



# Bernie Wolfe School

## Newsletter— June 2024



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### **Last Day of School**

Friday, June 28

Early Dismissal @ 2:30

### **Message from the 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 2023-24 school plan, and we are looking ahead to the next school year by working together to finalize our 2024-25 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. 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! Finally, 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.



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### Important information for our Middle Years Students for 24-25 school year

We will be having a staggered start to the first day of school for our Middle year's students. This will mean that grade 6 students will be coming in the morning at the regular start time of 8:40 **and stay for the day**. While the **grade 7 & 8 students will be arriving to school on the first day for 1:00**. It is our hope that this staggered entry for our grade 6 students will allow them to have a smoother transition into Middle Years.

### Meet the Teacher

Bernie Wolfe will be having its annual Meet the Teacher on Tuesday, Sept. 3 from 4:00 pm-6:00 pm. Feel free to bring all start up supplies.

### Staffing News

Year end marks a time where we say goodbye to staff who are moving on. I want to wish all staff the best as the move on from Bernie Wolfe. Thank you for all your work with the Bernie Wolfe community. You will be missed. Further, I want to congratulate Ms. Romeo and Ms. Ferley on their retirement and their incredible careers as educators. Finally, the new school year brings with it a number of new faces joining the BW community. Please all teacher staffing information below

### Retirement- Anna Romeo & Marueen Ferley

#### Staff Leaving

Ms. Fazenda  
Ms. Ruta  
Ms. McDonald  
Ms. Bartlett  
Ms. Marsh  
Ms. Flatfoot  
Ms. Teixeira  
Ms. Gardiner  
Ms. Stefaniuk  
Mr. Quinn  
Mr. Hebel  
Ms. Hendrickson  
Ms. Salvador  
Ms. Whitaker Jacques  
Ms. Brown  
Ms. McOmber

#### New to BW in 24-25

Ms. Chung- Grade 4  
Mr. Reeves- Vice- Principal  
Ms. Dawes- Resource  
Ms. Yea- Contreras- Resource  
Mr. Zeiss- Grade 4  
Ms. Bush- Grade 2  
Ms. Bale- Grade 1  
Ms. Omer- Grade 7  
Ms. Jaskiewicz- Guidance  
Ms. Fergus- Grade 5  
Ms. Tetreault- Grade 6 (Sept- March)  
Mr. Lyon- Physical Education  
Ms. Macalalad - Band  
Ms. Bras- Middle Years Art  
Ms. Lebrun (Oct.-June) - Guidance  
Ms. A. Turton - EY Music

## **Reminder to Visitors and Parents**

All visitors and parents need to report to the school office first if they are picking up students early or dropping off late. All Supplies or lunch drop off need to come to the office. Please inform the office ahead of time if you are picking up students early.

## **Dressing for the Weather**



Please ensure your student(s) are dressed appropriately for the weather conditions each day. Extra clothes in your student's backpack are recommended in case of playground accidents. Please ensure all clothing is labeled with your student's name in case it should be misplaced.

## **Student Attendance**

If your student will be absent from school or arriving late for any reason, please contact the school at 204-958-6532 or email us at [bw@retsd.mb.ca](mailto:bw@retsd.mb.ca). The school voicemail is available for messages 24 hours a day, press #1 to leave a message after hours. Please make sure to clearly **state your child's first and last name** when emailing or leaving a phone message.

## **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, e-mail etc.). If you move, please provide new proof of address to the school office to update your information.

## **School Parking Lot**

Please be advised that the parking lot is restricted to daycare, school and divisional staff use from 8:00am – 4:00pm. Parents are encouraged to use the designated pick-up/drop-off route located on Rougeau Ave. Alternatively, there is street parking available around the school. **For extenuating circumstances (early pick-up, meetings, etc.), there are a limited number of guest spots available in the parking lot please do not use Bus Loop.**

Any spot with a number is an assigned spot. The parking lot is a one-way directional route. Thank you for helping to keep our students safe.

