



# Donwood School Newsletter

February 10, 2023

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## **Important Dates:**

- Feb 20: Louis Riel Day (**No Classes**)  
Feb 21: German Bilingual Kindergarten Info Evening (see Kindergarten page below for details)  
Mar 1: Kindergarten Registration Begins  
Mar 3: Professional Development Day (**No Classes**)
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## Hot Lunch

Our next hot lunch is on Friday, February 17th. We are looking for volunteers to help out. Please call or text Rebekah at 204-471-3984 if you are available and willing to help.



## Did You Know?

If your child will be absent from school, you can **E-MAIL** the school to let us know they will be away?

Emails can be sent to: [don@retsd.mb.ca](mailto:don@retsd.mb.ca)

Please include:

- Student's first and last name
- Teacher's name
- Reason for the absence



You can also call the school and leave a voicemail if it's outside of school hours or speak with one of our friendly clerks if it's during school hours.

We **REALLY** appreciate knowing when students will be away for the day.



## Lost Items

Please label your child's clothing so we can return any lost items back to their owners.

# I Love to Read *Under the Sea*



Only One You by Linda Kranz inspired fish art by Frau Refler's class



This year, we celebrated I Love to Read under the sea! Classrooms took part in a variety of reading, writing, and learning opportunities with an under the sea theme.

Did you know...

- Seahorses are carnivores. They live for 1-4 years. They usually live in coral reefs and seagrass beds. (Room 4).
- Jellyfish don't have a brain, heart, or bones. Some jellyfish have no colour. Jellyfish can sting! (Room 5).

Classrooms completed activities from a choice board which entered them to win a class prize. For each activity, classes added one fish to the fishbowl. A winner was announced each day.



Shark "stained glass" art from Ms. Bretecher's class



On February 1<sup>st</sup>, we had a tropical dress-up day. Students wore their summer clothes and brought beach towels to read on. We had a fin-tastic time pretending it was summer, despite the freezing temperatures outside! Captains Martineau and Ziemianski came by to make sure it was smooth sailing ahead.



Thank you to all our staff and students for showing your love of reading during this year's I Love to Read! We can't wait to celebrate I Love to Read again next year! Remember, we may all be different fish, but at Donwood, we swim together.



# KINDERGARTEN

If your child was born in **2018**, it is time to register them for Kindergarten for the 2023/24 school year. Registration begins on Wednesday, March 1st, 2023.

Beginning February 21st, registration packages will be available **at the school** and **on the Donwood website** at: [www.retsd.mb.ca/don](http://www.retsd.mb.ca/don) under *Documents & Forms > Registration*

## ***German Bilingual Kindergarten Information Evening will be held at:***

Princess Margaret School  
367 Hawthorne Ave.  
**Tuesday, February 21st, 2023**  
**from 6:00pm to 6:30pm**  
in the Princess Margaret Library

## ***Donwood Kindergarten Orientation & Stay and Play***

Donwood School  
400 Donwood Dr.  
**Thursday, May 4th, 2023**  
**time TBD**

Meet Kindergarten teachers and visit classrooms and receive Kindergarten packages!

## ***Growing and Learning Fair for Donwood students and parents:***

MORE INFO  
COMING SOON!

## ***It is beneficial for all when you register your kindergarten student early:***

- \* It is helpful in school classroom planning, for determining class sizes and teachers
- \* It is helpful for the parent in preparing their child for the school environment and avoiding the last minute rush
- \* It is helpful for the student to come to the Kindergarten Orientation and meet the teacher and see the classroom

## **In order to register your child for Kindergarten, THE FOLLOWING IDENTIFICATION IS REQUIRED:**

### **TWO (2) PIECES OF PROOF OF RESIDENCY:**

This can be your Manitoba Medical Card, driver's license, lease agreement or current offer to purchase (duly signed), or current utility bill (name and corresponding address)

### **ONE (1) PIECE OF PROOF OF AGE:**

This can be your child's birth certificate, passport, baptismal papers, passport, health card, treaty card, or record of live birth. (Your child has to have been born in 2018, turning 5 years of age before December 31, 2023)

Please pass this information on to any families that you know has a child eligible to register for Kindergarten for the 2023-2024 school year.

