

ÉCOLE REGENT PARK

Spring 2023 Newsletter

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Principal's Message

Spring is upon us (soon) and that means 3 months left of the school year. This last term has been filled with a variety of learning opportunities. Thank you to all of our families who joined us for our ERP EXPO evening. The ability to be together, celebrating the variety of ways our students demonstrate their learning is invaluable.

The final term will bring additional opportunities such as performing arts concerts for families, Quebec trip or Manitoba French Cultural learning for our grade 8 students, track and field days at all grade levels, field trips outside of the school to support curriculum learning, and of course culminating year end excursions. Many exciting events and we thank you for your continued support in reading our weekly memos to keep track of all these wonderful opportunities for our students.

As we continue to plan for our students, we are also organizing for the upcoming 2023-24 school year. With construction to ERP moving full steam ahead, and the announcement that we will be a grade 2-8 school next year, we are also preparing to install our playground structure. It is amazing that in less than 2 years, with all of our community support, we were able to raise over \$120,000 to make this dream a reality! A huge thank you to our PAC playground committee who have spearheaded this project. We would also like to say a huge MERCI to the École Centrale School Age Centre (satellite ERP before and after day care program) who were able to donate \$40,000 from a larger grant they received from the province. Fingers crossed that we will be having this structure in place for the start-up of school!

As always, our students continue to demonstrate excellence, participation, responsibility, and service each and every day. This newsletter will give you just a small glimpse into all the amazing things that occur at ERP. It is our privilege to learn alongside them and support their academic and social success. We wish you a wonderful Spring Break and look forward to seeing our students back on Monday, April 3rd.

Sincerely,

Mme. Lucia Grande
Principal

M. Chris Coppinger
Vice- Principal



4ième Année - Grade 4

In grade 4 we've been doing lots of exciting mini projects. In English both classes have been working on creating their own superheroes while learning about character traits. They will then take these superheroes and create their own comic books. In Mathé we've been working hard on our multiplication facts. Lately we've been working on demonstrating our multiplication facts in lots of different ways such as pictorially and creating our own questions. In art we've been looking at Ted Harrison and his style of art and love for the Yukon. We've created our own pictures in his style. Wishing everyone a great spring break from your grade 4 team!



