

# CHRIST THE KING SCHOOL

## SPRING 2021



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### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear parents/guardians:

Welcome to the warmest spring in years! We are looking forward to many opportunities for learning and fun as we enter our last term. After 5 months with the Grade 7 and 8 students attending blended learning in the gym, we are so excited to have them returning to in-class learning every day after Spring Break. It has been a challenging situation for both students and staff. With a better layout, new desks and desk shields our senior students (Grade 8) will return to their original classroom to conclude their journey at CTK. Grade 7 students will move back to Mr. Gawron's room. Thank you to all the parent volunteers who came out on Thursday night to move furniture. Grade 4 and 5 classes are back together in one room per grade. Managing the classes across two physical spaces has proven to be challenging for all involved. Grade 6 students will continue in the gym with less noise and better concentration, they will also enjoy outside recess in the afternoon. These new arrangements will strengthen academics, increase social interactions and emotional wellbeing for everyone. It will facilitate more one-on-one instruction and assessment with our resource teacher, and individual support by educational assistants. Space will be freed up in the gym to allow use by our early years students in Before and After Care and more prep space for teachers. Following Public Health orders, we hope at some point to start some volleyball and basketball practices after school (indoor or outdoor pending on the weather), we will require parent volunteer coaches, please contact Mr. K.

Christ the King School continues to prioritize actions and strategies for enhancing safety for our students and staff, particularly with the arrival of VOC (Variant of Concern) in the province of Manitoba. All Public Health orders will continue to be followed, including exercising physical distancing to the fullest extent possible within all rooms, requiring students to stay home when they are ill, and regularly washing their hands. Students in grades 1-3 are strongly encouraged to wear masks. Our school has been able to procure child size cloth as well as disposable medical grade pediatric masks. All staff have been asked to wear medical grade masks, not just those crossing cohorts. Face shields are also available for any staff member who wish to wear them. We have also been in communication with our PPE procurement coordinator to see if goggles will be available as another option for staff. All student desks from grades 3-8 now have desk shields, and all desks and chairs in our school are fogged three times a week and our school bus continues to be fogged twice a day! We are also looking at the pros and cons of desk shields for grades 1 and 2. The most recent upgrade was to replace the traditional sink faucets in JK and K rooms with sensor taps to increase safety.

I would like to welcome Mr. Peter Valdes, as our new CTK bus driver and Ms. Melissa Rodrigues, who will join us in June. She will take over for Mrs. Pol during her maternity leave. Please refer to pages 4 & 5 of this newsletter for further details. Congratulations to Mrs. Edwards for her 15<sup>th</sup> year of teaching anniversary at CTK School. Mrs. Edwards is a stellar teacher and an inspiration for our junior staff. Please see page 9 for the creative and authentic teaching opportunity that she provided all students and staff this past month.

More than ever, we need to continue to draw strength from our faith as we journey through this pandemic. Some of our students celebrated the Sacrament of Penance last weekend, others will be receiving the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation in the upcoming weeks. Grade 4 students will receive the Word of God – their own Bible at mass on April 15! A special thanks to Father Chrys!

Wishing everyone a blessed Holy Week and a Happy Easter. Enjoy your Spring Break and stay safe!

Laura Carreiro, Principal





## CTK RESOURCE CORNER

### Ways To Help Your Child With Reading At Home

**Home Reading is more than just completing a book!**

#### Setting The Atmosphere

- Help your child find a quiet, comfortable place to read.
- Have your child see you as a reading model.
- Read aloud to your child and reread favorite stories
- Read with your child. This includes labels, signs, magazines and mail.
- Discuss pictures and their details.
- Discuss the stories you read together, and make predictions before and during reading.
- Take short breaks and ask your child questions during reading.

#### Questions should be:

- Factual** – What was the dog's name?
- Opinion** – What did you think was the funniest part?
- Inferencing** – How would the story have been different if...

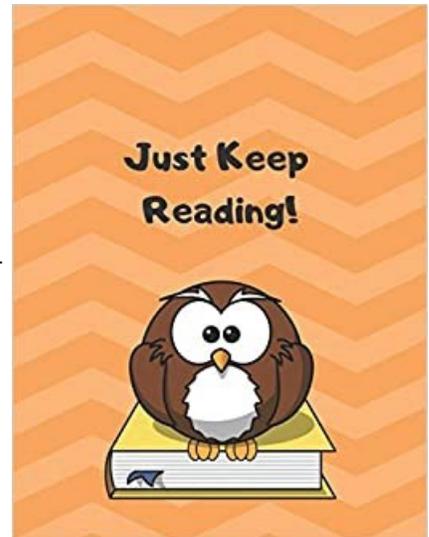
#### Responding to Errors in Reading

While phonics is an important part of reading, reading for meaning is the primary goal to produce independent readers who monitor and correct themselves as they read. The following prompts are recommended *before* saying the word for the child.

