



## Wolseley School

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Principal, Brian Rogowsky

## Students and Staff hard at work



## Principal's message...

Dear Wolseley School Families,

February is **"I Love to Read"** month across Winnipeg School Division. Please check out the calendar inside our newsletter for fun events happening at Wolseley School. At school we will be planning many special activities to encourage the love of literacy. As Dr. Seuss said, "The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." Happy reading Wolseley Wolves!

February is also **Black History Month**. Black History Month is a month dedicated to commemorating the achievements of Black people throughout history, whilst also reflecting on the prejudices Black people have endured. Throughout Canada and North America, Black History Month is celebrated in February each year, and is a very important event for everyone to celebrate. Every classroom is encouraged to explore this topic with their students.

**Wolseley School Beliefs**- Did you know that Wolseley School follows three guiding beliefs? We are always striving to Be Respectful, Be Responsible, and Be Kind. And I think we are doing a marvelous job!

**Parking Lot**- Please note that the parking lot is for staff use only. Please don't park in the staff parking lot when dropping off or picking up your child(ren). Students are not permitted in the staff parking lot as it can be a dangerous place. Thank you for your understanding and support in ensuring the safety of our students. Please use Clifton, Camden, or Wolseley when meeting your child(ren). We appreciate your cooperation.

**Nursery/Kindergarten Registrations**- We will be open for registrations beginning February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. We will not be having an open house this year. If you are interested in a tour of the school, please contact the office.

**Thank you to John, and Chris, our wonderful custodians, for keeping our school sparkling clean!** We are so lucky to have you on our team!

I hope you all have a fabulous February!

Take care and stay well,

Brian Rogowsky

## Parent Council



### Calling all VOLUNTEERS!!

We are looking for volunteers for various events we have coming up in the Spring.

If you are interested and available please send us an email at:

[wolseleyparents@gmail.com](mailto:wolseleyparents@gmail.com)

Any **"TIME"** you can donate to us for Wolseley School would be greatly appreciated!

Thank you,

Your PC Team



## Classroom News ...

### Room 17 Grades N / K AM

Welcome back. I hope you all had a relaxing and rest-ing winter break. We jumped right back into the swing of things this January. We have spent the last few weeks working on winter themed activities such as in our writing.

We have been introducing new sight words throughout the week and have had many centers, where we have been practicing these.

In February we will begin home reading, students will be able to bring 2 books home that they can start practicing reading, or pointing words that they know. We will continue to start our mornings outside unless the weather is too cold -28 with the windchill and if that is the case then we will meet at the N/K doors.

I hope you are all enjoying the wonders that winter in Winnipeg has!



### Room 17 Grades N / K PM

The start of this month we've been exploring the theme: winter and have listened to lots of stories that have to do with winter and snow. We've been looking at the trees outside and noticing how sometimes they are covered in frost or snow and sometimes not and then painted pictures of trees. We also listened to different versions of "The Mitten" and then later "The Hat" by Jan Brett. Afterwards we talked about lots of similarities and differences that we noticed among these stories. The day with the most giggles, was when we acted out "The Mitten" by Jan Brett and got to pretend to be the animals hiding in the mitten (or big white sheet).



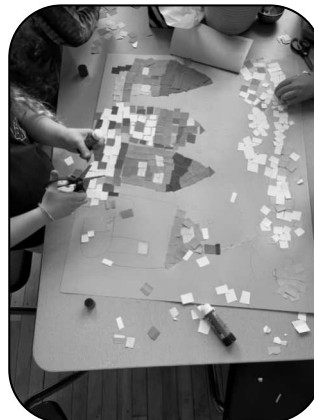
### Room 1 Grades 1/2

We have been busy creating collaborative winter mosaic artwork, what a process! They have learned to work so well together and seemed to enjoy this art project.

We have also been working on building our research skills while working on a Canadian animals unit. Along with learning about the red river Métis people, we've even been learning how to jig.

In math we've been learning about subtraction and using the strategy of using what we know of addition to help us subtract. We have been using, number lines, rekenreks, counters and unifex cubes to help us. I have developed many math centres to engage the students in their learning.

Follow us on Instagram to see our classroom in action!!



## Classroom News Continued...

### Room 2 Grades 1/2

#### Half Way There

We are midway through the school year and all the students of room 2 have worked hard at building a supportive and cooperative learning community. Recently, Reading Group activities were modified to grow on comprehension skills. All learners continue to show their confidence and continue to build on their successes.

