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December 2023

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				STUDENT CHRISTMAS DINNER K - GRADE 8
18	19	20	21	22
STUDENT CHRISTMAS DINNER PRE-K (Mon. Wed. Group)	STUDENT CHRISTMAS DINNER PRE-K (Tues. Thurs. Group)	WJB Band Concert 1:00 - 2:00 pm Grades 5 - 8 In WJB Gymnasium	WJB Christmas Concert 6:30 - 7:30 pm Pre-K - Grade 4 In WJB Gymnasium	PAJAMA DAY Last Day of School
25	26	27	28	29
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PRINCIPAL & VICE-PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Dear Parents, Guardians and Students:

As we approach the joyous holiday season, we want to extend our warmest wishes to all the families in our school community. It has been a fantastic year of learning, growth, and memorable moments.

We are excited to announce our annual Christmas dinner for our K-8 students on Friday, December 15th. The Pre-K students will have their special Christmas dinners on December 18th and 19th, adding a touch of holiday magic to their days.

Mark your calendars for December 20th when our talented grade 5-8 students will showcase their musical prowess in the school gym with a not-to-be-missed band concert from 1:00 to 2:00 PM.

On December 21st, our Pre-K to grade 4 students will take the stage for a heartwarming Christmas concert from 6:30 to 7:30 PM. We invite you to join us for an evening filled with festive cheer and delightful performances.

To wrap up the week on a cozy note, December 22nd will be a pajama day! Students are encouraged to wear their comfiest sleepwear, and in the afternoon, they will enjoy a movie and popcorn with their classmates - a well-deserved treat and one of the incentives earned from the School Walk-a-Thon.

On behalf of the entire school staff, we want to express our sincere gratitude for your continued support throughout the year. As the holiday break approaches, we wish each and everyone of you a safe, joyful, and relaxing holiday season spent with family and friends.

May the spirit of the holidays fill your homes with warmth and happiness.

Happy holidays!

Mr. D. Tournier, Principal

Mrs. D. Court Vice - Principal

PRE-K

December is an exciting month for Pre-K! Our goals this month include taking care of our classroom and communicating with our peers. In November, we had a great turn out for parent teacher interviews, thank you to all of the parents who came! We have so much to look forward to in December! We have so many fun things planned, including our Christmas concert as well as other fun holiday activities! Our themes this month include feelings, gingerbread activities, and holiday activities. I hope everyone has a wonderful December!

Ms. Medinski



KINDERGARTEN

Happy December!



This month will be filled with Christmas fun!

We will be reading and retelling the Gingerbread Man story, as well as decorating (and eating) our gingerbread men.

We are excited about our various winter-themed centers and the beautiful and festive arts & crafts that will be filling our classroom.

The students are working hard at learning their songs for the Christmas concert and are very excited about this event.

Then, the students are also, excitedly waiting for the kindergarten Elf on the Shelf (Sprinkles) and to see what our little Elf gets up to.

We will be using various materials (such as plastic cups, blocks, recycled materials) to create and construct different types of Christmas trees.

In math we will focus on recognizing numbers on a dice, matching it with the corresponding numbers and writing the numbers 1-10. We will also be counting the days to our classroom Christmas party.

Mrs. Coertze

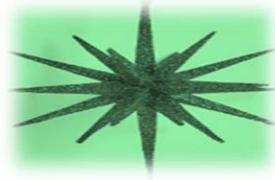


GRADE 1

Grade 1 has sure been busy soaring through our UFLI lessons. We have now leaned the short vowel sounds and many consonant sounds and have been using that knowledge to sound out and blend sounds together to read short words and simple sentences. The students could use extra support with this at home. Please ensure you are spending time each night helping your child navigate through their homework. We have been learning about our five senses in science and having a lot of fun exploring what we can do with our senses. We have been counting and estimating in math as well as exploring numbers on ten frames and two-part mats. Thank you to the families who made time to come and chat during parent/teacher interviews. It is always a pleasure to meet up with families. Have a great December and a beautiful holiday season! 😊

Ms. Wintringham





GRADE 2

November has flown by so quickly, it's hard to believe that it's already December! We are all so excited for the holidays and all the fun we have planned! We are also looking forward to visits from our classroom elf Sparkles!

In math, we have been learning how to add 2 digit numbers and be starting to learn how to regroup. Addition, practice at home will help students learn their addition facts and give them confidence in their work. I also encourage families to read together and to practice the decodable reading and UFLI pages that students are bringing home. I wish everyone a happy healthy holiday season and look forward to working with you in the new year!

Mrs. Dansereau

GRADE 3

Wow, December has arrived quickly! Our class has finished a Live Arts Metis beading design made of pompoms. This turned out beautifully as we learned a little about the cultural traditions of Metis people, the connection and relationship to the land, and each other. In Social Studies we are studying Christmas Traditions from around the World and creating a few decorations based on these traditions!

December will be a fun-filled month in our classroom with the festive season upon us! Merry Christmas and happy holidays to you and your family from myself, and the grade three classroom.

Mrs. Winsor

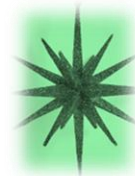
GRADE 4

Happy December!

It's hard to believe that Christmas is just around the corner! We have been so busy working on spelling, writing, and reading strategies! In Math we have wrapped up addition, and we are currently working on learning how to tell time! Please practice telling time at home by asking your child to read your clocks! In December, we will be practicing for the Christmas Concert, making cards, and hopefully going caroling to River Breeze Senior's Home!

Attendance is very important! Please do your best to get to school on time as important teaching happens all day long! Wishing you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year!