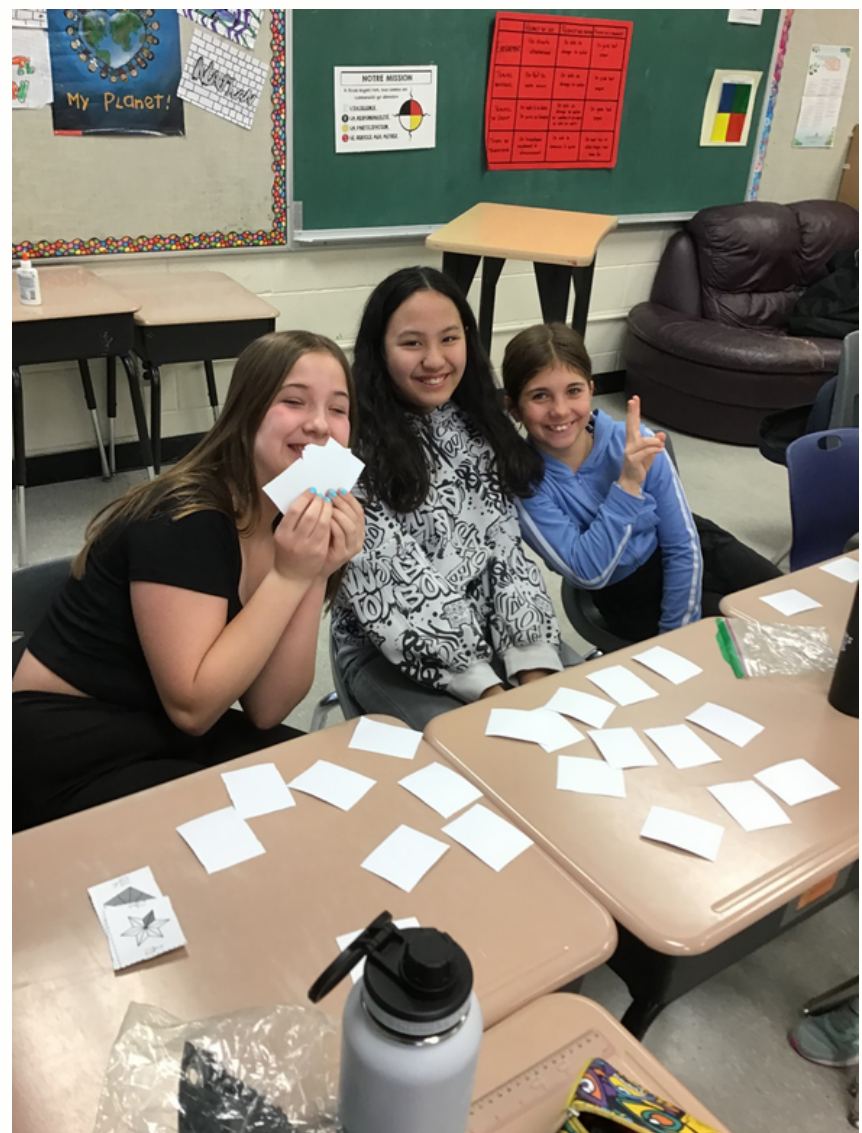
5ième Année - Grade 5

As Spring inevitably approaches, we have lots to look forward to. Perhaps the first thing that comes to mind is the much-needed change in weather. The sun rises a bit earlier, the snow melts, the smells, the nature. As teachers and students, we also look forward to the learning in the classroom.

Currently, the students in 5C and 5D are learning about European explorers. The students are just about ready to present shadow puppet theatre pieces about their adventures. In ELA, students have completed writing pieces which persuade the reader to buy a product of their choosing. Along with monthly TUSC presentations, ELA classes have started reading the novel, Frindle by Andrew Clements. In 5C Science, students are creating Rube Goldberg Machines.

We are looking forward to the Spring and can't wait to spend more time outside. In the meantime, we will continue to provide and participate in rich learning opportunities.

Have a safe and relaxing Spring Break.



6ième Année - Grade 6

What a great second term for the grade 6 students!! They started 2023 with a fun outing to the outdoor rink at Park City Community Centre. Mother Nature cooperated and everyone enjoyed themselves. Our Divisional Inclusion Specialist, Rachelle Carlisle, spent a week in the 6B and 6D classrooms to teach about treaties, the Indian Act, our Residential School history and the 94 Calls to Action. They finished the week by creating their own classroom lists of actions they can take before the end of the year to help with reconciliation. February was jam packed with different initiatives highlighting I love to Read Month, Black History Month and the Festival du Voyageur. Students in 6A and 6C transformed their classrooms into a camping site one afternoon and spent it reading for pleasure while enjoying smores. Festival du Voyageur was celebrated with various activities throughout the week, including every class learning to finger weave their own (mini!) ceintures fléchées. Students participated in a two-day Musical Clinic at school at the beginning of March, and many took part in a basketball tournament between our school and another one Friday afternoon. To cap it off, every classroom participated in an educational Stardome experience at school in March where they saw and learned about so many aspects of our Universe. Not to mention all the projects they've been working hard on presenting to families at Expo Night! It's been such a great experienced-based learning year so far and there's still so much more to go!



7ième Année - Grade 7



Grade 7 students have been busy learning throughout term 2. We had lots of fun participating in the activities for le Festival du Voyageur! Snowshoeing, voyageur games, dancing, pancake breakfast and especially maple taffy on snow!

We did some fun projects this term such as designing a community to end homelessness, where we learned about people who are most at risk, services that should be available to ensure physical, intellectual, spiritual, and emotional wellness, and finally we designed our very own tiny home for the community. The project allowed us to apply our skills across different subjects like Français, sciences humaines, and mathé.

Another great project is the Real World Math project where we picked a career, investigated to find out what the salary is, what living expenses are and how to budget. In science we learned about the Earth's crust, volcanoes, and even made our own model of the Earth's crust. Some students also had the opportunity to make their own geodes or ice sculptures!

In sciences humaines we are learning about quality of life and the different factors that influence the way of life in developing countries. We are learning about the United Nations and the 17 global goals for sustainable development.

In ELA we have been exploring all kinds of different stories like fables, poetry, myths, legends, and fairy tales. We even got to write some of our own. In Français we have been doing a wide range of things among our classes like: novel study, dragon's den project, comic book study, some even wrote and recorded podcasts.

