



Bernie Wolfe School

Newsletter—March 2026

Bernie Wolfe School

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springmeadows@shaw.ca

Co-ordinated Days

Friday, April 10

Monday, June 8

Stat Holidays

Monday, May 18

Message from the Administration

Over the past few months Bernie Wolfe has been a very busy place. The staff have been working hard to make learning experiences engaging and meaningful for their students. The students have also been working hard demonstrating their learning in a variety of ways.

January saw the start of the basketball season, preparation for the tumbling rally and several clubs. This year, Bernie Wolfe had teams participate in boys Tier 1, girls & boys tier 2, boys tier 3 and grade 6 basketball. Thank you to all the coaches who took the time to work with our students. We have had many students and staff getting participants ready for the Divisional Tumbling Rally in late March. We also have several clubs underway such as the D n D Club, Rainbow Club, and e-sports. Our E-Sports team competed in Provincials and once again represented our school well.

February was a busy month! We celebrated I Love to Read, 100 Day and Black History month and engaged in Festival du Voyageur activities. During I Love to Read, students were engaged in several activities which celebrated their love for reading. The staff planned many amazing activities for the students under an Olympics theme. Activities included a "Guess who is Reading" challenge, bookmark challenges and guest readers.

During "Black History" month teachers engaged students in topics such as the "Black Lives Matter Movement" and spoke to the numerous contributions made by the community to Canada and the world. Middle Years students had the option of participating in a West African Hot Lunch. We held a school wide assembly which was capped off by students sharing their learning. During the assembly, our students hosted former Olympian and Team Canada Soccer player, Desiree Scott! Students prepared questions for her in advance, and they did a great job hosting the Q & A.

February also allowed us to connect with student learning through our Student Led Conferences. What a busy month!

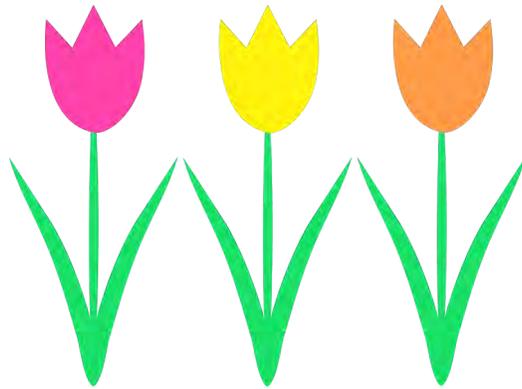
As we now move into March our teachers are working hard on completing assessments for the upcoming report cards. Report Cards are now available on the Parent Portal.

April is school planning month, a time when our staff will be looking at the data and evidence collected to date, reviewing our current goals and priorities, and establishing new ones for the 2026-2027 school year in conjunction with divisional and provincial priorities. School planning is a collaborative process, and we will be looking for input from all our stakeholders.

As we head into the last term of the school year, we encourage all our students to continue to make school a priority by being prepared to learn and maintaining a positive attitude toward learning. Establishing good learning routines will help to support your child throughout their entire school career and well into their future.

And finally...Happy Spring! The weather seems to finally be cooperating and I, for one, am enjoying the extended daylight and the warmer weather ahead! As the weather warms up, we encourage all our families to get outside and away from the television and video games; and enjoy time together... play card games, work on a family puzzle, meal plan... you can even have your child in charge of cooking! I want to thank everyone in the Bernie Wolfe community for their ongoing support during this school year.

Spring Concert



When: Thursday, April 16, 2026

Who:

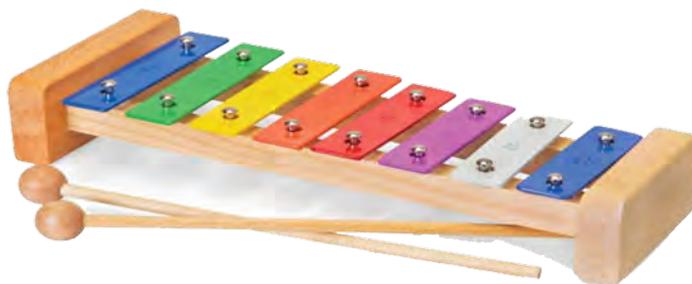
Grades 3, 4, and 5

Afternoon concert: 1pm

Evening concert:

**Students are asked to arrive at 5:30pm
and report to their classrooms.**

Concert start time: 6:00pm



River East Transcona School Division

2026 POWWOW

**ALL
WELCOME
ADMISSION IS
FREE**



WHEN & WHERE

Wednesday, May 20, 2026
Collège Miles Macdonell Collegiate
757 Roch St.