## **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.

## **Lunch Expectations**

**Please note that we do not have microwaves for students to use at lunch time. Please do not send lunches that need to be heated.**

**Students should be bringing their own cutlery and water bottles for snack and lunches.**

**\*\*\*Allergy Alert\*\*\***



In Bernie Wolfe School, we make every effort to protect students with life threatening allergies from exposure to known allergens. In order to minimize the risk of exposure and to ensure the immediate response to an emergency, we provide general awareness regarding life-threatening allergies to their school communities. Per Policy JLCG-R2, school administrators also support the implementation of strategies to reduce the risk for the students with allergies; as such, they notify parents not to send peanuts, peanut butter, peanut oil, nuts, and products containing them to school. Parents are encouraged to help their children understand the seriousness of life-threatening allergies. Individual teachers may send out information regarding specific allergies in their classes so parents can make informed decisions when sending food to school.

**Lunch drop off's are NOT encouraged as we are limiting traffic in the building and disruptions to class.**

## **Middle years students**

**Grade 6 students who stay for lunch must remain on school grounds. All other students are encouraged to stay on school grounds during lunch. Those students in Grade 7 & 8 who choose to leave school grounds and go to community stores are expected to return by 11:55. Students who return to school after that time are expected to wait in the outdoor classroom area until 12:25 and then enter the school and head directly to class.. Students who are choosing to go home for lunch should only return 5 minutes before the afternoon bell.**

## **Party/Class treats**

**Due to allergies and specific dietary needs, we are not able to facilitate birthday parties or treats being sent with students to class. Please do not send party treats to school to share.**

## **Water Bottles**

All students should be bringing a refillable water bottle to school. Bottles can be filled at the filling stations located through out the school.



## Mural at the Mall

Our gr.7/8 Art students Mural was displayed at Marshall's department store in Kildonan Place during POW WOW Month from May 22 until June 27.

This mural was created by the grade 7/8 Indigenous and multi-cultural Art students at Bernie Wolfe School, located in the River East Transcona School Division (RETSO). It displays Indigenous culture, with connections to the Seven Sacred Teachings, the Inukshuk, the Northern Lights, the Red River, and finally, to Winnipeg's 150th Anniversary. Our mural is 25 feet long and 8 feet high, created with watercolor on paper. The students spent many hours planning, drawing, painting, and learning about Indigenous culture throughout the process of creating this piece of artwork.







**PREMIER  
OF MANITOBA**

Legislative Building  
Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 0V8  
CANADA

June 12, 2024

Bernie Wolfe School  
c/o Norbert Iwan, Teacher  
95 Bournais Drive  
Winnipeg, Manitoba R2C 3Z2

Dear Students,

I want to offer you my sincere congratulations on having your mural displayed in Marshall's department store in Winnipeg.

This mural is a wonderful celebration of Indigenous culture in Manitoba and Winnipeg's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. I can see how many elements of our history are thoughtfully represented in your mural. It is also obvious how much hard work, planning, and collaboration went into this project. Thank you for sharing your knowledge, talent, and creativity in this way.

I hope you continue to explore your interest in the arts and pursue excellence in all that you do. I wish you all the best as the school year ends.

Miigwech,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Wab Kinew', written over a white background.

The Honourable Wab Kinew  
Premier of Manitoba

# National Indigenous Peoples Day

## Round Dance



## Drummers





## *BWS Stret & Bus Patrols*

It has been a pleasure working with the street and bus patrols this year at Bernie Wolfe School. They have demonstrated being safe, being respectful and being responsible both at school and within the community. Our street patrols continued to demonstrate excellence and were actively engaged in their role on the street. Bus patrols continued to show incredible leadership skills by standing outside the bus as students boarded, appropriately positioning themselves throughout the bus and assisting others as situations arise. We are very thankful and grateful for our street and bus patrols this year!



