



Bernie Wolfe School

Newsletter— March 2024



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In Service Days

Monday, April 22

Friday, June 7

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.

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 Girls Tier 1, Boys and Girls Tier 2 and Boys & Girls 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 Lego Club, Puzzle Club, Indigenous Games Club, Karaoke Club, Chess Club, ASL Club and the E-sports Club. Our E-Sports team competed in the Provincial Championships finishing 8th! 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”, 100 Day 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 their love for reading. The staff planned many amazing activities for the students under the theme “Leap into Reading.” Activities included a “Guess who is Reading” challenge, bookmark challenges and several 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. We held a school wide assembly which was capped off by students dancing to “Afro beats and Middle Years students had the option of participating in a Nigerian Hot Lunch..” 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 22 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 2024-2025 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

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. 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.

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.



2

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



3

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.



4

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



2024-2025 Registration Now Open

Children born in 2019 and living in our catchment area can apply for Kindergarten. .

Kindergarten Registration is open Now.

Please come to the school office to get a registration package or check our website to print out a copy. [2024-25-registration-package-kg-grade-6.c06c4219471.pdf \(retsd.mb.ca\)](#)

Required for registration:

Proof of age (1 of the following):

- Birth Certificate
- Baptismal Certificate
- Passport
- Treaty Card
- Certificate of Birth Registration signed by Vital Statistics

Proof of residency (2 of the following):

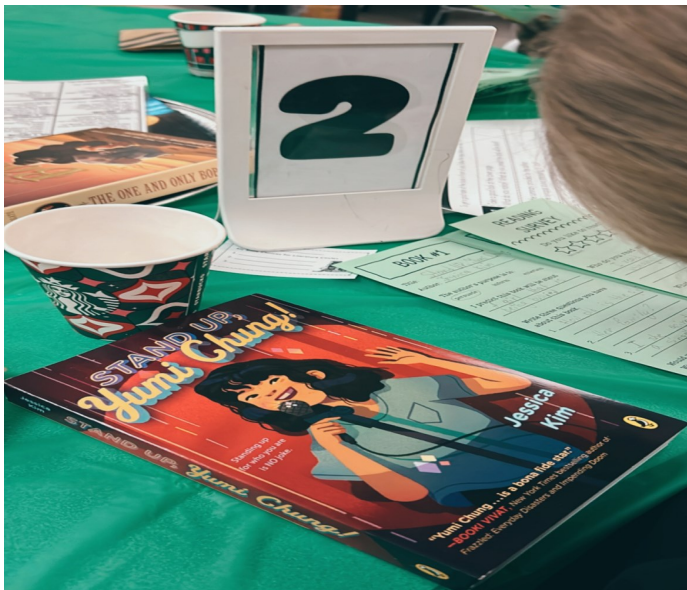
- Driver's License
- Manitoba Health Card
- Tenancy Agreement or Accepted offer to purchase (complete with signatures)
- VOID Cheque from the bank
- Utility Bill (from the corresponding address)

These documents are very important and without them your child's registration cannot be completed. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office at 204-958-6532

Unfortunately, Bernie Wolfe School will not be accepting any School of Choice students due to the fact we are currently near 100% capacity and will only be accepting new students from our catchment area. Please check if your are in our catchment area.

[School Locator](#)

Ms. Hando's Starbooks Café



Mrs. Singh's Gr 1/2H Class

Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day is a Golden day.
Remember the soldiers in a great way.
They are the one who save us everyday.
Never forget them in a simple way.
Remembrance Day is a Golden day.
Remember the soldiers in a great way.
May be the life is short for them.
Soldiers know this day one.
Still, they are ready to live far away.
Remembrance Day is a Golden day.
Remember the soldiers in a great way.
How much they miss their families.
Still, they do their jobs same way.
Not even get a chance to celebrate any day.
Remembrance Day is a Golden day.
Remember the soldiers in a great way.
Soldiers are the mark of bravery.
They deserve that we wear poppies everyday.
Let's remember them not only today but every single day.
Remembrance Day is a Golden day.
Remember the soldiers in a great way.



Written by :

Rouble Singh (Grade1/2 Teacher)

Ms. Ferley's Music Class

Music Notes March 20224

Kindergarten students have been singing, moving, and playing hand and barred instruments in music.

Grade 4 music classes have been composing! Ask your child to share their jungle composition on their recorder. All grade 3, 4, and 5 classes are preparing for the upcoming Spring concert, April 18.

