



Bernie Wolfe School Newsletter—June 2023

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Last Day of School

Friday, June 30
Early Dismissal

Message from Administration

It is hard to believe that another school year has come and gone! We have been working hard to complete all the goals we set in our 2022-23 school plan, and we are looking ahead to the next school year by working together to finalize our 2023-24 school plan. We look forward to sharing our plans with you at our Parent Council meeting in the fall.

It's always hard to say goodbye but we cannot hold on to our students forever. As our grade 8 students move on to high school, we would like to wish them all the very best. We know that they will be successful in their pursuits and continue to be positive leaders in their new schools. We also know that some families move over the summer. We want to wish all students who are not returning to Bernie Wolfe all the best as they continue with their educational journey.

Thank you to all our volunteers and to the Parent Council for your dedication and support of our school programs. I hope that the new school year will allow for even more opportunities for caregivers to get involved. I encourage all Bernie Wolfe families to get involved in our shared vision of fostering student success at Bernie Wolfe.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the very dedicated staff for their hard work, professionalism, and commitment to our students and school community. It has been a pleasure working with all of you and I look forward to next year and to continuing the work that we have started. I wish all those staff who are leaving us success wherever their path leads them. All the best as you take on new challenges and paths in your professional careers. You will be missed.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone in the Bernie Wolfe community for all their support they have given us over the year. This past school year saw us invite the community back into the school. It was wonderful seeing our school full of people for our concerts, sporting events, student led conferences and other school events. Bernie Wolfe school is an incredibly special place. To all our Bernie Wolfe students, thank you for all your hard work. Bernie Wolfe would not be the wonderful learning environment that it is without all of you!

In closing, I am honored to have served this great community over the past year and for years to come. I wish you all the absolute best in everything you do. I hope you all of you a safe, active, and enjoyable summer holiday.

C. Chartier


COME CELEBRATE AND SAY FAREWELL TO
BWS GRADE 8'S!



GRADE 8 FAREWELL BBQ

JUNE 26 • 4:00-6:00
BERNIE WOLFE SCHOOL FIELD & GYM

There will be a BBQ, photo booth and lawn games.
Feel free to bring a blanket or lawn chairs.



Important information for our Middle Years Students for
22-23 school year

We will be having a staggered start to the first day of school for our Middle Years students. This will mean that grade 6 students will be coming in the morning at the regular start time of 8:40 and grade 7 & 8 students will be arriving to school on the first day for 12:30. It is our hope that this staggered entry for our grade 6 students will allow them to have a smoother transition into Middle Years.

Further, Middle Years students will be able to find out their teachers for the 22-23 school year via the Parent Portal on June 30th. For those who do not check the portal, on the first day of school, we will have teachers set up outside to assist the students.



Call Back System Reminder!!

We have a “call back system” in place to help ensure the safety of our students. The success of this program rests very much upon the co-operation of parents. **Please notify the school office by calling 204-958-6532 before 9:00 a.m. each time your child is going to be absent or late.** The office has a 24-hour answering machine for your convenience. Remember to keep your phone numbers current with the office, so we can reach you in case of an emergency.



Moving?

If your family is considering or definitely making a move to a new home, please remember to inform the school as soon as possible. It is important to have accurate contact information on file (addresses, phone numbers, etc.). Your designated school is based on your home address. The school that your child(ren) attends may be different if your home address changes. If you have any questions you can use the school locator feature found on our divisional website School Locator or you can call the school office.

Lunch Program is Hiring!

The Bernie Wolfe School Lunch Program is hiring supervisors for the lunch hour. This is a great opportunity for stay at home parents and/or grandparents.

Duties include supervising the students while they play outside and eat lunch in their classrooms. Shifts are from 11:25 am—12:45 pm. You will be required to fill in an application form, attend an interview and agree to a child abuse registry check and a criminal record check upon hire.

Application forms are available in the office or on the school website.

Contact the Lunch Program Coordinator or the school
204-958-6532.

Thank you

BWS Lunch Program Coordinator



*****Allergy Alert*****

In our school we have students with severe and/or life threatening allergies. Please communicate with your child’s classroom teacher to ensure you are aware of any special precautions for lunch/snack times.

Due to allergies and specific dietary needs, we are not able to facilitate birthday parties or treats being sent with student to class.

Safe Pick up and Drop of Students

Please remind your child that if they are being picked up or dropped off and need to cross Rougeau, they should be using the one of the crosswalks to cross the street.

With the Drop Zone on the south side of the street, and cars passing on the north side it is often difficult for drivers to see people who are crossing between cars. That, in combination with icy roads, means we all need to be extra cautious to ensure student safety. We appreciate your help in reviewing these safety procedures with your child.

The Drop Zone is for immediate loading and unloading of students, please do not stop and wait in this area.