TIMES

Pipe Ceremony: 4 p.m.
Dancer/Drum
Registration Begins: 4:30 p.m.
Grand Entry: 5:30 p.m.
Closing Ceremony 7:45 p.m.

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Coco Ray Stevenson

ARENA DIRECTOR

Wayne Ruby

HOST DRUM

Buffalo Red Thunder
Walking Wolf Singers

CONTACT

Leanne Smith

204.669.9412, ext. 2967

Stew and Bannock will be available.

Vendor art display.

Student art display.

First 10 guest drums and 150 dancers registered will receive honoraria.

Honour song to recognize Grade 12 students leaving the division and those graduating.

For the sake of Mother Earth, please bring a refillable water bottle, if possible.



Kindergarten Registration

2026-2027 Kindergarten Registrations

If you have a child born in 2021, we have begun accepting Kindergarten registrations for the 2026- 2027 school year.

Registration packages are available online on the Bernie Wolfe website or in person at the school office.

We look forward to welcoming our new Kindergarten families!

Concern Protocol

Your child's school will always try to make the learning experience a positive, safe and happy one for its students.

However, if you have a concern or an issue, please don't hesitate to let the school know. Open communication between home and school is very important to us.

1

Talk to the person most directly involved—your child's teacher. If you must leave a message, provide a day and evening phone number where the teacher can reach you.



If talking to the teacher doesn't resolve the issue, talk to the principal.

2



If you've talked to the principal, but the issue has not been resolved over a period of time, call the superintendent's department at 204.667.7130 or email communications@retsd.mb.ca.

3



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If you disagree with the decision of the superintendent's department, you can make an appeal in writing to the board of trustees.



For more information:
Policy KE – Concern Protocol
Policy KE-R – Concerns and Complaints Process
retsd.mb.ca

Reminder to Visitors and Parents

In the interest of safety for our students we ask that all start/end of day pick up and drop offs be done outside at your child's assigned location. In the event that you are dropping your child off late please go through the office get an arrival slip and say your "goodbyes" in the foyer. Further, please inform the classroom teacher ahead of time if you are picking up students early from school so your child can meet you in the office for pick up. All supply or lunch drop offs need to come to the office. Finally, only with permission of Administration should we have parents picking up and dropping off students inside the school at their classroom doors.

Dressing for the Weather

Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather conditions each day. Extra clothes in your child's backpack is recommended in case of playground accidents and warmer clothing for colder days. Please ensure all clothing is labeled with your child's name in the event it is misplaced.

Student Attendance

If your student will be absent from school for any reason, please contact the school at 204-958-6532 or email us at bw@retsd.mb.ca 24 hours a day! Please make sure you mention your child's **first and last name** when emailing or leaving a phone message.

Moving?

If you are moving, please notify the school at bw@retsd.mb.ca. You can check your designated catchment school using the **School Locator** (mybaragar.com).

Please note that if you move out of catchment during the school year, your child will be required to attend their new catchment school.

School Parking Lot, Safe Pick up and Drop of Students

Please note that the school parking lot is reserved for daycare, school, and divisional staff from **8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** **Numbered spots are assigned.** The lot is **one-way**, and the **handicap stall is only for vehicles with a valid permit.**

Parents should use the designated **pick-up/drop-off area on Rougeau Ave** or nearby street parking. The Drop Zone is for **immediate loading and unloading only**—please do not wait in this area.

Thank you for supporting our safety procedures.

Lunch Expectations

Please note that we do not have microwaves for students to use at lunch time. Please do not send lunches that need to be heated.