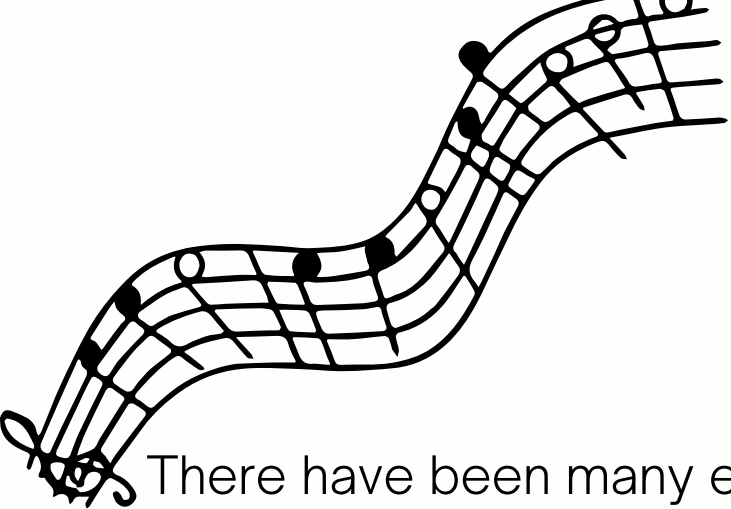
Written by: Ella, Natasha, Leah & Kaylee (7B students)



8ième Année - Grade 8

Our Grade 8s have been working hard on their ELA research projects for this term's Learning Expo. For this project, students chose an event from history that involved genocide. Then they had to develop a question relating to their subject that would be used to guide their research. Students were able to use the knowledge that they had acquired from our field trip to the Canadian Museum for Human Rights in their projects as well. Grade 8s were able to present their projects in the format of their choosing. There was a variety of presentation styles including the use of PowerPoint, a short story, an essay, documentary, talk show, etc. Our students are very eager to share their projects with families at our upcoming Learning Expo at the end of the month!





Music and Band News

There have been many events in the Music and Band Programs over the last few months!

Feb. 2: Grade 7 Band Students participated in a one-day retreat at CPET. They worked with instrument specialists in small groups and in full band rehearsals.

Feb. 21: Grade 8 Band participated in the Manitoba Band Association's Concert Band Festival at the RBC Convention Centre. They performed two pieces, participated in a workshop, and watched other ensembles perform.

Feb. 23: Grade 4 Choir performed as a part of the Pink Day Assembly.

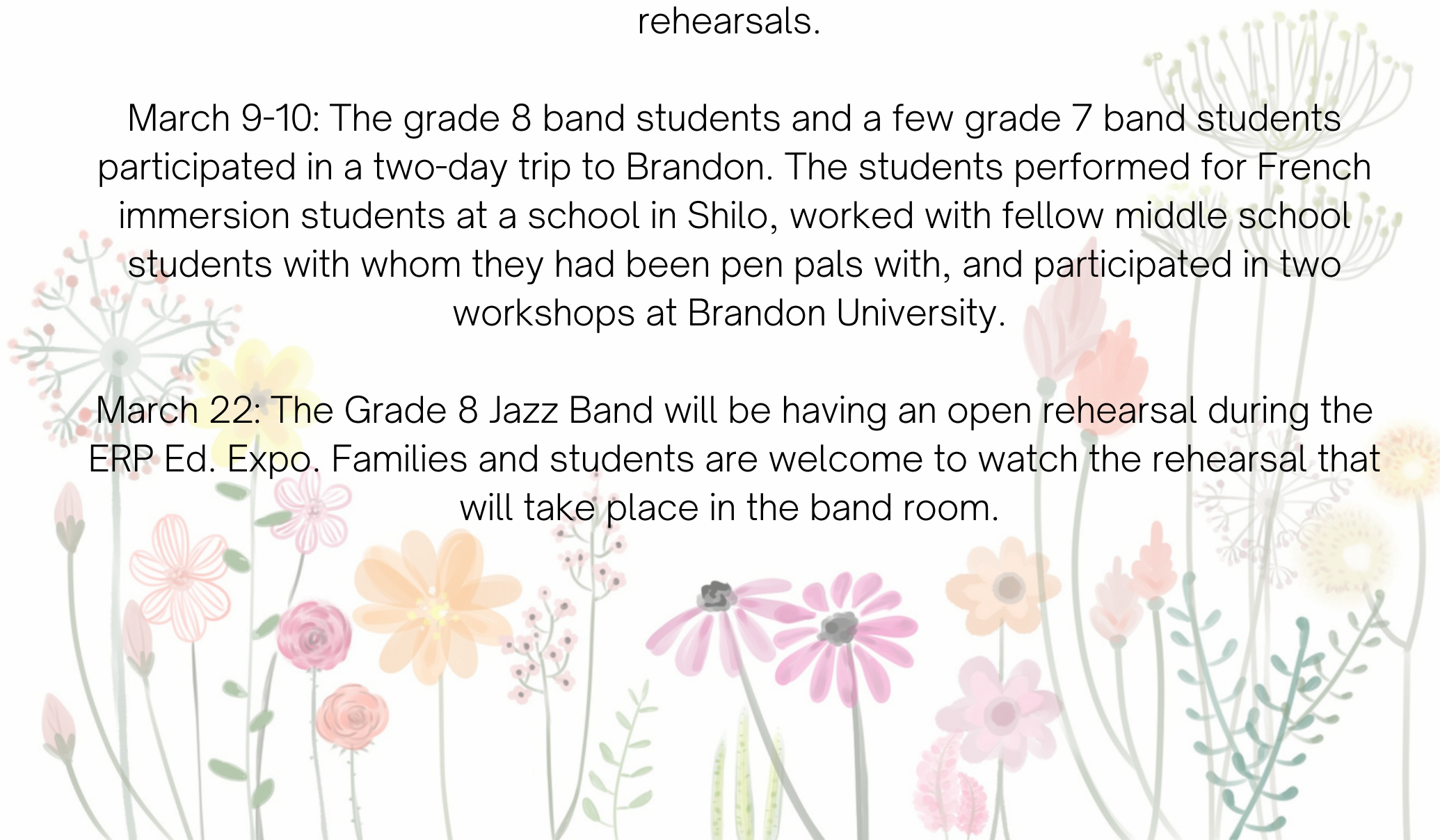
Feb. 27: Grade 8 Jazz performed at the ERP Open House for incoming grade 2, 3, 4, and 5 students.