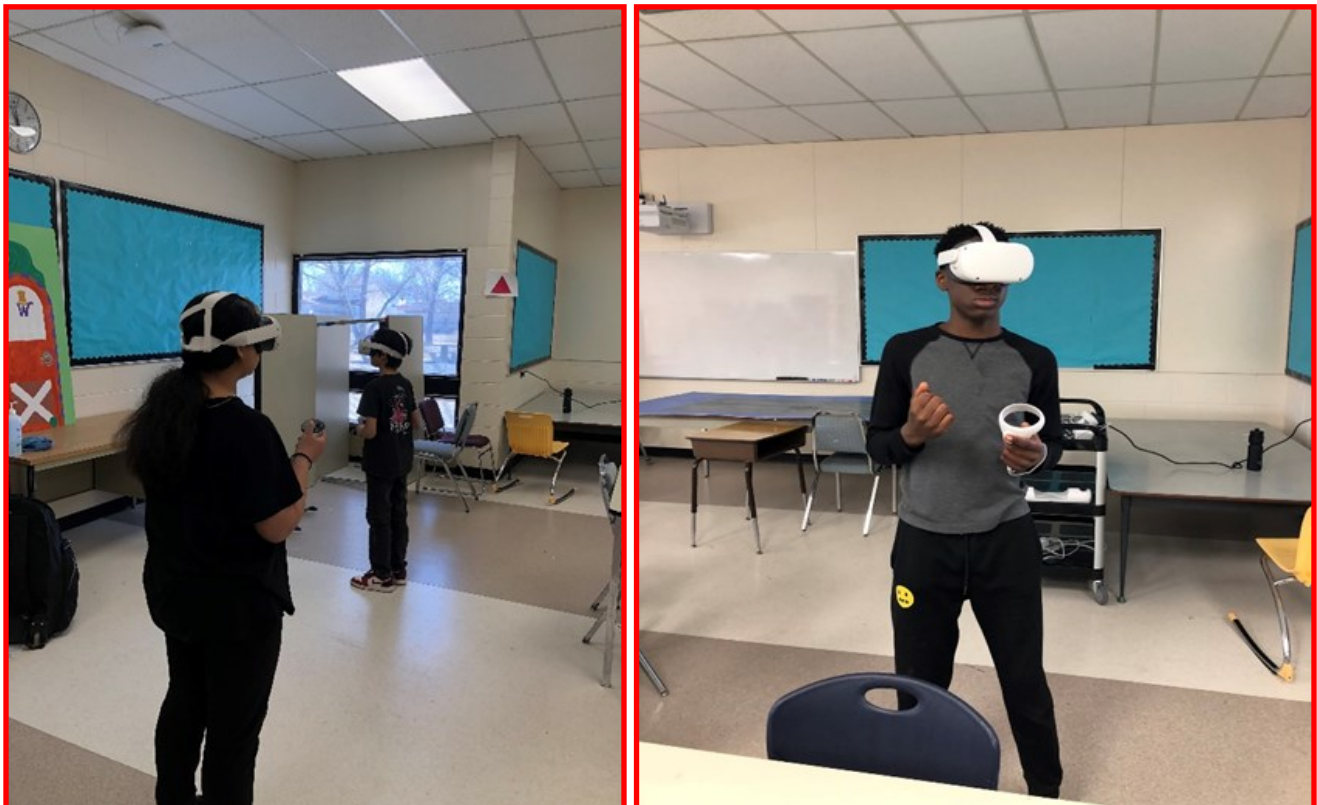
## *Virtual Reality Activity "Home After War" – Grades 7C & 7D*

Since mid-January, our Grade 7 students have been learning about Human Rights which has been integrated into both our Social Studies and English Language programs. To further extend their learning, Ms. Jantz our EAL consultant (English as an Additional Language) was invited into our classes to facilitate a mini workshop called "Forced to Flee" this past March. This workshop provided our students the opportunity to experience what it is like to be a refugee seeking asylum.

In mid-April, Ms. Jantz returned to our classes to offer an additional learning opportunity using Virtual Reality Goggles. "**Home After War**" is a room-scale, interactive virtual reality experience that takes you to Fallujah, Iraq. The war has ended but the city is still unsafe. There's one looming fear for returning refugees – booby trapped homes and improvised explosive devices (**IEDs**) in the neighbourhoods. Since the end of the war, thousands of civilians have died or been injured by IEDs. Ahmaied Hamad Khalaf and his family returned home after the fighting subsided. In this experience, the students found themselves in Ahmaied's home, which still shows signs of the damage from the war. Ahmaied takes our students on a tour of his home and explains the challenges of living during conflict.

The VR format can be an excellent way to help students understand some of the realities that people face when they are forced to flee from their homes. All in all, the students from both Grade 7 classes thought this was an engaging learning experience. (See photos below.)

