



Happy New Year and a warm welcome to 2023!!!

A New Year brings all the promise of new beginnings! It is in January that we often take time to reflect on the year before and set new goals for ourselves. Everyday students will be discussing learning targets and understanding the importance of knowing what they are learning about, why they are learning it and how it will help them in the future. Talking about learning is the school goal for both teachers and students. I would also like to introduce Pilar Anciro, our new grade $\frac{3}{4}$ teacher in Room 11. Ms. Tokarz will be embarking on a new learning journey as Math Support. She will be working in partnership with Ms. Eppert to support all grades in Math. Our goal is to improve student learning in Mathematics across all grades.

Our break has allowed us to recharge and be ready for the month of January. We are looking forward to Weston students participating in several activities this month. Student Intramurals will begin in the new year. During Gym periods students will be going outside to learning how to snow shoe and cross-country ski. As the cold weather seems to be at its peak we ask that our parents/caregivers remind and support our students to dress for the weather. Mitts, toques and ski pants are all important when dressing up to play outside as they keep our bodies warm and dry. If you need outdoor gear please contact Kim Storer our CSW.

We would also like to remind our families of the importance of regular school attendance. Strong attendance is the best way to ensure your child is taking every advantage offered here at Weston school.

Lastly, please remember there will be a Parent Council meeting on **Wednesday, January 18** and there is **no school on Friday, January 20th** as this is a PD day for our school.

2023 is going to be a great year, thank you in advance for helping us to make it this way!

In partnership,

Lisa Richardson
Principal

Weston Community! Blake Gardens Resource Centre (NorWest Co-op Community Health) will be launching new Kids Programs for the New Year 2023!

located at 312 Blake Street, Please call, 204-940-2695 for more information

- **Girls Group (Wednesday 3:30-6:00)**
- **Join them every Wednesday for a fun filled evening of activities with their girls group! From baking, crafts, movie nights, and so much more! We have tons of fun, and we'd love to see you there!**
- **Spirit North (Thursday 4:00-6:00)**
- **They are so fortunate to have staff from Spirit North to join us every Thursday for their kids programming! It's a great way for kids to socialize, play games, and take part in fun winter activities outside. You don't want to miss out!**
- **Kids in the Kitchen (Friday 3:30-4:45)**
- **Come join every Friday where they cook together! You learn different cooking techniques, and make a delicious meal each time. Plus, you get to bring your creation home and enjoy it there!**
- **Kids Breakfast (Saturday 10:30-12:00)**
- **Every Saturday, the staff at Blake Gardens makes breakfast for the kids! We serve something new and delicious each week. It's a great way to start off the weekend right, so make sure to come by!**

Weston Parent Centre January Events

Nutrition Bingo

Parents/Guardians and their little ones (not yet in school) are invited to join us Wednesday, Jan 18th @ 1:00 pm & Friday, Jan 27th @ 9:00 am. Come out and win FOOD! Everyone is a winner!

Girls Club

A club for Grade 6 girls. We have fun doing art to explore a variety of themes. Mondays @ lunch (except Dec 5th). If your Grade 6 girl is interested, contact Kim to register!

Mobile Vision Clinic This month we will host the Mobile Vision Clinic. Students who have returned their permission slips will have an eye exam. Families will have the chance to order glasses through the program if needed. If you have not yet sent in your permission forms, please do (or contact me for another one)

Contact Kim to register for any of our FREE programs! 204-775-2591 or kstorer@wsd1.org

Weston Parent Centre

January 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5 Back to School	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 Girls' Club @ lunch	17	18 Nutrition Bingo @ 1:00	19	20	21
22	23 Girls' Club @ lunch	24	25	26	27 Nutrition Bingo @ 9:00	28
29	30 Girls' Club @ lunch Mobile Vision Clinic	31 Mobile Vision Clinic				

Happy New Year!

