



The energy in the hallways of Prairie Rose School is electric! The students have quickly embraced the opportunities and experiences offered to them by our dedicated team of staff, be it in the classroom, the hallways, the gymnasium, extra-curricular or on the playground. School spirit is evident in the number of students who have made the commitment to our Soccer Teams and the Terry Fox Run.

Thank you to all of the parents who came out to our Meet the Teacher evening. It was nice to meet all of the new faces and reconnect with familiar ones. We invite you to stop by anytime you have a question or a comment.

Our Parent Staff Association plays an important and active role in our school and always welcomes new faces to their monthly meetings. Parents have the opportunity to engage in discussion and provide feedback regarding all aspects of school life and benefit from information shared by guest speakers. Please mark your calendars for the first meeting scheduled for **Wednesday, October 19 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. Watch Seesaw for the notice and the link.**

We also want to congratulate our amazing students for an excellent start to another year of learning, their behaviour and focus on learning is noteworthy! We strongly believe in working together with the parents and the community to provide the best possible experiences for your children and encourage parental involvement in all of our programs.

Mr. Romaniuk



I would like to take this opportunity, once again, to welcome all of our students and their families to the 113-AM Nursery / Kindergarten program!

I would also like to say “Thank-you” again, to all of the parents for taking the time out of their busy schedules to attend the in-take interviews. It was such a wonderful opportunity to be able to meet you in-person, share information about our program and show you the classroom; especially as we are transitioning out of the pandemic restrictions of the past 2 years.

The children have been adapting to their roles as Prairie Rose students very quickly, as they have already become familiar with our daily routines! They have also been hard at work learning about the Seven Sacred Teachings, by focusing on Respect (embodied by the Buffalo) and what it means to have and show respect to themselves, each other, our classroom, and the school.

In addition, they have been working on their literacy, math, drawing, painting, colouring, cutting and social skills. They have also been learning all about Trees, including the various parts of a tree and what is happening to the trees with the arrival of the Fall season.

October is shaping up to be a very busy and exciting month as well, so please continue to join us on SeeSaw in order to stay informed about all of the things happening in the classroom, like the “Buffalo” and “Fall Tree” artwork the children have been creating, which will be posted soon!

**\*\*\*REMINDER:** *Please pre-screen your child(ren) for cold and flu-like symptoms prior to coming to school. If they are coughing, have a runny nose, fever, congestion or complain of a sore throat, **please keep them at home until they are symptom-free.** Your child’s health and the health of the rest of the class are the most important thing! Please help us to prevent your child(ren)’s symptoms from getting worse and support our ongoing effort to keep the rest of the class and the school healthy.*

Over the Thanksgiving weekend, please try to think of all that you are thankful for and know that we at Prairie Rose are very thankful for all of you and your endless support!

Sincerely,

Ms. D 😊



## Ms. Uskalo Grade 1 & 2 News:

It has been so wonderful to have everyone back at Prairie Rose School! The students and staff have been busy making new connections and building relationships.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the families who came out for our meet the staff night. We look forward to working with each and every one of you to help your child grow socially, emotionally, and academically throughout this school year!

We have had a great start to the school year! Everyone is developing new friendships in the classroom and we are adjusting well to the classroom routines and expectations of the school day.

In Language Arts we have begun our Daily 5 activities where students have the opportunity to practice various reading and writing skills adjusted to each student's learning level. In addition, each student has started their Home Reading Program with books they have been reading in class. We request that you listen to your child read and initial your child agenda book.

In math, students have been reviewing basic number concepts such as building and representing numbers to 50 and to 100, as well as, learning/ reviewing math vocabulary such as greater, more, less, fewer, and equal. We have also started using Dreambox to practice our math skills using fun and engaging games. Students can access their Dreambox from home for additional practice time. Information for logging into Dreambox from home can be found on our classroom brochure handed out at our meet the staff night.

In Science, we have focused on Air, Weather, and the Environment. Students have been learning about the water cycle, air movement, as well as the importance of clean air and water to all living things.