Feb. 27-Mar. 24: The Grade 5 students will be working with Leigh-Anne Kehler, a professional playwright as part of a grant we received through Artist in the Schools. The students will be creating their own musical play which will be performed in May.

March 2-3: All grade 6 students participated in a two-day band clinic at ERP. They worked in small groups with instrument specialists and in full band rehearsals.

March 9-10: The grade 8 band students and a few grade 7 band students participated in a two-day trip to Brandon. The students performed for French immersion students at a school in Shilo, worked with fellow middle school students with whom they had been pen pals with, and participated in two workshops at Brandon University.

March 22: The Grade 8 Jazz Band will be having an open rehearsal during the ERP Ed. Expo. Families and students are welcome to watch the rehearsal that will take place in the band room.



SORA

Did you know that your child has a Sora account?
Log into your student's Sora account and take a look at all
of the e-books and audiobooks that we can access!

1. Open the Ecole Regent Park Website
2. Go to Our Library and select Library Services
3. Choose Overdrive/Sora and select River East Transcona School Division.
4. Sign in using your child's RETSD login and password!!!

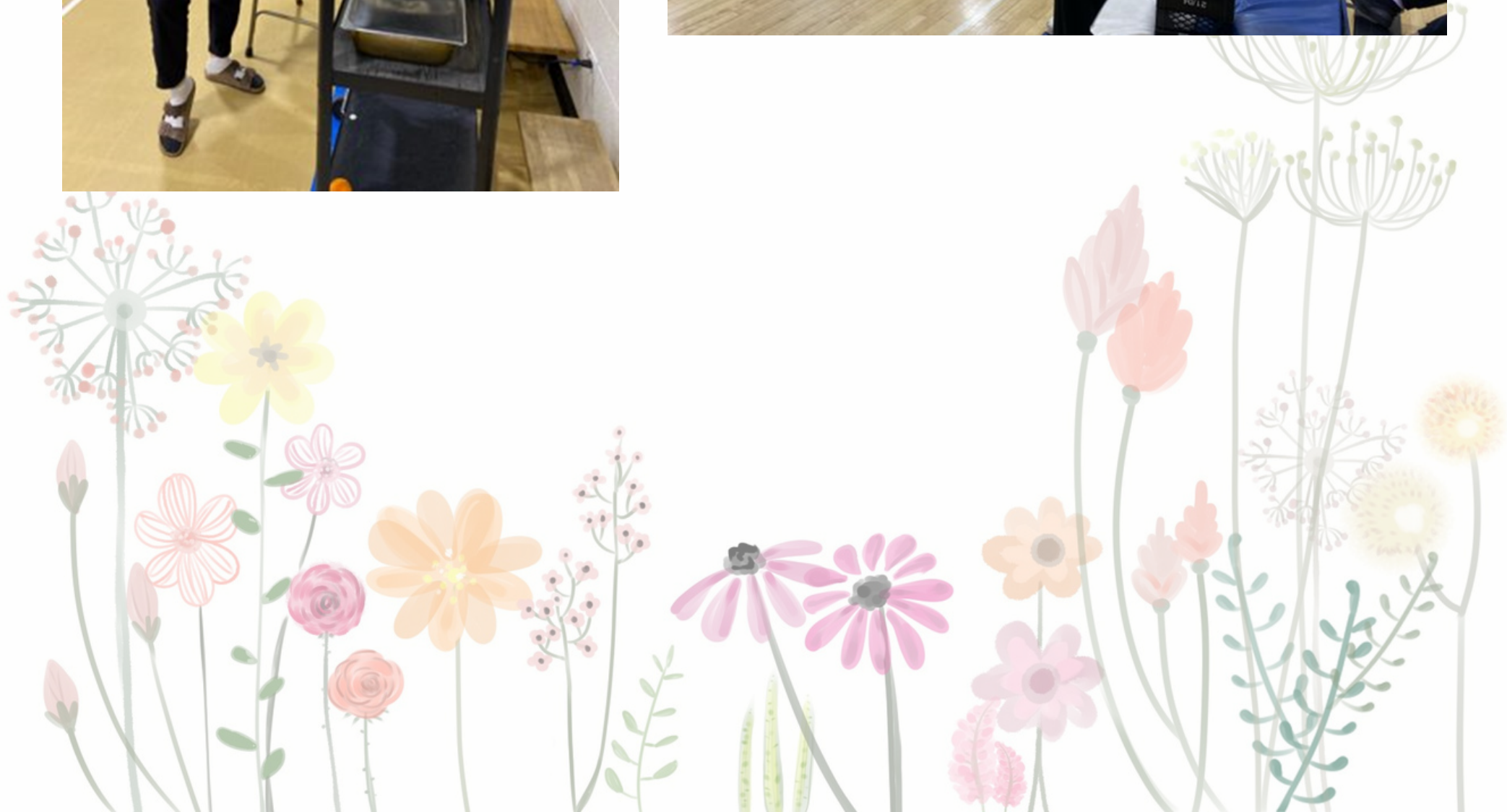
CHOOSE A GREAT BOOK TO ENJOY!!!



