



WESTON SCHOOL

October 2022

Happy Fall! Happy Thanksgiving! Happy Halloween!

Wow! It is hard to believe that we are already a month into the school year! We have had a great start to this year, the time has definitely flown by!

Exciting events occurred during the month of September! I would like to thank the staff members for organizing amazing learning opportunities surrounding the history of Residential schools through art, reading, sharing circles and movement. Every classroom had sharing circles discussing why each and every child matters, what each student's strength is and how important it is for children's voices to be heard. Students wore their orange shirts to school on September 29th and they will be asked to continue to wear their orange shirts throughout the year to represent that they are part of our school community.

Thank you to everyone who came out to our "Meet the Staff" event. We truly appreciated seeing all the family members enjoying themselves. A huge thank you goes out to our staff who worked so hard in the planning, coordination and preparation of this event. We would also like to extend our thanks to Point Douglas City Councillor Ms. Vivian Santos, Sargent Ave. Superstore and Cantors Quality Meats & Groceries for their support. Congratulations to our door prize winners, The Seymore-Cook family and the Perry family.

Teachers and students have been working really hard throughout September to set up classroom routines in each classroom and throughout the school. Respect for everyone's right to be safe and to learn is our main focus. Please join us as we teach the children the 6 R's. We will emphasize Reading, wRiting, aRithmetic, as well as Respect for self, Respect for others and Respect for property! Together WE can make a difference in the lives of our children.

Students and teachers are focused on creating learning goals and targets that assist them in being the best learners they can be. Being at school every day helps students to attend to their learning-academically, socially and emotionally. Therefore, high student attendance (over 90%) remains an important goal at our school and we encourage all Weston guardians to help us in achieving this. TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE MORE!

We have several students with food allergies – Please DO NOT send PEANUTS/NUT products to our school. Also remind your children to wash their hands before coming to school to reduce the risk of bringing allergens into the school.

If you ever have any questions or concerns please reach out as I am always available. It takes a village to raise a child, I am honoured to be part of that village!

Lisa Richardson

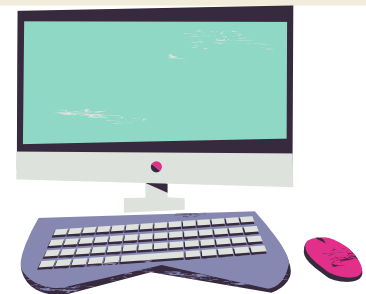
Welcome

Weston School would like to extend a warm welcome to our new secretary, Ms. Cristina Tocci! Ms. Tocci will be working in the office and is the first person who will greet you when you visit or call the school. We are very excited to welcome her to our team!

Voluntary Student Accident Insurance

Information regarding Voluntary Student Accident Insurance from Old Republic

Insurance Company of Canada are now available. Those parents/guardians with an active email address will receive the information via School Messenger. Printed copies of the brochure are available through the school office.



Weston Goes Digital

To help us reduce the amount of paper and ink we use as a school, we have changed how we produce and distribute our newsletter. We will continue to provide a condensed version of the newsletter in print form which contains the principals message and monthly calendar. Our full newsletter with classroom updates can be found on our school website at <https://www.winnipegssd.ca/weston/page/5009/monthly-calendar-and-newsletter>

A link will also be posted to our school facebook page as well as by email, using school messenger to all families who have provided an email address.

Weston Parent Centre Events

Cooking Club

Help cook some nutritious treats for the Breakfast Program and take some home for your family!

SPIN Baton

Free After- School Program on Wednesdays by the City of Winnipeg and Weston School

Nutrition Bingo

Come out and win FOOD! Everyone is a winner!