Room 208 has also spent the month of September preparing for National Day of Truth and Reconciliation. We have been learning about the significance of Orange Shirt Day and the 7 teachings: Love, Respect, Honesty, Truth, Humility, Courage, and Wisdom and how we can apply these teachings in our daily lives. Students also had the opportunity to create amazing pieces of art as well as their own shirt to celebrate National Day of Truth and Reconciliation and remind us that every child matters.

Once again, welcome back to the 2022/2023 school year!



## Mr. Brar, Grade 1 & 2 News:

Hello Prairie Rose Families. I hope all of the students in Room # 209 enjoyed their first month at school. We have worked on setting up the daily routines and started our learning journey with joy and enthusiasm. During September students have started working on Daily 5 which includes printing practice, writer's notebook, guided reading, read to self and Tumblebooks. Students are doing a great job of enhancing their reading and writing skills. In math, students have been working on representing numbers concretely, pictorially, and symbolically. They are progressing in their ability to compare, order, and add numbers. In science, students are learning about air and water in the environment. They have learned about the air temperature, wind, and four stages of the water cycle. They have also used the design process to construct and test a device that shows evidence of air movement.

During September we have been observing Truth and Reconciliation Day to honor the healing journeys of residential school survivors and their families. Students have been learning about Seven Sacred Teachings and have also completed their Orange Day Shirt Project on the teaching of Honesty. Prairie Rose School has raised funds for Terry Fox Foundation and organized our Terry Fox Run on Thursday, September 27, 2022. We have determined our learning objectives this month, and I'm hoping for a wonderful school year filled with learning, fun, and excitement. See you in next month's newsletter!  
Happy fall!

Room#209



Ms. Simons, Grade 3 & 4 News:

I have had a great first few weeks of school with the students of room 214. It has been a lot of fun getting to know each other! Students in 214 have been familiarizing themselves with me, the classroom, their new classmates and their new routines. It feels great to be back into groups and doing cooperative learning activities in the classroom again! In ELA, we started the year with our “Me in a Nutshell” activity where students shared with the whole class. We started Daily 5 which has students reading to themselves, reading to someone, listening to reading, doing word work and participating in writing activities. My start of year reading assessments are complete which means Home Reading packages will be coming home soon. I'll send all the information home that you'll need to get started. We spent some time learning about the Seven Teachings with a focus on Wisdom for our classroom. Students showed their creative sides with our Northern Lights artwork that paired with our Wisdom learning. We learned about residential schools, designed our own orange shirts and discussed the importance of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. In math, we jumped right into a candy store project. The project reviews different math concepts such as reading graphs, place value, using money, problem solving, addition, and so on. We are almost finished, so you will be seeing these at home soon! Social Studies has had us busy learning about Canadian Geography and learning about the provinces and territories. Thank you to all of the families who joined us for our Meet the Teacher Night. It was lovely to meet you all and have a chat in person! October will be another busy month filled with our picture day, Thanksgiving activities, Halloween activities and our new Science and Math units. Please make sure to check Seesaw regularly for pictures, reminders and messages. Seesaw is the easiest way to get in touch with me. If you have any trouble connecting, please let me know either by calling the school or emailing me at [csimons@wsd1.org](mailto:csimons@wsd1.org). Thank you to all of the parents who are signing agendas everyday. Agendas are another great tool to keep communication rolling between home and school.

Happy Fall!

Ms. Simons



## Ms. Gill, Grade 3 & 4 News:

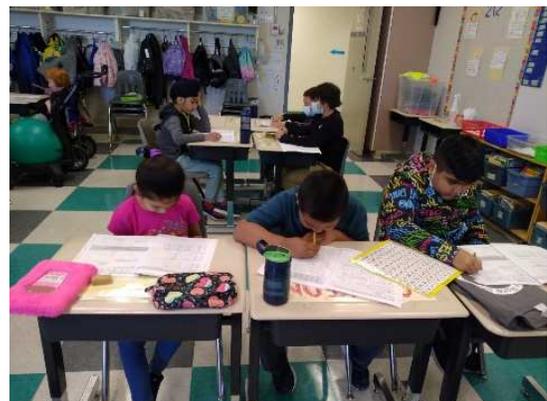
The first few weeks were well spent getting students used to their routines and the classroom. Students have been engaging in activities that helped them learn about each other. We welcomed families to join us for meet the Teacher event. It was exciting and my pleasure to see families at school

Reading and writing are very important literacy skills and in order to build these skills students will read uninterrupted for 20 minutes, to help build their reading stamina. Students are asked to write every day on different topics such as working on creative writing, retelling and story writing. Writing every day helps students to develop their vocabulary. Once the reading assessment is done, I will be sending home reading every day. We will be starting Raz Kids, an online reading tool that will help students improve their reading levels. We are also starting Daily 5, the components of Daily 5 are read to self, write, read to someone, word work and listening to reading.