All students are involved and expected to attend both afternoon and evening concerts (1 p.m. and 6 p.m.). All parents, friends, family members, and guests are welcome to attend and enjoy!

Thursday, April 18 Grade 3, 4, and 5 Spring Concert – all students involved in both **1 p.m. and 6 p.m.** concerts.

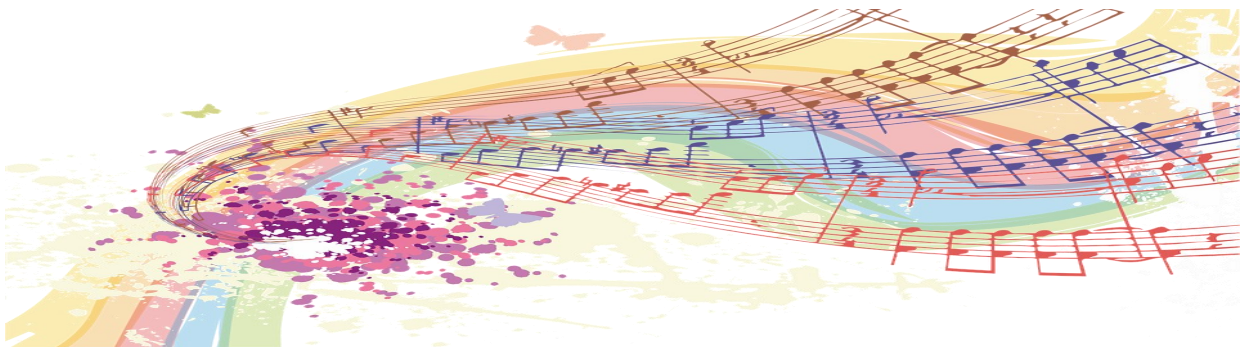
Spring Concert

Thursday, April 18 Gr 3,4,5

Doors open @ 6pm

Concert start @ 6:30pm

Music Monday, May 6– event to be determined but music to be made by all.



Library News

I Love to Read

Bernie Wolfe School celebrated “I Love to Read” month in February with many “Leap into Reading” activities! Students participated in a bookmark contest, themed dress-up days, mystery reader contest, book-moji contest, take-home reading bingo, and more! Over 100 prizes of books or posters were given out to individual students and eight lucky classrooms won class prizes, as well!

We welcomed many guest readers throughout the month, including a school trustee, our MLA, members of RETSD’s Senior Administration team, Olympic medalist Chantal Van Landeghem, radio personality Tyler Magz, a Sea Bear player, an RCMP officer, staff from the Kildare office of Access Credit Union and more! Ms. Hando and Ms. Jones’s classes also won the Manitoba Moose’s “Stick It to Reading” contest and had hockey players come read to them!

We love reading all year long, but we always enjoy celebrating I Love to Read month with our school community!



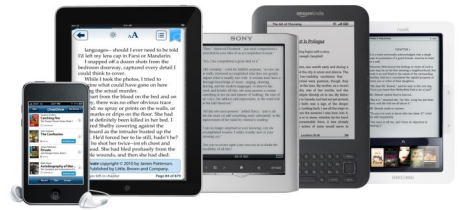
Book Sale

During February we also hosted a used book sale in the library. Our community responded to our call for book donations and we collected hundreds of books of all kinds! During conferences we sold the previously loved books, as well as some posters, pencils, and bookmarks, all for \$1 each. We were thrilled by the success of this book sale and look forward to hosting another one in the upcoming years.



Ebook Access

We want to remind families that students in RETSD have continuous access to many online resources too. Using their RETSD credentials (username and password) students can borrow from a collection of ebooks and audiobooks through Sora (as an app and at www.soraapp.com). The Sora collection is available to any student, but is geared for grades 4+. Younger students can enjoy books from Tumblebooks and PebbleGo, both available from our school website (BW site --> Our Library --> Library Services).



There are some other great websites we'd also like to share with our Bernie Wolfe School community, especially those of you that may be looking for books in other languages. Check out www.storybookscanada.ca and www.uniteforliteracy.com for great multilanguage book collections that are free for all.

New books

We continue to add many new books to our library throughout the year to ensure we have books of interest to all our students. We focus on recently published books, topics or genres that are underrepresented in our library, as well as books to replace ones that have been a bit too loved! We are always open to suggestions from students for purchases too. Let us know if there is something you are interested in.



Book Care

Please help your student care for their library book properly to ensure it can continue to be loved by many students, including keeping the books away from food and drinks, keeping them in a safe place, and returning them on their library day. Thank you for working together to care for our great books!

