



Bernie Wolfe School

Newsletter—March 2023

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Spring Break

March 27-March 31
Back to School
Monday, April 3—Day 5

Upcoming Co-ordinated Days

Friday, April 14
Monday, May 29

Last Day of School

Friday, June 30
Early Dismissal

Message from the Administration

Over the past few months Bernie Wolfe has been a very busy place. The staff have been working hard to make learning experiences engaging and meaningful for their students. The students have also been working hard demonstrating their learning in a variety of ways.

December saw us welcome back families into our school with a couple of events. We invited families to participate in a Gingerbread House making evening. We welcomed over 150 people into the gym to enjoy a night of music, hot chocolate and gingerbread house making. A huge thank you to Superstore on Regent and Sausage Makers on Narin for their donations to help make the evening free of charge. Also thank you to the “Les Gens de Bois - Carving Club” for donating handmade holiday ornaments for all families who participated.

January to March has seen us welcome in a number of new staff members to the Bernie Wolfe community. Vice-Principal, Ms. Lawrence, Ms. Epp in grade 4, Ms. Coulis, Grade 1-2, Ms. French Grade 7, Ms. Malhi Grade 1-2, Mr. Fehr Educational Assistant, and Ms. Avanthay Educational Assistant. All have been excellent additions to our staff.

January saw the start of the basketball season, preparation for the tumbling rally and a number of clubs. This year Bernie Wolfe had teams participate in Boys & Girls Tier 1, Boys and Girls Tier 2 and Boys Tier 3 basketball. Thank you to all the coaches who took the time to work with our students. We have a number of students and teachers getting participants ready for the Divisional Tumbling Rally in late March. We also have a number of clubs underway such as: the Beading club, Crib Club, and the E-sports Club. Again, thank you to staff for taking time out of your day to support our students.

February was a busy month as we celebrated “I Love to Read” and “Black History” month as well as engaging in Festival du Voyageur activities. During “I Love to Read” month students were engaged in several activities which celebrated the love for reading. Ms. Edmison and Ms. Cole planned activities such as a “Guess who is Reading” challenges. The school also invited in some guest readers. During “Black History” month teachers discussed topics such as the “Black Lives Matter Movement” and spoke to the numerous contributions made by the community to Canada and the world. During Festival week students engaged in a variety of activities such as: Touque making, Voyageur games, and Bannock making/eating. February also allowed us to connect with student learning through our Student Led Conferences. What a busy month!

As we now move into March our teachers are working hard completing assessments for the upcoming report cards. Report Cards will be available on March 25 on the Parent Portal.

Finally...Happy Spring! The weather seems to finally be in our favour and I, for one, am enjoying the extended daylight and the warmer weather ahead! As the weather warms up, we encourage all our families to get outside and away from the television and video games; and enjoy time together... play card games, work on a family puzzle, meal plan... you can even have your child in charge of cooking!

April is school planning month, a time when our staff will be looking at the data and evidence collected to date, reviewing our current goals and priorities, and establishing new ones for the 2023-2024 school year in conjunction with divisional and provincial priorities. School planning is a collaborative process, and we will be looking for input from all our stakeholders.

As we head into the last term of the school year, we encourage all our students to continue to make school a priority by being prepared to learn and maintaining a positive attitude toward learning. Establishing good learning routines will help to support your child throughout their entire school career and well into their future. Finally, I want to thank everyone in the Bernie Wolfe community for their ongoing support during this school year.

Sincerely,

C. Chartier



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.

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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.

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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

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.

Please ensure you clearly state both first and last name of the student.



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 and the daily rate of pay is \$17.00. 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.



Counsellor News

After Mr. Dahl's retirement in December, Mrs. McOmber has taken over as Middle Years Counsellor for the remainder of the year. Students are welcome to fill out a referral for if they would like to see me. I am also contactable by Teams (Meghan McOmber) and email (mmcomber@retsd.mb.ca).