We also learned about the Seven Teachings by reading and watching Indigenous stories. But we particularly learned about Humility. Students brainstormed the ways to be humble and how Humility effects their daily lives. For Math, students reviewed number and the different ways to represent by using thousand blocks, hundred blocks, tens blocks and ones blocks. We are also using DreamBox which is a great math tool. For Science, we started our first unit on Light. We learned about natural and artificial sources of light and types of material on the basis of how they act when light beams hit the material (Transparent, Translucent and Opaque). For Art, we painted orange shirts for The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. We learned about the story behind this day and the importance of this day.

If you have any questions or concerns please message me on SeeSaw or email me at [kigill@wsd1.org](mailto:kigill@wsd1.org).

Thanks for reading!



## Mr. Toscza, Grade 5 & 6 News:

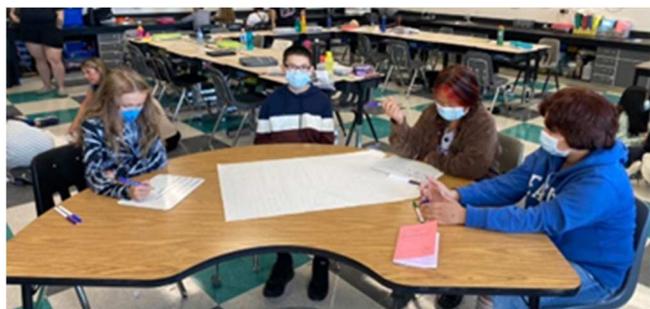
Welcome back to Prairie Rose School for another year of learning! We are glad to see that everyone had a safe and enjoyable summer! In room 211, we welcomed many students to our classroom who have come from room 212 and 214. However, one new student in our classroom is brand new to Prairie Rose School and we would like to give a special welcome to Khloe. We thought that coming back to school would be hard this year but it feels like we never left and we have already learned so much in such a short time.

In Math, we have been learning about time and how to read an analog clock. We have been focusing on the difference between the long hand and short hand, how to count minutes, understanding how an hour hand moves, elapsed time (the difference between two times), and some of us are even working on understanding military time. It is great to have this practice as many of us didn't know how to read a clock. We have also been using our Dreambox every day and each one of us gets to work on our own individualized math goals assigned by Mr. Toscza. (Did you know we can use Dreambox at home?)

In ELA, we have started learning about the Daily 5 and how it can improve our reading and writing skills. We have to do five different things almost every day. The first one is Read to Self, where we practice independent reading. The second one is Read to Someone where we practice reading to a partner. The third one is work on project where we spend time on our own personalized inquiry project. The fourth one is work on writing where we can work on a piece of writing like a story or a poem. The fifth one is listen to reading where we use the program Sora or Raz Kids where a book is read to us and it helps us to understand books.

We spent so much time learning and having fun in the few weeks since returning to school. We hope that we will learn many new things and have even more fun during the rest of the school year! See you in next month's newsletter!

Sincerely, Room 211



## Mr. Forbister, Grade 5 & 6 News:

Hello, welcome, and welcome back to Room 215! We've had a busy month full of meeting new people, getting used to new routines, and learning new things in Room 215!

We began the school year by diving right into our first novel study. *My Name is Seepetza* is a story about a girl who attends a Residential School. She writes in a diary for an entire year. This story is based on the author, Shirley Sterling's own experiences in the Residential School system. It reminds us of the hard times that Indigenous children had in the school system.

