

NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER

2024



PLC DAY:

NO SCHOOL December 6th



CHRISTMAS CONCERT & BAKE SALE :

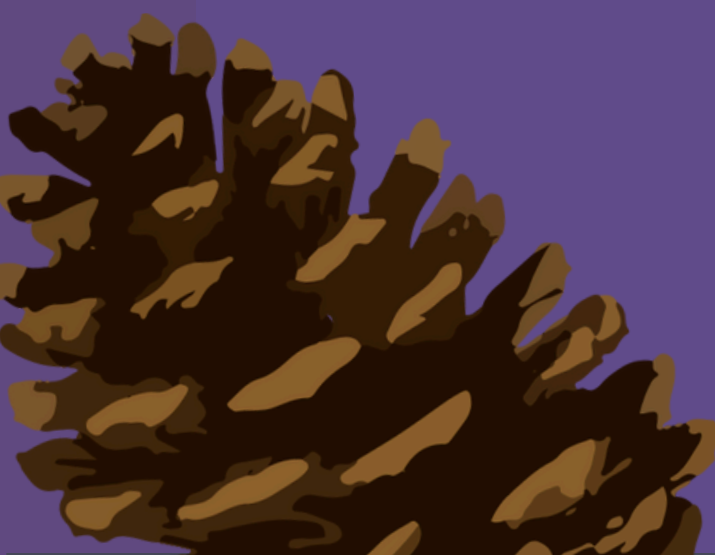
December 12th @ 1:30pm (dress rehearsal/soft opening) & 6:30pm
Parents/Guardians/Families are invited!

Proceeds of bake sale will go towards the grade 8 year end field trip

CHRISTMAS BREAK:

NO SCHOOL December 23rd - January 5th

Return to school January 6th



PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Dear Parkdale Parents and Guardians,

As we enter the final month of the year, I want to take a moment to reflect on the growth and achievements we have seen throughout the year so far. December is a time to celebrate both our individual and collective accomplishments, while also looking forward to the opportunities the new year will bring.

This month, we'll focus on our Grandfather Teachings of Love and Wisdom that we have learned. To know love is to know peace. To know wisdom is to recognize your differences and those of others in a kind and respectful way. As the nights get darker and the days are colder, use these Teachings to come together to celebrate each other and who we are.

Let's finish the year strong—by staying focused, maintaining our positive attitude, and continuing to help each other succeed.

We hope to see you all at our Christmas Concert on December 12th at 1:30pm and 6:30pm.

Wishing you all a wonderful, and restful December.

Michael Ruby





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CALENDAR

subject to change



WOLFPACK

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	2	3	4	5 	6 PLC Day- NO SCHOOL	7
8	9	10	11	12 Christmas Concert 	13	14
15	16	17	18  Christmas sweater day	19 	20 Hot chocolate & PJ Day 	21
22	23 	24	25	26	27	28
Christmas Break- NO SCHOOL						
29	30 	31 	1 	2 	3 	4 
Christmas Break- NO SCHOOL						



= School Closure- NO SCHOOL



= PLC Day- NO SCHOOL



= Kindergarten Days



= Pizza Thursdays

CLASS HIGHLIGHTS

KINDERGARTEN

In Kindergartens, we are working on letter recognition as well as our name recognition. We've been working on our math skills with writing and counting our numbers.

Every morning we check in with our kinder friends to see what zone we are in. We sing and dance and have lots of fun, and we can't forget our daily story time.

We're learning a new song for our Christmas concert that we can't wait to share with everyone.



GRADE 2

Our Grade 2 students have been having a blast this month by learning through interactive, engaging activities! Here's a look at some of our exciting learning adventures:

- Flashlight Reading: Students cozy up with a good book and a flashlight for a fun twist on their reading time, making reading extra exciting and engaging.
- Around the World (and other math games): Our young mathematicians have been exploring a variety of math challenges that build both skills and confidence!
- Educational Card Games in Math: Whether it's practicing addition and subtraction, sorting, or determining what numbers are greater or less than others, these card games offer a playful way to sharpen math skills while having fun.
- Building Challenges: Creativity and problem-solving are put to the test as students work in teams to complete engineering challenges with a variety of materials.
- Morning Meeting: Every day starts with our Morning Meeting which incorporates collaborative activities that bring our students together, promoting communication, cooperation, and a positive classroom environment.
- Name Games: Students get to know one another better through fun and interactive name games, fostering teamwork and community.

CLASS HIGHLIGHTS

GRADE 4

Grade 4 has been working on a cross curricular project in which we created art or useful items out of recycled materials. Students blew us away with cat houses, air planes, birds, dragons and more. Great work grade 4.



