



Spring Newsletter



Les Nouvelles de Printemps à l'École Centrale

Dear Parents & Guardians,

It has been a pleasure to welcome back all École Centrale students and their families from March Break. We hope that everyone is refreshed and ready for a busy Spring season. There are many exciting events planned for the weeks ahead, which include: our Folkdance, grade 3, 4 and 5 spring performance which will take place in May, Earth Day activities, classroom field trips, Parent Association Committee Meetings, ÉC Parent Lunch Program Committee Meetings and more.

We have so many ways to celebrate the wonderful creative learning that is always in progress at École Centrale! As we are into the final stretch for this academic school year, we challenge each and every student to make the most of every day and really take the time to enjoy the learning process, take risks and try something new every day! Parents are encouraged to connect with your child's teachers to follow-up on any goals that were set during interviews in the March meetings. As always, I am pleased to meet with parents who wish to discuss their child's academic, social, or emotional progress.

Field trips will be taking place in these last few months of school. If you are interested in volunteering, you will need to fill a Child Abuse Registry, which can take time to process. The CAR is paid by the division. If you would like an application, please email Mme Ashley at achihonik@retsd.mb.ca.





Welcome to Kindergarten!



Welcome Kindergarten Orientation!

Our kindergarten team has set the Welcome to kindergarten Night for May 13th. If you know someone who has a little one who turns five before December 31, 2025. Please pass the word.

Kindergarten registration for the 2025 – 2026 school year began March 3, 2025. Your child must be 5 years old on or before December 31, 2025, 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 or please call 204- 958-6468 to plan for the pickup. This year our classes will be full day every other day.



April is the time of year where we start reflecting on the year that was and begin planning for next year. Administrators, teachers and student services are currently in the planning process looking at our existing division goals (literacy, numeracy, student well-being, and Indigenous Academic Achievement). As well as finalizing staffing for next year and class composition.



BACK TO School

Parent Requests for next year


École Centrale Classroom Placement Process

As we head into the last portion of the year, we are starting to think ahead to next year. Part of our thinking ahead includes beginning to collect information for class placements for 2025 – 2026 school year. Placing students into classrooms is a team process with input from administration, classroom teachers, resource teachers and specialists. It is our strong belief that the learning atmosphere in the classroom must be the first consideration in the formation of class groupings. Classes are organized to maximize learning and teaching opportunities for students and for teachers. We make every effort to minimize the potential for negative student interactions. Staff teams strive to create classes that are heterogeneous and balanced in all respects. This year we may have several combined classes.

The following are all considered when determining class lists:

- Range of student abilities
- Students with additional needs information
- Social dynamics among students
- Learning and working styles
- Placement of students new to École Centrale
- Male/female ratio
- Family considerations (twins, siblings, cousins, etc.)
- Approximately equal class sizes at any grade level
- Combined classes will usually have a lower-class size





Parents can assist the class formation process by helping their children to understand the importance of class formation and supporting placements that have been made. It is our professional responsibility to ensure balanced classes which maximize learning for all students at École Centrale. This is a complicated and multi-faceted task for teachers. Our teachers have a wealth of collective knowledge regarding how individual children learn and socialize. While staff members have much of the information required to create balanced classes, parents may want to provide us with specific input about the learning needs of their children. Helpful information may include learning and work styles, needs for structure, etc. As a result of the reasons outlined above, **requests for specific teachers cannot be accepted**. If you have information regarding your child that would be helpful to our team for the 2024 - 2025 school year, please fill out the form following this link. <https://forms.office.com/r/NFgeKJJASh> or email mwilliams@retsd.mb.ca by May 5, 2025. Thank you for your patience and understanding throughout this challenging task.

Please note: The school reserves the right to make the final decision based on the overall educational needs of all students at a particular grade level. All placements are subject to staffing changes. Class placements will be included in the June report card. To aid our planning for the fall, we are asking any families who are planning to move over the summer to inform the school office as soon as your plans are confirmed. As well, if you are aware of new families with school age children moving into our designated area, please encourage them to contact the school as soon as possible.