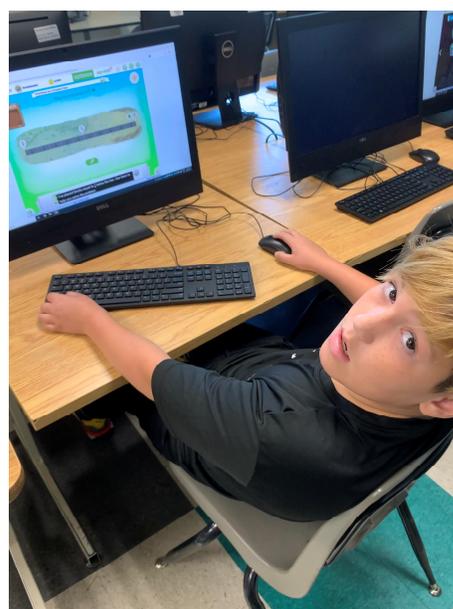
We also learned about the Seven Teachings, particularly the Eagle, which represents love. We thought about all the ways that we love and are loved in our lives. We all got to design shirts for Orange Shirt Day, which is a very important day to remember what happened in Residential Schools.

In Math, we started to work on our quick mental math skills. There are a lot of good tips and tricks to help us add quickly in our head. We also use DreamBox to help us learn new math skills.

In 215, we will be doing some work on Seesaw as well. If you are connected, you may be able to see some of our reflections on Orange Shirt Day as well as a word art project. Make sure to leave a comment on our work! This is also the best place to get in contact with our teacher.

One month in and we're going strong! In October we are going to look at the election for the new mayor of Winnipeg.

Thanks for reading our newsletter!





# Prairie Rose Pumpkin Contest

Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022

9am - 3pm in the Library

- Bring your carved and/or decorated pumpkin to the library in the morning on October 31<sup>st</sup>
- Pumpkins will be judged by staff Members
- Prizes will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>
- (everyone gets a small prize for entering)

Good luck and Happy Halloween!!!



## Help Keep Batteries Out of Landfills!

When batteries are not recycled properly, they can end up in landfills where they not only add to solid waste but can also potentially release harmful materials into the environment. Call2Recycle collects and recycles almost 3 million kg of batteries each year. That's more than the weight of 500 African elephants! You can do your part to make sure more batteries are recycled by participating in the **Battery Blitz School Mission!**

**Your Mission is to recycle as many used batteries as you can by bringing them into your school and disposing of them in the Call2Recycle collection box.**

**The school that recycles  
the most batteries  
(by weight)  
will win\* \$3,000!**



### Dear Parents / Guardians,

The Earth Rangers and Call2Recycle Battery Blitz School Mission launched in your child's school today during the Earth Rangers School Assembly Program.

In Honour of Waste Reduction Week this October, students are being asked to bring in their used batteries to school. Any battery under 5 kg (with the exception of wet-cell batteries) can be brought in. Refer to [www.earthrangers.com/batteryblitzschoolcontest](http://www.earthrangers.com/batteryblitzschoolcontest) for guidelines on how to prepare household batteries for recycling.

Starting on Monday, October 3, schools from all across Manitoba will participate in the Battery Blitz School Mission Contest. Participating schools will have until Tuesday, November, 1 2022 to collect as many used batteries as they can and bring them to their school. Three amazing Cash Grand Prizes are available for the 3 schools that bring in the most batteries by weight. 1st place - \$3,000, 2nd place - \$2,000 and 3rd place - \$1,000. Plus, any school that exceeds 750 kg will receive a bonus \$150 Visa gift card for a pizza party! For more details, please visit [www.earthrangers.com/batteryblitzschoolcontest](http://www.earthrangers.com/batteryblitzschoolcontest)

Call2Recycle has collected and recycled almost 30 million kgs of batteries since the program has started!

Generously supported by:



To find the nearest Call2Recycle collection site, please visit <http://www.call2recycle.ca/>

\* No purchase necessary. In order to receive this prize, there must be a battery submission on record. The "Battery Blitz School Mission Contest" (the "Contest") closes on Tuesday, November 1, 2022 at 5:00pm CST. Open only to elementary schools in Manitoba that have been registered for the Contest. For more information and full rules and regulations, visit [www.earthrangers.com/batteryblitzschoolcontest](http://www.earthrangers.com/batteryblitzschoolcontest)

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## THURSDAY October 20

Motts Fruitsations	\$0.50	
Bear Paw Chocolate Chip	\$0.75	
Wagon Wheel	\$0.50	
Bag of Ketchup Chips	\$1.00	
Bag of Original Chips	\$1.00	
Pizza Pop	\$1.50	

Total amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Exact Change Please)

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Rm# \_\_\_\_\_

Orders Due: **Wednesday October 19th**

## IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO PARENTS

Student safety is always a concern for Prairie Rose School and it is noted that many of our students do not know their name, address, phone numbers or name of parents.

