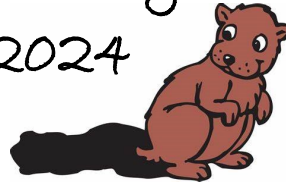




February 2024



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Wow! Can you believe we only have five months left of the school year? Time flies! Elders remind us that when you enjoy what you're doing time goes by faster. We have been very fortunate to have great weather that makes for the best recesses ever! Make sure to make time to get outside with your kids and enjoy our beautiful winter weather.



The period of time between Winter and Spring Break has to be an all time favorite for educators; it is a peak learning time where we see the growth and development in student learning. At École Centrale, visitors and guests have commented on how students have come to a place where they can stay engaged, focused, and on-task for longer periods of time—a lot of teaching and learning is happening.

February is an action-packed month with a variety of learning opportunities of traditions, celebrations, and learnings. This month our students and teachers will take time to learn the importance of Black History month, Festival Du Voyageurs, and Pink Shirt Day. With all these important learnings we will also be celebrating Valentine's Day. In February we will be spreading a message of celebrating diversity, kindness, respect, building friendships, and making good choices.



This month, we will be celebrating Black History Month. In 1995, Canada's government officially recognized February as Black History Month. Black History Month is a time to celebrate and remember all the ways that Black Canadians have contributed to Canada's history and culture. National anti-bullying Pink Shirt Day is on Wednesday February 22nd where we stand up against bullying and discrimination by wearing the colour pink. It is a day to celebrate kindness, teamwork, and treating others with dignity and respect. Support Bullying Awareness, Prevention, and Diversity by wearing Pink on February 22nd!



Kindergarten registration for the 2024–2025 school year begins March 1, 2024. Your child must be 5 years of age on or before December 31, 2024, to be eligible to register. We require a copy of your child's birth certificate at the time of registration. Registration forms will be available on our website soon and can be brought to the school or emailed to ec@retsd.mb.ca You may also pick up a registration package from the office. Our Kindergarten classes are full day every other day. Welcoming new students to École Centrale is so exciting as it marks the beginning of planning for the upcoming school year. We eagerly anticipate meeting and getting to know all our new students, so that we can create a positive and enriching learning environment for all.

Reminder to all that we encourage our students and staff to wear blue every Friday to show our École Centrale school spirit! We love to see staff wearing their school shirts and students wearing blue or school swag. We will continue École Centrale/blue day for the remainder of the school year. This has created more excitement to purchase École Centrale merchandise and we will be opening the virtual store hopefully the last week in February.

A CARING COMMUNITY OF LEARNERS / UNE COMMUNAUTÉ DÉVOUÉE D'APPRENANTS

Valentine's Day is fast approaching, where students can enjoy exchanging cards with fellow classmates. Students are encouraged to bring their own snack or treats for their classroom festivities. Please do not make or buy snacks for the whole class, this is due to food allergies in classrooms.

As always, please reach out with any questions or concerns. – Michelle Williams, Directrice/Principal



Remember **NO CLASSES** at **École Centrale** in **2024** on the following dates:

Friday, Feb. 2	Co-ordinated Day NO SCHOOL
Monday, Feb. 19	Louis Riel Day NO SCHOOL
Friday, March 1	Admin Day NO SCHOOL (EC ONLY)
Friday, March 15	Co-ordinated Day NO SCHOOL
Monday, April 22	Co-ordinated Day NO SCHOOL
Friday, May 10	Admin Day NO SCHOOL (EC ONLY)
Monday, May 20	Victoria Day NO SCHOOL
Friday, June 7	Co-ordinated Day <u>NO SCHOOL</u>
Friday, June 28	Last day of classes Early Dismissal

BREAK

SPRING BREAK MARCH 27, 2023-March 31, 2023



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Kindergarten

Registration

At École Centrale

ATTENTION: ALL FAMILIES

FRENCH IMMERSION KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION 2024–2025

If your child will be FIVE (5) years of age on or before **December 31, 2024**
they are eligible to register for kindergarten.

Please make sure to bring the following documentation

- **Child's birth certificate**
- **Manitoba Health card**
- **Proof of residence**

You will need 2 pieces of identification with your current address on it

We will be accepting Kindergarten Registrations starting March 1st, 2024.

Please return all Registration packages to École Centrale by Friday March 22, 2024.

Note that calendars are always subject to change, please consult the website regularly for updates

Library News

February is I love to read month, and we are celebrating!
We have many guests coming to read to our students to share their love of reading.

Students will participate in D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything and Read)

Read my shirt day—Will there be a favorite saying?

Hats off for reading—Wear a hat

Snuggle up and read day—Pajama day

Each class has been asked to promote a French book to others and create a bulletin board about it! How exciting! Students will have the opportunity to view all the bulletin boards and get some great new ideas for what to read next.

How can you celebrate reading?