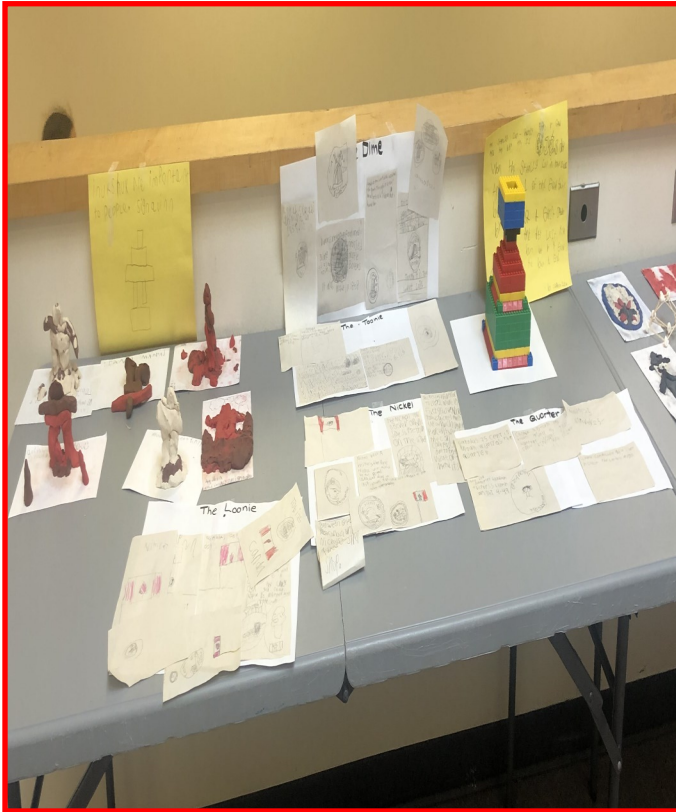
Ms. L. Vizza





## MS. Peterson/Delow's Gr 1/2 Class

Ms. Petersen/Delow 's classroom did an Inquiry project on Canadian Symbols. They have shown their 'Collaboration and creativity ' skills while working on their social study Project.



## MRS. Singh's Gr 1/2 H Class

Grade1-2 H has been learning about different communities. While we were doing this unit, we came to know we all are from 14 different countries. Then this idea came to my mind, if in one class I found 14 different countries' cultures, then how many would we find in our whole school?

I started thinking about something that we could do to learn about this. So "All around the world" idea came to my mind. I put different countries names along with their flags on the bulletin board (near to grade1-2 hallway).





# BWS Library

## Library News

Attention all students! We kindly remind you that all library books are now overdue. While we don't charge late fees, we request that you return any outstanding books. It's important to collect these books back so they can continue to be enjoyed by others in our school community. Additionally, as we gear up for summer break, we're excited to offer students in grades 1-7 the opportunity to take up to three books home for the summer. After all, books are better off in the hands of eager readers than collecting dust on our shelves! We encourage students to care for their borrowed books and return them during the first week of school in September. (All summer lending books are due back by Friday, September 6, 2024.) Let's ensure that every book finds its way back home to the library where it belongs!

As we finish up the school year, we want to celebrate the great year we've had in our school library. Our library has been buzzing with activity all year long. Between library book exchange classes, February's "I Love to Read" celebrations, and clubs, like MY Open Library and MYRCA, you can usually find students in our library!

We'd like to thank our school community for their support of both our book sales this school year too. In October, we hosted a very successful Scholastic book fair, which enabled us to select many enjoyable Scholastic books for our school library. We also organized our first-ever used book sale during the second round of conferences in February. The response was overwhelmingly positive, with students, parents, and staff alike embracing the opportunity to give new life to pre-loved books. With another Scholastic Book Fair planned for next fall, we look forward to continuing our mission of fostering a love of reading within our school community.

We also want to give a shout out to our MYRCA (Manitoba Young Readers Choice Awards) teams that represented BWS at events this spring. Jessica, Treasure, and Rae attended the RETSD Battle of the Books event at Chief Peguis School. Justin, Lisa, Audrey, Samantha, and Dhrisha participated in a MYRCA event at Bertrune E Glavin School. All the students did well, and we are excited to prep and come back strong next year! - Extra shout out to Justin in Grade 6 who read all 20 of the MYRCA books!! Wow!





We added many new books to our collection this year, including popular manga titles, which have been a hit with many students. We also enjoy showcasing different events, holidays, and special months in the library. From Orange Shirt Day to Black History Month to Pride, these displays have sparked curiosity and exploration among our students.