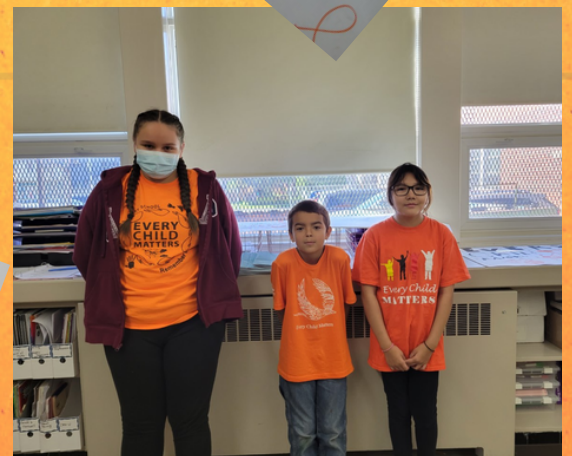
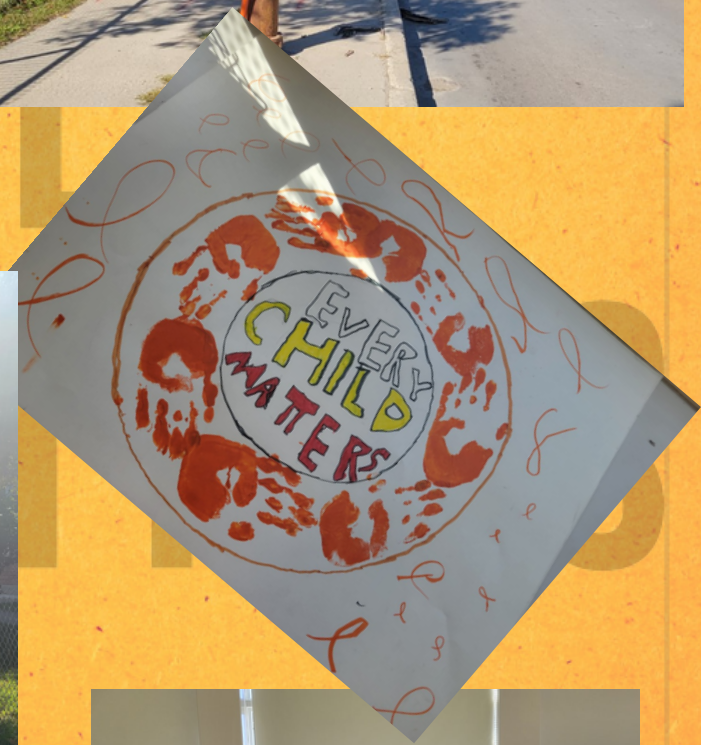
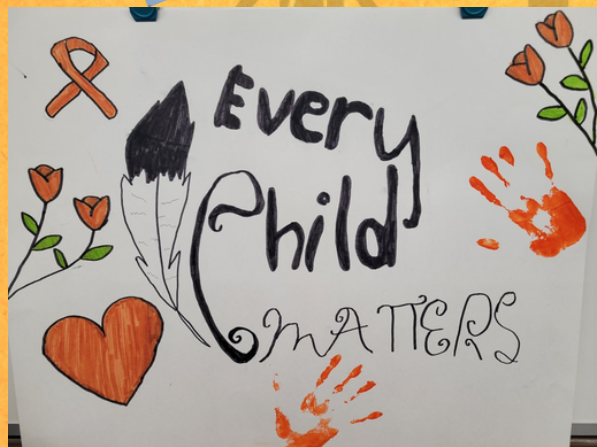
Girls Club

A club for Grade 6 girls. We have fun and do art to explore a variety of themes.

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	4	5 Thanksgiving Craft 1:00 SPIN Baton 4:30	6	7
10 Thanksgiving Day No Classes	11	12 Nutrition Bingo 1:15 SPIN Baton 4:30	13	14 Cooking Club 1:00
17 Girls Club @ Lunch	18	19 SPIN Baton 4:30	20	21
24 Girls Club @ Lunch Nutrition Bingo 1:00	25	26 Little Home Library Project	27	28
31 Girls Club @ Lunch Halloween Celebration 1:00				

Join us for our Thanksgiving (Oct 5th & Halloween (Oct 31st) celebrations! Little ones welcome! Crafts for both adults and kids, food and fun!



Room 1 - Mrs. Mallari

At this point in time, I would like to thank all the parents who found time to be with us during the Meet the Teacher BBQ event of the school. Your presence gave our students the motivation to do better in class because they could see your all out support in their education.

This October, we will strengthen our established routines and classroom rules to ensure our acquisition of learning. We will continue writing our names, recognizing letters and numbers 1 until 20. We will start talking about our family, our body parts, and ourselves. We can't wait working with our Art works for Fall and Halloween. The fun we have while working on the different centres will always be expected. We will also start our Home Reading Program through EPIC where our students can choose the books that they could read with you. Seesaw will also be a part of our day to day activities.