A reminder...there is no stopping or parking on the north side of Rougeau between Bournais and Trudell during pick up and drop off times.

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.



News from the library

We've had a busy school year in the Bernie Wolfe Library this year!

We were able to buy over 2100 books!

We had 2 Scholastic Book Fairs that were a big success, and it was so nice seeing families in the library shopping for new books to read at home.

In May we brought our MYRCA book club students to Battle of the Books!

Congratulations to Zoie, Kaely, Anjola, Tomi, Pia, Willow, Tvisha, Sophia, Delilah, and Fergie for doing a great job representing our school and answering as many questions about the books as they could in a game show type of competition. We are very proud of you all!



In the month of June, we have set up a PRIDE display and a National Indigenous History Month display in the library.

We have a big, beautiful library window that has showcased some students work this spring. We've had paper mâché globes, poetry, Roman art, the human body, and inukshuks on display.

I hope you have a wonderful summer break and have a chance to visit our public library.

Keep reading!

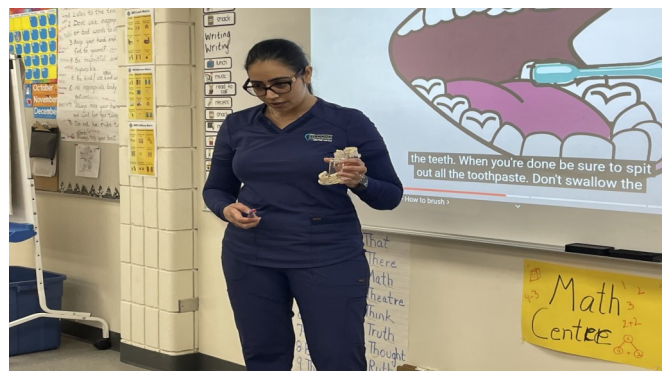
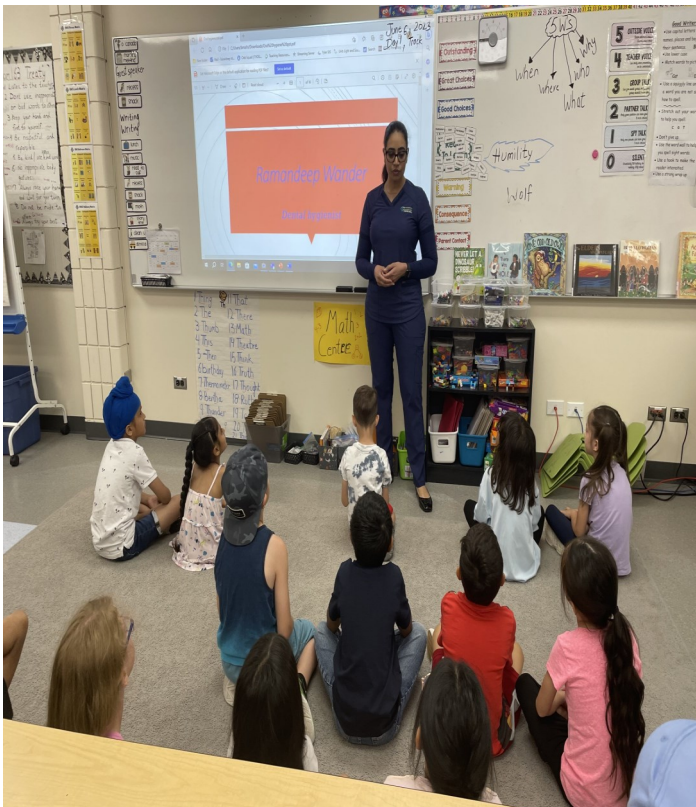
Mrs. Cole and Miss Edmison



Grade 1/2 E's (Mrs. Malhi) field trip to the zoo. It was so hot and sunny, but we enjoyed the trip. Students enjoyed watching animals especially seals swimming and polar bears.

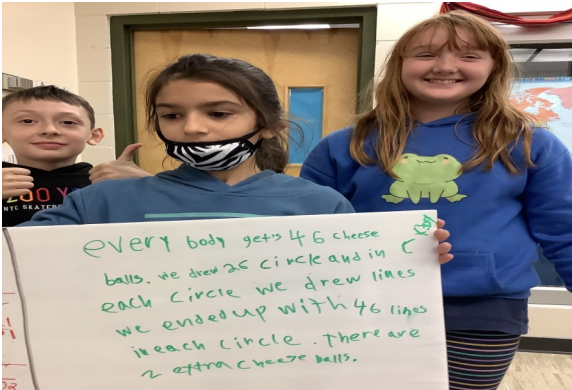
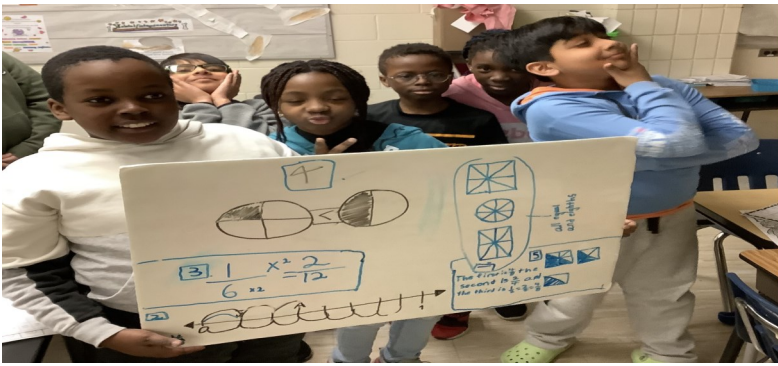