As we head into the summer break, let's keep the joy of reading going. Whether you're relaxing at home or going on vacation, there's always time to pick up a book. Here are a few simple ways to incorporate reading into your summer:

1. Make a summer reading list with friends and family and see who can read the most books.
2. Bring a book with you wherever you go, whether it's to the beach or the park.
3. Visit your local library or bookstore to discover new titles and authors. Consider joining the summer reading program through the Transcona branch of WPL.
4. Organize a book swap with friends and share your favorite reads.
5. Keep a reading journal to jot down your thoughts and reflections on the books you read.

We wish you a summer filled with imagination, exploration, and, of course, lots of good books!

Happy reading and see you in September!

-Mrs. Card & Mrs. Vasanthy

## **ESports**

We've wrapped up a great year in our newly-formed eSports program. Interested students in Grade 7 played a variety of eSports games, including Brawlhalla, Super Smash Bros, and Rocket League. We even had a team make it to the provincials for Brawlhalla! Shout out to all who participated and we look forward to growing the program even more next year.

Coaches,

Mrs. Card & Mr. Cowan



# Gr 8 Band Concert



## *Music Notes – June 2024*

Thanks to all the students who created music this year!

Congratulations to the grade 3, 4, and 5 students for 3 successful spring shows! We couldn't have put the show on without our school neighbour classrooms. Special shout-out to Mr Struch, Mr Rodrigue, and all the artists who worked on the doors! Our sound crew, Mr. Kozaczka for the spotlight, Ms. Brown for the lighting design, and Mr. Andriiy and the other custodians for setting up and taking down. Plus, thanks to the students who helped with the chairs. Thanks to Mrs. Singh and Mrs. Delow for their work with the Bhangra dancers! Thank you to the classroom teachers for being flexible and kind. We have a great group of "neighbours"! Huge thanks to all involved!

A special note of thanks for all the years of support from the staff, students, parents and community for the past 10 years of my teaching at Bernie Wolfe in the Music Department. I am retiring after 31 years of teaching. Thank you for the many wonderful musical memories and for the privilege of teaching your children.

Keep making music each day.

Ms. Maureen Ferley





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# winnipeg youth chorus



**“I love absolutely everything about singing in the WYC, the friendships, the laughter, performing in music videos, singing at charity events and at Lincoln Centre in New York City!”**

– WYC Member



**JOIN US!**

Auditions are held in May, September and January.

**winnipegyouthchorus.com**

**The WYC is made up of singers ranging in age from 7–25.**

Chickadees (Ages 7–12)

Rhapsody (Ages 12–18)

Coda (18–25)

## WYC Repertoire

The WYC sings many genres including classical, gospel, country, folk and musical theatre. Performing pieces by The Who, Disney and even Stevie Wonder, we love singing fun, educational, uplifting, challenging music.

**Join us!**

**“We sing some really amazing music, we meet some great people, we get to travel and perform and we share all of these wonderful memories because we are a part of the WYC.”** – WYC Member

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## Book the WYC!

Are you looking for beautiful singing for your special event? The WYC provides a professional performance for any event or private function. Call us!

## Past Performances

- Terry Fox Run
- PTSD Benefit Gala
- Breast Cancer Gala Dinner
- Human Rights Museum – Canada Day
- Salvation Army's Christmas Event
- Manitoba Heroes' Event
- Ronald McDonald House Gala Event
- Men's Chorus Event
- Juno Awards
- New York City (Lincoln Centre)

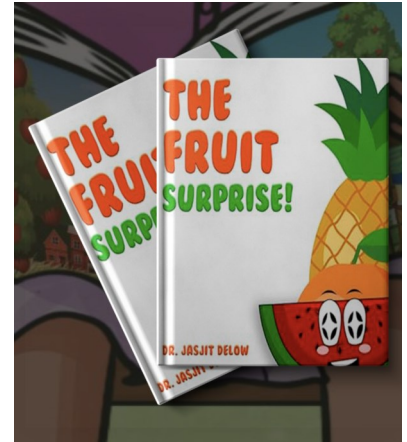
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## Gr 1/2 teacher Ms. Delow

Congratulations to Ms. Delow on writing and publishing her first children's book. The book is called "The Fruit Surprise" and it encourages the readers to never stop dreaming and thinking with a unique perspective.



## Bhangra Club





## EY Field Day Fun



*River East Transcona School Division is located on the original lands of the Anishinaabeg, Ininiwak, Anishiniwak, 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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