Our every day's activities are very important for your children. Make sure that they always go to school so as not to miss anything. Remember, "a day spent in school will make an individual whole."



**Learning is fun
in Room 1!**

Room 2

-Ms. Pruden



It has been a great start to the year in Room 2! Nursery and Kindergarten students have been busy learning daily classroom routines, making new friends and about what it means to be a Weston Hawk.

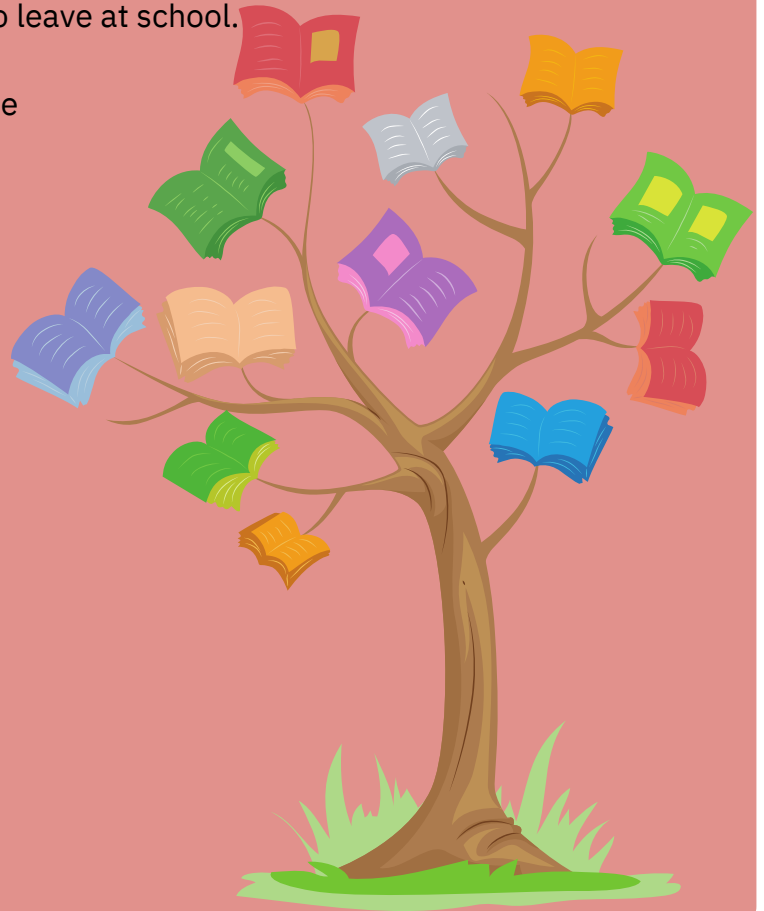
Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible and Be Kind

In October we will continue to work on strengthening our classroom routines, learning and writing the letters in our names, the alphabet and sound that letters make. We will also continue to learn about numbers and counting.

Thank you to the families who have paid their school fees. It was great to see so many families come out to our meet the teacher event!

With the colder weather upon us, please be sure your child is dressed to be outside and that your child has an indoor pair of shoes to leave at school.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me by phone at the school or by email at bpruden@wsd1.org.



Room 5

- Ms. Jessica

Welcome to room 5! I am so happy to be apart of your learning journey. We have been very busy over the last few weeks. Room 5 has been demonstrating how to be Weston Hawks. We have been learning how to be safe, responsible, respectful and kind in the gym, in music, at recess, in the hallway, bathroom and classroom. We have begun writing about small moments in our lives. We will continue to explore our story telling skills during our small moment writing. The children have had so many small moments to share, such as times they ate pizza or a game they played on the weekend.

In math we have been looking at showing numbers in different ways and a range of representations of numbers such as showing a number with a ten-frame or picture.

As a class we enjoyed celebrating International Dot Day! We read the book that inspired it all The Dot by Peter H. Reynold. The story is about a young girl who is encouraged to 'make her mark'. She starts by making a small dot on a page and begins on a journey of self-discovery. As a class, we each made our own mark as we watched markers create a tie die effect using coffee filters and water. We have been exploring our strengths, our emotions and belonging. We are on a journey of self-exploration that will continue all year long.