Wait 5 to 10 seconds to see what they attempt to do to help themselves.

#### **Then:**

- "Sound out the word – look at all the letters"
- "What do you think the word could be?"
- "Use the picture to help you figure out what the word could be."
- "Go back to the beginning and try that again."
- "Skip over it and read to the end of the sentence. Now what do you think it is?"
- Tell your child the word.



**Most important, focus on what your child is doing well and attempting to do. Be loving and supportive.**

#### **When your child is having difficulty, try the following comments:**

- "Good for you. I like the way you tried to work that out."
- "That was a good try. Yes, that word would make sense there."
- "I liked the way you looked at the picture to help yourself."
- "I liked the way you went back to the beginning of the sentence and tried that again. That's what good readers do."

Always encourage your child to enjoy a variety of books. When reading for practice, make sure the material is at their level. Check with your child's teacher if you need help.

**Have Fun!!!**  
Dorothy Piper – Resource Teacher

## PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Happy Spring from your PAC Co-Chairs!

Although we have not been able to hold many of our traditional PAC events and fundraising activities during the pandemic like hot dog days, family fun day, movie night, and the Hop Skip and Jump a thon, we still have so much to be grateful for. **We managed to raise \$1,400 with our first ever Chicken Finger fundraiser** which we consider a great success. PAC and some generous donors supported a free pancake lunch for Shrove Tuesday and continues to coordinate fun lunches and treats every month!

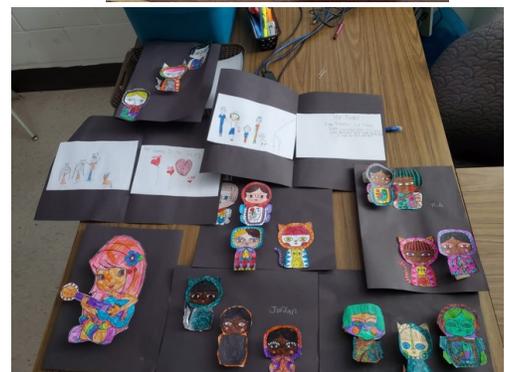
We are very excited to announce that a couple of parents have expressed interest in the PAC Co-Chair positions for the 2021-22 school year. We are appreciative of them volunteering for the roles to ensure that PAC events and fundraising will continue to be part of the CTK school community next year and beyond.

Speaking of fundraising, PAC will be moving forward with one of our most beloved fundraisers this spring - the Wine Raffle! More details will be forthcoming since we are in the early stages of planning. Get ready to buy/sell some tickets this Spring! This fundraiser will support ongoing technology upgrades and improvements for student learning and activities we hope to hold next school year.

If you are interested in getting to know some more parents and helping out with the PAC, come to our **next virtual meeting on May 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.**



### Inservice Daycare



## CTK History



### New school bus purchased for 2014-2015 school year!

The CTK School Board of Directors is pleased to announce the purchase of a brand new 2015 International 71-passenger school bus which will be delivered in time for the first day of classes in September of 2014. The Board has been working hard over the last few months to find a solution to the interruptions in the bus service and provide reliable, affordable bus service. Thank you to all of our bus riders and their families for their patience as we worked through this process. We look forward to showing you the new bus in September!

- the CTK School Board of Directors



### Introducing Mr. Peter Valdes, Bus Driver

Mr. Valdes comes to us from after driving bus for LRSD. He was involved in media and marketing prior to driving bus working with organizations such as Ticketmaster, the Canada Summer games and the FIFA Women's World Cup Canada.

The student's have become familiar with him very quickly and we often here his name being shouted as he walks into the school.

Welcome Mr. Valdes, we are so excited to have you as part of our team.



Mr. Valdes and Miss Gislason

## Introducing Ms. Melissa Rodrigues, Grade 3 Teacher



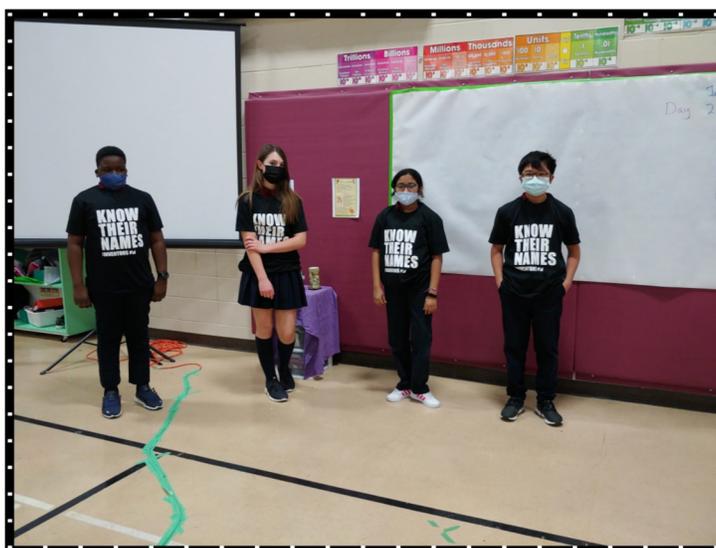
Ms. Melissa Rodrigues is joining the Christ The King School community effective June 1, 2021 (for transitioning and mentoring) and continuing in 2021-2022 school year as the grade 3 teacher during Mrs. Pol's maternity leave.