Students should be bringing their own cutlery and water bottles for snack and lunches.

***** Allergy Alert *****



In Bernie Wolfe School, we make every effort to protect students with life threatening allergies from exposure to known allergens. In order to minimize the risk of exposure and to ensure the immediate response to an emergency, we provide general awareness regarding life-threatening allergies to their school communities. Per Policy JLCG-R2, school administrators also support the implementation of strategies to reduce the risk for the students with allergies; as such, they notify parents not to send peanuts, peanut butter, peanut oil, nuts, and products containing them to school. Parents are encouraged to help their children understand the seriousness of life-threatening allergies. Individual teachers may send out information regarding specific allergies in their classes so parents can make informed decisions when sending food to school.

Lunch drop off's are NOT encouraged as we are limiting traffic in the building and disruptions to class.

Middle years students

Grade 6 students who stay for lunch must remain on school grounds, while all other students are encouraged to do the same. Grade 7 and 8 students who choose to leave school grounds to visit community stores are expected to return by 11:55 AM. Students arriving after this time should wait in the outdoor classroom area until the 12:25 PM bell, then enter the school and go directly to class. Students who go home for lunch should only return at the 12:25 PM bell. All students are expected to behave responsibly and respect the community while off school grounds.

Party/Class treats

Due to allergies and specific dietary needs, we are not able to facilitate birthday parties or treats being sent with students to class. Please do not send party treats to school to share.

Water Bottles

All students should be bringing a refillable water bottle to school. Bottles can be filled at the filling stations located through out the school.

Library News

I Love to Read

February was a wonderful month at Bernie Wolfe as students and staff took part in our **I Love to Read** celebrations. This year's theme, "Race to Reading Gold!", inspired a month full of reading, fun activities, contests, and special events.

Students had many opportunities to celebrate books and stories. Our "Caught You Reading" prize draws and Class Bingo game added to the excitement, with more than 100 prizes handed out during the month.

We were also pleased to welcome more than 30 guest readers to share stories with our students. Visitors included radio personality Tyler Magz from Virgin 103, several published authors, assistant superintendents, and other special guests.

It was a fantastic month celebrating literacy and the joy of reading!



eBook & Audiobook Access

Families are reminded that students in River East Transcona School Division have ongoing access to a large collection of eBooks and audiobooks. By logging in with their RETSD email and password, students can borrow eBooks and audiobooks through Sora, which is available as an app or online at www.soraapp.com.

The Sora collection can be used by all students, though many titles are most appropriate for readers in grades 4 and above.

New books

Our library collection continues to grow throughout the year as new titles are added on a regular basis. We focus on bringing in recently published books, adding titles in topics or genres where more choice is needed, and replacing popular books that have been well used over time.

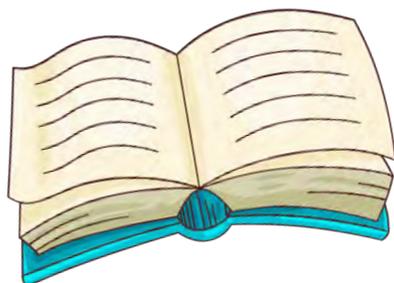
Students are always welcome to suggest books they would like to see in the library. If there is a title you think would be a great addition, please share your idea with us!

Book Care

help remind your child to look after their library books so they stay in good condition for everyone to enjoy. Keeping books away from food and drinks, storing them safely, and returning them on their library day are all great ways to help care for our collection. Thank you for supporting our library!

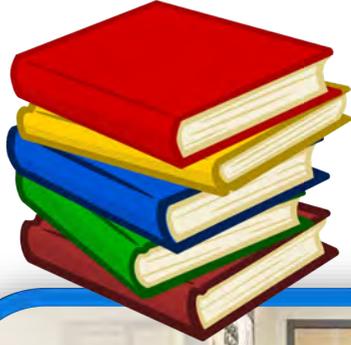
Happy reading!