We have started home reading. Please find a few minutes to read with your child and return their home reading bag every morning for new books. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or concerns. I am looking forward to a great year!

Mrs Jessica



Greetings from Room 6 - Mrs. Horst

It was so good to see so many of you out for the school BBQ! How exciting to have a brand new year ahead of us. I look forward to building a strong partnership with all the families in our grades one and two classrooms. If you ever need to reach me please email me at jhorst@wsd1.org or chat with me at drop off or pickup times.

Thank you to all of the families who have paid their school fees and brought in their Kleenex and headphones for the classroom. Students will also need to have a pair of running shoes that they can keep at school. These shoes need to be shoes that your child can put on and take off by themselves. If they can't tie shoelaces on their own, they will need slip ons or Velcro shoes until they master this skill at home.

Your child needs a reminder every morning to remember to bring their backback and home reading to school every single day. You may want to send a snack for them to have at recess as long as it doesn't contain peanuts.



We will be working on printing all of our letters as neat as we can and we are learning all about Rules. Weston students need to always remember to be Responsible, Respectful and Safe.



Room 7 Ms. Parisian

Welcome back students and parents! How was your summer? In room 7 we talked about what we did through the summer, it was fun learning about what my classmates did this summer. For the first month of school we did a lot of art, first we did each of our names. The criteria was that we couldn't use normal letters and we could use our Chromebooks for ideas. It was fun! Secondly, we did fall leaf art, because it's going to be fall soon. For this art we created falling leaves using water colour paint.

In our class we have a lot of grade 6 students and some 5's. I'm a grade 6 student and it's scary because next year we are going to grade 7 and we have to leave this school. I don't want to leave! Weston is a great place for kids to feel comfortable and not scared. I know I'm going to have a great time here at Weston this year! See you next month!

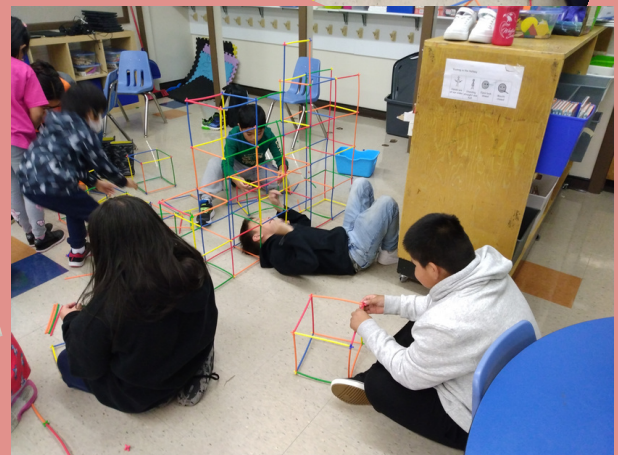
Written by: Summer M

Adventures with Room 8 and Mr. Storey

Students! I would like you to build me a structure that I can sit inside. You need to work as a team, and you have an hour to get it done! Let's go!

On Friday, September 16th, Room 8 did our first exploration project. We will do many more of these throughout the year. Learning is an adventure, and I believe learning should be just as much about building and designing as it is about writing and counting numbers. For our first exploration project, the students were provided with a bucket of plastic straws and connectors. Their job was to figure out how to build walls that could stand on their own. These walls needed to be connected in a way that the teacher could place a chair inside and sit inside. The students knew immediately that this was a group project that involved teamwork, and they were very successful at this. Even as parts fell apart, kids swooped in and reconnected pieces to make the walls stronger. There was an attempt to build a roof, but we're not at that stage yet! That might take a bit of teaching still!

Throughout the year the students will get to experience many more exploration days. They will learn how to build mazes using blocks, Lego creations, symmetrical designs with pattern blocks, and much much more. As I get SeeSaw up and running, you parents will also get to experience these creations.

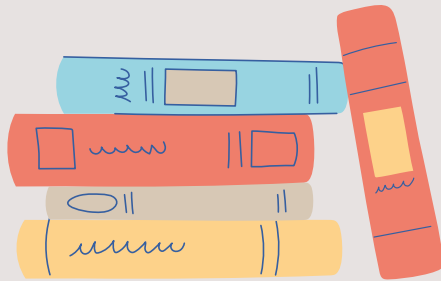


Room 10 - Ms. van Ginkel

Wow! It is hard to believe that September has come to an end and October is already here. The students in Room 10 have worked very hard to create a warm and inviting environment. It has been wonderful to watch the students support each other in their learning. This year the students returning to room ten have been acting as mentors. They are doing a great job helping the students who are new to our room.