**Call Donwood School at 204-668-9438 for more information. Our office is open 8:00am - 4:00pm Mon. - Fri.**

## Hello Donwood Dragons!



**Tumbling Rally** > We are in full swing with our Tumbling Rally Club for our grade 4 and 5's! Tumbling Rally club teaches students a number of families of Gymnastics/ Tumbling Skills (i.e. Bridge and handstand families..etc), along with a divisionally choreographed warm-up routine and a school specific creative routine which both incorporate stretching, dance, movement, and tumbling skills. The athletes have been learning a lot and having lots of fun! Thanks to the many teachers involved in helping out with this club!



**Grade 3 Basketball** > Mrs. Yaworski and Frau Rosenby have volunteered their time to run a recess soccer club for Grade 3's! It has been a huge hit and the students have been having a blast!

**In the Gym** > Recently we have been working on and learning skills such as: bouncing, balancing, landing, rolling, falling, movement passes and more! Our older students also just finished a unit on basketball! Quiz question: Ask you child what is the name of the kind of safe landing when landing on your feet? (hint; it's a kind of vehicle).



Check out more of the exciting events, celebrations and learning taking place at Donwood School by following our Twitter account @don\_RETSD.

If you have any questions or concerns, you can contact the school at 204-668-9438 or email us at don@retsd.mb.ca



*We appreciate the continued collaboration and support!  
Please see the community support information below.*

**Donwood School Staff**

*River East Transcona School Division is located on the original lands of the Anishinaabeg, Ininiwak, Anishininiwak, 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.*





# Blast Off!

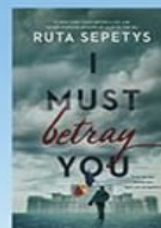
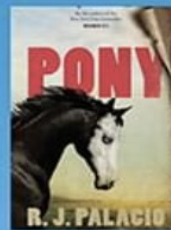
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through Sora  
and **RETSD!**

## Open a world of reading with Sora

Sora, an online audio and ebook provider, has partnered with River East Transcona School Division, to bring **FREE** audio and ebooks to students and staff!

Download the app or visit [soraapp.com](http://soraapp.com), and log in using your RETSD credentials. You can even link up your Winnipeg Public Library card for more books!

Explore all that Sora has to offer, all **FREE**, through **RETSD!**



  
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## New Winter & Spring Classes!

Life is for learning—at RETLife, brush up on job skills, ignite your passion, meet new people, and have fun along the way! And the best part? You can do it all without leaving River East Transcona School Division.

**Register Today!**  
**[www.RETLife.ca](http://www.RETLife.ca)**



**Space is still available to register your child for fun and engaging activities this winter! The best part? All activities are in River East Transcona School Division, so you can stay close to home!**

A few of the classes being offered this winter and spring include:

- Babysitting Training
- Basketball for Kids
- Bollywood Dancing
- Kids Can Style! Awesome Braids and Curls
- Dungeons and Dragons for Young Adventurers
- Get Your Drum On!
- Indoor Soccer
- Kids Can Cook
- Kids Can Draw
- Little Kids Can Dance!
- Stay Safe
- Volleyball for Kids

RETLife is also offering programs for the whole family to enjoy such as:

- Winter Outdoor Activity Day
- Modern Board Games

**Space is limited, so don't delay. Register today!**



You're  
invited to  
our Open  
House!

- École Munroe Middle School Open House
- February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- 6:00pm- 7:00pm

## Learn about our school!

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- Learn about our English, French Immersion, and unique Late Immersion programs!
- Learn about our optional course programming
- See the school, meet our staff, and ask questions!





## CHIEF PEGUIS MIDDLE SCHOOL

1400 Rothesay Street  
Winnipeg, MB R2G 1V2  
204-668-9442



# OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>

6:00 pm

Chief Peguis Theatre



It's a 6<sup>th</sup>  
GRADE  
Thing

FOR GRADE 5  
STUDENTS & PARENTS

We look forward to sharing  
information about Chief Peguis and  
taking you on a tour of our school!





# February 2023

**\*\*Please see the calendar for our hours of operation.\*\***



## **Donwood Family Resource Centre**

6-64 Donwood Drive

Ph: 204-336-2752

e: [donwood@familydynamics.ca](mailto:donwood@familydynamics.ca)

Centre staff: Mary & Joanne

**FOLLOW US ON  
INSTAGRAM** For up  
to date info and  
surplus items!!

**@donwoodfrc**

*Don't forget to sign up  
for Crockpot Cooking  
as there is limited  
space! We now offer a  
take-home kit option!*



## **Tax Clinic**

First tax clinic of the year  
taking place Feb. 21st. Please  
contact us to reserve your  
appointment. Limited space  
for walk-ins.