GRADE 7

In Grade 7 ELA, we've had a fantastic time connecting with our younger friends through reading buddies! Our students have been paired with Grade 1 students, sharing stories and building reading skills together.

We've just wrapped up our suspense unit, where we delved into the elements that create suspense in storytelling. As part of this unit, we studied the film *Coraline*, analyzing how visual and narrative techniques build tension and keep audiences on the edge of their seats. To further explore suspense, students also participated in a mystery bag sensory writing activity, using their senses to create vivid, suspenseful descriptions.

Now, our students are applying all they've learned to write their own suspense narratives. Whether through a graphic novel, a picture book, or another creative format, we're excited to see how their stories unfold!

WELLNESS



MRS. PEEK

Tips for Practicing Mindfulness in the Winter Time:

1. Take a Mindful Walk - Even when it is chilly outside, you can take a short walk and pause to notice the frost on the trees or the sounds of footsteps crunching on the crispy, snowy ground.
2. Practicing deep breathing, feeling the cool winter air softly fill your lungs and releasing any tension, stress, or worry as you breathe out.
3. Journaling or reflecting on what you are grateful for can bring moments of happiness, joy, laughter, or calmness during the winter.
4. Take time to let others know you appreciate them. You could thank someone for their friendship, a helping hand, their kindness, or for just being them.



UPCOMING



January 14th

COMING SOON

additional information to follow

\$9.00 Each
Chicken or Beef with
Rice, Vegetables
+ Sauce
GF Available



Gr. 5 and 6 WRPS Divisional Choir Opportunity

WRPS would like to give all Gr. 5 and 6 students who love to sing an opportunity to sing in a divisional choir.

When: Every Day 2 from 10-12 pm (similar to the hockey academy)

Where: all students interested will be bussed to Clear Vista's band room every Day 2

Commitment: This choir will learn singing technique and prepare for performances at the Music Festival in April, a Divisional Gr. 1-6 Gala Concert on May 5, and a small tour of performances at the in town schools to showcase our work in the final week of May. This choir would run from **Jan 15-May 31 every Day 2**. With bussing set up for the number of students who register, this commitment would need to last the duration of this choir season until May.

Cost: any costs for this opportunity will be covered by WRPS

How: Parents need to fill out the permission form online through PowerSchool

Note: Gr. 5 and 6 classes have already been set up to only miss options and non core classes during this time for the hockey academy already in place.

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GR. 5/6 DIVISIONAL CHOIR DAY 2'S

JANUARY

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SCHOOL YEAR

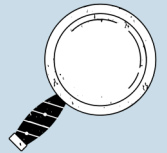


SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
3 rehearsals	Total: 20 rehearsals 3 concert days		1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 Day 2 (Leadership meeting- no choir)	10	11
12	13	14	15 Day 2 Divisional Choir	16	17	18
19	20	21 Day 2 Divisional Choir	22	23	24	25
26	27 Day 2 Divisional Choir	28	29	30	31	

DIVISIONAL CHOIR

FEBRUARY

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SCHOOL YEAR



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
5 rehearsals						1
2	3 Day 2 Divisional Choir	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 Day 2 Divisional Choir	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 Day 2 Divisional Choir	19	20	21	2
23	24 Day 2 Divisional Choir	25	26	27	28 Day 2 Divisional Choir	

DIVISIONAL CHOIR

MARCH

**2024/2025
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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30 3 rehearsals	31					1
2	3	4	5	6 Day 2 Leadership choir cancelled	7	8
9	10	11	12 Day 2 Divisonal Choir	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 Day 2 Divisonal Choir	20	21 Day 4 Divisonal Choir	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29

DIVISIONAL CHOIR

APRIL

MON

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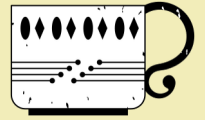


SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
5 rehearsals, 1 performance at festival		1 Day 2 Divisonal Choir	2	3	4	5
6	7 Day 2 Divisonal Choir	8	9	10	11 Day 2 Divisonal Choir	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 Music Festival Starts (22-30)	22 Day 2 Divisonal Choir	23	24	25	26
27	28 Day 2 Divisonal Choir	29	30			

DIVISIONAL CHOIR

MAY

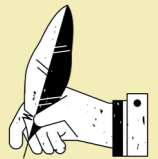
**2024/2025
SCHOOL YEAR**



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
3 rehearsals, 1 concert and finale tour of schools				1	2 Day 2 Divisional Choir	3
4	5 Choir sings at Music Monday Gala	6	7	8 Day 2 Divisional Choir	9	10
11	12	13	14 Day 2 Divisional Choir	15	16	17
18	19	23	21	22 Day 2 Divisional Choir	23	24
25	26 Finale Tour of the schools some time this week.	27	28 Day 2 Divisional Choir Tour?	29	30	31

JUNE

**2024/2025
SCHOOL YEAR**



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

WRPS Gr. 7-12 Choral Masterclass

Hey! Gr. 7-12 students who love to sing!