Throughout September the students have been learning to communicate their thoughts, ideas and discoveries in a variety of ways. In math the students demonstrate their learning by building, drawing and then writing. Our focus has been on counting forward and back and problem solving.

The students write in their journals every day. I am so excited to see how so many of them are using learning tools like dictionaries and the word wall. The students are working towards using correct punctuation and including connecting words in their writing.



Physical Education - Mr. Shannon

Greetings from the gymnasium. My name is Mr. Shannon and I'm so happy to be at Weston School. We have had a busy start to our school year. It's been great getting to know all the students. We started off the school year with some team building activities to get to know everyone. The first unit we will be doing is soccer. I can't wait to get the ball rolling on all the fun units I have planned. See what I did there? Ball rolling... Get it? Okay, not that funny. The students are excited to play soccer. Keep up the great work Hawks!



Room 11 - Mrs. Tokarz



Happy October Everyone!

We had a fantastic start to the beginning of the school year! The class has been demonstrating what it means to be a Weston Hawk by being respectful, being safe, and being responsible which relates to our unit in Social Studies called, Canadian Citizenship.

The students attended a field trip to Fort Whyte. They took part in a two-hour nature hike learning about sustainable development and Indigenous plants and their benefits to all living things. The students discovered many bison, Canadian Geese, and ponds and got to learn about the types of beaks birds have which influences their food choices and adapting to the environment around them. The class also got to explore inside a sod house, which was a warm shelter in the winter, yet cool in the summer for the families that pioneered on the Canadian prairies. Lastly, the students participated in critter dipping. They got to see what types of living organisms can be found throughout the marsh waters.

Just a friendly reminder, that if you have not yet paid your child's student fees, please do so immediately as part of this money will go towards other upcoming field trips. Also, please ensure that your child dresses appropriately for the cool weather (hat, jacket, hoodie, socks).

Room 14 - Ms. Massey



September has been a jam-packed month full of excitement, getting to know one another and hands-on learning in Room 14!

We had a blast on our field Trip to Fort Whyte Alive. Students saw first-hand how a variety of plants and animals meet their needs in their habitats. We also visited a teepee and learned about its construction and saw a variety of animals including frogs, a muskrat, bison, ducks, geese and fish. The weather was wonderful for a memorable day of learning and exploration.

In mathematics we are learning about the value of each digit in a numeral up to 1, 000, 000. by representing numbers in multiple ways using a variety of manipulatives.

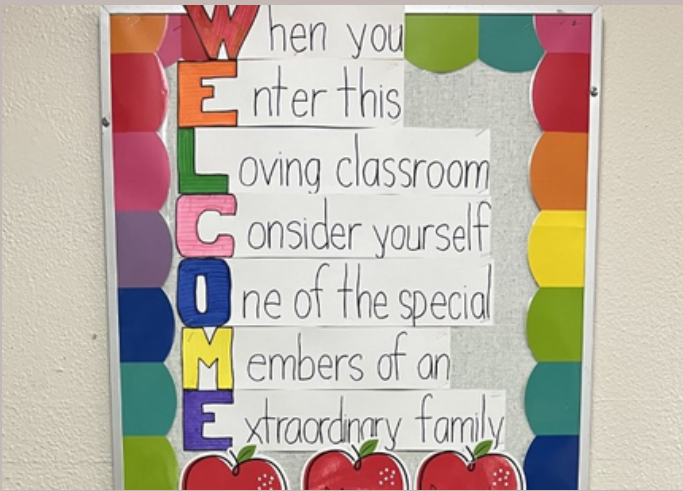
In social studies we are learning the geography of Canada and pointing out all the places we have visited on a map. We are learning about the awesome landforms Canada has too, such as mountains, coastlines and valleys.

We are picking up right where we left off with our writing using our strategies to think of personal stories and techniques like adding dialogue and onomatopoeia (sound words) to make our writing interesting.

Students have also been visiting the Makerspace room and working together on design and building projects with Ms. Eppert!

The year is off to a great start. Keep up the good work room 14! See you next time.