December was an exciting and busy month! We had so much fun at our Santa's Workshop, Winter Concert & Silent Auction and Breakfast With Santa!

We would like to thank the following people who generously donated items and their time to make it all possible!

Weston School Staff

St. Thomas Church

Villamin Family

Nathaniel Libarnes & Sun Life

Dawn Miller

Jolivet, Sherk & McMillan-B Family

Martizana Family

Maria Urra

Chantell Jolivet

& a Huge Thank you to **Craig @ Maple Leaf Foods** for once again donating all of our sausages for Breakfast With Santa!

WE APPRECIATE YOU!!



Season's Greetings,

As we do every year Atlantic-Garden City U.C. is collecting mittens and hats for the school children in North Winnipeg. This year we decided to start in November and distribute some hats and mittens in December. We will continue our collecting till Christmas, but know with the weather getting colder schools have a need for these items before January. Here are a few items to help you this month and we will see you with more in the New Year.

Have a Healthy and Peaceful New Year

Sharon Stock

Atlantic-Garden City U.C.

Thank you to Atlantic-Garden City U.C for your donating hats and mittens to Weston School!!

Room 1 - Mrs. Mallari

January in Room 1

Happy New Year everyone! I hope that we all had a warm and restful holiday! It was joyful to see all of you during the Winter Concert. Thank you very much for finding time to be with us.

This January will be a busy learning month for my students. We will continue to enhance our reading fluency and develop our comprehension skills. We will start gathering information using non-fiction books. Our Guided Reading Groups will still be a part of our daily reading program. In Writing, we will be working on adding more details in our stories. We will create good beginning, middle and ending of a story. In Math, we've been using different strategies in adding numbers and we will start using these strategies in subtracting numbers, too. We will continue to use our Math language in sharing our work and thinking in solving problems. To strengthen our values, we will look into the Seven (7) Sacred Teachings in Social Studies and we will study about the human body in Science.

With the bulk of activities that we will be doing everyday, it is important that your child will be in school everyday. By the way, we will have learning outside the classroom on January 11th, 2023. We will be going to the Children's Museum to culminate our living and non-living things unit through the Living Off the Land Program of the museum.

Gina Mallari
Grade 1/2 Teacher



2023



Room 2

-Ms. Pruden

Room 2 has had a JOYFUL December!

The children are working on skills more, less and same. We learned about a pattern core.

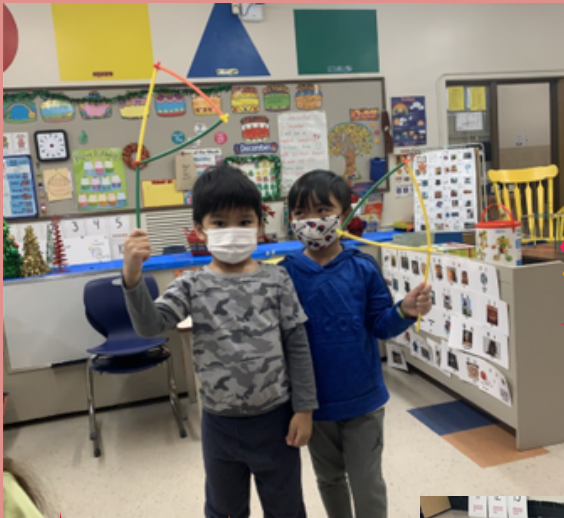
The children had fun doing holiday activities to learn and reinforce these skill.

December was spent learning our songs for the winter concert.

I would like to take this time to wish you all a safe and joyful holiday season. Thank you for
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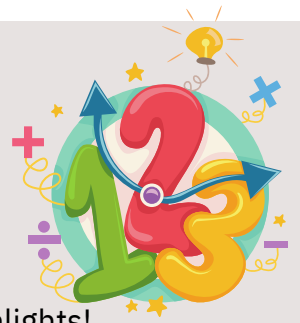
continued support.