For their safety we ask that you teach your child their personal information so when asked they can help identify themselves.

For our bus students it would also be helpful for them to learn what bus they ride and the name of their teacher and their classroom number.

Please take some time to review the following with your children and help teach them this important information.



### Parking Lot at Prairie Rose School:

Please remember that all parking stalls in the parking lot are reserved and paid for by staff members. When dropping off your child we ask that you use caution and loop through the lot. Do not park in the parking lot. You can however park on any side street surrounding the school. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



#### Patrol Duty Schedule



8:45 A.M. - 8:55 A.M.  
11:55 A.M. - 12:05 P.M.  
12:45 P.M. - 12:55 P.M.

#### VERY IMPORTANT:

**Prairie Rose Elementary Schools'** handicapped (automatic) doors are located at the south (parking lot) and north entrances (in both the entrance and foyer).

These doors are extremely helpful in assisting our adaptive skills students in manoeuvring into and out of the school. When used unnecessarily, the cost of repair and maintenance is excessive.

**We respectfully request that the automatic doors only be used when absolutely needed.**

**Your assistance in helping us keep the cost of maintenance to a minimum is much appreciated.**



## Safety and Security Procedures at Prairie Rose School

Prairie Rose School and the Winnipeg School Division believe the safety and security of students and staff is a major priority. While schools cannot prevent a crisis situation from happening, they can be prepared to respond quickly, efficiently and appropriately. Knowing what to do in an emergency situation helps to ensure the safety of all students and staff.



Each year the school takes several precautions to help prepare students and staff for possible situations. Fire drills are practiced in order to prepare students for a possible emergency. The school also prepares for security issues and also practices for possible emergency security situations with a lock down procedure. Should security of the school be put into danger the school will implement a lock down procedure. If this is required, an announcement will be made stating " Attention all staff and students, activate lockdown, we are implementing a lockdown, I repeat we are implementing a lockdown."

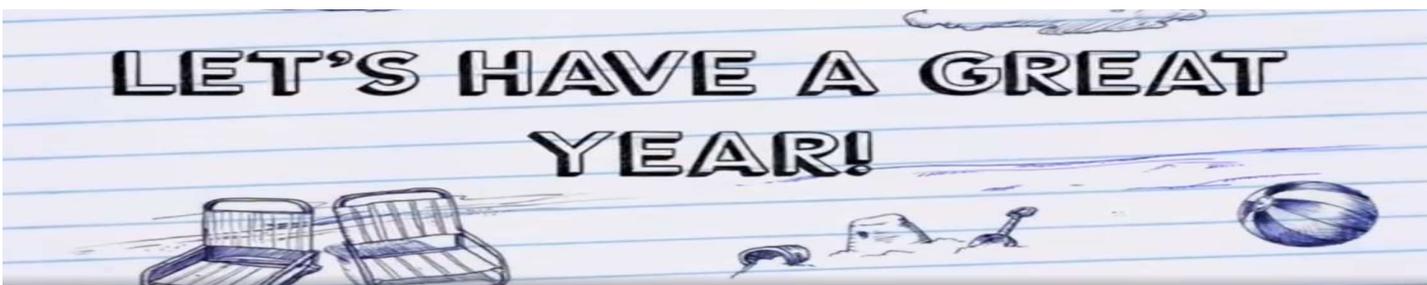
In the event of a possible threat or safety issue outside of the school the school may implement a Hold and Secure procedure. If this is required, an announcement will be made stating "This is a security alert. Please secure the building, I repeat this is a security alert, please secure the building. A Hold and Secure is in effect, I repeat a Hold and Secure is in effect." In the event that the school has to be evacuated please note that all students will be relocated to Garden Grove 2340 Burrows Avenue.