How about visiting the public library here in our community or visiting the St. Boniface library for French books. Reading by flashlight is always a favourite! Just snuggle together with a good book!



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PHYSICAL EDUCATION

In the gym

In the Physical Education classes, students in the Kindergarten to Grade 2 levels they have been working on manipulation skills such as underhand throwing, catching and bouncing.

In the physical Education classes, Grade 3 to 5 students are playing a modified game of Mini Basketball.

All students are learning traditional French Folk dances that will be demonstrated at an assembly during Festival du Voyageurs week.

Classes will still be going outside to do some fun Voyageur games from time to time, so students need to be dressed appropriately (tuque, mitts, ski pants and boots).



Intramural News

Grades 3 to 5 students will be playing Mini Basketball at lunchtime. Grade 1 and 2 students will have a chance to come and play in the gym at lunchtime.

Club News

Club de Ski de Fonds for grade 3's and 4's continues meeting after school. We are having a great time with all the snow.

Grade 3 Ski Club is every Tuesday (please refer to your group A or B schedule)

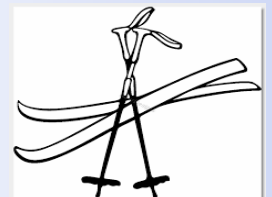
Grade 4 Ski Club is every Thursday

Grade 5 Ski Club is meeting on Wednesday nights at various locations around the city. We have 14 students.

Club de gymnastique has started. We have 49 students from grades 3 to 5. After school practices are on Mondays as well as lunchtime practices on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Miscellaneous

We are still renting out cross country ski sets for the weekend. \$5.00/pair/weekend. We do have a limited amount of adult sized skis and boots. Contact Mr. Boulley at gboulley@retsd.mb.ca to arrange pick up.



Keep Active
M. Boulley
Mme Burkart

Music

Did you know?

Music training helps to develop language and reasoning skills. Students who have early musical training will develop the areas of the brain related to language reasoning. The left side of the brain is better developed and with music and song we can help imprint information on young minds.

Students in Kindergarten have been using rhythm sticks to start exploring instruments. In grade 1, been exploring songs in other languages, notably in Spanish. In grade 2, we have been learning about composing rhythmic songs and putting them on instruments.

In grade 3, we have been working hard at developing our recorder skills. In grade 4, we are composing our own songs for the recorder. In grade 5, we learned about the history and important musicians of the ukulele and will start learning it in the coming week.

Upcoming Events:

Thursday April 4	Grade 4 students visit the WSO for <i>Adventures in Music</i> (more information to come)
May, date TBD	Grades 3, 4, 5 Spring Concert

Mme Alyssah
Music Educator



COMMUNITY

Bulletin Board

**Check out our new digital
Community Bulletin Board to
learn more about events, camps,
and special offers for RETSD
students and their families.**

retsd.mb.ca/community

I love to Read

École Centrale Spirit Week
February 26th – 29th

Monday – Read My Shirt Day
(wear a shirt with words)



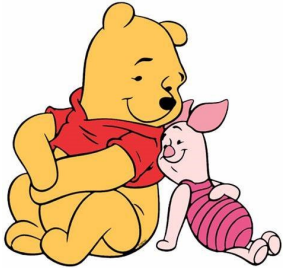
Tuesday – Hats Off For Reading Day
(wear a hat to school)



Wednesday – Pink Shirt Day

Thursday – Pajama Day
(snuggle up and read)





FEBRUARY



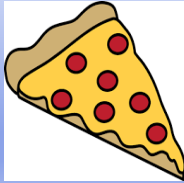


Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 Day 1	2 Day 2 Co-ordinated Day No Classes
5 Day 3	6 Day 4	7 Day 5	8 Day 6	9 Day 1
12 Day 2	13 Day 3	14 Day 4 Valentine's Day 100 Day	15 Day 5 Hot lunch 	16 Day 6 Start of Festival du Voyageur
19 Louis Riel Day No School	20 Day 1	21 Day 2	22 Day 3 Pancake Breakfast 	23 Day 4
26 Day 5 I love to read spirit week begins! Read my Shirt	27 Day 6 Hats of f to Reading!	28 Day 1 Pink Shirt Day 	29 Day 2 Pajama Day Hot lunch 	

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MARCH



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 Day 1	2 Day 2 PD Day No Classes Kindergarten Registration begins
4 Day 4	5 Day 5	6 Day 6	7 Day 1 Hot lunch 	8 Day 2
11 Day 3	12 Day 4	13 Day 5 Reports cards published	14 Day 6 Parent Teacher Evening 3:30-7:30	15 Day 1 No Classes Co-ordinated Day
18 Day 2	19 Day 3	20 Day 4	21 Day 5 Down Syndrome Awareness day Wear Mismatched socks 	22 Day 6 Last day of classes before Spring Break Hot lunch 
25	26	27	28	29



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