Mrs. Card & Ms. Vasanthy



I Love to Read

Guest readers



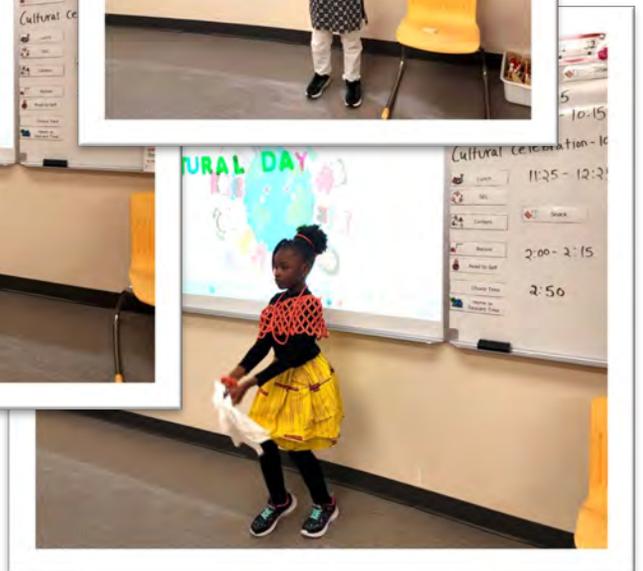
I Love to Read

During *I Love to Read Month*, Mrs. Delow shared her bilingual (Punjabi–English) children’s book, *The Fruit Surprise*, with students. They enjoyed the story and loved hearing it in two languages.



Cultural Day

Staff and students celebrating the diversity of cultures at Bernie Wolfe School



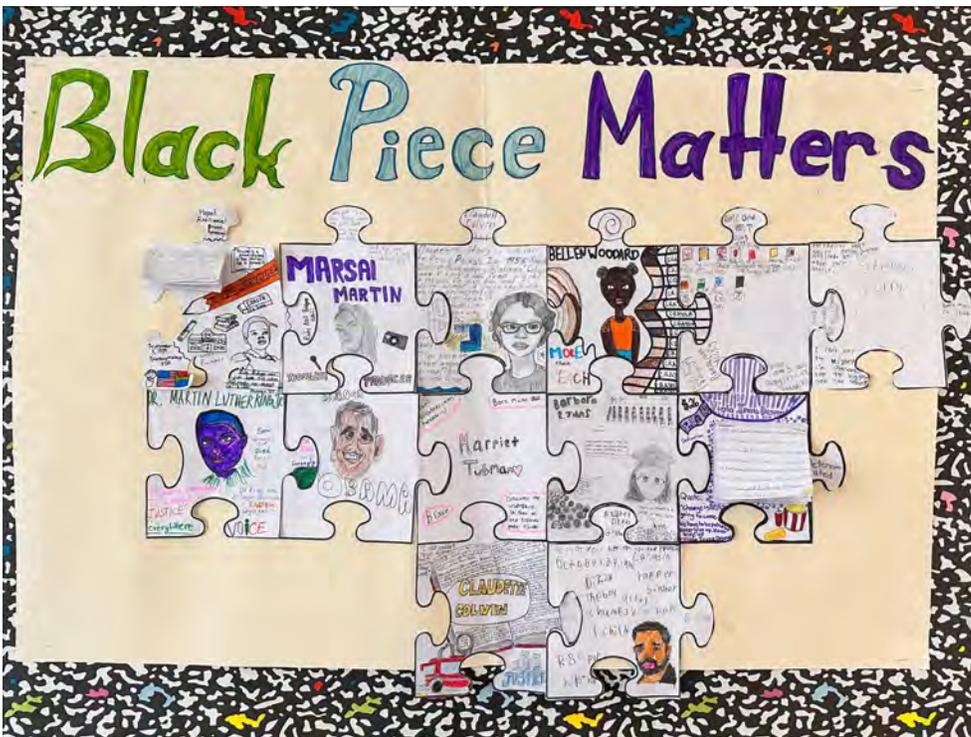
Grade 6 Field Trip to the Manitoba Museum



