

NEW YEAR NEWS

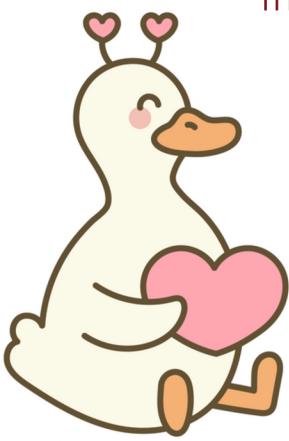
2026

Les Nouvelles de l'École Centrale

January is coming to an end, marking the halfway point to our school year. It feels like the school year is flying by! “Time fly’s”. Elders keep reminding us of when you enjoy what you are doing, time goes by faster. We have endured some cold weather this past month, this makes for many indoor recesses, hopefully this cold temperature has passed us for more great recesses outside.

As we settle back into classes and routines after the winter break, I would like to thank all our teachers and support staff for the excellent work they do, daily. I would like to thank families for having their students “school ready.” Also, a thank you to PAC members who have done so much to add to the school experience.

February is a special 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.



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Kindergarten registration for the 2026-2027 school year begins March 2, 2026. Your child must be 5 years old on or before December 31, 2026, 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 You can also pick up a registration package from the office. Please call 204-958-6426 to plan for the pickup. 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.

We are requesting that children wear their running shoes at school, not slippers. Sometimes floors may be wet and slippery causing safety issues. When we practice emergency evacuation, students need to have proper footwear. As well, labelling of clothing, boots and runners would eliminate confusion. There is a lost and found box at school that is overflowing with items that were lost and cannot be returned to the proper owner because they were not labelled. Remember to dress for the weather and label all clothing.

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 the classroom activities and festivities. Please do not make or buy snacks for the whole class, this is due to food allergies in classes.

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



Upcoming Important Dates for École Centrale

FEBRUARY

MONDAY 2: COORDINATED DAY - NO CLASSES

MONDAY 16: LOUIS RIEL DAY - NO SCHOOL

MARCH

FRIDAY 6: ADMIN DAY - NO CLASSES

THURSDAY 19: PARENT CONFERENCES - NO CLASSES

FRIDAY 20: CO-ORDINATED DAY - NO CLASSES

FRIDAY 27: LAST DAY BEFORE SPRING BREAK

APRIL

MONDAY 6: FIRST DAY AFTER SPRING BREAK

FRIDAY 10: CO-ORDINATED DAY - NO CLASSES

February 25th is Pink Shirt Day!



Students are invited to wear pink to show their support for inclusivity and kindness towards others.

As an extension, March will be Kindness Month at École Centrale. Students will be given a picture of a bison hoof when they are seen or heard showing kindness towards others. In Indigenous culture, the Bison represents the sacred relationship between humans. Once they receive a hoof, students will colour it and glue it onto the poster-sized cardboard pink shirt on their classroom door. The number of hooves received will be tallied and if the school goal is reached, we celebrate by having a Dance Party in the gym (K- grade 2, then Grade 3- Grade 5) on Friday, March 27th.

**ATTENTION: ALL FAMILIES
FRENCH IMMERSION KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION
2026-2027**

**If your child will be FIVE (5) years of age on or before December 31, 2026
they are eligible to register for kindergarten.**

Please make sure to bring your child's birth certificate or passport. 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 2nd, 2026.
Please return all registration packages to École Centrale by Friday
March 27th, 2026.

BREAKS

SPRING BREAK March 30, 2026-April 3, 2026



Musique



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.

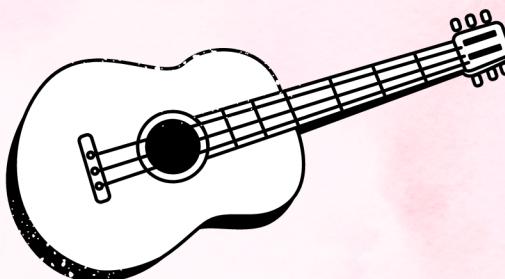
Students in Kindergarten have been using rhythm sticks to start exploring instruments. In grade 1, we have been learning how different instruments represent different characters in Peter and the Wolf. In grade 2, we have been learning how to identify different musical elements in songs that we hear using Camille Saint-Saens' Carnival des Animaux.