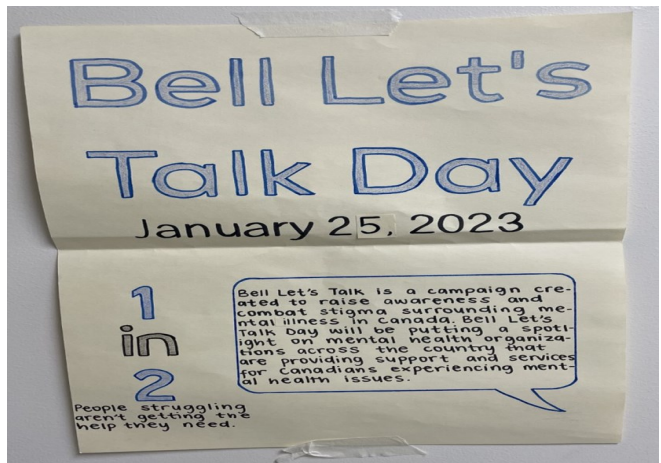
How Can I Support You?



On January 25th, we acknowledged Bell Let's Talk Day with presentations led by Ambassadors discussing the importance of Mental Wellness. The Ambassadors did a terrific job sharing information and strategies to help us talk about mental wellness with those around us.

April 12 is 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 WHJA students have been working hard on and off the ice, improving their hockey skills and building healthy habits. Thursday, March 23 will be the last day for the after school program. Grades 4-5s will be going to Camp Manitou on this day for an outdoor game while Grades 6-8 will be competing in a Floorball Tournament at Chief Peguis School. Both groups will be back at the school for 5 pm. May 3rd will be the last Wednesday for on-ice practice.