In Math our focus has been patterns and how they relate to real life.

Our Science small group animal life project completed with great cooperative success.

Students continued community study during Social Studies.

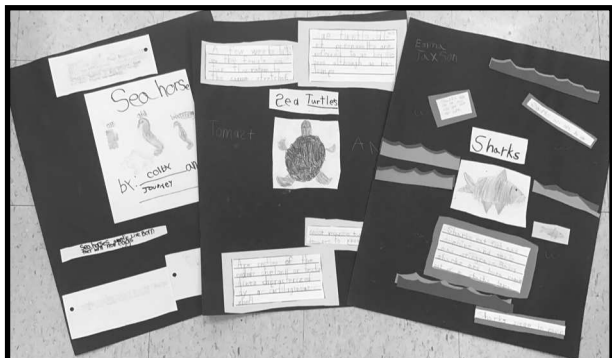
And in Art students explored colour and shape awareness in making art using various medium.

#### Looking Ahead

We continue our work in daily Reading Groups and develop the usage of C.U.P.S. as an editing and revising process. During Math groups learning will shift to number relations, place value, addition and subtraction. In Science our inquiry in the 5 senses will finish and we will begin focusing on a motion project. Comparing and contrasting Canadian communities is underway in Social Studies. Art studies and practices are now about Art production using multiple techniques and mediums.

#### Worth Remembering:

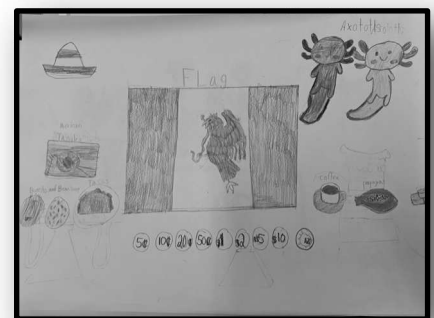
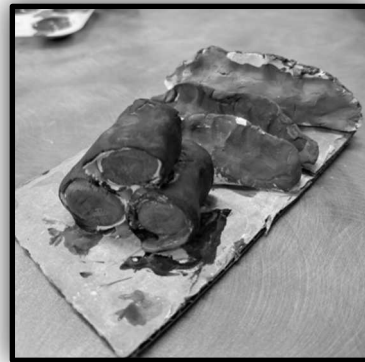
- ◆ Be reminded that the best way to contact me is by email at [peantifaiff@wsd1.org](mailto:peantifaiff@wsd1.org). I strive to attend to my emails frequently throughout the day. If you require an immediate respond please call the office for assistance.
- ◆ A weather reminder! Please assist your child in choosing the most appropriate clothing and footwear as necessary.
- ◆ Please also remind your child to return Library books on school day 3 and Home Reading every Friday.



### Room 3 Grades 3/4

The students in Room 3 have been doing well getting back into our routines. They have been busy wrapping up their country research projects after the winter break. They were excited to choose their own countries and learn more about them. There were so many creative ways of representing what they learned about their countries. Clay sculptures, pictures and dioramas were some ways they chose to represent information and facts about their country.

We look forward to learning about the North this month. We will explore different things about the North including structures, communities, art, culture, wildlife, and environment. We are also looking forward to welcoming some guests who will help us in our exploration of the North.



## Classroom News Continued...

### Room 8 Grades 4/5

This January 2023, has been one of the best in room 8 this year. So many fun activities!! One of the biggest focuses this month has been writing a paragraph on the meaning of home. We have been learning about different cultures and writing facts about it. We were learning about the human body and how it works to digest. We are also doing art with black glue and learning to work together as a team more with fun instant challenges. In science we are learning about human skin and blood.

Mara, Fallon and Essence



### Room 10 Grades 3 / 4

In Room 10 we held a Tower of Power structure building challenge. We used recycled materials to build towers and tested them to see which structures were stable and strong. The towers were outstanding! Then we re-used the boxes by putting snow in them to make snow blocks, which we will use to build inukshuks.

In Social Studies we have been learning about the Traditional Life of the Inuit and the Canadian Arctic. We have learned about iglu building, traditional fishing methods, tools and clothing. Did you know that in Inuvik and other northern communities they have a special celebration which welcomes the return of the sun? Some areas of the north experience about 30 days of Polar Night with no sun rising above the horizon. In the very far north the period of darkness lasts for months. The occasion of the sun reappearing is more meaningful, to many people living in the north, than New Year's.



