

# ÉCOLE CENTRALE

## February Newsletter



Wow! Can you believe we only have five months left in this school year? Time flies. Elders keep reminding us of when you enjoy what you're doing, time goes by faster. We have been fortunate to have good weather this past month, which makes for the best recesses ever. Make sure to get outside with your children and enjoy the great winter weather!

I would like to acknowledge and thank Mme Spacek for her commitment and dedication to École Centrale students and families. We wish her well in her new position at École Springfield Heights School as Vice Principal. We all loved Mme Spacek, and she will be dearly missed.

As we settle back into classes and routines after the Winter break, I would like to thank our teachers and support staff for the excellent work they do daily, families for having their students "school ready", and PAC members who have done so much to enhance the school experience. It seems like just yesterday we came back from Winter holidays and here we are at over 50% done this school year. There has been a lot going on at École Centrale the past little while.

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. This February we will be spreading a message of celebrating diversity, kindness, respect, building friendships, and making good choices.

Kindergarten registration for the 2025-2026 school year **begins March 3, 2025**. Your child must be 5 years old on or before December 31, 2025, to be eligible to register. We require a copy of your child's birth certificate at the time of registration. Registration forms are available on our website now and can be brought to the school or emailed to [ec@etsd.mb.ca](mailto:ec@etsd.mb.ca) You can also pick up a registration package from the office. Please call (204)958-6426 to plan for the pick-up. This year our classes will be full day every other day. Welcoming new students is a source of great joy for us, and it marks the beginning of thinking and planning the possibilities for the upcoming school year. We eagerly anticipate meeting and getting to know our new students, so that we can create a positive and enriching learning environment for all.



Friendly reminder that École Centrale Day/blue day is every Friday for students and staff to demonstrate their school pride. It's great to see staff and students wearing their school swag. We will continue École Centrale/blue day for the remainder of the school year. This has created more excitement to purchase school wear again. We are finalizing the school wear items for the Spring order and the virtual store will be open hopefully the last week in February, more information to follow.

We are requesting that children wear their running shoes at school and not slippers. Sometimes floors may be wet and slippery causing safety issues. During emergency evacuation drills students must have proper footwear. We also want to remind parents to label clothing, boots, and runners to limit lost items. There is a lost and found box at school that is overflowing with unlabelled items.

Valentine's day is fast approaching. Students can enjoy exchanging cards with fellow classmates and are encouraged to bring their own snack or treats to enjoy during the classroom festivities. Due to food allergies, please do not make or buy snacks for the whole class.



As always, please reach out with any questions or concerns.

Michelle Williams, Directrice/Principal  
Lauren Telencoe, Directrice-adjointe/Vice Principal



CELEBRATE

**BLACK  
HISTORY  
MONTH**

FEBRUARY 2025

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

- Monday, Feb. 17** Louis Riel Day NO SCHOOL
- Friday, Feb. 28** Admin Day NO SCHOOL (EC ONLY)
- Friday, March 14** Co-ordinated Day NO SCHOOL
- Friday, April 11** Co-ordinated Day NO SCHOOL
- Friday, April 18** Good Friday NO SCHOOL
- Friday, May 9** Admin Day NO SCHOOL (EC ONLY)
- Monday, May 19** Victoria Day NO SCHOOL
- Monday, June 9** Co-ordinated Day NO SCHOOL
- Friday, June 27** Last day of classes **Early Dismissal**

# BREAKS

SPRING BREAK March 31, 2025–April 4, 2025



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**ATTENTION: ALL FAMILIES**  
**FRENCH IMMERSION KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION 2025-2026**

If your child will be FIVE (5) years of age on or before December 31, 2025 they are eligible to register for kindergarten.

Please make sure to bring your child's birth certificate and Manitoba Health card. Proof of residence is also needed. Therefore, you will need two pieces of identification with your current address on it.

We will be handing our Registration packages starting March 3rd, 2025.

Please return all registration packages to  
École Centrale by Friday March 28, 2025.



# LIBRARY



**I Love to Read - J'adore lire en janvier!**





We started our I Love to Read month in January right after the holiday break and continued into the middle of February. To kick off I Love to Read, we sent home an I Love to Read Challenge to students and their families. Families were given daily literacy activities such as reading together for 15 minutes, reading a recipe and making it together, and reading instructions to a board game to play together. Thanks to all those who participated in the challenge!

As a school, throughout the past month we participated in Reading Buddies between different classes, we shared books by Indigenous authors, had mystery readers read to the whole school, and we are ending the month with a literacy-themed Sprit Week.

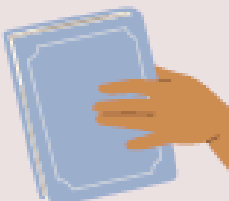
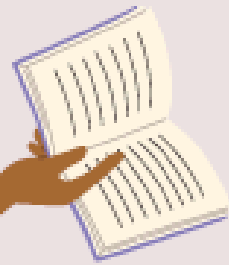
Thank you to all EC families for supporting our students during I Love to Read Month!

# I LOVE TO READ Spirit Week

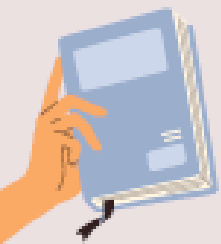
February 10th - 14th



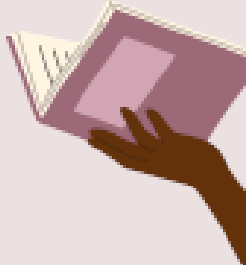
**Monday: Hats off for reading!**  
Wear your favorite hat to kick  
off spirit week!