She is very excited to join our community after graduating from the University of Manitoba Bachelor of Education, majoring in Biology and Chemistry. Throughout her time studying, she had many opportunities to substitute teach in the city – and she found her passion and calling while working within the Manitoba Catholic Schools. She's had experiences teaching at St. Paul's High School and Elmwood High School during her practicum time. She is thrilled and blessed to be working at Christ The King School.

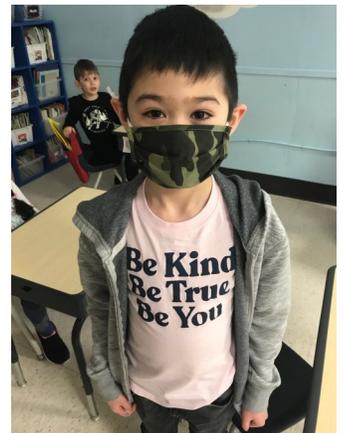
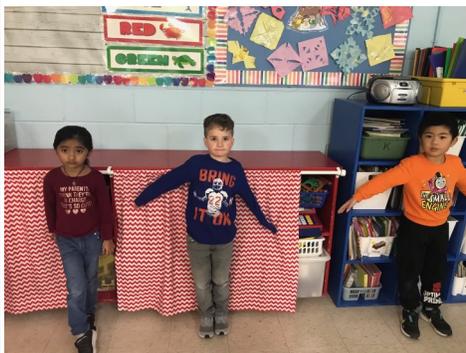
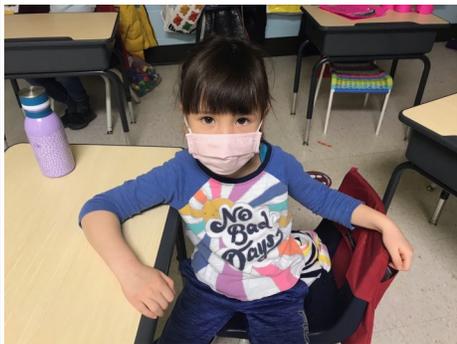


**BLACK**  
**HISTORY**  
**MANITOBA**

The Grade 6 class took part in a number of activities in conjunction with Black History Month. The class did a novel study on *The Underground Railway*, and had a virtual field trip with the Manitoba Museum on the topic of Black History in Canada and particularly Manitoba. They also had the opportunity to have guest reader, Audrey Gordon, for I Love to Read, who was one of the three first black elected MLA's in the Manitoba Legislature. Finally, the students did some research on African-Canadian and African-American inventors. City Councillor Brian Mayes in partnership with the Black History Manitoba Celebration Committee donated t-shirts (as seen in the photo) to several schools in his St. Vital Ward to promote Black History Month. Some of the students won them in a random draw.



### Catholic Schools Week





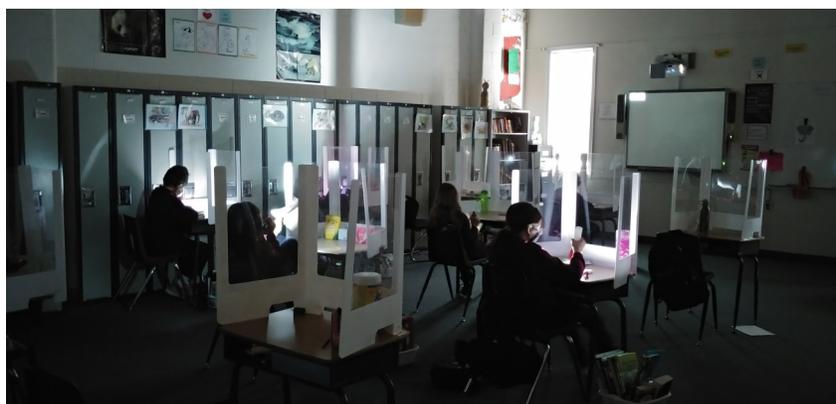
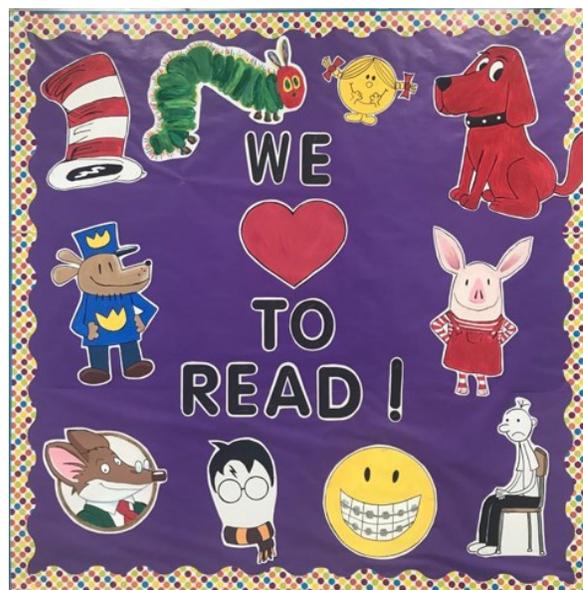
St. Vital MLA, Jamie Moses, read to our JK-3 classes



