



École Regent Park

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Dear Families,



Welcome back and Happy New Year! We hope you had a wonderful winter break filled with rest and time with loved ones. As we step into 2026, we're excited to reconnect and continue building a strong, supportive school community together. This memo includes important updates and upcoming events to help us start the year off smoothly. Thank you for your ongoing partnership—we're looking forward to an amazing year ahead!

Hot Lunch!

Our next hot lunch from Healthy Hunger will be from **Wayback Burgers**! The dates are as follows:
January 19th (Grades 2 & 6)
January 20th (Grades 2, 5 & 8)
January 21st (Grades 4 & 7).
You may order up to five days in advance.

Please use this link to make your order: [Healthy Hunger](#)



Microwave Update

Please note that microwaves will no longer be available in classrooms. This change is required to comply with updated fire code regulations and ensure the safety of all students and staff. We appreciate your understanding and support as we prioritize a safe learning environment.





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I Love to Read Month!

January is “I Love To Read Month” here at ÉRP!

We look forward to celebrating reading with special activities and experiences throughout the month.

There will be contests, special visitors, Book Tasting, Mystery Readers, Lecture sous les étoiles (Reading under the stars), prizes, and so much more!



Here are some dates of note, so you can help your child prepare in advance:

January 5-9: Manitoba Young Readers' Choice Awards (MYRCA) Kick-off (Grades 4-8)

Click here to see the book nominees for 2026: [Manitoba Young Readers' Choice Awards](#)
– Promoting Canadian children's literature since 1990

January 12-16: Bookmark contest

Friday, January 16: **Word Day** – Wear something with words (appropriate of course).

January 19-23: Lecture sous les étoiles - Our library will be transformed into a cozy reading nook “under the stars”. Keep your ears open for a possible pyjama day when your child’s class is scheduled to participate.

Monday January 26: Dress Like a Book Character Day

January 26-29: Resto-Livres (Book Tasting) – Students will have the opportunity to ‘taste test’ a variety of different types and genres of books when they visit the library with their class.





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Clubs at ÉRP!

We're thrilled to offer a variety of clubs this term to spark creativity, curiosity, and connection among our students! From Craft Club and Crochet & Knitting to Board & Card Games, Reading, Minecraft, MYRCA, Homework Help, Karaoke, and more - there's something for everyone. These clubs provide wonderful opportunities for students to explore interests, build friendships, and develop new skills in a fun and supportive environment. We can't wait to see your child get involved!

Rainbow Club!

Did you know our school has a Rainbow Club? Technically, we have two! Rainbow Club for Grades 2-8, and Rainbow Club for Grades 6-8. As with all school clubs, these clubs are completely optional to attend. Formerly known as GSA, Rainbow Club is a club for any student to attend where they are guaranteed to be included. Everyone is welcome, and our main goal is to foster an inclusive, positive school culture that champions kindness, celebrates diversity and encourages empathy.

For Grades 2-8 the focus is on how to be a kind and inclusive person and friend to others, how to respectfully acknowledge others (it's a mini grammar lesson as we learn pronouns). There are no sensitive curricular outcomes/topics discussed from any grade level.

For Grades 6-8 the focus is on supporting conversations around 2SLGBTQ+ inclusion and finding ways to support gender diversity in our community. This includes making a bulletin board, promoting inclusivity for all students, and looking for ways to connect with other schools.

Days for Grades 2-8 are as follows:

Thursday, January 29, we will be playing board games

Wednesday, February 25, we will be playing card games

Monday, March 23, we will be following a spring themed "how to draw" video

Days for Grades 6-8 are as follows:

Every day 5 at lunch recess (12:10-12:40)



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Celebrations

Spirit Week!

Before the winter break, students participated in a school-wide spirit week with many fun and engaging activities, including games in the gym, door decorating competitions and even a student vs. staff floor hockey game!





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Sharing Music in the Community!

Many of our band students volunteered their lunch hour to share the magic of music over the holiday season by playing their musical instruments at No Frills. Additionally, some of our band students participated in the Holiday Tuba Festival with the Manitoba Band Association!





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Upcoming Events

- January 19-21 – Healthy Hunger – Wayback Burgers
- Wednesday, January 28th – Winter Concert – Grades 2 & 3 (6:00 p.m.)
- Thursday, January 29th – Winter Concert – Grades 4 & 5 (6:00 p.m.)
- Friday, January 30th – Coordinated Day (no classes)
- Monday, February 2nd – Coordinated Day (no classes)
- Thursday, February 5th – Grade 7 Ski Day Trip
- February 11 & 12 – Grade 8 Ski Trip

Warm regards from your ÉRP Administration team:

Larissa Thorsteinson, Deanna Pockett and Katherine Ybanez

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