



# January 2024

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Dear Parents & Guardians,

Happy New Year and welcome back to school! I hope you had a safe and healthy Winter Break, and that your holidays were filled with happy and memorable moments with your family and friends. Thank you for all your holiday wishes and generous support before the Winter Break. Your kindness is genuinely appreciated by our staff.

It was amazing to see so many families at our Winter Celebration for the Kindergarten, grade 1 and grade 2 classes. We had two performances and the gym was filled with family and friends coming to see our performers. A big thank you to Mme Poiron our music teacher for all the organizing and preparation of all the students' performances. We appreciate the hours that she put in to making such a successful and festive event. Thank you to all of you for supporting this community event and our local Food Bank as well.

Winter weather is here and will be here for a while. A reminder that we do spend time outside for learning and recess each day, regardless of the cold. This serves as a good reminder for families to have their students dress (and pack) clothing appropriate for cold and wet weather. Winter jackets, snow boots, mittens and toques should be part of the "get ready for school routine" now that we are entering the winter months. If temperatures do get very cold, we have initiated the **Polar Bear Recess**, if you are unsure what this is and would like to sign up, please follow the link. <https://forms.office.com/r/0LjJUue7ZW>

As we enter 2024, we must not lose focus of the overarching goal--student success! It is more important than ever that we start this new year with a positive mindset. For the best impact on your child's success at school, we must partner together! So, let us continue making the impossible possible in 2024! Thanks for all you do! Your Partner in Education.

**ATTENDANCE:** If your child is going to be absent or late to school for any reason, please contact the office at 204-958-6426. If you are unable to speak to us directly, you may leave a message on the voice mail system to report the absence. Please be specific when calling in for your child. If it is an illness, please list the symptoms the child is having as well as the best number to reach you at if we have any further questions. Please note, it is always best to schedule appointments outside of school hours.

As a child learns to read, do math, and acquire French language skills, it is important that they practice those new skills daily. Regular attendance promotes new learning. Children begin to learn how to socialize with others, follow directions and solve problems creatively while at school. If a child is not part of the classroom, some of the academic and social skills cannot be practiced.

Something to keep in mind, if a child misses two classes a month, times ten months that makes 20 days or 10% of schooling missed which comes close to a whole month. If a child is absent more than 10% of the time parents will be notified by letter from the school.

M. Williams

E. Miron

Directrice/principal

Directeur adjointe/vice principal

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

**Remember NO CLASSES at École Centrale in 2023–2024 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 <b><u>NO SCHOOL</u></b>
Friday, June 28	Last day of classes Early Dismissal

**BREAK**

SPRING BREAK MARCH 25-28 2024



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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 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 1st, 2024.**

**Please return all Registration packages to EC by Friday March 22, 2024.**



A new year means new books!!! There are so many new books to choose from. Students will get the chance to take home the new books that were purchased from the Book Fair.

Happy reading!



## Support Transcona Food Bank

**Please help École Centrale continue to support the Transcona Food Bank. If you are able, please send in one non-perishable food item. We will be sending our donations the last week of January. Students can drop the donations off at the library.**



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# 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.*

Welcome to 2024! I hope everyone had a wonderful break. Here is what we can look forward to in music:

Kindergarten: We will be learning how to read and write music using words and pictures.