6E Surprising
Ms. Handoga
with a birthday
celebration



Ms. Sembhi's class

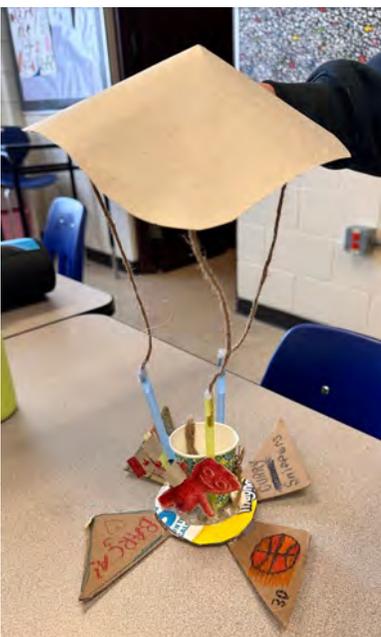


Black Pieces Matter Activity

Students researched influential Black individuals, with a focus on young activists who created meaningful change in society at an early age. They explored their contributions to equality and human rights and shared their learning through discussion and creative responses.

Structures Learning Activity (Paper Strength Test)

Students investigated the strength of structures by designing shapes using construction paper. They tested how many books their structures could hold and learned how shape and design affect stability and load-bearing capacity.



Space Landing Project (Marshmallow Lander)

Students designed and built a model lander to safely protect a marshmallow during a drop test. They tested their designs by dropping them from upstairs and made improvements based on results, focusing on forces and impact.

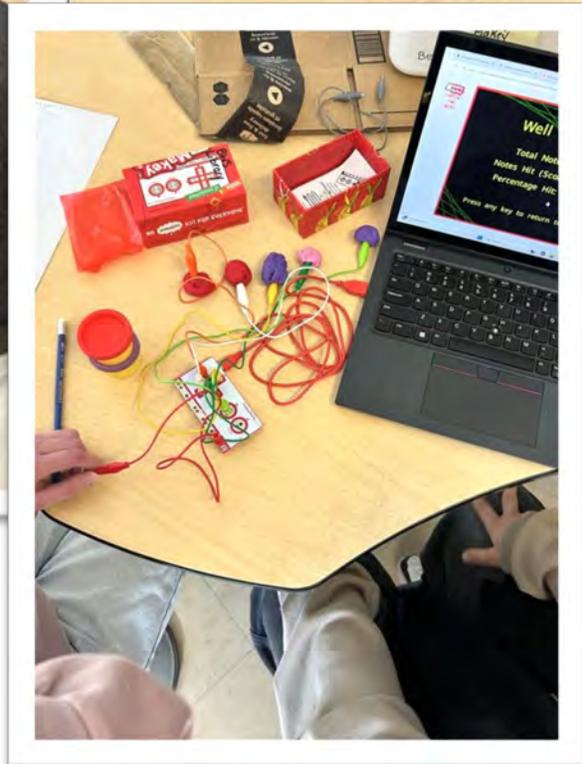
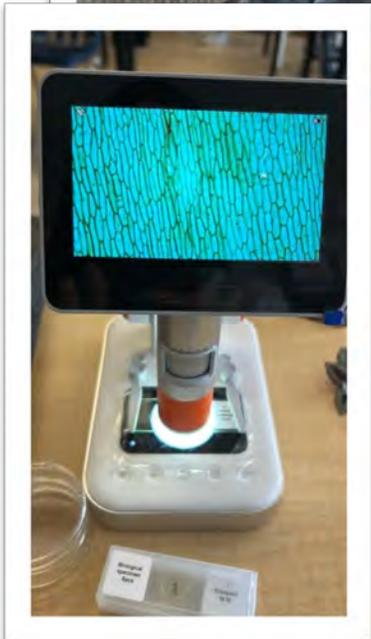
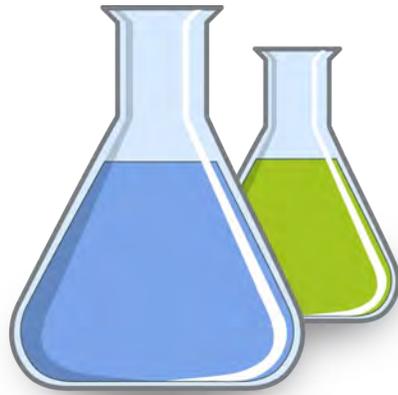
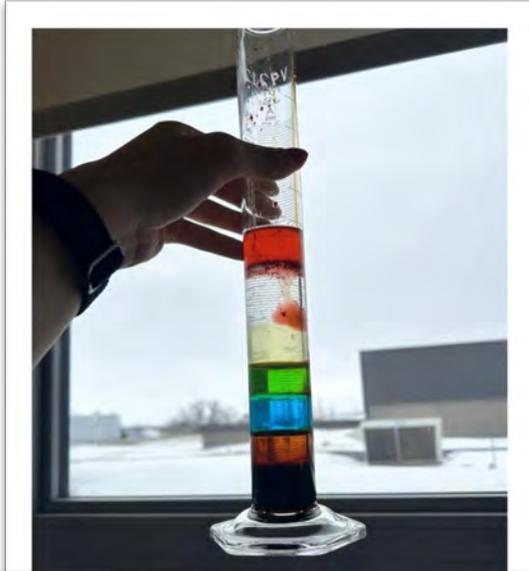
Basketball



