

École Assiniboine

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Principal's Message



Come join us for "La fête d'hiver", a winter celebration featuring our K-2 students who will be singing and dancing to French seasonal songs. The students have been busy practicing and are getting excited to perform for your enjoyment.

In order to accommodate the high number of Kindergarten, grade 1 and grade 2, students, there will be two dates for the concert with specific rooms performing on each day. Students from K-12am, K-12pm (Mme Godin), Rm. 1-05 (Mme Hernandez) and Rm. 2-01 (Mme Vanderwey) will perform on Wednesday, December 14th at 1:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. Students from K-16am (M. Charrette), Rm. 1-04 (Mme Pelletier), Rm. 1/2-06 (Mme Hoch) and Rm. 2-03 (M. Lacroix) will perform on Thursday, December 15th at 10:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. There will be a silver collection at the door for The Children's Hospital Foundation. Remember to bring mittens, toques and scarves for our Mitten Tree.

The grades 3, 4 & 5 students will be involved in a spring musical play in April. There will be more about the musical as the date approaches.

On behalf of the staff, I would like to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season. May the new year bring you joy, peace and good health!

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Attachments:

- Sewer Project Open House
- Dec. & Jan. Calendars

Special points of interest:

- **Early Dismissals:** 2:45 pm
Tues., Dec. 1 & Tues., Dec. 15
- **Winter Concerts:** 1:00 & 6:30 pm
Dec 16: K-16 am & pm 1/2-05, 2-01
Dec 17: K-12 am, 1-04, 1-06, 2-03
- **Winter Break:** Mon., Dec. 21 to Fri., Jan. 3
- **Schools Re-open:** Mon., Jan. 4
- **Early Dismissals in January:**
Tues., Jan. 5 & Tues., Jan. 19

Parking Changes / Combined Sewer Project

Please be advised that due to the upcoming construction for the Combined Sewer Overflow project, we have had to make changes to parking spaces. We ask that you avoid parking in reserved spots. Please note that the majority of spaces in both lots are now assigned parking stalls that have been paid for by school and daycare staff. There are currently 2 spots marked as "Visitor" for people visiting or volunteering at the school. We ask that you use the open spots beside the garbage bins, alongside the chain link fence, for picking up or dropping off students.

The decision to do the sewer work was made by the City of Winnipeg. A public consultation organized by City Councilor Gillingham will be held on Thursday, December 8, 2016 at 6:00 pm in the school gymnasium. Please see the attached notice that was sent to area residents and businesses.

Kindergarten Information Night & Registration

You are invited to attend a Parent Information Meeting on Monday, January 23, 2017 at 7:00 pm in room 12. The kindergarten teachers will be there to tell you about teaching strategies in kindergarten and you will learn about activities in the school. Information kits and registration forms will be available. (Once registered, your child will be invited to attend an orientation evening in the spring.)

Registration for the 2017-2018 school year starts on Friday, January 27, 2017. École Assiniboine will be accepting registrations from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm on January 27th and then daily until 4:00 p.m. thereafter. More information will follow.

Please call the school at 204-885-2216 if you have any questions about the program or about registration.

Student Volunteers

Thanks again to all our student volunteers for their continued efforts. It is your hard work and dedication that helps to make École Assiniboine FANTASTIQUE!!!!

Patrols are on duty from 8:15 - 8:30 a.m., from 11:20 - 11:30 a.m. and from 3:10 - 3:25 p.m.

Please be advised that the patrols will not be on duty if the temperature is -28°C or colder.

Student ambassadors and helpers assist young students in the classrooms with coats, mittens and boots. They also monitor student interactions on the playground. Student leaders assist M. Sénécal with gym activities.

Emergency Procedures

For your information, we will be practicing lockdown and tornado procedures in the new year.

Volunteers at School

Thank you to all volunteers who help in one way or another. École Assiniboine is truly a wonderful community!

Music Notes

1. The grade 4 / 5 choir students will bring some holiday cheer to the residents at Golden West Centennial Lodge at 811 School Road. The concert will take place from 10:15 - 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 7th. This gives the students a great opportunity for community involvement and kind citizenship.

2. Our K-2 winter concerts will be held in the École Assiniboine gymnasium as follows:

- **Wednesday, December 14th at 1:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.:** Students in rooms K-12am & K-12pm (Mme Godin), room 1-05 (Mme Hernandez) and room 2-01 (Mme Vanderwey)
- **Thursday, December 15th at 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.:** Students in room K-16am (M. Charrette), room 1-04 (Mme Pelletier), room 1/2-06 (Mme Hoch) and room 2-03 (M. Lacroix)

Students should arrive at **6:00 p.m.** for the evening concert in order to get ready to go on stage. The front door and the gym doors will be opened at that time. In the **evening**, you may park in the bus loop, but the north doors by the bus loop will not be opened. All students are encouraged to attend both concerts as it is a great way to share their musical learning, to get into the holiday spirit and to perform in front of others. The concert is approximately 35-40 minutes long.