We will see you all in the New Year.





Room 5 - Ms. Jessica



December has been a busy month here in Room 5! Here are some highlights!

In December we spent time talking about and doing things that bring us joy! In Room 5 that meant spending time being creative. We spent time painting, using oil pastels and making home made gifts for our families to enjoy.

We have also been exploring different math concepts. We measured ourselves using Digi-blocks to learn about place value. We have been learning and practicing addition strategies such as adding on and doubles. Our favorite is doing problem solving activities on the wipeboards with a partner.

We can't forget about our amazing writing celebration, it sure was a celebration. We met with students from room 8 and 1 to share our small moments stories. It was so much fun to share our hard work and also listen to others stories. I am excited to start on our next writing adventure in January.

Happy Holidays! I look forward to seeing everyone back in January! Please note, we will be going on a field trip to the Children's Museum on Wednesday January 11 2023.



Greetings from Room 6 - Mrs. Horst

January News for Room 6

We hope this note finds that everyone had a safe and relaxing holiday. It's hard to believe that a brand new year is upon us. We are excited to be back at school and have lots of work to do. Some things we are focusing on are...

Remembering to be Safe, Responsible and Respectful

This means we are safe when we:

- keep our hands to ourselves
- walk in the classroom
- be careful around the water fountain
- stay off of snowbanks

This means we are responsible when we:

- remember our backpack everyday
- remember to keep our desk near and tidy

This means we are respectful when we:

- use only kind words with our peers and the adults
- take turns when playing a game
- use our manners

Room 6 has been working on learning all of the partners to 10. and working with fact families. We are going to be looking at patterns and all the places we see them in our lives. We will identify the core of the pattern and adding labels like ABB, ABC, or Snap, clap, clap, tap. Last month we had a writing celebration with our Reading Buddies and we shared our recent published writing with each other. We look forward to writing more stories as we start the new year. We will also continue learning about mindfulness and how we can do things to help our bodies stay calm and focused.

All the best to you and your families in 2023 from all of us in Room 6!

Happy New Year

Room 7 Ms. Parisian

We have been very busy in Room 7 with creating works of art, designing a kindness calendar, learning many mental math strategies to solve multiplication problems, and that's only to name a few things we have done in December! One of the art projects we created was done using tin foil, yarn, glue and winter themed pictures. This art was challenging and at times we didn't think we would be successful at it, but we had faith and were determined to succeed! Hopefully you had a chance to see our beautiful display outside of our classroom when you visited the school for our Winter Concert.

The other project we worked on was our 30 days of kindness calendar. We discussed what examples of kindness were and we made sure the acts could be completed by children from grades 1 to 6. We were very excited to see that Mrs Richardson included it in the newsletter!

We had a whole school pancake breakfast on the last day before winter break and it was a lot of fun to all sit together and eat. We usually eat the special breakfasts in our classroom, so we were really excited to be able to sit with our friends from different rooms! As a class we volunteered to help the younger students with cutting their pancakes. We really enjoy helping out in the school when we can!

All of the students in Room 7 are looking forward to the new year and gaining tons of new knowledge!

Written by Summer, Frances and Nica Joy



Adventures with Room 8 and Mr. Storey

Who Wants to have a Party?

I do! Every month one class in our school wins a party with the principal. To win the party, students must earn Gotchas. These are tickets that students can earn by following our school beliefs of being safe, respectful, responsible and most of all...kind!

Room 8 made it our goal in November to win the class party.

Now, the students in room 8 are already amazing with following all the rules and expectations in our school. The person that needed reminding to remember to hand out the tickets was their teacher! Shame! But the kids worked hard, and the teacher made sure he remembered. The students got their Gotchas, and the bucket started to fill. At the end of November, the students counted up the Gotchas, and we had 284 tickets in our bucket! Wow! That's a lot of Gotchas.