It is important to be prepared for any possible emergency. Prairie Rose School strives to be a safe and welcoming environment for our entire school community.

We will continue with fire drills and will be practicing our lockdown procedures in the next few weeks.

## OFFICE HOURS

Please note that our clerical staffing has been reduced and we only have 1 clerk in the office this year. This means that over the lunch hour the office will be closed. Please remember to call between the hours of 8:00AM and before 12:00 or after lunch between 1:00PM to 4:00PM



## Physical Education News by Ms. McFadyen:

Hello Prairie Rose families. I hope all of the students enjoyed their first month back at school. We have been having fun in the gym and I expect all students to try their best and to show respect to all their classmates. During the month of September, we worked on playing low organized games in the gym. This helped the students understand the rules of the gym and taught the students how to play together. We also participated in the Terry Fox Run as a school community by running laps in the field. Students in Kindergarten-Grade 2 continue to learn and improve on their fundamental movement skills. The students in Grades 3-6 have been learning soccer skills such as dribbling, passing and shooting. The students in Grade 5 and 6 are also learning positional play and are getting ready for their soccer tournament on October 6, 2022. I can't wait to cheer them on!



## Music Room News:

Welcome back to school Prairie Rose community! I hope students were excited to come back to school and get back to routine. Music class will once again take place in room 111 which is on the main floor across from the office. Students in Grade 1/2 will focus on the fundamentals of music education. They will start with the basics, such as: steady beat, simple rhythms, simple music language and beginning notation. Students will discover these things through playing, exploring, dancing, and creating. Students in Grades 3-6 will continue their music education with a more focused approach. Students will experience the basic fundamentals of music education in more depth through playing, exploring, dancing, and creating. They will be able to apply the fundamentals in many different music situations. This year there will be a focus on music theory, music history, and song writing. Students in Grade 3-6 will once again be playing recorder this year! As well as the Students in Grades 5/6 will continue the keyboard music program that was created two years ago. I look forward to making music with you in the music room this year!

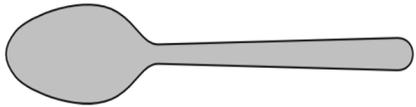


## National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

The Seven Sacred Teachings are the guiding principles on how to live our lives and are: Love, Respect, Courage, Truth, Honesty, Humility and Wisdom. To honour the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on September 30, 2022, students in Nursery to Grade 6 at Prairie Rose School took part in a school-wide project surrounding the Seven Sacred Teachings. Each classroom studied one of the teachings in depth and painted an orange t-shirt to wear on September 29<sup>th</sup> when the Winnipeg School Division is recognizing Every Child Matters Day. Students will bring their t-shirt home for the 30<sup>th</sup>. Students also spent time on other activities to deepen their understanding on their teaching such as reading various books including learning about Phyllis Webstad, watching videos and participating in the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation Week activities/events.



## Lunch Program information



### Prairie Rose School Lunch Program General Information

Prairie Rose School's Parent Council runs a non-profit lunch program for Grades 1 to 6. Lunch program fees and registration were due September 16th. Thank you to those families who have registered and paid! If you have not yet registered your child for the 2022-2023 Lunch Program, please be advised that payment is required for full time attendance.

Payment is as follows: 1 full-time payment of \$300.00 per child (cash/cheque) 10 post-dated cheques for \$30.00 dated the 1st of each month from September-June. Daily drop-in fee of \$2.50 which includes milk.

\*Discounted rates applied to families with more than one child. For details and other information about the Lunch Program please find the brochure/registration form in the school office or on our school website.

Should you have a question or a request regarding the Lunch Program, please email Ms. Jenna Mendoza, the Lunch Program Coordinator at [jmendoza@wsd1.org](mailto:jmendoza@wsd1.org)

Jenna Mendoza  
Lunch Program Coordinator  
Parent Staff Advisory

### Allergy Alert

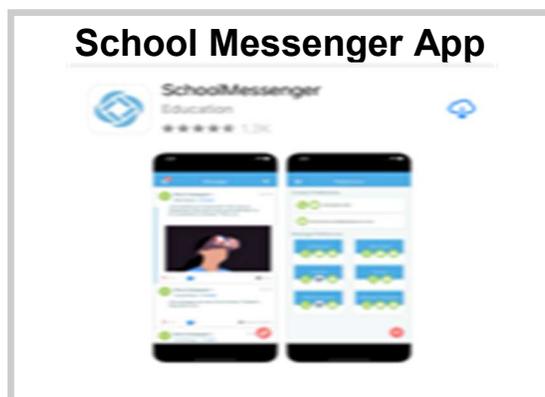
Please be aware we have students in the lunch program with allergies to all **nuts, seafood, fish and egg**. Please remind your child not to share food with friends or accept food from anyone, as well please be mindful of what you pack your child for lunch.