No Parking / No Stopping



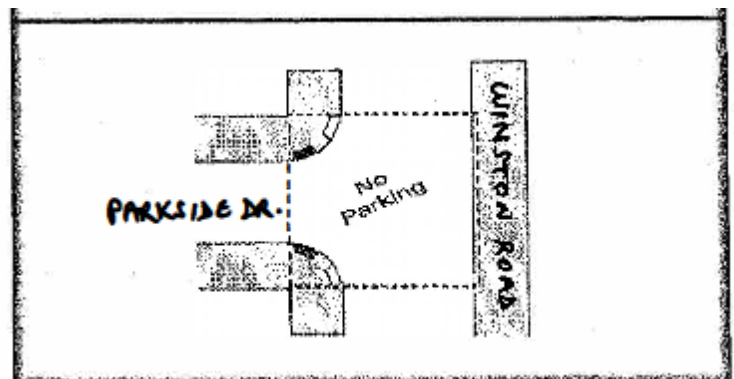
no parking or stopping area in front of the school between the posted signs. When cars are stopped or parked there, patrols cannot see **coming** **WUDII** **less** they walk to the middle of the road **WRORRNDURQGWKHVHM, HADROHM** is not safe.

Also, please **SLOW DOWN** on Winston Road. The new speed limit is **30km per hour** and traffic enforcement will be monitoring at various times. We do our best to ensure the safety of our kids, but we need your cooperation as well. Merci!

Please be advised that cars have been ticketed recently when parked on Winston Road and on Parkside Drive at the intersection at the south side of the school.

The diagram to the right shows the no parking area.

There are no signs to indicate that there is no parking allowed there, but according to Winnipeg parking by-law No. 86/2016, Section 16(1)(f), you cannot park your vehicle within 3m of an intersection. This is any place where two public streets meet and includes "T intersections", such as this one. The fine is \$50 if paid within 15 days or \$100 if paid 16 days after the ticket was issued.



École Assiniboine's Commitment to Social Justice

In keeping with our tradition, we will be collecting new mittens, socks and scarves for the Christmas Cheer Board. These articles will be put up on our tree just in front of the office. We will be collecting until Friday, December 18th. The school will donate these items to the Cheer Board over the break.

This year we will, once again, be doing many things to help those in need and support our commitment to making the world a better place:



- On September 30th, we supported the Terry Fox Foundation with our Terry Fox Run.
- On December 2, our grade 5 students went to the Christmas Cheer Board to help pack hampers.
- Our grade 4 / 5 choir will be singing at Golden West Centennial Lodge on December 7th at 10:15 a.m.
- Each classroom has partnered with another classroom and have “adopted a family” to create hampers for the Salvation Army.
- During our winter concerts, we will have a silver collection to support the Syrian refugees moving to Canada
- We are collecting “Koats for Kids” items for the United Way

Koats for Kids

For a kid, a coat is more than just a piece of clothing, it's a chance to build friendships while building a snow fort; to learn to skate and to dream. It's the difference between watching through a window and being there among your friends - just being a kid.

For the past 25 years, United Way Koats for Kids has been creating opportunities for kids to be kids by collecting and distributing new and gently used winter outerwear free of charge to Winnipeg children and their families.



Donations of winter outerwear (winter coats / ski pants / winter boots) can be brought to **École Assiniboine** and we will take them to the Koats for Kids depot. **We will be collecting these items until February 12, 2016.**

Koats for Kids accepts all sizes of winter outerwear for infants and children. The largest size they will accept is a size 16 or youth large. Their highest demand is for boys' and girls' sizes 5 to 14. All donations of winter outerwear should be clean, gently used and in good condition. Zippers must be in working order. Outerwear in need of dry cleaning will be taken to Perth's.

Distribution is coordinated through elementary schools, daycares and United Way agency partners throughout Winnipeg. If you are in need of outerwear for your children through the Koats for Kids program, check with your child's school or daycare or call 204-586-KOAT(5628).

Bus Cancellations



Please be advised that with the cold winter weather upon us, there exists the possibility of school buses being cancelled for safety reasons. In the event of extremely cold weather (a wind chill hazard of -45°C or greater) buses will be cancelled and students will need alternate transportation.

The School Division will contact all parents to advise them of bus cancellations. The news media is also alerted to cancellations and Division websites are updated to reflect any announcements. Please ensure that the school is notified if your phone number changes so that we will be able to contact you.

Please remember that students must be at their bus stop at least **5 minutes before** their scheduled pick-up time. The driver needs to keep on time as much as possible to get to school before the entry bell rings. Thank you for your cooperation!



Literacy News

Instruction:

Each classroom is composed of children who read at various abilities. Teachers scaffold their literacy instruction to meet the needs of all students in their classroom. After this first reporting period, teachers fine tune their literacy goals for each child.