On December 16th, room 8 got our party with the principal. We played music, and the students all got to decorate two gingerbread cookies. The students had a lot of fun! I am proud of how well room 8 students follow our school beliefs of being safe, respectful, responsible, and kind. They definitely deserved the party to honour their achievements.



Room 10 - Ms. van Ginkel

Happy New Year Everyone!

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday!

December did go by quickly. The students in Room 10 were so busy celebrating the learning that had taken place in the first part of the year in reading writing and math.

Room 10 is a room full of writers. The students celebrated all of the writing that was created by joining together with room 11 to share their creativity and read stories to each other. They all did such a great job reading together that we will be buddy reading together regularly in the new year.

In Math students have embraced the problem solving activities so enthusiastically that some students have begun creating word problems for the other students to solve. It is absolutely joyful to watch the students work together in such a positive way!

Speaking of joy, thank you to all of the families who came out to attend the winter concert. It meant so much to all of us.

Just a friendly reminder, as January can be very chilly, please ensure that your child is dressed for the weather with mittens, hats and everything need to stay warm during recess.

H. van Ginkel



Room 11 - Mrs. Tokarz



Happy New Year!

I hope everyone had a fun yet relaxing holiday break. It was nice meeting with family and friends and setting small new years resolutions for 2023.

I am happy to announce Room 11's new classroom teacher, Ms. Pilar Anciro. She will be starting her position in January until the end of June. I have met with Ms. Anciro regarding classroom routines and expectations of students continuing to be a Weston Hawk, which is being safe, being respectful, and being responsible.

Although I will not be Room 11's regular teacher, fortunately I will still be in the building and supporting room 11 and other primary and intermediate classrooms in the area of Mathematics. I will be working collectively with classroom teachers on students next steps in learning and reaching their learning goals.

Reflecting back in 2022, the students in room 11 have participated in many learning adventures. First, it was fantastic that we had an all day field trip to Fort Whyte in September. The students were able to learn about sustainable development and showing an appreciation for nature by going on a 2 hour nature hike.

Second, we also had many enriching learning conversations in solving a variety of multiplication math problems.

Students were able to practice sharing a toolbox of strategies when solving a math problem. Whether that being pictorially (the use of pictures), symbolically (written as an equation), concretely (the use of base ten blocks), and orally (presenting and recording their reflections with their peers).

Third, the students were able to learn how to become more responsible readers. Students practiced how to get to know the books text not just by decoding but by making predictions, asking purposeful questions, making clarifications, and summarizing with the support of the divisional Literacy Support Teacher, Adrienne. Students will continue these strategies in their guided reading groups for the remainder of the school year.

I could honestly go on and on commenting how amazing 2022 was. I am looking forward to new and exciting teaching and student learning explorations in 2023!

I wish all students and families a happy and healthy 2023!

Keep warm,
Mrs. Tokarz



Room 14 - Ms. Massey



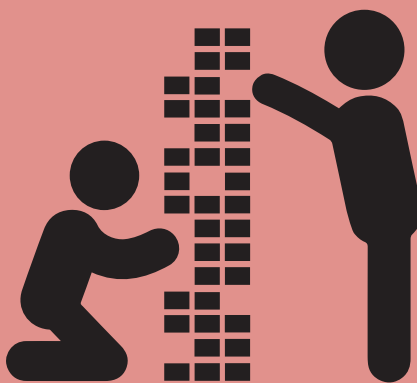
Room 14 wrapped up their unit on narrative writing with a celebration on December 6th. We read our stories to students from room 15 from the author's chair. We kept our audience engaged with descriptive details and juicy words. It was awesome to see all the proud smiles after students read the writing, they'd worked so hard on. Way to go boys and girls!

Our classroom is full of kinesthetic learners this year who love to design and build, so we continue to make our learning day fun with STEM challenges. Students get to collaborate and problem-solve. Look at these towers! Students had twenty minutes to build the tallest tower they could using 50 index cards with their partner. It's awesome to see you so engaged Room 14. Good work!