## SAFE ARRIVAL/SCHOOL MESSENGER... How to Report an Absence to the School

Please note that all students who are not in attendance at school during any given day, are part of the school-wide call back system.

Teachers report the names of children who are absent, and if the parent of the absent child has not called the Safe Arrival Call In System at **1-855-278-4513** to report their absence, they will be notified by phone at their home or workplace regarding the student's absence by the automated system. You can also download the app "School Messenger" the blue icon and this will then allow you to enter in any absences directly from your app on the phone.

They will continue to be called every 5 minutes until they verify the absence. In order to ensure the safety of our students, it is imperative that parents/guardians notify the school of any absences or late arrivals. Students who arrive at school late are instructed to call the office once at Cohort door for a staff member to pick them up.



WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION

# SAFE ARRIVAL

Before the bell time of the current day,  
call **1-855-278-4513**  
or visit <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>  
to report your student's absence

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR PRAIRIE ROSE SCHOOL

NOVEMBER 2022	
1-3	Hearing Screening – N/K
15	Picture Retakes
15	Report Cards Go Home
17	Parent Teacher Conferences in the evening
18	NO SCHOOL - Parent Teacher Conferences
24	Canteen Day
DECEMBER, 2022	
15	Canteen Day
16	N/K Winter Celebration 9:45 am - 1:45 pm
20	Winter Concert Gr. 1-6
21	Last day before Winter Break (22rd – Jan 4th)
JANUARY 2023	
5	School Opens Day 4
26	Canteen Day
20	NO SCHOOL Non-Instructional Day
FEBRUARY 2023	
3	NO SCHOOL Non-Instructional Day
6-19	Mobile Vision Screening
20	Louis Riel Day
21-24	I Love to Read Week
23	Canteen Day
24	Grade 6 Camp to Camp Assiniboia
MARCH 2023	
14	Report Cards Go Home
16	Parent Teacher Conferences in the evening
17	NO SCHOOL - Parent Teacher Conferences
23	Canteen Day
24	Last day of School before Spring Break

APRIL 2023	
3	School Opens Day 6
7	Good Friday
20	Canteen Day
14	NO SCHOOL – Non-Instructional Day
25 or 27 TBD	Bus Ridership
MAY 2023	
1	NO SCHOOL – Non-Instructional Day
18	Canteen Day
22	Victoria Day – NO SCHOOL
30	Welcome to Kindergarten 4:00-5:00
JUNE 2023	
15	Canteen Day
16	Talent Show
22	N/K Year End Celebration 9:45 and 1:45
22	Patrol Trip to Lilac Resort
23	NO SCHOOL – Non-Instructional Day
27	Report Cards Go Home
27	Grade 6 Farewell – 10:00
28	Field Day - AM
30	Last Day of School – Dismissal for Students at 11:30 a.m.





# PRAIRIE ROSE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CALENDAR

Telephone: 204-633-4092 Fax: 204-633-4902

## OCTOBER 2022



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
3 Day 1	4 Day 2	5 Day 3	6 Day 4	7 Day 5
10 <b>Thanksgiving Day</b> <b>No School</b>	11 Day 6  <i>Picture Day</i>	12 Day 1	13 Day 2	14 Day 3
17 Day 4	18 Day 5	19 Day 6  Canteen Orders Due  Bus Ridership 	20 Day 1  Canteen Day	21 Day 2  <b>Non Instructional Day</b> <b>MTS PD day</b>
24 Day 3	25 Day 4	26 Day 5	27 Day 6	28 Day 1
31 Day 2 <i>Happy Halloween</i>  				