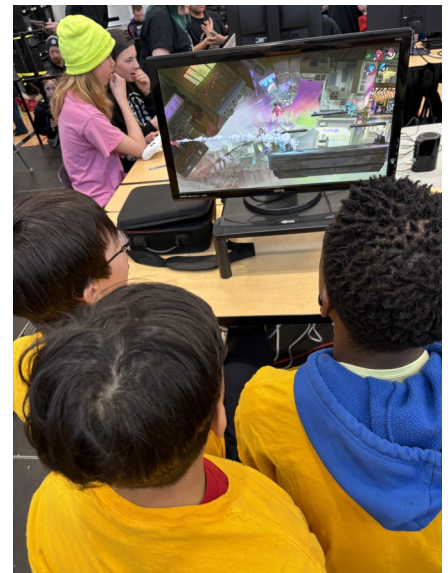
Happy reading!

-Mrs. Card & Ms. Vasanthy

ESports

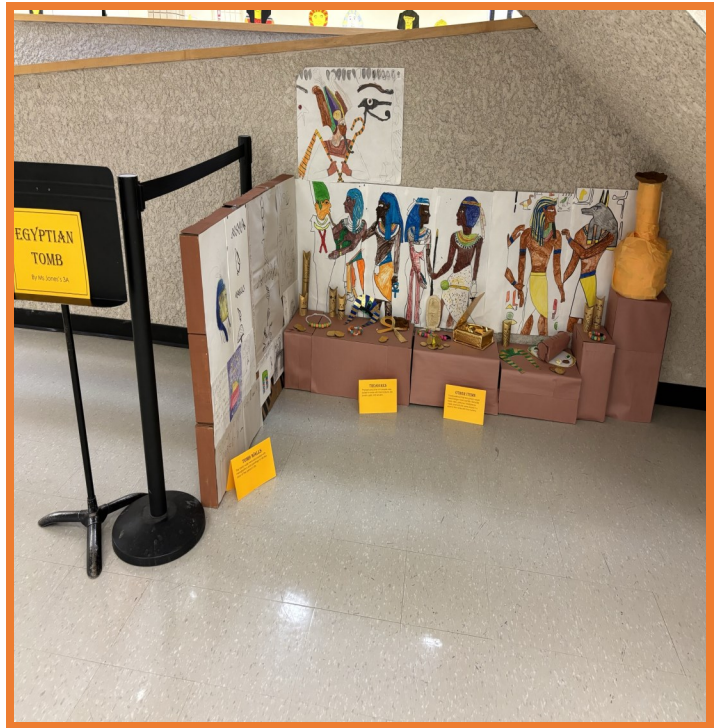
The Grade 7 eSports Gaming Club has been playing Brawlhalla this season. BWS entered two teams in the after-school league as well. Both teams had a great season and BW-Grey qualified for the provincials held in Dugald on March 9, where they placed 8th in the province! Way to go!

Up next, the eSports students will be playing Pokemon Unite later this spring.



Ancient Egypt Museum

Each of the grade 3 classes collaborated to create their own Ancient Egypt Museum as part of learning about Ancient Egypt in Social Studies. Each class focused on a section of the museum including the Pyramids and Nile river, an embalming table, an Egyptian Home and an Egyptian tomb.



Ms. Jones Gr 3A Class

Ms. Jones' 3A class learned about Lunar New Year by watching videos, reading stories, and drawing a dragon to celebrate!



Mission Gardens Play Centre

we are looking for Inclusion Facilitators for various hours. Being a CCA, having a Child Abuse Registry, Criminal Record Check and Emergency First Aid. Please let the nursery school if you are interested. 204-663-8053 or mgpc@mymts.net

**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**



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 2024-25 form. Forms are available from the school office or on the Transportation icon located on divisional home page at [Fee-for-Service Busing \(Including Form\) \(retsdb.ca\)](https://www.retsd.mb.ca/fee-for-service-busing-including-form)

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.

***NOTICE - FEE-FOR-SERVICE BUSING**

If Fee-For-Service transportation is required again for your student(s) for the upcoming school year, a 2024-25 application form must be submitted to the Transportation Department. Transportation Application – Fee-For-Service 2024-2025 forms are available from the school office or on the Transportation icon located on the 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. **Below is a link to the 2024/25 fee for service application:**

[transportation-application-fee-for-service-form-b-2024-25.4017f719901.pdf \(retsdb.ca\)](https://www.retsd.mb.ca/transportation-application-fee-for-service-form-b-2024-25.4017f719901.pdf)

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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