Students have moved into their study of fractions in mathematics. We are learning that a fraction is a part of a whole and the many ways we can represent a fraction. It would be great if families could support our learning by taking any opportunities that come up to notice fractions in our daily lives. How many dimes are in half of a dollar? How many slices are in a quarter of our pizza? Is there a way to use our $\frac{1}{3}$ cup to put a cup of flour in our recipe? How many minutes are in $\frac{3}{4}$'s of an hour? What do you think a third of the distance to the park is? Noticing the real-world connections of fractions will deepen our understanding and help us know why we are learning it.

Thank-you for your support and stay warm! See you next time!

-Ms. Massey

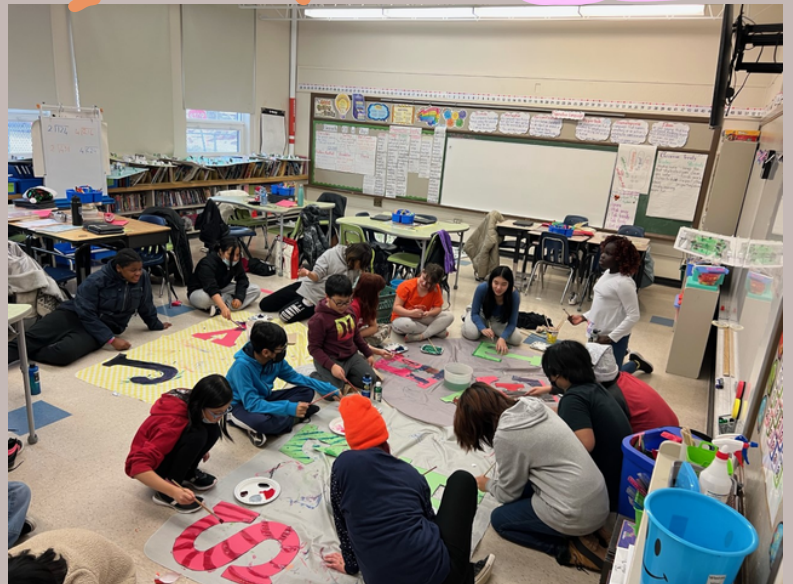


Room 15 - Ms. Vo

In the month of December, the students in room 15 were sharing joy with others doing different activities. We made holiday cards for people in care and our loved ones, wrapped presents for our family, and decorated the gym with other classes for the winter concert. We had fun participating in spirit week like wearing a holiday hat or socks, festive clothes, ugly Christmas day, happy new year attire, and long winters nap PJ day was definitely our favorite one.

In ELA, we finished our novel study "Freak the Mighty". Our narrative writing celebration with room 14 was a great experience. We shared our writing stories and enjoyed the snacks. We also completed our zoo project.

Happy holidays everyone!

