

2024

**MARCH**

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Dear Parents/ Guardians,

The snow has certainly added an interesting twist as we near the end of the second term. While it's tricky for driving, it creates a great deal of fun for students! The fledgling buds and longer daylight hours remind us that spring is just around the corner. Mornings may be very cold and afternoons warmer or vice-versa. We may also have schoolyards that are very wet one day and dry or icy another. Please ensure your child continues to be dressed for winter temperatures this month. Even with this nice weather students are still asked to wear ski pants, toque, and mitts for the next couple of weeks.

A great big **THANK YOU** to our Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) for putting on the unbelievably delicious pancake breakfast last month. We had the best attended breakfast in years. I want to thank PAC members for their continued dedication to helping our school in so many ways. The work they do touches every aspect of our school and affects the educational experience of all our children. **On behalf of our school community, thank you very much to all our volunteers.**

We would like to congratulate M Miron on his new appointment, Principal of Sherwood School and we welcome Mme Spacek for stepping into a new role as Vice Principal and continuing as Guidance Counsellor.

Kindergarten registration for the 2024–2025 school year begins March 1, 2024. Your child must be 5 years old 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 are available on our website now and can be brought to the school or emailed to [ec@retsd.mb.ca](mailto:ec@retsd.mb.ca) You can also pick up a registration package from the office or please call 204-958-6426 to plan for the pickup. This year our classes will be full day every other day.

The focus in the last weeks has been on kindness and inclusion, with Pink Shirt Day as just one of many events. Pink Shirt posters are located on each classroom door and the wings on the posters demonstrate a student showing kindness and friendship. Our school-wide assembly focused on how everyday acts of kindness can make a big difference.

Please stop in to go through our **Lost and Found** items as we have more articles of clothing misplaced during our colder months. The Lost and Found tables will be set up for period of March 11 to 15 in the front foyer of the school. If you can label clothes and other items, it will assist us in reuniting lost articles of clothing with their owners.

**Parent Requests for next year:** As we enter March, we are heading into the last quarter of the year. We are working on plans for the upcoming school year and things are coming together well. Please understand the process for next year that our administrators, student services and teachers create class lists with the belief that all students needs are best met through heterogeneous/mixed groups that take into consideration such variables as student numbers, gender ratios, student behaviors, and achievement levels. Only under special consideration with following this link to fill <https://forms.office.com/r/jrV8jVGaSG> or an email to the administrator will the school consider a parent request to place student in a specific classroom for next year.

Enjoy a restful, safe, and healthy March Break.



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

**Remember NO CLASSES at École Centrale in 2023–2024 on the following dates:**

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 25–29



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# Music

*Did you know?*

*There are few activities in life that utilize the entire brain, and music is one of them. Scientists have found that listening to music recruits the auditory areas and employs large-scale neural networks in the brain. In fact, they believe music can activate emotional, motor, and creative areas of the brain.*

February has been a fast but wonderful month! All students in the school learned songs and dances to celebrate *Festival du Voyageur* and grade 2 students learned *Gitsigakomim* for Pink Shirt Day.

Since March is Women's History Month, students will be participating in a March Madness style voting bracket as we learn about the different ways that women have influenced and contributed to the music industry ranging from modern video game music to the roots of jazz to Franco-Canadian pop.

On Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, grade 4 students will be heading to the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra for the yearly *Adventures in Music* program. More information will come in the first week of March.

Finally, I am happy to officially announce the date for the grades 3, 4, and 5 spring concert. The concert will take place on Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup> in the evening. Further information will come after spring break.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

Thursday, April 4 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 4 students visit the WSO for <i>Adventures in Music</i>
May 30 <sup>th</sup> , 6:30pm	Grades 3, 4, and 5 Spring Concert

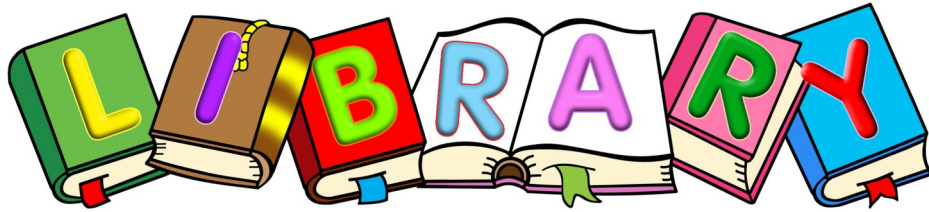
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**COMMUNITY**  
Bulletin Board

**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](http://retsd.mb.ca/community)**



## Library Book Clubs

Grade three students were given the opportunity to join the Land of Stories book club at lunch time. Students had lunch in the library while Mme. Schultz read them the book called “The Wishing Spell” by Chris Colfer. A fun book with many familiar fairy tale characters who are not always as we remember them to be! The students enjoyed seeing fairy tale characters in a new way. The book club ran from October to mid February.

MYRCA book club will be starting up shortly for grades 4-5. MYRCA stands for Manitoba Young Readers Choice Awards.