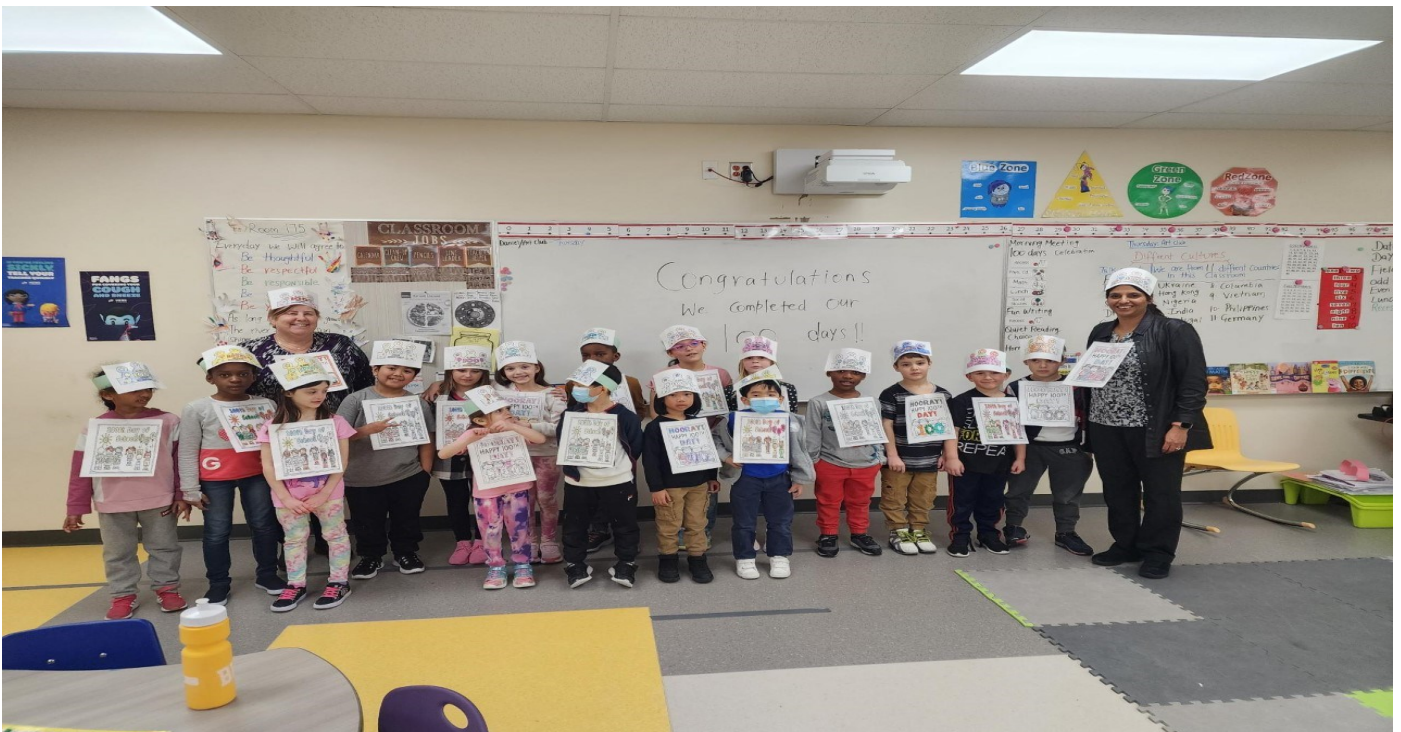


100 Days of School

Ms. Demke's grade 5 class had a great time celebrating the 100th day of school with their buddies from Ms. Romaniw's grade 1/2 class. The grade 5's led the grade 1's and 2's through learning centers inspired by the number 100!



Ms. Singh's Class Celebrating 100 Days



Band Program

We've had an exciting new year in our band program, as students continue to learn important skills on their various instruments! Since there are so many first-year players, we have had a lot of fun digging into the fundamentals and discovering the joys of playing a professional instrument for the first time. Here are some important things coming up:

- Our **Spring Band Concert** will take place on **Thursday, May 25**, at 7:00 p.m. in the Bernie Wolfe gymnasium. All band students are expected to attend, and all family and friends are invited! A letter was sent home this past week with more information.
- All Grade 6 and 7 students will have a little parent-teaching assignment due mid-April. Information will be given to the students before Spring Break.
- Grade 6 and 7 students recently did a couple of note-reading and playing assessments. If you would like more info on how your child did, please feel free to get in touch!
- The Bernie Wolfe Jazz Band is back up and running! We just started rehearsals, and all interested Grade 6, 7 and 8 band students are invited to join. We jam on Fridays after school from 3:45-4:30.
- Grade 8s will be performing at the MBA Level One Band Festival on April 25th! Details can be found on a letter that will be sent home with all of the Grade 8 band students.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me at mcareless@retsd.mb.ca!

Mr. Careless



Basketball Tier 1 Boys 2023 Season

After a few years of different basketball due to COVID restrictions, it is so nice to be back to a regular basketball season with fans in the stands!

Our boys had a challenging start to their season, but quickly learned the areas that required some practice. They worked diligently to improve their skills, and halfway through the season competed in the Lockport School Tournament where they went undefeated and won the tournament!

They have shown a lot of growth this year and have learned what it means to have to play physically at a higher level of sports. Mr. Struch and Mr. Bugera are incredibly proud of them this season. We hope that they continue to practice and play basketball in the years to come.



News from the library



During the month of February, we celebrated I Love To Read month. We had many fun things planned on our calendar!

Our theme this year was *Where will your reading take you?*

Many of our students are interested in books that are about where they are from and about their culture and heritage. They have been reading books about India, Philippines, Ukraine, and many other places in the world. We have also talked about the settings in books whether it's Hogwarts, Narnia, Whoville or any other magical place.

All grades participated in Book Wars where the students listened to Mrs. Cole read 2 books and they voted on their favorite.

Parts vs Fly Guy both written by Tedd Arnold (Parts was the winner)

Elephant & Piggie vs Pigeon by Mo Willems (Elephant & Piggie was the winner)

We wore pink and red; we wore hats and shirts you can read and dressed up as book characters! We played a guess the reader game and all classes were invited to the theatre to watch a movie that is based on a book.

The winners who brought back the I Love To Read pink activity calendar are...