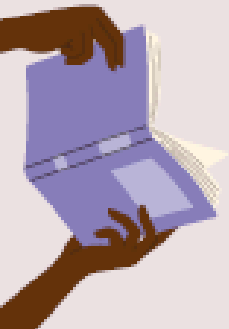
**Tuesday: Read my shirt!**  
Wear a shirt with words on it!



**Wednesday: Wild about reading!**  
Wear animal print!



**Thursday: Dress up as your  
favorite character!**  
Come to school dressed as your  
favorite book character!



**Friday: Cozy up with a good book!**  
Wear your pajamas to school and  
bring your favorite book to share!

# 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, we have been learning how different instruments represent different characters in Peter and the Wolf.

In grade 2, we have been learning how to identify different musical elements in songs that we hear using Dan Brown's Symphonie des Animaux.

In grade 3, we have been working hard at developing our recorder skills.

In grade 4, we will be composing our own songs for the recorder.

In grade 5, we learned about the history and important musicians of the ukulele and have started learning how to play the instrument.

Students in grades 4 and 5 have also been learning about The Spirit Horse Returns in preparation for our visit to the symphony!

## **Upcoming Events:**

Friday, February 21st      Grade 4 & 5 students visit the WSO for Adventures in Music  
Information to come the first week of February

End of May, date TBA      Grades 3 (including 2/3C), 4, 5 Spring Concert

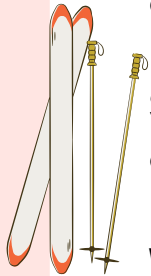


Mme Alyssah  
Music Educator



# Physical Education

Gymnastics club is in full swing! Students are working hard on their warm up skills and creative routine! Gymnastics club is on day 1, 2 and 4 at lunch.



Ski club has begun for the grade 4s and 5s after school! The club runs twice a week after school for the month of February.

We are looking for 3 parent volunteers to help serve hot chocolate for Festival du Voyageur day on Thursday, February 20th! If you are available, please reach out to Mme Camille by email or call the school. Thank you!



# 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](https://retsd.mb.ca/community)

# PAC NEWS

## Upcoming Events



Read a thon: February 9-16th  
Pancake Breakfast: February 19th



PAC is looking for more parents to attend the monthly Parent Council meetings, we meet at the below dates at 6:30pm in the library.  
Childcare provided.

Wednesday, February 26

Wednesday, March 26

Wednesday, April 30

Wednesday, May 28

We are in need of more volunteers for PAC hosted events. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the École Centrale office to fill out a CAR application.

Stay connected and up to date with day to day events by following our Facebook page! (scan the QR code below)





# IT'S FREE!

## Countdown to Kindergarten Preschool Growing & Learning Days

Do you have a child who will be starting kindergarten in RETSD in September 2025?

At this FREE event, your child will have the opportunity to enjoy educational games and activities with kindergarten, resource, and gym teachers, play musical instruments, and get their vision and hearing screened. Meet our friendly principals, student support staff, and community service providers to help your child get ready for the adventure of school.

The activities and screening stations take approximately 60 minutes to complete.

Bernie Wolfe, École Centrale, Joseph Teres School, Westview  
Wednesday, April 30, 4:30–6:30 p.m.  
Westview School, 600 Hoka St.

Bertrun E. Glavin, École Salisbury Morse Place, Hampstead, John de Graff,  
Sherwood School  
Thursday, May 8, 4:30–6:30 p.m.  
Bertrun E. Glavin School, 166 Antrim Rd.

École Margaret-Underhill, Harold Hatcher, Radisson, Wayoata  
Wednesday, May 14, 4:30–6:30 p.m.  
Harold Hatcher School, 500 Redonda St.

Bird's Hill, Donwood, Dr. Hamilton, École Sun Valley, Emerson, John Pritchard,  
Maple Leaf  
Wednesday, May 21, 4:30–6:30 p.m.  
Emerson School, 323 Emerson Ave.

Angus McKay, École Neil Campbell, École Springfield Heights, Lord Wolseley,  
Polson, Prince Edward, Princess Margaret  
Wednesday, May 28, 4:30–6:30 p.m.  
Prince Edward School, 649 Brazier St.

### Registration for these events begins March 1, 2025

Register online:



Or call: 204.669.4043

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# FÉVRIER 2025

monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday
				
3 Co-ordinated Day <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	4	5 Global School Play Day	6	7
10	<b>S P I R I T   W E E K !</b>			14 Valentine's Day <b>Hot Lunch</b> 
17 Louis Riel Day <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	18	19 Pancake Breakfast 	20 Festival du voyageur Day 	21
24	25	26 <b>Hot Lunch</b> PAC Meeting 6pm	27	28 Co-ordinated Day <b>NO SCHOOL</b> (EC only)

# MARS 2025

monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday
3 Kindergarten Registration Begins  <b>Pink Shirt Day</b>	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13 <b>Hot Lunch</b>	14 Co-ordinated Day <b>NO SCHOOL</b>
17 Saint Patrick's Day  	18	19	20	21 Down Syndrome Awareness Day- Wear mismatched socks! 
24	25	26 PAC Meeting 6pm	27	28 <b>Hot Lunch</b> Last day of classes before Spring Break
31	 <b>Spring Break</b>  			