## Classroom News Continued...

### Room 9 Grades 5/6

December and January were busy months in Room 9. We wrapped up a bunch of projects before the break and started new ones in the new year.

In Science our class had been working on making our own board games focused on different human body systems. Students made games involving the nervous, respiratory, digestive, circulatory and immune systems. We finally finished our games and played them all in a class wide game morning, and now we're moving on to our next unit.

In Social Studies we have been learning about slavery, the Acadian deportation and the beginnings of the Fur Trade. We'll be focusing on the Fur Trade for a few more weeks and have a trip planned to Festival du Voyageur coming up this month! There we will be learning more about the Voyageurs and the other people involved in the Fur Trade.

Our class has been working on division and now we are turning our focus to fractions. We have been discussing equivalents and will soon be talking about mixed and improper fractions before learning how to use fractions in a variety of operations.

Along with everything else we have been doing we have been starting a new writing project and beginning our book clubs where we will be group reading and discussing a few different novels.

We have a lot coming up this month with our field trip to Festival and all of our new units and projects.

If you'd like to see what we have been up to and follow along with our learning journey you can find us on Instagram (@wolseley9) or on Twitter (@wolseley9).



### Room 13 Grades 5/6

January has been a very exciting month for room 13, with the beginning of 2023 and coming back from winter break but we were still very busy. Keep reading to know what we did in January!

#### E.L.A

In ELA we have been practicing reading scripts with expressions and emotions while having different scripts each time. We have also been (and still are) writing our own scripts for our short movies, we have watched videos on adding emotions to our writing to sound more real. We will be filming our short movies and will also learn to edit them to add sounds and special effects as well as green screen.

#### SCIENCE

For science in January, we have been learning about microorganism life and bacteria. We have read and watched videos about bacteria and how all bacteria is not bad, some bacteria is good. And the most important thing is washing your hands to decrease the probability of bacteria spreading.

#### MATH

For our math, we have been learning all about long division in so many different ways, even with a rap song: \*Divide, multiply and subtract, bring it on down and bring it on back.\* It's so catchy! We have also been working together at our math stations. We split into different groups and do so many fun math activities, like games, working with Sean, math art, prodigy, and more! Sean has explained it very well. Thanks Sean!

#### S.S

In social studies, we have been learning about life in New France. We're taking what we know about that subject, and turning it into a project like a day planner, a menu or a room design! We're all working so hard to do our best with fitting all of our information in, as well as making it neat and pretty. It's been very fun to learn about!

#### READ-ALOUD

For read-aloud, Sean has been reading us a book titled "Restart" written by Gordon Korman. During read-aloud we are allowed to draw or color while we listen to Sean read the book.

We hope that you have enjoyed reading about what room 13 has done this month!

-Anouchka and Loretta

## Classroom News Continued...

### Physical Education

Happy 2023!

All classes start back with a Fitness Unit. The 3-6 tried out some different fitness stations, partner running, the letter workout and we finished with a Tabata style workout.

The younger grades got to also try stations, some timed runs and fitness tag. We talked about the importance of fitness, as well as the affects it has on our body.

Throughout February we will begin skipping as well as some basketball.

The grade 4-6 students will have an opportunity to join Speed Skating Club, which will take place after school four Wednesdays, with a final event at the Cindy Klassen Speed Skating Oval held on March 1.



### Performing Arts and Dance...

Grade 5/6 students have begun their ukulele learning, getting comfortable with two chord songs like accompanying Katy Perry's *Roar*, or *Singin' In The Rain* and they will be moving onto playing three chord songs like *Riptide* and *Over The Rainbow*. They have been in awe of some master ukulele players such as Jake Shimabukuro.

All other classes are working on drama units, learning about how to use, articulate and control the body and voice to become different characters or learn beginning improvisation skills, such as making creative connections, listening carefully, adding ideas and saying, 'yes, and!'.

Nursery and Kindergarten continue to practice their steady beat skills but with non-pitch percussion instruments as well as their singing confidence with circle games that give opportunities for solo singing.

After our drama units are wrapped up everyone will move onto playing the barred instruments to continue rhythm, ensemble and creation skills in music.