Grade 1: We will be learning about *Peter and the Wolf*

Grade 2: We will be learning about *Carnival of the Animals*

Grade 3 and 4: We will be continuing recorders and doing a bucket drumming unit

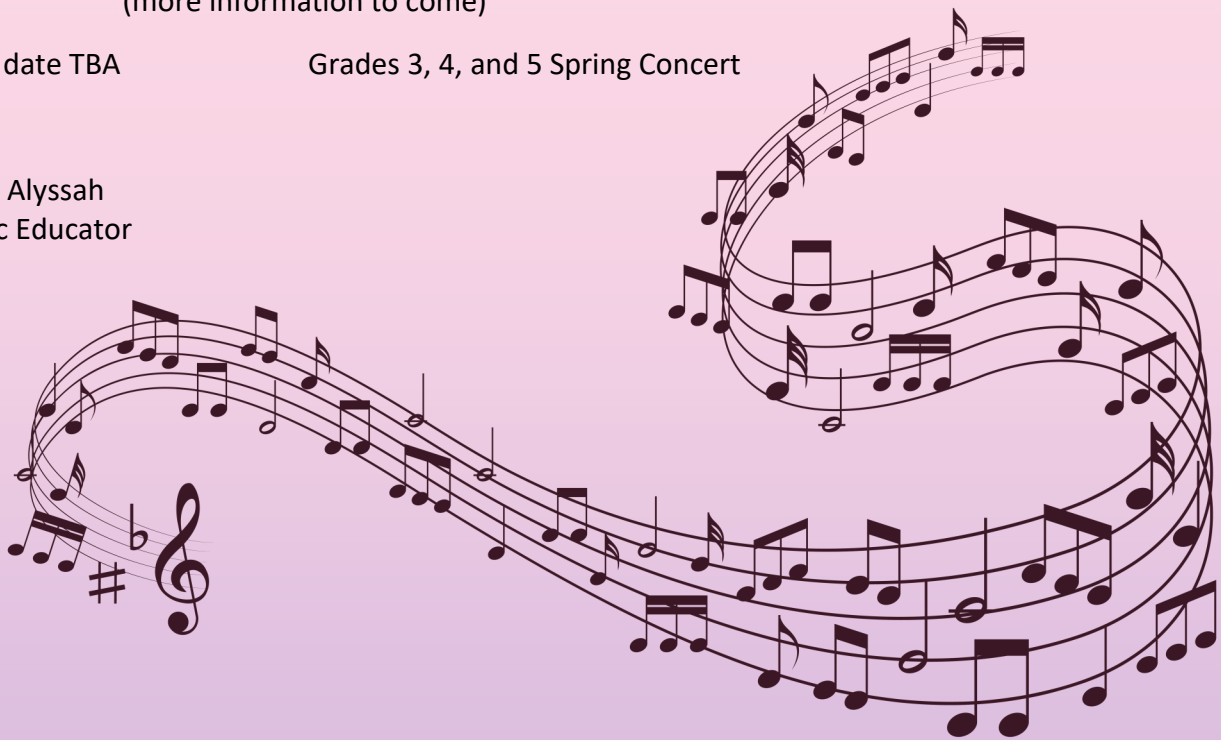
Grade 5: We will be continuing recorders and doing a ukulele unit

## **Upcoming Events:**

Thursday, April 4                      Grade 4 students visit the WSO for *Adventures in Music*  
(more information to come)

May, date TBA                      Grades 3, 4, and 5 Spring Concert

Mme Alyssah  
Music Educator



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# TIME TO BUNDLE UP!

## *RETSD Cold Weather Guidelines*

Sometimes, severe weather requires us to make changes to busing, outdoor recess, and safety patrolling to keep your children safe.

### **School Closures**

Schools very rarely close due to winter weather.

### **Winter Clothing**

Please ensure that your child comes dressed appropriately for the weather each day. When the temperature or wind chill is between  $-27^{\circ}\text{C}$  and  $-34^{\circ}\text{C}$ , warm winter clothing is essential, and facial protection is recommended.

When it is below  $-34^{\circ}\text{C}$ , facial protection is essential, and it's recommended that children avoid going outdoors unaccompanied—skin will freeze in less than 10 minutes.

### **Busing**

When the temperature is  $-35^{\circ}\text{C}$  and/or wind chill is  $-45^{\circ}\text{C}$  or colder at The Forks, metro Winnipeg school divisions (RETSD included) cancel buses for the entire day—but schools usually remain open.