MYRCA is dedicated to encouraging the love of reading in young people in Manitoba. By giving students a choice to vote for their favourite books. All books being voted on are written by Canadian Authors!

Students in grades 4-9 are eligible to vote. Voting will begin in April.



## PAC UPDATE

Wow!! What a fantastic pancake breakfast! Thank you to all the volunteers for all your help!

We do have a request following this years Annual pancake breakfast...

The EC Pac is looking for donations of working electric griddles for future Pancake breakfasts. If you have an electric griddle hiding in your basement, or know anyone getting rid of theirs, we'd love to take it off your hands.

Thank you

EC PAC



**ATTENTION!**

Parents & Guardians,

It's time for...



# 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**

he/she is 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.**

Please call École Centrale at 204-958-6426 or email [ec@retsd.mb.ca](mailto:ec@retsd.mb.ca) if you have any questions.

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# **PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

## **In the Gym**

In the gym, students in Kindergarten to grade 2 will be playing a modified game of curling and will continue to practice throwing through a variety of games. The grade 3 to 5 students will be creating a dance from a piece of music as well as learning the game of Team Handball. We will also be working on our fitness by doing some fun activities.

## **Club News**

The Club de ski de fonds is stopping its activities at the end of March lookout for windup dates through email from Mme Burkart.

The grade 5 Ski Club will have their wind up on March 9th at Bird's Hill Park.

Club de gymnastique continues to be busy with lunchtime practices and after school practices. Our school will be presenting our skills and creative routine on Monday, March 18th at 6:30pm at Bernie Wolfe School. In preparation for this event, we will be doing a rehearsal for our school on Wednesday, March 13 at 1:45pm. This is only for your students and staff.

Look for some information regarding Club de Duathlon before March Break. This club will be starting in early to mid-April.

## ***Intramural News***

Grade 1 and 2 students will have a chance to play a variety of games during lunchtime recess.

Club de Gymnastique will be busy using lunchtimes to practice.

Grade 3 and 4 will be playing Mini Basketball.

## **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](mailto:gboulley@retsd.mb.ca) to arrange pick up.

Keep Active

M. Boulley

Mme Burkart



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# IT'S FREE!

## Countdown to Kindergarten Preschool Growing & Learning Days

Do you have a child who will be starting kindergarten in RETSD in September 2024?

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.

Bertrun E. Glavin, École Salisbury Morse Place, Hampstead, John de Graff  
**Wednesday, May 1, 4:30–6:30 p.m.**  
Sherwood School, 509 Grey St.

École Margaret-Underhill, Harold Hatcher, Wayoata  
**Wednesday, May 8, 4:30–6:30 p.m.**  
Radisson School, 1105 Winona St.

Bird's Hill, Donwood, Dr. Hamilton, Emerson, Maple Leaf, John Pritchard  
**Wednesday, May 15, 4:30–6:30 p.m.**  
École Sun Valley School, 125 Sun Valley Dr.

Angus McKay, École Neil Campbell, École Springfield Heights,  
Lord Wolseley, Polson, Prince Edward  
**Wednesday, May 22, 4:30–6:30 p.m.**  
Princess Margaret School, 367 Hawthorne Ave.

Bernie Wolfe, École Centrale, Westview  
**Wednesday, May 29, 4:30–6:30 p.m.**  
Joseph Teres School, 131 Sanford Fleming Rd.

**Registration for these events  
begins March 1, 2024**

**Register online:**  
<https://forms.office.com/r/9ccVzBZhSW>

**Or call:** 204.669.4043



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[www.retsd.mb.ca](http://www.retsd.mb.ca)





# March 2024



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 Day 3 Admin Day No Classes (EC only) KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION STARTS
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	14 Day 6 Parent Teacher (Evening) 3:30pm-7:15pm	15 Day 1 No Classes Co-ordinated Day Parent Teacher 8:45am-10:45am
18 Day 2 Gymnastics Club rou- tine 6:30pm @ BW	19 Day 3	20 Day 4	21 Day 5 Down Syndrome Awareness Day Wear Mismatched socks	22 Day 6 Last Day Before Spring Break Hot lunch 
27	28	29	30	31



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# April 2024



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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<p>1 Day 1 Spring Break Ends School is Open</p> 	<p>2 Day 2</p>	<p>3 Day 3</p>	<p>4 Day 4</p> 	<p>5 Day 5</p>
<p>8 Day 6</p>	<p>9 Day 1 Bus Evacuation 9:30 am</p> 	<p>10 Day 2 Bus Evacuation 9:30 am</p> 	<p>11 Day 3 Hot lunch</p> 	<p>12 Day 4</p>
<p>15 Day 5</p>	<p>16 Day 6</p>	<p>17 Day 1</p>	<p>18 Day 2</p>	<p>19 Day 3</p>
<p>22 Day 4 No Classes Co-ordinated Day</p>	<p>23 Day 5</p>	<p>24 Day 6 Hot lunch</p> 	<p>25 Day 1</p>	<p>26 Day 2</p>
<p>29 Day 3</p>	<p>30 Day 4</p>			

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