In dance, the grade 5/6 students have begun an inquiry into dance styles, while the middle grades are honing their rhythm, phrasing, and jazz technique. And younger grades are working to create dances inspired by words and stories.



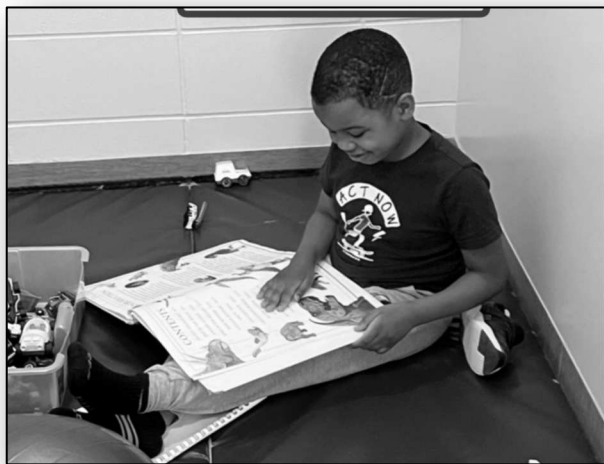
## Classroom News Continued...

### Room 21 Adapted Skills Program...

Happy New Year from Adapted Skills! We have really enjoyed our time with Rowena for Music Therapy and we are sad to see it end. We loved dancing, singing and playing instruments.

Students are back into routine and spending time in their classrooms making friends and learning new skills.

Swimming continues to be a class favourite as we learn to kick, splash and swim through the water.





# Gordon Bell Open House

February 16th 2023

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

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Please join us in person to meet teachers,  
check out offered programs, and tour the school.

A light snack will be provided.

Contact information:

Email: [gboffice@wsd1.org](mailto:gboffice@wsd1.org)

Phone: 204-774-5401



Open House for Grant Park will be on  
February 23, from 7PM to 8PM.



## Ecole River Heights School

Join us on Thursday February 2, 2023 for our in person  
Open House from 6:00pm - 8:00pm

-English Program

-French Immersion Program

-Late French Immersion Program

# February 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 Drop Everything And Read (DEAR) AM	2 Announcement quiz	Non-Instructional Day  No Classes
6  <b>Black History Week</b> Read a book by a black author	7  Read a poem by a black author	8  D.E.A.R PM	9  Announcement quiz	10  Do some art Inspired by a black artist
13  Joke book/ share a joke day Even try to make your own	14  Create a bookmark	15  D.E.A.R AM	16  Announcement quiz	17  Graphic Novel Day Create a super- hero or a few panels of a comic
20  <b>Louis Riel Day</b> <b>School Closed</b>	Non-Instructional Day  No Classes	22  D.E.A.R PM	23  Announcement quiz	24  Non-fiction day Read a piece of non fiction or a news article
27  Read the lyrics to a song	28  Wear a shirt with words or dress like a book character			

*I love to Read/Black History Month  
Activity Calendar*



# Wolseley School

February 2023



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 day 4	2 day 5	3 day 6 Non-Instructional Day No Classes
6 day 1	7 day 2	8 day 3	9 day 4	10 day 5
13 day 6	14 day 1 ♥	15 day 2	16 day 3	17 day 4
20 Louis Riel Day School Closed	21 day 5 Non-Instructional Day No Classes	22 day 6	23 day 1	24 day 2
27 day 3	28 day 4			

## March at a glance...

March 15 Report Cards go home

March 16 Student Led 4:30 - 7:30

March 17 Student Led 9:00 - 3:30 No Classes

March 27 - 31 Spring Break





WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION

**2023/2024**

# DRAFT BUDGET CONSULTATION

Central District Advisory – February 8, 7:00 p.m.  
Tec Voc High School, 1555 Wall Street

South District Advisory – February 9, 7:00 p.m.  
Collège Churchill High School, 510 Hay Street

North District Advisory – February 14, 7:00 p.m.  
Tyndall Park School, 2221 King Edward Street

Inner City District Advisory – February 15, 6:30 p.m.  
Hugh John MacDonald School, 567 Bannatyne Avenue

To present to the Board of Trustees on the topic of budgeting for WSD school programs and services for the 2023/2024 year, please pre-register to be added to the special meeting by contacting the Board Office at 204-789-0469 by noon, February 23, 2023.

Feedback can also be submitted via email or post:  
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