*Sign up for a **free workshop** to learn more about singing technique and enjoy singing in a large group with other singers in the school division*

Where: WCHS Music room

When: **Monday, Jan. 13 from 9 AM-12 PM**

How: Fill out the online permission form and let the office and your music teacher know

Registration is open from Nov. 25- Dec. 16

All schools will transport their own students to this event.

MUSIC



FIRST EVER!

WRPS PRESENTS

GR. 7-12

FINE ARTS

GALA

JAN 22 · 7:00PM

AT: WETASKWIN COMPOSITE HIGH SCHOOL

**COME AND SEE OUR JUNIOR AND HIGH SCHOOL BANDS,
CHOIRS, DRAMA PERFORMANCES AND AN ART WALK**

A celebration of Fine Arts throughout the division.

Presentations throughout the school.

Meet us in the Atrium to start!

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENT



The CPR Holiday Train is coming to Wetaskiwin on December 11th at approximately 5:45-6:15pm - CPKC ES Building- 4009 50 St.

SINCE ITS INAUGURAL JOURNEY IN 1999, THE CPKC HOLIDAY TRAIN HAS RAISED MORE THAN \$24.3 MILLION AND COLLECTED APPROXIMATELY 5.3 MILLION POUNDS OF FOOD FOR COMMUNITY FOOD BANKS IN CANADA AND THE U.S.

COMMUNITY SPORT EVENTS



Saturday Dec. 7 - 8:00pm vs Devin Barons

Saturday Dec. 21 - 6:00pm vs Westlock Warriors

Wetaskiwin Co-op Place



Sunday Nov. 15 - 6:00pm vs Beaumont Chiefs

Wetaskiwin Co-op Place



MANLUK CENTRE EVENTS

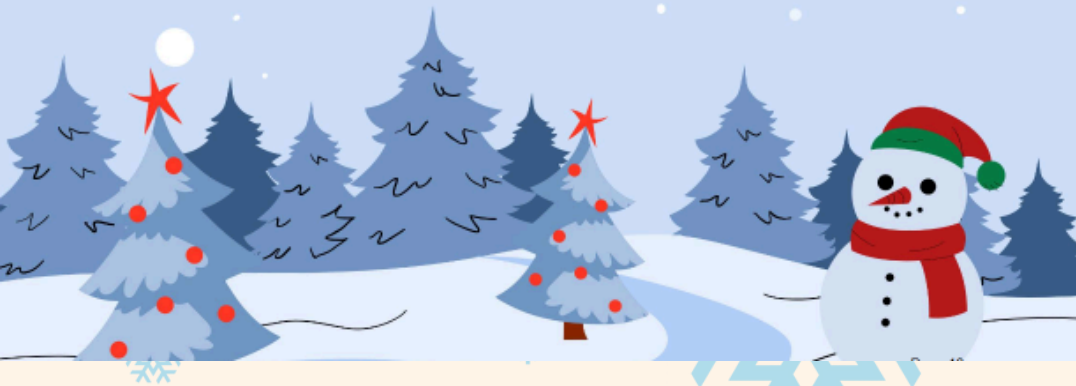


SANTA SKATE **Sunday, December 15**

When: 1:00 - 4:00pm

Where: Wetaskiwin Co-op Place , Arena 2
(4519 50 Ave)

**Join us for a fun afternoon of skating,
crafting, sleigh rides (weather
permitting) & a visit from Santa!**



**CLICK [HERE](#) FOR THE MANLUK REGIONAL AQUATIC &
FITNESS CENTRE WINTER 2025 REGISTRATION GUIDE**

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Parent Advisory Council

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

HOW TO GET INVOLVED:

- Attend our next PAC meeting: Learn more about our initiatives and how you can contribute.
- Volunteer your time: Help with fundraising events, classroom support, or other activities.
- Donate to our fundraising efforts: Your contribution will directly impact our students' educational experience.

WHY JOIN THE PAC?

- Make a difference: Your voice matters in shaping the future of our school.
- Connect with other parents: Build relationships and create a strong community.
- Support our students: Help provide enriching programs and resources.

TOGETHER, WE CAN CREATE A THRIVING SCHOOL COMMUNITY FOR ALL!

SUPPORT



mabel's labels

We are accepting cold weather donations- hats/toques, mittens/gloves, scarves, jackets, snow pants, boots, etc. Any sizes, anything helps! Donations can be dropped off to the office.

<https://mabelslabels.ca/en-CA/fundraising/support>



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