

STRATHCONA SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



January 2023

Dear Strathcona families,

Happy New Year! Welcome back to all of our Strathcona students and families. The last few weeks of December were such a wonderful celebration as we welcomed families into our beautifully decorated gym to enjoy our Winter Concert. Students also enjoyed a pancake breakfast prepared by staff and community volunteers which is a wonderful tradition.

Returning to school in January has brought a new focus on learning. Students will be once again immersed in engaging reading, writing, and mathematics lessons with an emphasis on integrating Indigenous perspectives across all subject areas. Our special focus this year has been developing our writing instruction, and students continue to work on authentic writing pieces in classrooms on a daily basis.

Teachers are collecting student writing, and can't wait to share their learning with you during our learning celebrations happening in mid-March.

We would like to give a big Strathcona welcome to our new acting Vice Principal, Brigitte Kosmac, who comes to us from Inclusion Support Services in Winnipeg School Division. Ms. Kosmac has a vast area of knowledge in the area of neurodiversity and has been a great addition to our staff. Please welcome her as she is often outside early in the morning and after school on the back playground.

IMPORTANT DATES

THURSDAY
JANUARY 5

CLASSES RESUME

THURSDAY
JANUARY 26

PARENT COUNCIL
MEETING
1:00 PM

FRIDAY
FEBRUARY 3

PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT DAY
NO CLASSES

At Strathcona we are always looking for volunteers to help out in the school. If you have an interest in helping out with our breakfast/snack program, or in our classrooms with students, please contact our community support worker Lee Tavares for more information.

We are excited for another great month of learning at Strathcona School!

Respectfully,

Jeremy Midford
Principal

Brigette Kosmac
Acting Vice Principal

STRATHCONA VISION:

Cultivating the full potential of every child with an emphasis on citizenship, creativity, critical thinking and community

STRATHCONA MISSION:

We are dedicated to creating an equitable and culturally responsive learning environment that reflects the diverse needs of our community. We value building an inclusive atmosphere that fosters the emotional, intellectual, social and physical growth of each student. We acknowledge learning is enhanced through sharing, caring, laughing, questioning and growing. We believe everyone shares in the responsibility for student success.

CELEBRATIONS IN DECEMBER



December was filled with celebrations and learning showcases, including our traditional Winter Concert and Pancake Breakfast! Staff and generous donations from community organizations help make this possible for our amazing Strathcona students! Even Santa came to visit.



COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Parent Council Meetings (Community, Conversation, and Coffee)

Strathcona School is always looking for new voices to join our Community, Conversation, and Coffee. All parents, grandparents, and guardians are welcome to join for coffee and a light dinner. We hope to see you there! Please come to the front doors on McKenzie Street when you arrive!

Next Meeting: Thursday January 26th at 1:00 pm (all are welcome)

Calling all volunteers:

Strathcona School is currently looking for volunteers to help out in the kitchen as well as some work in classrooms. If you are interested in developing your skills and lending a hand, please contact our Community Support Worker Lee Tavares at 204-586-8493 for more information.

Strathcona School and Food Rescue Project

Strathcona School is pleased to announce that we are one of many organizations that have been chosen to participate in the Canadian Food Rescue Project.

The Food Rescue Project provides our school with additional food support to enhance our amazing breakfast and snack program.

At times the food that is provided to our school comes in very large quantities that is much more than we can use for our nutrition programs. When this occurs we are able to share the food with our families and community members.

If you would like to receive some of this surplus food from the Community Pantry please contact Ms. Lee Tavares, School/Community Support Worker at 204-586-8493 or ltavares@wsd1.org and Ms. Tavares will connect with you when there is food available to share.



JANUARY 2023

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2	3	4 Winter Break Ends	5 Day 3 School Reopens	6 Day 4
9 Day 5	10 Day 6	11 Day 1	12 Day 2	13 Day 3
16 Day 4 Lighthouse Program 3:30—4:45 pm Room 19	17 Day 5	18 Day 6 Lighthouse Program 3:30—4:45 pm Room 19	19 Day 1	20 Day 2
23 Day 3 Lighthouse Program 3:30—4:45 pm Room 19	24 Day 4	25 Day 5 Lighthouse Program 3:30—4:45 pm Room 19	26 Day 6 Parent Council 1:00 pm	27 Day 1
30 Day 2 Lighthouse Program 3:30—4:45 pm Room 19	31 Day 3			