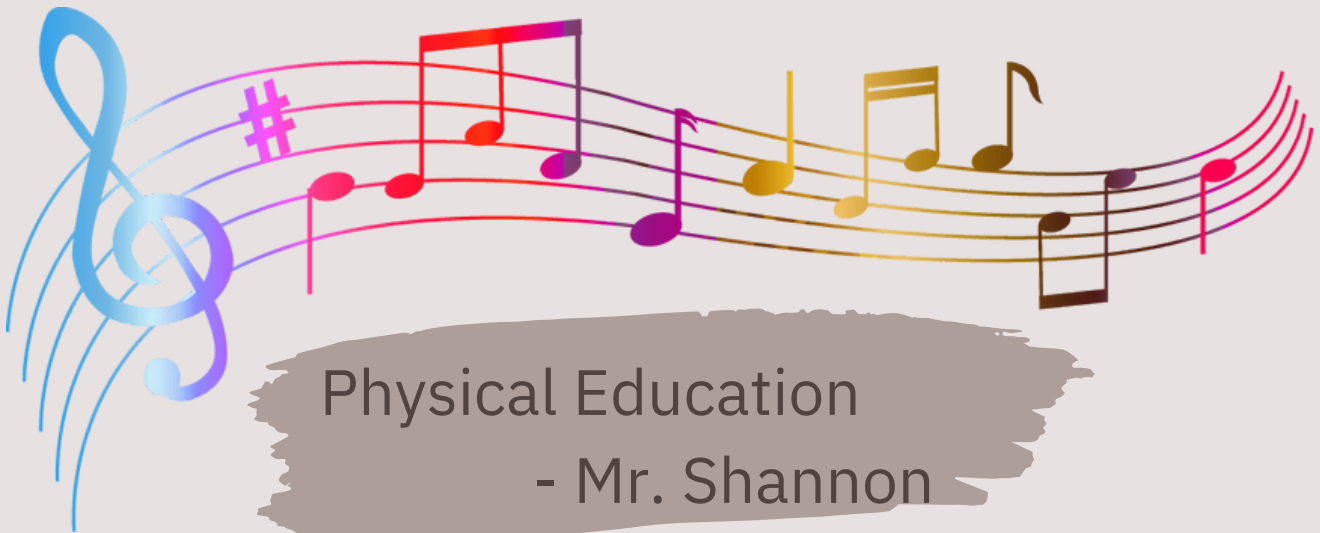




Music and Integrated Arts -Ms. Neufeld

Thank you to everyone who came out to the winter concert! The audience was terrific and the kids were amazing. They worked so hard to put on a show for you, so we hope that you enjoyed it!

When school resumes, the Arts room will be focusing on the drama portion of the curriculum for the month of January. The choir will continue to meet, and will be open to any new students who might wish to join. A note will go out early in January about the schedule, but will not resume until after the first week of school. Rehearsals will continue to be during the lunch hour on Day 4s, with the first rehearsal on Monday, January 16th.



Physical Education - Mr. Shannon

I can't believe that it's already Christmas break! December was filled with so many fun events, including our Triple Ball tournament at Sargent Park School. I'm so proud of our hawks! We had such a great turn out for our Christmas concert. I want to thank everyone that was part of such a wonderful event.



To start the year off we will begin our Basketball unit, where we will focus on our bouncing and passing skills.

Joke of the month: What do you call a piece of cheese that likes to shoot hoops? Swiss!
I can't wait to hear all the winter break stories from all of the kiddos. Bring on the new year!

Stay warm,
Mr.Shannon

Happy New Year

January 2023

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
 2 Winter break	 3 Winter break	 4 Winter break	Day 3 5 First day back to school	Day 4 6
Day 5 9	Day 6 10	Day 1 11 Grade 1/2 field trip to The children's museum	Day 2 12	Day 3 13
Day 4 16 Grade 6 Girls Club - Lunch Intermediate Choir - Lunch	Day 5 17	Day 6 18 Parent Nutrition Bingo 1:00 Parent Council Meeting 3:15pm	Day 1 19	Day 2 20 No school
Day 3 23 Grade 6 Girls Club - Lunch	Day 4 24 Intermediate Choir - Lunch	Day 5 25	Day 6 26	Day 1 27
Day 2 30 Grade 6 Girls Club - Lunch	Day 3 31			

Parent Council Meetings

Important Dates at a Glance

December 15 - Winter Concert
 December 21 - Last Day of school
 January 5 - School Resumes

The second Parent Council meeting of the year will be held on Wednesday, November 2nd at 3:15 PM. All parents are welcome, so please join us. Please call the school or send back the form by Tuesday, November 1st so that we can ensure that we have enough snack of all to enjoy. This meeting the focus will be on library focus, lunch program, Parent Programs and Community Programs. The meetings are scheduled for: December 14th, January 18th, February 8th, March 15th, April 12th and May 17th.