## **February Self Care**

**WHAT DOES SELF CARE LOOK  
LIKE FOR YOU?**

**We want to hear from you!**



## **How Can We Help?**

- Emergency food
- Computer use, printing, help with paperwork
- Resume coaching
- Washing machine available for community use
- Personal hygiene items
- Safer sex supplies
- Drop in for coffee and a chat



*Our beading  
program is finally  
starting! Contact us  
to sign up for  
Beading with Shey!*





# February 2023



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
		1  Open for Resources 8:30-3:00	2 Closed 8:30-1:00 for staff meeting  Open for Resources 1:00-3:00	3 NO SCHOOL Bread Day 10:00am  Open for Resources 10:00-3:00
6  Open for Resources 8:30-3:00	7  Open for Resources 8:30-3:00	8  Closed at 10:00 for Staff training  Open for Resources 8:30-3:00	9 CROCKPOT 11:00 BEADING 1:00  Open for Resources 8:30-10:00	10 Bread Day 10:00am  Open for Resources 9:30-3:00
13  Open for Resources 12:00-2:30	14 Closed 10:00-12:00  Open for Resources 8:30-3:00	15 ADVISORY MEETING 1:00 Bingo to follow  Open for Resources 8:30-3:00	16 BEADING 1:00  Open for Resources 8:30-3:00	17 Bread Day 10:00am  Open for Resources 9:30-3:00
20  CLOSED for Louis Riel Day	21 TAX CLINIC 9:00-2:00  Open for Resources 8:30-3:00	22  Open for Resources 8:30-3:00	23 CROCKPOT 11:00 BEADING 1:00  Open for Resources 8:30-3:00	24 Bread Day 10:00am  Open for Resources 9:30-3:00
27  Open for Resources 8:30-2:30	28  SELF CARE 1:00  Open for Resources 8:30-2:00			

We gratefully acknowledge the Department of Families, United Way and The Winnipeg Foundation for their generous support of our programs. We also extend thanks to Harvest Manitoba, Second Harvest, and Leftovers Foundation for their contributions that help keep our food programs possible. Thank you!!



Springfield Heights Nursery School has been offering an introductory German bilingual preschool program for 58 years. This year, registration day is **Tuesday, March 7, 2023 from 6 – 7:30pm**. Registration fee is \$50. We invite students to begin learning an additional language in a fun and relaxed atmosphere. If you are planning to enter the German program for kindergarten, our nursery school will help set your child up for success! Even if your child will not enter the bilingual program at school, your preschooler will reap the benefits of being introduced to another language. There is no previous German language requirement. Our 2023/24 school year will be held at Springfield Heights Mennonite Church, 570 Sharron Bay.

We offer two programs:

A full-time morning program (5 mornings/week for \$175/month)  
and a part-time afternoon program  
(Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday afternoon for \$105/month).

Please contact us by email ([springfieldheightsnursery@gmail.com](mailto:springfieldheightsnursery@gmail.com)) or by phone ([204-259-8888](tel:204-259-8888)) to receive your registration forms and for additional information.



## MBCC Nursery School

MBCC (which runs out of the NKMB church) is a nursery school that has offered an introduction to German as well as offering programming following the MB faith for over 60 years. If you are considering entering the German program for kindergarten, or simply want exposure to a second language, our nursery school will help set your child up for success! (No previous German language requirement.)

We offer two part-time morning programs... MWF (\$100/mth) or TTh (\$80/mth) from 9:15-11:15

Questions can be directed to Nanette Schmidt by email ([mbcc1315@mymts.net](mailto:mbcc1315@mymts.net)).

Registration and Open house for Children and Parents will be on:

Wednesday, March 1

6-7 pm

Enter at Door 1 (the loop)

\*\*Registration fee of \$50 and one month's tuition dated May 31, 2023 required at registration\*\*

7TH ANNUAL

# Elmwood Winter Fun Day!

**FREE  
ADMISSION!**

**CLARA HUGHES RECREATION PARK  
281 HENDERSON HWY.**

**SATURDAY  
FEBRUARY 11, 2023**

**11:00AM - 3:00PM**

**FREE HOTDOGS & REFRESHMENTS  
PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN MUG/CUP/TUMBLER  
IF YOU WOULD LIKE A HOT DRINK!**

**TONS OF WINTER ACTIVITIES TO ENJOY!  
HORSE DRAWN WAGON RIDES, ICE SKATING,  
SNOWSHOEING, JUG CURLING, TOBOGGAN SLIDE,  
BONFIRE, & MANY MORE!**

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