Grade 1/2 E (Mrs. Malhi) workshop held by Mrs. Wander (Dental Hygienist at Kilcona dental clinic). She gave presentation on how to keep your teeth healthy and shiny. Students had hands on experience on how to be brushing and flossing your teeth. She also distributed toothbrushes and flosses to the



Ms. Prigroski's class 3/4E on a community walk to the Transcona Library and field trip to Morning Sound Farm.





5A had a fun-filled year of exploring, team-building, growing, and learning. From designing to producing, we navigated all subject areas with flair and dramatic success. We worked through ups and downs in a loud way and are great at math!





Middle Years Band

Congratulations to all of the Grade 6, 7 and 8 Band students for putting on an amazing Spring Band Concert! All of the ensembles worked extremely hard and overcame a lot this year to put on a great last show. A special highlight goes out to all of the students in Jazz Band who rocked a solo!

Congrats as well to the Grade 8 Band for their performances at the Manitoba Band Association Band Festival in April, and Music Monday at Transcona Collegiate in May!

All band instruments should be returned either to the band room or the music store (wherever students got them from!). We must do a final inventory and send off instruments for cleaning and repair.

Band students are encouraged to check out the Manitoba Band Association Summer Band Camps. More info can be found at: www.mbband.org/2023-summer-band-camps.

Thanks for an amazing year in band!

Mr. Careless



Middle Years Phys. Ed.



What a crazy end to the year we had in the gym! Co-curricular sports were a full go all year long, and they will continue until the end of the year.

Cross country started our year off. Once again, we had the most students participating ever. There were two meets: one at Harborview Park and one at Birds Hill Park.

After cross country, volleyball games started. We had 5 teams in 7s and 8s, participating in all 4 categories.

After volleyball came basketball, where once again we had 5 teams (this time spread over 5 categories).

We competed in our first ever 7 & 8 Indoor Soccer.

We then hosted divisional badminton for the 7s and 8s.

After badminton, we hosted our Bernie Wolfe Middle Years Track and Field Day which helped us select students for our divisional meet at River East Collegiate. We had around 40 students participate in the divisional meet on June 1st, and 8 of those students qualified for the Jr. High Provincial Track and Field Meet. Congrats Marco C., Chase C., Denise L., Kate M., Davyd K., Kitan S., Syd H. and Matthew Z!

In June, we also sent 20 students to the RETSD Grade 6 Soccer Tournament. It's been a busy year, but here at BWS we wouldn't have it any other way!

Have a great summer everyone. I look forward to seeing you all in September for the start of next school year!