Festival Du Voyageur 2023

ERP was back in the Festival spirit for almost 2 weeks during the middle of February. All grade levels participated for a half day of school based activities which included outdoor and indoor Voyageur Games, an Art activity, a Music and Dance activity and Voyageur Trivia! Students took on the Voyageur Spirit with a variety of spirit days, classroom activities and Indigenous and Voyageur lessons.

All students were also treated to a pancake breakfast with fresh fruit on the morning of February 15th. Over 1100 pancakes were served!!!





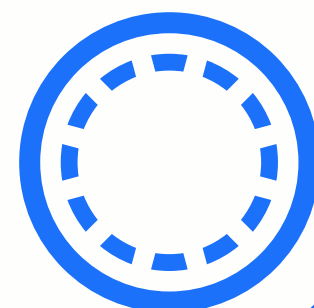
eSports at ERP

Our eSports team at École Regent Park has started this winter!

Esports, or electronic sports, gives students the chance to participate and socialize in a team-like environment with other likeminded schoolmates.

We have had several practices lately, featuring the two competitively played video games, Rocket League & Super Smash Bros. Students are encouraged to demonstrate teamwork, social skills, participation, and good sportsmanship while competing in play against their fellow classmates.

We have been having a ton of fun this season and are eagerly looking forward to improving our play and strategy!





News From the Library



The library has been abustle with many exciting events this winter. February's I Love To Read Month was packed with contests, games and many reading activities. A schoolwide MYRCA book guessing game resulted in Mme Fuhro, M. Labelle and Mme Stein's classrooms winning a pizza lunch.

Many students participated in our Bookmark contest. Participants designed, created and submitting beautifully crafted bookmarks.

Students from each Grade level were selected to spend a morning at McNally Robinson choosing new books for our school library!!

Teachers and staff submitted their favourite books to Mme Brakel in secret. The students participated in an online guessing game to match the teacher with their book. Many prizes were won, and we learned a lot about ÉRP Staff's book preferences!

We finished off the month with a Book Tasting event. Our library was transformed into a "restaurant" which we called Resto-Livres. Each classroom had the opportunity to come and sit down, relax and sample a delicious array of library books from our collection that may have never been noticed before. We would like to extend a huge thank you to Sobeys Plessis for donating flower bouquets that added to the ambience of our Resto-Livres.



Inquiry Based Learning (IBL) continues to be an integral part of the Grade 4 and 5 library programs. Students have learned about sourcing, note taking, comparing and contrasting information while researching and presenting final projects. The Grade 5's used Padlet to present Explorer projects and Grade 4's researched Provinces and Animals as part of their classroom inquiry projects.

IBL students participated in the University of Manitoba WISE program STEM workshop where they learned about simple machines and had the opportunity to compete against their peers using catapults that they had built.

MYRCA Club students are preparing and training for the Divisional Battle of the Books coming up in May.