Student Goals:

- **MOTIVATION:** Each child will develop the belief that reading is an enjoyable and informative activity that is not beyond their ability.
- **COMPREHENSION:** Each child will use information and ideas in books and their background knowledge to understand the book and solve comprehension problems.
- **ALPHABETICS:** Each child will effectively use alphabetic information in word solving (look at the first letter, endings, chunks they know). This is NOT sounding out!
- **WORD LEARNING:** Each child will build their sight vocabulary and use word identification strategies to solve new words quickly while reading.
- **HIGH FREQUENCY WORDS:** Each child will effortlessly read high frequency words that they already know.
- **VOCABULARY AND LANGUAGE:** Each child will learn the meanings of new words encountered in books and be able to use them in conversation and in writing.

Procedures:

1. Students are placed in Guided Reading Groups that are both flexible and evolving.
2. Students have Reading Buddies where they are paired with other Grades.
3. Students study Spelling in both French and English ("Words Their Way")
4. Students participate in Home Reading in both French and English.
5. Students are read to every day at school.
6. Students read every day at school.



Outdoor Recess

Weather permitting, all students are required to go outside for recess. Please make sure your child is dressed for the cold weather (winter pants, toque, scarf, mitts, etc.)

Thank you for your cooperation.



Milk Program



Did you know that you can print your milk order forms at home? The form can be found on the school website at <http://assiniboine.sjsd.net>. On the home page, click on the "Parent Council" link in the column on the left. This will open the Parent Council page where you will find the link for the milk order form.

Thank you Mr. Ramey for coordinating the milk program!



BAKE SALE

Thank you to all the families who are contributing to our Holiday Bake Sale. We are looking forward to a successful event.

A friendly reminder that the deadline to drop off baked goods is Monday, December 12th. Please remember to stop by our Bake Sale immediately following the K-2 Winter Concerts on Dec 16 & 17. Please note the bake sale will only take place after the two evening performances. Any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us at ecoleassiniboinepc@outlook.com.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, January 11th at 6:00 p.m. Please come out and join us!

**Happy Holidays from the
École Assiniboine Parent Council!**



Water and Waste Department • Service des eaux et des déchets

November 28, 2016

You're Invited: Open House for a local CSO Relief Project

The City of Winnipeg is hosting an open house about a local Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Relief Project occurring in and around Jae Eadie Park on Parkside Drive.

Date: Thursday, December 8, 2016
Time: 6:00 - 8:00 pm (drop-in format)
Location: École Assiniboine School, 175 Winston Road

The project begins in January 2017 and will take approximately 19 months to complete. A new sewer outfall and some new land drainage sewers will be installed as part of the project. The new sewers and outfall will help improve the water quality of our local rivers and lakes, and protect your property from basement flooding. This project will also lead to the rejuvenation of a local park that will be briefly impacted by the construction.

A project of this complexity will require some significant construction and will likely cause some inconveniences for residents. We strongly encourage you to come to our open house to learn more about the project.

If you can't attend the open house, you can find information, and share your comments and questions with us through the following ways:



- visit our website at wwdengage.winnipeg.ca/cso
- email us at wwdfeedback@winnipeg.ca
- call 311, open 24 hours every day

Thank you and hope to see you there!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Nov 27	28	29	30	Dec 1	2	3
				9:30 AM GR. 3 SWIM PROGRAM	9:00 AM Gr. 5 students go to the Christmas Cheer Board to help pack hampers	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		2:45 PM EARLY DISMISSAL	9:45 AM Gr. 4-5 Choir sings at Golden West Centennial Lodge	9:30 AM GR. 3 SWIM PROGRAM		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
			1:00 PM & 6:30 PM: K-2 WINTER CONCERT (K-12am, K-12pm, Rm. 1-05, Rm. 2-01)	10:30 AM & 6:30 PM: K-2 WINTER CONCERT (K-16am, Rm. 1-04, Rm. 1/2-06, Rm. 2-03) 9:30 AM GR. 3 SWIM PROGRAM- Last class		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
		2:45 PM EARLY DISMISSAL		LAST DAY OF SCHOOL BEFORE WINTER BREAK		
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
						

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Dec 2016							Feb 2017						
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Jan 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
						
8	9 8:25 AM CLASSES RESUME	10 2:45 PM EARLY DISMISSAL	11 6:00 PM PARENT COUNCIL MEETING	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 7:00 PM École Ness Middle School Open House	20	21
22	23 7:00 PM Kindergarten Information Evening	24 2:45 PM EARLY DISMISSAL	25 9:00 AM Grade 4 Immunizations	26	27 8:00 AM Kindergarten Registration for 2017-2018 begins	28
29	30	31	Feb 1	2	3 INSERVICE DAY (No Classes)	4