Mr. Hunter



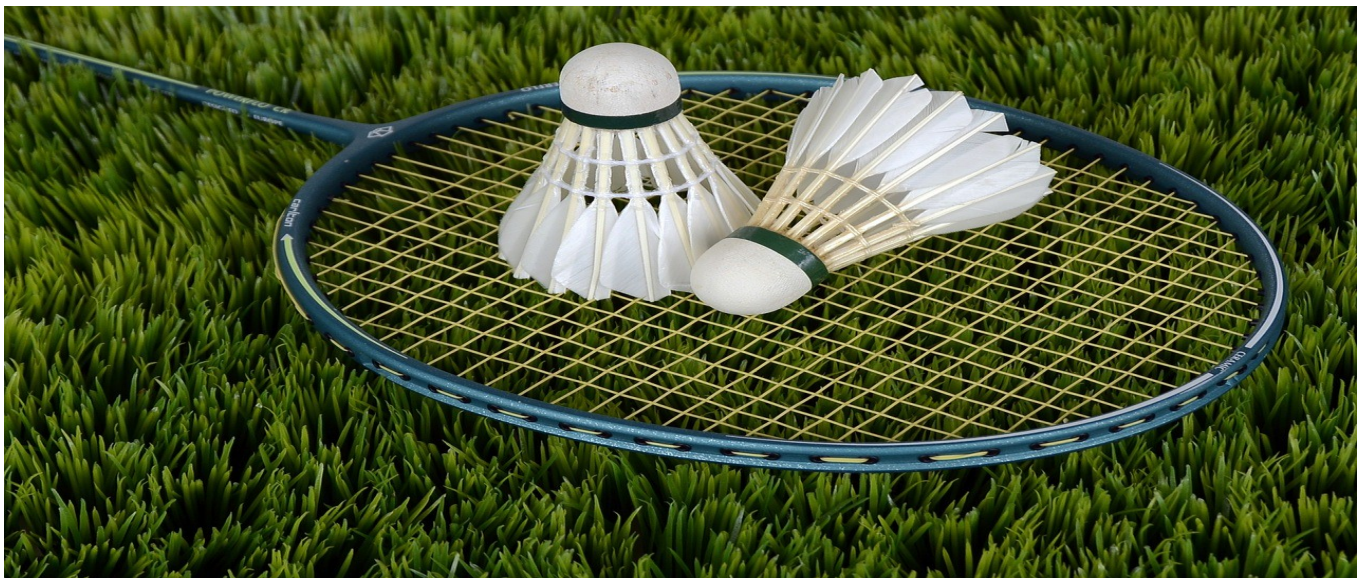
Grade 7 Badminton News

The Grade 7 badminton tryouts were in mid-March with approximately 37 students who signed up which was a fantastic turn out! Over the course of the season, students practiced after school, and played each other in a round robin tournament. Students were selected to play in a divisional Gr. 7 tournament, based on attendance, number of games they played (wins/losses) and by excellent sportsmanship.

On April 25th, 22 Grade 7 male and female players (singles, doubles & mixed doubles teams only), played other Gr. 7 players from 4 other schools in the RETSD tournament held here at Bernie Wolfe School. Our teams were on time, played fair and demonstrated a high degree of sportsmanship.

Thanks to all the awesome players for the time they invested, and we hope you continue to play next year!

Coaches: Ms. Vizza and Ms. Bobychuk and Ms. Childs (student teacher)



Tier 1 Girls Basketball



Tier 1 Girls basketball was phenomenal, and they went undefeated all season. Way to go everyone, thanks for a great year! Hope you keep playing and having fun!



MY Counsellor News

April 12 was the International Day of Pink! Discrimination takes on many forms, and on the Day of Pink we wear pink shirts to show that we are allies and that we stand against bullying. The Ambassadors did a wonderful job promoting the event by creating a video and posters to spread the word. Thank you to all who wore pink on this day, we had great participation throughout the grades!



Congratulations to our WJHA students on a terrific season. All students demonstrated growth and watching the students play teams from other schools was a true testament to their skill development. We were able to celebrate the end of our season at Camp Manitou where students enjoyed activities such as zip-lining, making bannock, team-building games and archery. A huge thank you to all the TNYF staff and coaches for all your efforts this season –we are so appreciative!



Finally, I would like to wish all our students and families and relaxing and fun-filled summer. I hope you are able to take time to unwind, unplug and connect with loved ones over the holidays. Best of luck to our Grade 8 graduates, we know you will be successful in high school and carry forward all your learning from BW! To our returning students, we look forward to seeing you in the fall. Take care!

Ms. McOmber



Congratulations Bus Patrols!

Bernie Wolfe Bus Patrols have won the RETSD Patrol Award of Excellence. Thank you to the students for their hard work and dedication in their pursuit of keeping students safe on the bus. Thank you to Ms. Hergesheimer and Ms. Bobychuk for their work with the patrols.





Concern Protocol

Your child's school will always try to make the learning experience a positive, safe and happy one for its students.

However, if you have a concern or an issue, please don't hesitate to let the school know. Open communication between home and school is very important to us.

1

Talk to the person most directly involved—your child's teacher. If you must leave a message, provide a day and evening phone number where the teacher can reach you.



If talking to the teacher doesn't resolve the issue, talk to the principal.

2



If you've talked to the principal, but the issue has not been resolved over a period of time, call the superintendent's department at 204.667.7130 or email communications@retsd.mb.ca.

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If you disagree with the decision of the superintendent's department, you can make an appeal in writing to the board of trustees.



For more information:
Policy KE – Concern Protocol
Policy KE-R – Concerns and Complaints Process
retsd.mb.ca

Mission Gardens Play Centre

95 Bournais Drive
located in Bernie Wolfe school



2 year old program

Mondays
9:10am - 11:30am

3 year old program

Wednesday & Friday
9:10am - 11:30am

4 year old program

Monday, Wednesday & Friday
1:10pm - 3:40pm
OR
Tuesday & Thursday
9:10am - 11:30am

3 & 4 year old program

Tuesday & Thursday
1:10pm - 3:40pm

For more
information:

email

mgpc@mymts.net

or 204-663-8053

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