In grade 3, we are just about ready to start developing our recorder skills. In grade 4, we have been practicing recorder and will be getting ready for our trip to the WSO in April! In grade 5, we learned about the history and important musicians of the ukulele and will start learning how to play the instrument.

Upcoming Events:

Grade 4 students visit the WSO for *Adventures in Music*

Thursday, May 28 – Grades 3, 4, 5
Spring Concerts

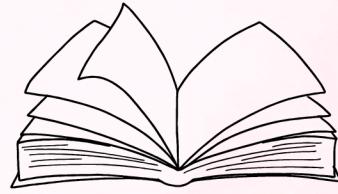


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BIBLIO



New books are added to our collection regularly. From non-fiction books, graphic novels, picture books, and novels – all in French and English. We make sure to keep students engaged in their reading by curating topics that connect to the current MB curriculum and topics that reflect our students' personal interests.



New seating options are now available for staff and students! Our modular benches help to promote a more welcoming and modern learning environment. The benches are lightweight so they can be moved around the space to suit our needs. Whether the benches are all grouped together, separated into two smaller groups or individual groupings, the flexible options encourage collaboration and social learning for our students. The colours red, white, black, and yellow were chosen to represent the Medicine Wheel. This sacred teaching and symbol support our students as we learn and grow together through social-emotional learning, identity, and belonging. By incorporating Indigenous perspectives, we continue our commitment to reconciliation and to honouring Indigenous ways of knowing.



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PAC News

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A PANCAKE BREAKFAST!

Proudly presented by the
École Centrale Parent Council

Tuesday, February 17, 2026
8:45am - 11:00am in the École Centrale Gym



École Centrale and École Centrale School Age Centre students eat FREE.
Parents and family members: Adults - \$4.00 each; Children - \$2.00 each
(payment at gym door)

We invite Even Day Kindergarten students to accompany their parents in the morning at a time of their choosing if they are not already included in the daycare.

BON APPÉTIT!!!



8:45-9:10am	9:15-9:40am	9:45-10:10am	10:15-10:40am
Daycare	Grade 1 Mme Falvo	Grade 3 M. Connor	Grade 5 Mme Stewart
Kindergarten (odd) Mme Marion	Grade 2 Mme Tia	Grade 3/4 Mme Allard	Grade 5 Mme Lisa
Grade 1 Mme Dedieu	Grade 2 Mme Keanna	Grade 4 M. Glowacki	
Grade 1 Mme Chantal	Grade 3 Mme Johnson	Grade 4 Mme Paquet	

Reminders

If you would like to volunteer, please sign up online at signupgenius.com. If you have not received the sign up link in your email, please send us an email!

Thank you for your support!

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Volunteer Link

[Sign-Up Here!](#)

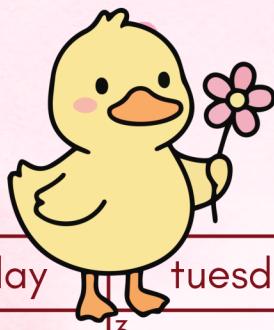


Groundhog
Day

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monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday
2 Co-ordinated Day NO CLASSES 	3	4	5	6 Hot Lunch - Edo Japan
9	10	11	12	13 Hot Lunch - KFC
16 Louis Riel Day NO SCHOOL	17 Pancake Breakfast 	18	19	20 Hot Lunch - Subway
23	24	25 Pink Shirt Day 	26	27 Hot Lunch - Fat Burger



Mars



monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday
2 Kindergarten Registration Begins	3	4	5	6 Co-ordinated Day NO CLASSES (EC only)
9	10	11	12	13 Hot Lunch - Pita Pit
16	17	18	19	20 Co-ordinated Day NO CLASSES
23	24	25	26	27 Hot Lunch - Bar Burrito Last day of classes before Spring Break
30	31	<h1>Spring BREAK</h1>		