Liam (1/2A), Izani (1/2B), Harlyn (1/2C), Eveleen (1/2D), Evan (1/2F), Lili (Malhi), Frankie (3A), Maan (3A), Abigail (3B), Dhrisha (3C), Bella (3/4E), Lisa (3/4D), Elizabeth (4B), Amitoj (4B), Japi (4B), Tomi (5A), Timi (5A), Polina (5D), Kanyinsola (5D), Esther (6C), Jireh (6A), Sophia (6C), Jocelyn (8B), Kenjie (8D)

We had a Read-A-Thon and every class participated!

Fateh (Kindergarten) 310 minutes, Graycen (Grade 1) 287 minutes, Jasper (Grade 2) 757 minutes, Tolu (Grade 3) 1548 minutes, Karen (Grade 4) 1004 minutes, Timi (Grade 5) 1972 minutes, Delilah (Grade 6) 2760 minutes, Sophia (Grade 7) 1140 minutes, Jocelyn (Grade 8) 2121 minutes

Pizza Party winners Ms. Kelly's class!! 11,618 minutes!

Congratulations to all of our winners! Great job reading!

We were fortunate to have many guest readers visit our school to read to classes. Many guests read to students in the library, and we had a few guests read to a large group of students in the theater as well. We enjoyed stories read by Collen Bready (CTV), Drew Stremick (Global), Colleen Carswell (School Trustee), Sheri Irwin (School Trustee), James Teitsma (MLA), Tyler Mags (103.1), Beau Fritzsche (99.1), Kris Jay (99.1), Aaron Mason (Firefighter), Officer Blair Scott (Policeman), and Paige from Access Credit Union came with Bill the St Bernard who showed a few classes some of the tricks he can do which included reading!



We had our second Scholastic Book Fair in February as well. It was so nice to see families come visit our library and shop for new books! We were able to buy over 100 new books for the library.



February was Black History month, and we had a display of books out for students to read written by black authors and books that celebrate black people. Many students chose to read books that celebrate the many contributions and achievements of Black Canadians who have done so much to make Canada a culturally diverse and compassionate country.

Mrs. Cole read *Sulwe* written by Lupita Nyong'o and *I Promise* written by Lebron James with classes from Kindergarten to grade 8.



Keep on reading,

Mrs. Cole and Miss Edmison

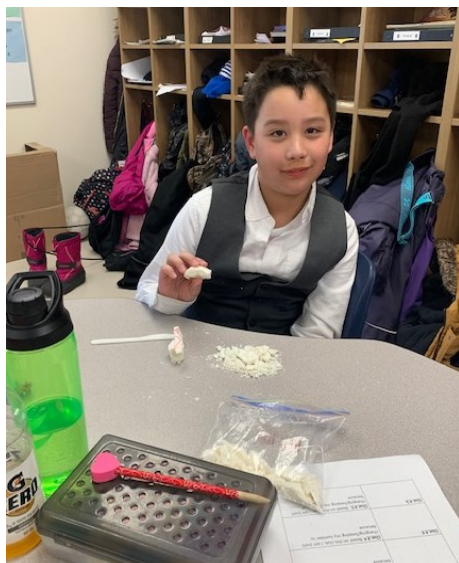
Inquiry-based Learning

As a follow up to working with the Dash robots and Talebots, Ms. Edmison familiarized all students grade three to grade eight with the website code.org. This is a website available through Bernie Wolfe Library Services that allows students to create short videos using basic coding commands.