Lunch Program Fees: Reminder if you have not paid your **lunch program fees** for 2024-2025, you must do so right away, the payment can be made at school. If you have not paid your fees for 2024-2025 you will **not be eligible to register** for 2025 - 2026. If you need assistance, please contact one of the administrators at school.



Remember NO CLASSES at École Centrale on the following dates:

Friday, April 18 Good Friday **NO SCHOOL**
Friday, May 9 Admin Day **NO SCHOOL (EC ONLY)**
Monday, May 19 Victoria Day **NO SCHOOL**
Monday, June 9 Co-ordinated Day **NO SCHOOL**
Friday, June 27 Last day of classes **Early Dismissal**



Thursday, April 10 – Autism Awareness Day – Wear Blue

Earth Day Spirit Week – April 21st–25th

Monday, April 21 – Use Natural Light and Little/No Technology

Tuesday, April 22 – Wear Earth Day Colours

Wednesday, April 23 – Litter-less Lunch

Thursday, April 24 – Paperless Day

Friday, April 25 – Neighbourhood Clean Up



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Musique

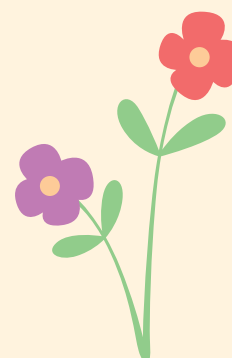
Did you know?

Favourite songs are often context dependent. Even though many people often change their favorite song depending on the most recent releases, it is proven that long-lasting preferences are due mainly to an emotional attachment to a memory associated with the song. March has been an absolutely wonderful month full of lots of listening. Since March is Women's History Month, students have been participating in a March Madness style voting bracket to 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-canadienne pop.

Here are the winners:



Video Game Composer – Sarah Schachner
New Pop – Beyonce
Older Pop – Dolly Parton
Jazz – Toshiko Akiyoshi
Pop Franco-Canadienne – Ingrid St-Pierre



NEW CONCERT INFORMATION

This year, we will be splitting the Spring concert into two shows to help alleviate congestion in case we have the concert in the gym due to bad weather.

Students in Grade 3 as well as Mr McCorrie's class will be performing at 6:00pm, and student arrival to their classrooms will start at 5:30.

Students in grades 4 and 5, as well as the lunch choir, will be performing at 7:15pm, and student arrival time to their classrooms will be 6:45pm.

I am hoping to have the concert outside again this year. If this is the case, we ask that you bring your own chairs or blankets. If the concert is inside due to inclement weather, we will provide seating.

Thank you for your support as we work through the hiccups of having a growing school population.

Mme Alyssah
Music Educator

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Outdoor Library



We have an exciting new addition to our playground in the back – an outdoor library!

We believe that proximity and ease of access can positively impact a student's literacy skills, therefore we aim to offer our students every opportunity to enjoy a book. Our outdoor library includes a wide range of genres and is open to all during school hours.

Our classroom libraries, school library, and now outdoor library are always looking for donations! Books can be dropped off at our school office.



Story Walk

If you have visited our school yard lately you may have noticed excerpts from Elise Gravel's book, *Tout le monde*! on display along the fence.





Sora

The student reading app

Download the Sora app to access thousands of FREE ebooks and audiobooks.

Sora has content for all ages and in many languages such as English, French, Russian, Tagalog, Spanish, Punjabi, and more!

In the app, select **search for my school**, select **River East Transcona SD** and enter your child's login details.

Contact your child's classroom teacher if you need their username and password.

If you are registered with the Winnipeg Public Library, you can add their library to Sora using the last 4-digits of the phone number you registered with.