Room 15 - Ms. Vo



Hi Room 15 Families,

I am excited to welcome your child in room 15.

In the first week of the school year, we had a fun time to get to know each other when doing the Scavenger Hunt to find friends that have the same favourite food, color, hobbies, or games. We also wrote a poem "All about me" and created a personal flag to introduce about ourselves.

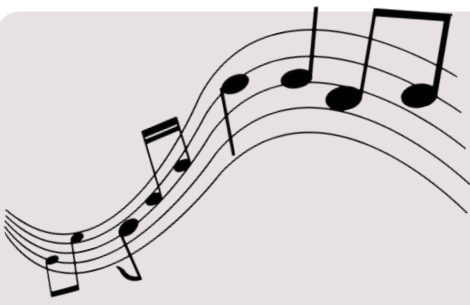
In math, we reviewed how to represent numbers up to one million by starting with the number of the day booklets. We learned about the diversity of living things in science, and we know that the two big main groups of animal classification are vertebrates and invertebrates. We have begun to explore Canada, its history and the building of our country.

We created our classroom treaty which states the rights and responsibilities of the teacher and the students in the classroom. In addition, we recognize the zones of regulations that help us realize the feelings or emotions that we have and we suggest the strategies that we can or should do to help us stay calm.

The temperature is getting lower, and it rains more often. Therefore, remind your child to dress according to the weather.

Happy new school year!

Ms. Vo



Music and Integrated Arts

-Ms. Neufeld

I have been teaching at Weston school for a number of years and have appreciated all the students and musical experiences that have come through our doors. My specialty and passion is singing, and nothing makes me feel as good as hearing students join together in song. If you had asked me when I was a child where music would have taken me, I would not have dreamed of the opportunities I have had because I sing. I try to share those experiences and that sense of “anything is possible” with my classes and remind them that they never know where what they learn here may take them.

Focus: The focus in the music program is on integration of the Arts- drama, movement, and occasionally art- into music class. Each of the Arts components offer students different ways to improve both academic and social/emotional skills:

First term: The focus and reporting in the first term is on music, with students learning and being assessed on music reading, instrument playing and creative skills. Music enhances students’ learning in mathematics, language arts, social studies, and even science. Studies have also shown that students who are part of a music program have better social skills. Singing, especially, is well known to contribute to students feeling of inclusivity and positivity.

Second term: While we continue to work with music, assessment and reporting shifts to the drama curriculum. Drama creates a sense of community in the classroom and encourages students to take risks in exploring ideas and emotions. This year, the focus in drama will be on public speaking and vocal expression.

Third term: This term, we will connect music with dance. Dance offers students a way to develop coordination, improve their fitness level, express themselves using their bodies, and make connections with both music and drama. The emphasis will be on dance language and creativity and individual expression.

Special Opportunities:

Choir: Grade 4-6 choir will be starting late September. This will be a lunch hour club that will meet once a cycle and prepare and sing songs for assemblies and concerts. The only requirement is a love to sing! Depending on the size of the group, Grade 3 students in Rooms 10/11 may be included.

Recorder Club: This will be open to students in Grades 4-6 who enjoy recorder and want more opportunities to grow and play as an ensemble, starting mid to late October and running til Winter break.

Ukulele Club: Open to students in Grades 4-6 who want to advance their playing skills, starting mid-February and running til Spring Break.

In music, students are expected to be: Respectful, Responsible, and Safe

October 2022

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Day 1 3	Day 2 4	Day 3 5	Day 4 6 Intermediate Choir	Day 5 7  Picture Day
 School Closed 10	Day 6 11	Day 1 12	Day 2 13	Day 3 14
Day 4 17 Intermediate Choir	Day 5 18	Day 6 19	Day 1 20	Day 2 21 No Classes
Day 3 24	Day 4 25 Intermediate Choir	Day 5  26 Little Home Library Project Evening	Day 6 27	Day 1 28
Day 2 31 				

Important Dates at a Glance

November 9 - Picture retakes

November 10 - Remembrance Day Service

November 11 - Remembrance Day - School Closed

November 17 Parent Teacher Conferences (3:30-7:00)

November 18 Parent Teacher Conferences (1:00-3:30)

December 15 - Winter Concert

December 21 - Last Day of school

January 5 - School Resumes