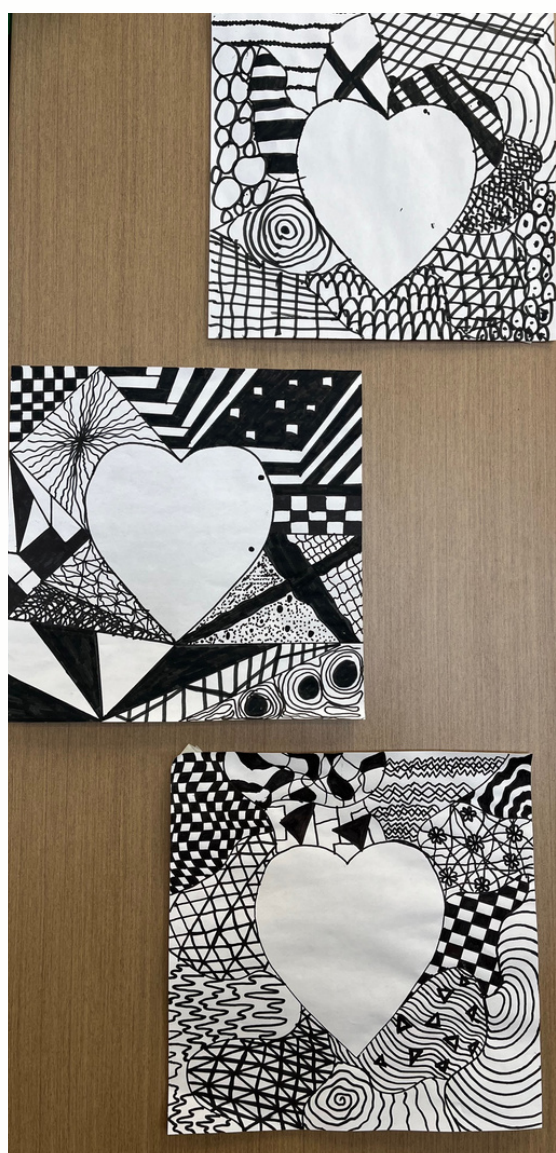
We look forward to all the learning, reading and discovering coming up in the Spring.

Mme Krylov and Mme Brakel

Art News

Students have been working hard in the art program making, creating, connecting, and responding to visual arts.

Walking the halls of our school, we notice the talent and effort our artists have put into paintings, sketches, watercolour, and techniques that they are learning and mastering. Students are developing skills in monochromatic tints and shades, greyscale shading, colour, lines, acrylic painting and many, many other ways to express themselves artistically. We look forward to future works of art that we know will be both inspiring and aesthetically pleasing to our halls!!



News from the Gym

Winter in the ÉRP gym looks like Festival du Voyageur, indoor soccer, basketball, skating, badminton and tons of other activities too! It is awesome seeing our students and staff be physically active through every season!

Basketball 6, 7, 8

Grade 6s played in an afternoon 3-on-3 tournament against JWG, spread between both school sites. Students played lots of ball, learned skills, and had a great time. Special thanks to our grade 8 Sports Leadership crew who coached and reffed during the grade 6 season.

Grades 7 and 8 finished their league games early in March and concluded the season with a fun windup playing the teachers. It was a season of learning, perseverance and successes, including some tournament play for our Tier 1 teams. Thank you to our coaches Coach Arnold, Coach David, M. Trudeau, M. Kilpatrick, Mme Taylor and Mme Pierce for huge investment of time and energy to provide opportunities for our students.



Indoor Soccer – 7+8

A small group of students participated in an indoor soccer tournament at the beautiful 7 Oaks Soccer Complex. One grade 7 team and one grade 8 team competed against other schools from our division for the day.

Skating 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

All grades had the opportunity to partake in a skating outing this winter at the nearby Park City West Community Centre. Every class had a half day, choosing from activities including skating, pick-up hockey, tobogganing, snowshoeing, and playing in the snow. Some had chilly days, and some had beautifully warm days, but every outing was enjoyable, active, and gave us the chance to use the resources right in our own neighbourhood.



Festival du Voyageur

As is tradition, we celebrated the Festival du Voyageur here at ERP with a variety of activities. Each grade learned to dance La Bastringue, choose an activity (art, dancing, Concours Du Meilleur, trivia or craft) and have a class vs class tug-of-war competition.



Winter Activities in phys ed

We were able to borrow the divisional sets of cross-country skis and snowshoes, and most classes got to try one or both of these activities. Exploring some of the activities we can do for many months in Manitoba was so much fun – WINTER IS GREAT!

Badminton 7-8

The badminton season has begun for our junior high students – a sure sign of spring. After the Spring Break, 24 students from both grades will be chosen to represent ERP at a divisional tournament at the end of April. Although we can unfortunately not take everyone to the tournament, it is incredible to see the high numbers of students who are participating. Thanks to our coaches: M Trudeau, Mme LaFleur and Mme Pierce.