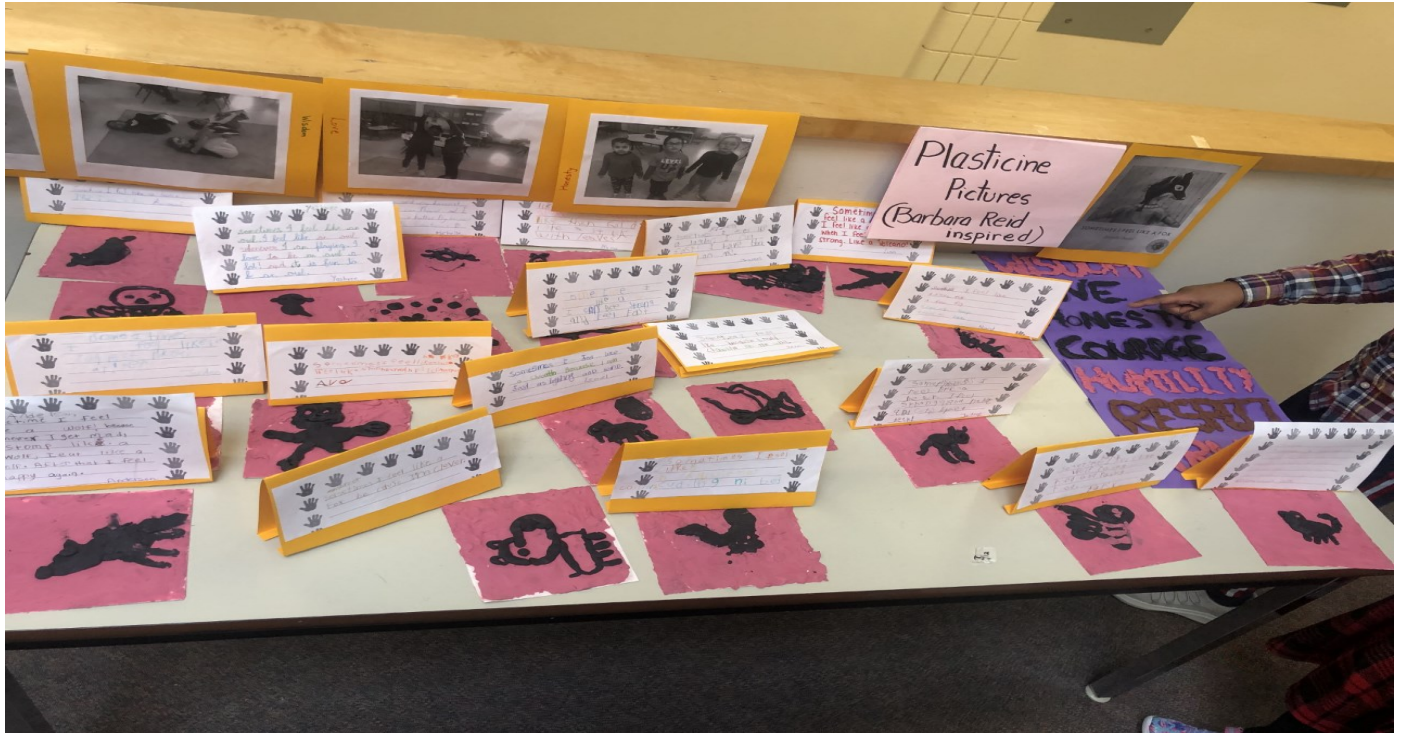
Students from kindergarten to grade two were introduced to National Geographics Kids' online puzzles and games that teach them about animals, gems, and a plethora of other Weird but True facts.

In January, the grade six classrooms learned how to write dialogue and discovered many of the things that authors do to create children's' books and then applied their new knowledge by writing a children's book. Students were given a variety of means with which to create their book. Some used an online book building program, some used PowerPoint to design their pages, and some used Microsoft Word and then illustrated their story by hand. The results were outstanding! We plan to catalogue some of these newly published works for use in our library. Grade sevens learned some research techniques and how to cite references in the APA style of documentation to prepare them for their Human Rights projects.