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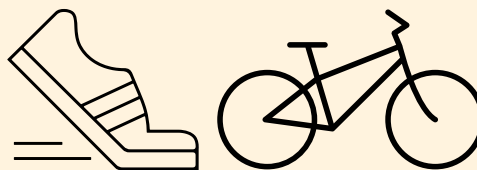
Check this out



Education Physique

Get ready for an action-packed month ahead!

Our awesome Grade 4s and 5s are hitting the court for Zone Handball and Mini Handball! Plus, they're lacing up their runners for the Duathlon, kicking off mid-April and racing all the way to early June!



And that's not all... Our energetic Grade 1s and 2s are ready to dance their hearts out at the **Folk Dance Festival on May 14th at Centennial Park**—a full day of fun, rhythm, and movement!

PAC NEWS

PAC invites you to join our monthly meetings in the library on Wednesday April 30th at 6:30pm. Childcare is provided.

We are also always looking for more volunteers for events that the Parent Council hosts such as family fun night and hot lunch! If you're interested in volunteering, please contact Mme Ashley in the office for a child abuse registry check form!

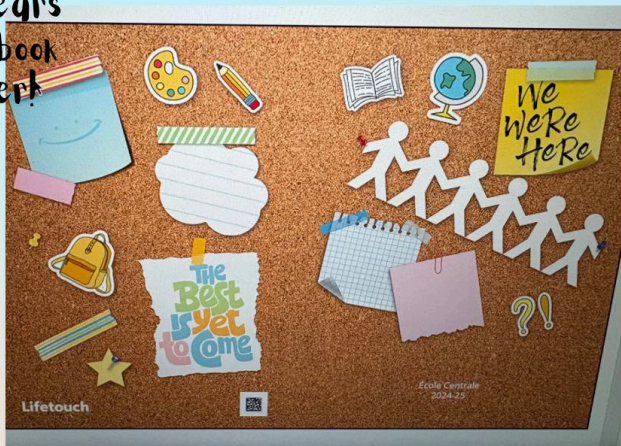
Additionally, we are looking to fill 2 important positions on the Parent Council for next year. Treasurer and Fundraising Rep. if you're interested in getting involved, we strongly encourage you to join our meeting!

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2024/2025
Year Book Today**

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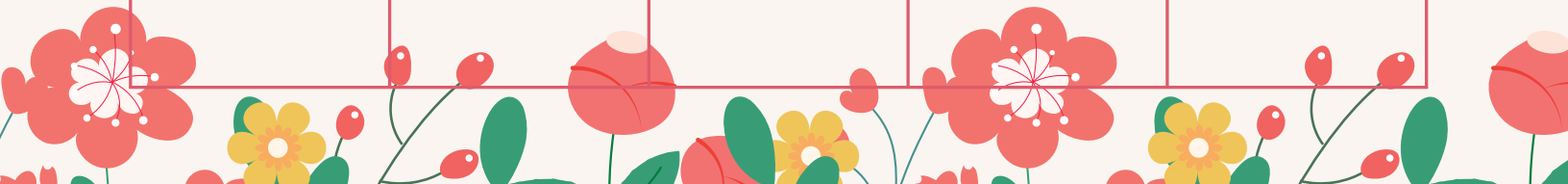
Stay connected! Scan the QR code to follow our Facebook pages! We post regularly about important events hosted by pac, hot lunch reminders and everything that's going on in the school!





AVRIL 2025

monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday
	1	2	3	4 Spring Break Ends
7	8	9	10	11 Co-ordinated Day NO SCHOOL
14	15	16	17	18 Good Friday NO SCHOOL
21	22	23	24 Hot Lunch - Pizza	25
28	29	30		





MAI 2025

monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday
			1	2
5	6	7 Hot Lunch - KFC	8	9 Co-ordinated Day NO SCHOOL (EC Only)
12	13 Kindergarten Orientation Evening	14 Folk Dance	15	16
19 Victoria Day NO SCHOOL	20	21	22	23 Hot Lunch - Subway
26	27	28	29	30