Mrs. Willie



GRADE 5

Welcome to the fourth month of the school year and the final month of 2023!!! December is upon us, and it promises to be full of evening Christmas concerts, afternoon Christmas band concerts, Pajama Days, and singing Christmas carols.

Please join us as we sing the grade 5 version of "The Endless Days of Christmas". It is best enjoyed to the tune of "The 12 Days of Christmas".

On the final day of Christmas, Mr. Tournier sent to us:

183 Days of School

128 UFLI Lessons

44 English Phonemes

28 Chatty Grade 5 Students

15 Tipi Teachings

6 Physical Regions of Canada

5 Daayyyss of School

4 Parts to the Morning Meeting

3 Phys. Ed. Classes Every Week

2 Band Classes with Mrs. Acorn

And one extremely exhausted tea- cherrrrrr

From the grade five classroom, we wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!! May your holidays season be full of laughter and good cheer and may all your Christmas wishes come true.

Dates to watch for in December include: the grade 5-8 band concert will be held on Wed., Dec. 20 from 1:00 -2:00 pm in the school gym; the Pre-K - grade 4 Christmas concert will be held on Thurs., Dec. 21 at 6:30 pm in the school gym; Dec. 22 is Pajama Day, as well as the last day of school before the Christmas break; and we are back to school on Mon., Jan. 8.

Sincerely,

Ms. Paterson

GRADE 6

Just like that, another month has flown by! It's already December and Christmas is just around the corner!

Here are a few reminders and updates for this month: I have changed the format to our morning meeting, as we shift to a focus on social emotional learnings. We are bustling right along with our daily UFLI word study lessons and dictation testing on Fridays. We are continuing to delve further into fiction books. Students have been focusing on identifying the features of narratives (setting, main characters, problem and solution and plot) through class discussions and graphic organizers. We have now wrapped up reading our novel and have moved onto short stories. The unit we are studying currently is called, Growing Up. We continue to focus on predicting, comprehension, making connections to text, and inferencing to help build reading skills. The first Book Report is due December 1st. Some parents were asking for extra work at interview time, so I sent home a current events work packet with your child. Every night, students should be reading for at least twenty minutes. Please encourage your child to continue with this practice. In writing, we continue to focus on descriptive writing and paragraph structure. We are beginning our persuasive writing this month. We are also going to start a reader's theatre in class to help students with their fear of public speaking. This also helps students to build speaking with intonation, volume, fluency, and expression. In Social Studies, students are engaged and working hard on their poster board for their country reports. I have noticed their self-confidence and enthusiasm building. Our cultural fair will be held in the month of January. Since the Christmas season is upon us, as a fun way to celebrate the holiday season, we will be having a Secret Santa exchange on December the 18th. I will send home a note regarding this activity.

I would like to extend warmest wishes to you and your family, have a wonderful holiday season and all the best in the new year.

Mrs. Donaldson

GRADE 7

It is our most favorite time of the year! The grade 7 class is working hard on their persuasive writing project! They are having a fabulous time researching other countries, Christmas customs and traditions. A reminder to parents that the grade 7 class will be having a secret Santa gift exchange. All gifts need to be brought to the school by December 19th, gift opening will be on December 22nd.

Ms. Deschambeault



GRADE 8

December is going to fly by and we have a lot of stuff to get done. We are working on narrative short stories in ELA, learning about the interaction of body systems in Science, political parties in Social, and have started learning how to edit photos with Pixlr. With Christmas break just around the corner, I would assume nobody wants to have any school work to complete during the break, so I am encouraging parents and students to make sure to log on to EDSBY to check marks and see which assignments, if any, are overdue.

Ms. Strom

BASKETBALL

Basketball season is underway at WJB!

League games for the Grade 6-7 team starts on January 8.

League games for the Grade 4-5 team starts in mid-January.

Shoot-arounds are in the morning recess and practices at noon/afterschool.

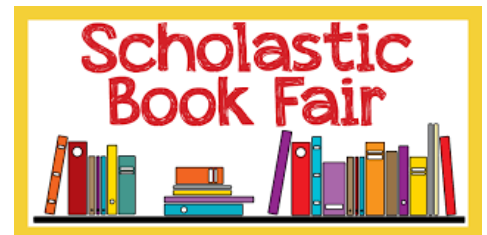
Coach Huddleston

Coach Mack



LIBRARY NEWS!!!!

I am so excited to announce this year's Scholastic Book Fair is back!!! We will kick off the Fair on Tuesday December 5th-December 8th. The book fair will run for 4 days only, so don't miss out! The purchases from the book fair help increase our school library books and resources for our school. Please help support our Library and students!!



Great Christmas gifts and stocking stuffers

Thank you,

Mrs. Chester

WJB Librarian



BAND CHRISTMAS CONCERT

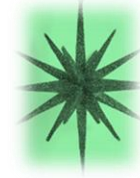


Things are rockin' in the music room! This is an exciting month. The **grade 5, 6, 7, & 8** band students will be performing at **1:00 on Wednesday, December 20th**. Students are asked to wear black (dark) pants and a white (light) shirt. We hope you can come on out and see the great work these students have been doing; all family and friends are welcome. The concert will be approximately 45 minutes long.

PRE-K - 4 CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The **Pre-K, K, 1, 2, 3, & 4** students will be dazzling us with some Christmas performances at the **WJB Biennial Christmas Concert on Thursday, December 21st at 6:30pm**. Please have your child in their homeroom classroom at **6:00pm**. The students are so excited to perform for you. Hope to see you all there. Wishing you a great holiday season.

Mrs. Acorn
Band and Music Teacher



MERRY CHRISTMAS &

A HAPPY NEW YEAR!!





WELCOMING
BACK

your Elf on the Shelf