We will post a cancellation alert on the RETSD website home page if buses are cancelled, and alert the media. If we have not posted a cancellation alert by 6:45 a.m., buses are running.

### **School Patrols**

When the temperature or wind chill is between  $-27^{\circ}\text{C}$  and  $-34^{\circ}\text{C}$ , patrols will remain on post for 10 minutes. When it is  $-35^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $-39^{\circ}\text{C}$ , patrols will remain on post for five minutes. When it is  $-40^{\circ}\text{C}$  and below, no patrols will be on duty.


### **Recess**

When the temperature or wind chill is between  $-25^{\circ}\text{C}$  and  $-27^{\circ}\text{C}$ , a shortened recess period may be warranted. When it is below  $-27^{\circ}\text{C}$ , recess is usually moved indoors. This is at the discretion of the principal. *\*with the exception of Polar Bear Club students*

### **Polar Bear Club Recess**

For schools participating in Polar Bear Club Recess:

- Participation is voluntary.
- Parental consent is required.
- Students who have consent can participate in all or none of the recess breaks.
- Students must be dressed appropriately, including a warm toque/hat; snow pants; face covering; warm, insulated jacket; mittens; and snow boots.
- Students can go back inside at any time.
- Staff supervision will be provided.

 **All students will remain inside when the temperature/ windchill is  $-40^{\circ}\text{C}$  or below. If you have any questions not addressed by these guidelines, please contact your child's school.**

# News from the Gym

## Physical Education Program

In the Physical Education classes, students at the Grades K to 2 have been working on manipulation skills such as throwing, catching, rolling, striking, bouncing and kicking.

Grade 3 to 5 students will be finishing up their gymnastics routine. They are also working on their Mini Basketball drill project.

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

## Club News

The **Club de Ski de Fonds** is going well. Our grade 4 club is improving fast. We will be adding our grade 3 club in the coming weeks. Grade 3 club will be on Tuesdays and Grade 4 club will be on Thursdays. A big thank you to Mr. Welsch for his great work on our cross country ski trails at Kern Park. Our students are enjoying skiing on nice groomed trails.

Grade 5 Ski de Fonds Club will be meeting on Wednesdays at 6:30pm and some Saturdays at 9:30am.

Club de gymnastique will be starting soon so look for more information in the coming weeks. This club is open to grades 3 to 5.

## Other News

CROSS COUNTRY SKI RENTAL—Parents are invited to call the school if they wish to rent cross-country ski equipment for their child or for themselves. We have a limited quantity of boot sizes and skis for adults. There is a cost for the weekend and or holidays for \$5.00/ pair/ weekend. If you are interested in renting them during the 2 week winter break, the cost is \$15.00, payment is due upon pick-up. Please contact M. Boulley for bookings at 204-958-6426 or email at [gbolley@retsd.mb.ca](mailto:gbolley@retsd.mb.ca).



Keep active

M. Boulley

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 	2	3	4	5
8 Day 1 First Day Back to School	9 Day 2	10 Day 3	11 Day 4	12 Day 5
15 Day 6	16 Day 1	17 Day 2	18 Day 3 Hot lunch	19 Day 4
22 Day 5	23 Day 6	24 Day 1 Bell Let's Talk Day Wear Blue 	25 Day 2	26 Day 3
29 Day 4	30 Day 5	31 Day 6 Hot lunch		

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# February 2024



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 Day 1	2 Day 2 No Classes Co-ordinated Day
5 Day 3	6 Day 4	7 Day 5	8 Day 6	9 Day 1
12 Day 2	13 Day 3	14 Day 4 	15 Day 5 Hot lunch	16 Day 6 Start of Festival du Voyageur
19 Louis Riel Day No Classes	20 Day 1	21 Day 2	22 Day 3 Pancake Breakfast 	23 Day 4
26 Day 5	27 Day 6	28 Day 1 Pink Shirt day 	29 Day 2 Hot lunch	

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