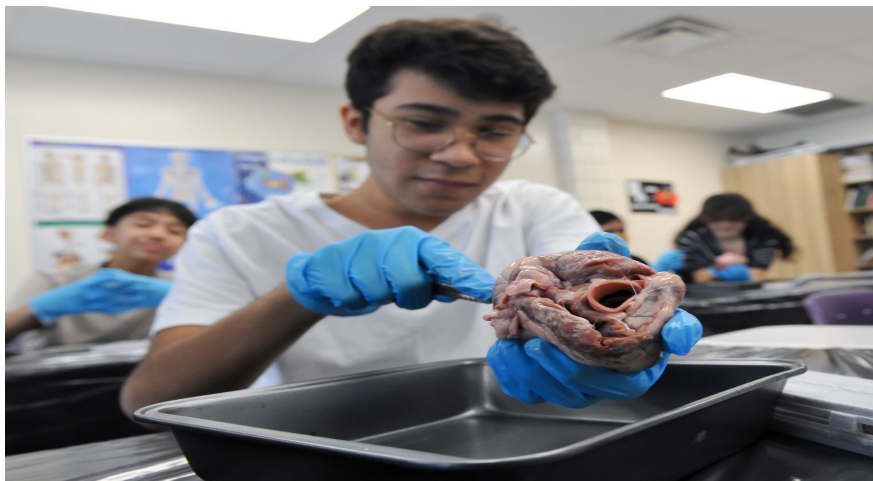
During the month of February, I Love to Read month, Ms. Edmison began a unit with the grade threes on Ancient Egypt. The students had the opportunity to carve a face into an apple and mummify it to see what the mummification process looks like. This unit continues until Spring Break. The grade fours are discovering many things about Canada's Far North from animal habitats to Inuit lifestyles! We will be doing some igloo and inukshuk building out of – what else – soap!



Petersen/Delow's classroom is learning about seven sacred teachings!



Heart Dissection in Mr. Iwan's Grade 8 Science Class



How to make a BIG snowman! —Outdoor learning in Ms. Drahn's class



We are from 12 different countries in our classroom. We were learning about different communities. Then I decided why not we make a globe as a little project.—Ms. Singh's Class



River East Transcona School Division

2023 POWWOW



**ALL WELCOME
ADMISSION IS FREE**
We Welcome and Include
LGBTQ+/Two-Spirit People



WHEN & WHERE

Thursday, May 11, 2023
Collège Miles Macdonell Collegiate
757 Roch St.
(Kimberly Ave. & Roch St.)

TIMES

Pipe Ceremony: 4 p.m.
Dancer/Drum Registration Begins: 4 p.m.
Community Feast: 4:30 p.m.
Grand Entry: 5:45 p.m.
Closing Ceremony: 7:45 p.m.

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Coco Ray Stevenson

ARENA DIRECTOR

To Be Announced

HOST DRUM

Buffalo Red Thunder
Walking Wolf Singers

CONTACT

Leanne Smith

204.669.9412, ext. 2967

First 10 Guest Drums and 150 Dancers
Registered Will Receive Honoraria

Honour Song to Recognize Grade 12
Students Leaving the Division and
Those Graduating

For the Sake of Mother Earth, Please
Bring a Refillable Water Bottle, if
Possible


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RETLife Programming

[RETLife](#) is a part of the River East Transcona School Division and provides opportunities for community members to participate in dynamic leisure and recreational programming at schools throughout the division.

The best part? All activities allow you to stay close to home!

Space is still available for you or your child to register for activities this spring, such as:

[Kids Can Style! Awesome Braids and Curls](#)

[Confidence Building Martial Arts for Kids](#)

[Mental Health First Aid](#) for Adults Who Work with Youth

[SING Out!](#) With Rainbow Harmony Project (youth ages 12 – 17)

[Badminton for Kids](#)

[Intro to Bhangra](#) (all ages 13 and up)

[Emergency First Aid and CPR with AED](#) (level C)

[Celebrating Filipino Food with Jeremy Senaris](#) (celebrating Filipino Food Month)

And much more!

Visit [RETLife](#) to see our offerings and check back regularly as new courses are added frequently!

River East Transcona School Division is located on the original lands of the Anishinaabeg, Ininiwak, Anishininiwak, Dakota, and Dene peoples, and on the homeland of the Red River Métis. We recognize our part of the Treaty relationship and, as acknowledgement of the harms done, we commit to collaborating with Indigenous communities in the shared spirit of Truth and Reconciliation for the healing and inclusion of all who share this Land.



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