbors running faster than you, breath bloody in their throats
the boy you went to school with who kissed you dizzy behind the old tin factory is holding a
gun bigger than his body
you only leave home when home won't let you stay.
no one leaves home unless home chases you, fire under feet, hot blood in your belly
it's not something you ever thought of doing until the blade burnt threats into
your neck and even then you carried the anthem under your breath, only tearing up your
passport in an airport toilet, sobbing as each mouthful of paper made it clear that you
wouldn't be going back.
you have to understand,
no one puts their children in a boat unless the water is safer than the land
no one burns their palms under trains, beneath carriages
no one spends days and nights in the stomach of a truck feeding on newspapers unless the
miles traveled means something more than journey.
no one crawls under fences
no one wants to be beaten; pitied
no one chooses refugee camps or strip searches where your body is left aching
or prison, because prison is safer than a city of fire
and one prison guard in the night is better than a truckload of men who look like your father
no one could take it
no one could stomach it
no one skin would be tough enough
the “go home blacks, refugees, dirty immigrants, asylum seekers sucking our country dry
(omitted line).” they smell strange. savage. messed up their country and now they want to
mess ours up.
how do the words, the dirty looks roll off your backs?
maybe because the blow is softer than a limb torn off
or the words are more tender than fourteen men between your legs
or the insults are easier to swallow than rubble, than bone, than your child body in pieces.
i want to go home, but home is the mouth of a shark, home is the barrel of the gun
and no one would leave home unless home chased you to the shore
unless home told you to quicken your legs, leave your clothes behind, crawl through the
desert, wade through the oceans, drown, save, be hunger, beg, forget pride
your survival is more important.
no one leaves home until home is a sweaty voice in your ear saying-*

*“Leave, run away from me now
i don't know what i've become
but i know that anywhere
is safer than here”*

In Our School: Field Day

Mr. Dunning organized another stellar Field Day for our students this year! Classes cycled through a variety of stations including Fox Tail Toss, High Kick, Screaming Eagle, and more. Thank-you for all your hard work, Mr. Dunning!











Representing Our School: Winnipeg Pride Parade

Mrs. McGregor and Ms. Armstrong were proud to represent Inkster School at the Winnipeg Pride parade in June. They marched with the Manitoba Teachers' Society to show their support for our students, families, and colleagues who are members of the LGBTQIA2S+ community, and advocate for acceptance and safety for all.



National Indigenous Peoples' Day Assembly

Inkster School celebrated National Indigenous Peoples' Day with a whole-school assembly, hosted by Room 8. Students were treated to a performance by the Inkster Fiddle Club, learned important information, and finished the day with a Medicine Wheel craft!



Grade 6 Farewell



It's always bittersweet to say goodbye to our Grade 6 students. We wish them all the best as they move on to Grade 7 and beyond!



Salutatorian Naya and
Valedictorian Nia



Coming Up: Staff News

We are sad to say goodbye to Ms. Enano, as she moves on to teach at Keewatin Prairie Community School in September. Thank-you for a wonderful 2022-23 school year, Ms. Enano! We wish you all the best moving forward.

We are forced to say goodbye to Educational Assistants Ms. Chay, Ms. Coral, Ms. Chefa, Ms. Jane, and Ms. G., as their terms are up. We hope to be able to welcome them all back in the fall, as they are valued and essential members of our team. In the meantime, we hope they have a wonderful summer!

Regretful goodbye also has to be said to Mr. Ginakes, also known as Mr. G., as his term as Literacy Specialist is ending. We are grateful for his help this year, and know he is meant for great things!

We are also sad to say farewell to Ms. Olea, who has been acting as our Head Clerk. Thank-you for all your help, Ms. Olea! We hope you enjoy your summer.

We are happy to announce that Ms. De Luca has been confirmed as Inkster School's principal moving forward! Ms. De Luca has stepped into the role with grace and confidence, and we look forward to working with her in the coming year.

Welcome to Jonathan Plischke, the newest member of our Custodial team! Mr. Plischke will join Mr. Soriano and Mr. MacDonald in preparing our school for September. It's a huge job, and we thank them in advance for their hard work and diligence.

We welcome Ms. Thorsteinson to the position of Inkster School's Head Clerk starting in September!



Mark your calendars for Inkster School's
"Meet the Teacher Night"

Tuesday, September 5th, 2023

4:30 – 6:00 pm

- ◆ Meet the classroom teacher!
- ◆ Pay your \$45.00 Student school supply/classroom activity fee!
*(***Parents do not need to purchase school supplies for their child.
The classroom teacher will purchase student supplies with the
\$45.00 supply fee).*

We ask that each student brings the following with them
to Meet the Teacher Night:

- ◆ 2 boxes of Kleenex
- ◆ Indoor shoes with non-marking soles (Velcro if your child cannot tie their own laces)
- ◆ A backpack
- ◆ Spare set of clothing to be kept at school or in their backpack
- ◆ Headphones (standard aux or audio output, to be kept at school)



September 2023 at Inkster School

Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
					1	2
3	4 <i>Labour Day</i>	5 / Day 1 NO CLASSES MEET THE TEACHER 4:30-6pm	6 / Day 2 First Day of Classes!	7 / Day 3	8 / Day 4	9
10	11 / Day 5	12 / Day 6	13 / Day 1	14 / Day 2	15 / Day 3 Picture Day	16
17	18 / Day 4	19 / Day 5	20 / Day 6 <i>Welcome to Kindergarten</i> <i>4pm-5:30pm</i>	21 / Day 1	22 / Day 2	23
24	25 / Day 3	26 / Day 4 <i>Hearing Screening</i>	27 / Day 5 <i>Hearing Screening</i>	28 / Day 6 <i>Hearing Screening</i>	29 / Day 1 Orange Shirt Day	30

The full 2023-24 Winnipeg School Division calendar is now online!
View or download the .pdf at
<https://www.winnipegsd.ca/page/13967/wsd-school-day-calendar>



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