Gym Leadership + lunch hour activities

Our incredible Gym Leadership students have helped facilitate many activities for our students in the school, including coaching, reffing, and organizing lunch hour activities in the gym for all grades. Without them, we would not be able to offer the wide variety of options for our student population. Note that the format of lunch hour gym activities will be changing after the break; for grades 7+8 intramurals will be offered, and for grades 4-6 lunch will be used as practice time for the upcoming sports seasons (handball, badminton, track and field, soccer). More information will be available after the break.



Upcoming sports seasons:

Handball (grades 4 and 5)
Badminton (grade 6)
Track and Field (grades 4-8)
Soccer (grades 4-6)



Renovations

Work on the new school addition continues, and with that, come changes in our spaces and policies. As of Spring Break, the small gym and equipment room will be undergoing renos and will not be accessible to students or staff. Because of this, the changerooms are no longer available to students. Students in grades 6-8 who still wish to change their clothes for phys ed may do so in the washrooms, however, they are no longer required to change until a changing space is once again available (likely next year). All students must continue to have appropriate footwear to participate safely in phys ed. THANK YOU to everyone for their patience with the ever-changing situation.

Have questions? Interested in coaching? Don't hesitate to contact us!

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Counsellor's Corner

Story telling ...a Pathway to Peace

Spring is around the corner...that's what I keep thinking. We are all ready for some relaxation. At this time, I would like to share some celebrations that I have been working on with Small Groups.

We have been working on problem-solving and self-regulation strategies. All students in these groups have made paintings that we then used to create their very own story with a positive message. This process can help them and others who hear their story. Story telling is a powerful way to find your voice and help others.

Student feedback:

“Learning how to calm my own feelings makes it easier to work in class.”

“I didn't know I was a storyteller...cool.”

“Telling a story about getting through hard things might help someone else who needs to hear that message.”

Music Therapy comments:

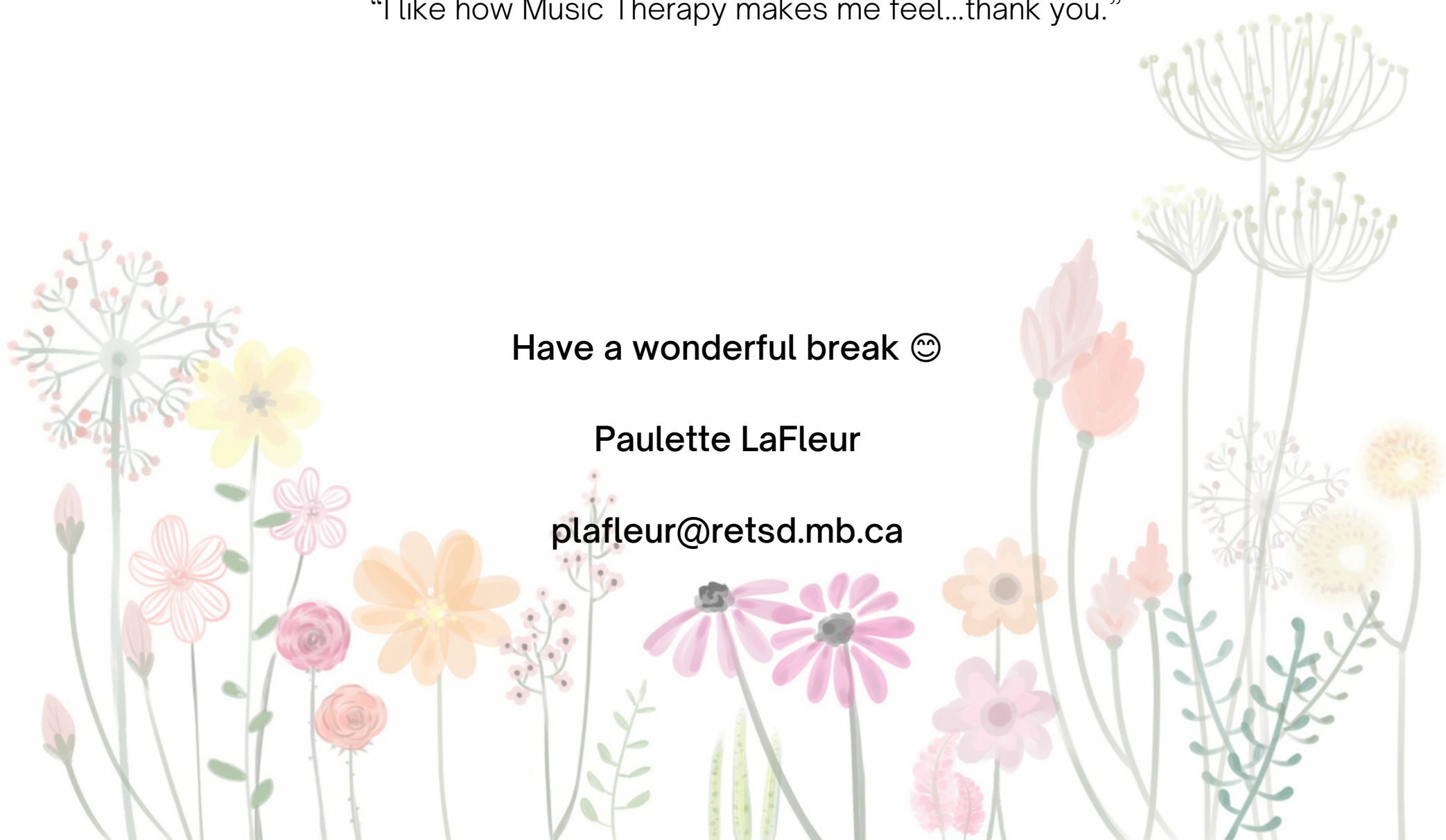
“I like taking time to sing and play new instruments with my friends.”