The tier 1 boys basketball team was one of the best Bernie Wolfe has seen in years! They started the year super strong and came second place in the Munroe Invitational tournament in January after an extremely close championship game. The boys had a difficult time in the back half of the season with securing wins, but learned a lot about teamwork and the importance of supporting each other both on and off the court. Coaches Mr. Bugera and Ms. Kolsun are very proud of how hard the team worked this season and wish them the best as many of them head to play high school basketball next year.

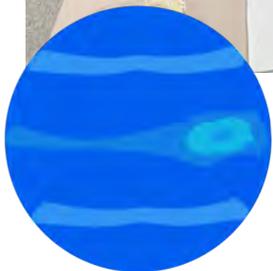


Ms. Hando's Science class



Ms. Epp's Science Class

6D and 6E explored our solar system by researching planets and building scaled models to bring their learning to life!



Art

Grade 7 and 8 art students explored creativity for I Love to Read Month and researched artists for Black History Month, using their learning to inspire their own unique creations!



Ms. Krahn's 1/2G class

Ms. Krahn's 1/2 class have been learning about different animals and what they represent to the Ojibwes.



Black History Month

Desiree Scott, former Olympian and Team Canada Soccer player with grade 8 BHM presenters



100 Day



Teachers and EAs celebrating
100 day!

Mission Gardens Play Centre

95 Bournais Drive
located in Bernie Wolfe school



2 year old program

Mondays
9:10am - 11:30am

3 year old program

Wednesday & Friday
9:10am - 11:30am

4 year old program

Monday, Wednesday & Friday
1:10pm - 3:40pm

OR

Tuesday & Thursday
9:10am - 11:30am

3 & 4 year old program

Tuesday & Thursday
1:10pm - 3:40pm

For more
information:

email

mgpc@mymts.net

or 204-663-8053

RETLife Spring Programming is Open for Registration!

Spring is almost here and what better way to fill your time, while waiting for the snow to melt, than taking a **RETLife** class?

We have several new and unique programs (as well as the return of some popular classics) so there is always something for everyone of every age – and it's close to home!

Spring programming includes:

Bricks4Kidz – Amusement Park Engineers (ages 6 – 11)

Green Action Centre – Vermicomposting for Parents and Kids

Drama Explorers

Volleyball for Girls

Crochet for Kids

Badminton

Preparing for Scholarships

Engineering for Kids

Parent and Child Cooking Classes

Stay Safe

Babysitting

Summer Day Camps

And much more!

Visit **RETLife** for more information or to register for the classes of your choice! Don't delay – register today as space is starting to fill up!

River East Transcona School Division is located on the original lands of the Anishinaabeg, Ininiwak, Anishiniwak, Dakota, and Dene peoples, and on the homeland of the Red River Métis. We recognize our part of the Treaty relationship and, as acknowledgement of the harms done, we commit to collaborating with Indigenous communities in the shared spirit of Truth and Reconciliation for the healing and inclusion of all who share this Land.