“I like how Music Therapy makes me feel...thank you.”

Have a wonderful break 😊

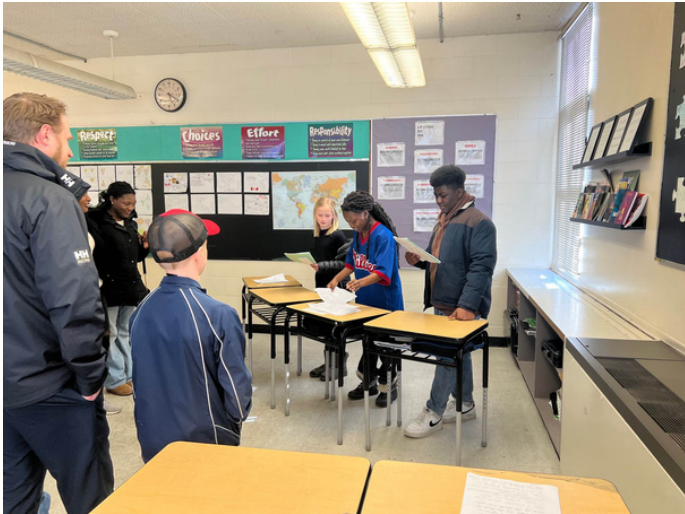
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ERP Expo Evening 2023

Thank you ERP community for joining us at our Expo! It was a great evening of community building and showcasing what our students have accomplished.



Spring Spirit Week

This week our school participated in a spirit week with a little friendly competition. Each day held two options and reports of which theme "won". The week ended with a dance for our grade 6, 7 & 8s and fun activities lead by our leaders for our grade 4s & 5s!

- Monday- Animated characters vs. superheroes
- Tuesday- Summer vs. winter
- Wednesday- Band shirts vs. sports team shirts
- Thursday- formal vs. mismatched
- Friday- 90s day



Notice to Grade 6 Students

Re Busing

Grade 6 students currently being transported by a RETSD school bus will not be eligible for free busing in Grade 7.

According to the Manitoba Education Public Schools Act Regulation (M.R. 259/2006) Grade 7 to Grade 12 students living within the city limits are not eligible for school bus transportation. Fee-for-Service may be available. If you are considering this option, please submit a Transportation Application – Fee-For-Service 2023-24 form. Forms are available from the school office or on the Transportation icon located on divisional home page at www.retsd.mb.ca.

Fee-For-Service applications must be submitted to the Transportation Department by June 30th of each school year. Applications received after June 30th will be reviewed on an individual basis.



RETLife Programming

RETLife provides exciting opportunities for community members to participate in leisure and recreational programming at schools throughout the RETSD division.

All activities allow you to stay close to home!

New classes have been added to our list for the spring, including some skill development courses young workers might find useful to add to their resumes!

New RETLife classes include:

- Parent and Child – Learn to Jig Together
- WHMIS
- Flag Person Training
- Basic Life Support (for medical professionals)
- Food Handlers
- Parent and Child Yoga

Space is still available in the following classes:

- Badminton for Kids
- Kids Can Draw (6 – 8 years)
- Kids Can Draw (8 – 12 years)
- Intro to Bhangra Dancing
- Celebrating Filipino Food with Jeremy Senaris
- Mental Health First Aid for Adults Interacting with Youth

Make sure to follow RETLife on Instagram, Twitter, and Facebook for more class and workshop options and updates!