Bob the Bus Driver came by and read to Grade 2 class



The Grade 4's and 5's had a guest reader, Drew Kozub from Kiss 102.3



Reading by flashlight

## *February 2021 Honour Roll*

### *Grade 7*

*Sebastien Allard*

*Kate Desautels*

*Layla DuToit*

*Alex Emslie*

*Kole Guarino*

*Elizabeth Joseph*

*Madelene Kisama*

*Jaden Loepky*

*Amelia McLennan*

*Motunrayo Ogunbodede*

*Efe Osaghae*

*Justina Rezk*

*Serah Vinod*

### *Grade 8*

*Liam Antonishin*

*Thomas Bernardin*

*Jakob Brown*

*Fristian Dang*

*Declan Desautels*

*Madelaine Ellsworth*

*Koen Evenson*

*Ashley Flint*

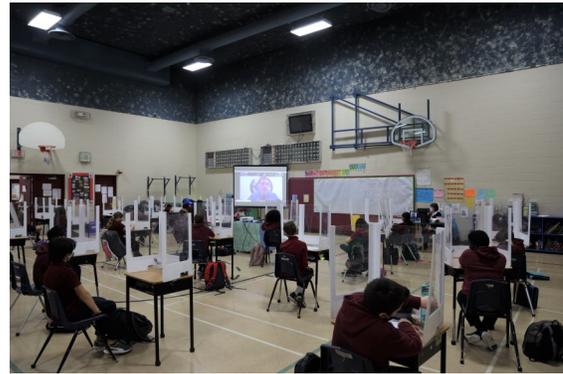
*Nora Hanson*

*Addison Harrington*

*Lauren Kapac*

*Rowan MacLeod*

## Astronaut Joshua Kutryk Virtual Visit with K to 8



Last year the Grade 6 class lead by Mrs. Edwards (currently Grade 7) entered the **Canadian Space Agency Junior Astronauts campaign** to win a visit from an astronaut at Christ the King School. They had to be involved in at least one eligible activity or project to enter the contest. The class had taken part in the Let's Talk Science's Living Space Project where students coded micro bits that were then able to measure the temperature, humidity, and CO2 readings in the classroom and compare those readings to those on the International Space Station in real time. They also did an activity on communication in a simulation of a Mars rover maneuvering through hazards. Students had to make a video for each of these activities and submitted them to the CSA. We were one of 2 schools in Manitoba (there were at least 2 schools per province and territory) chosen to have an in-person visit last spring. Due to the pandemic it was postponed and changed to a virtual visit.

On February 24, 2021 we had the honour of having Canadian **Space Agency** Astronaut Joshua Kutryk visit virtually with our students. All students from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8 were able to be part of the presentation and ask questions. We hope that his visit has inspired students to follow their dreams in STEM careers or otherwise. Perhaps some of them will visit the moon or beyond. ~ Mrs. Edwards

**BAY • FROM A1**

Dayna Spiring, chairwoman of the city's advisory committee for the Bay downtown, said she is exploring alternatives to the boarded-up windows. "It's very disappointing and I can tell you that I didn't know it was being boarded up now and, frankly, I'm not happy about it. I've reached out to the committee... to try to find other opportunities," said Spiring.

She believes the boards were meant to prevent broken windows and other damage to the building. Spiring said options to improve the look could include new window displays that feature artists or highlight the Bay's history. Any decision would require the Bay's approval, since it owns the building. "We want to... figure out what is acceptable to all parties and see if we can do something better than boarding that up," said Spiring.

Her committee has not yet produced recommendations to fill the massive structure. Spiring noted the building's size will play a key role in figuring that out.

"That's the riddle of redeveloping this Bay building. I think a lot of people don't appreciate how big it is. Six Costcos could fit into that location. It's a full city block. So when we go look at what redevelopment looks like... the size of it necessarily kind of defines the options," she said.

In a brief emailed statement, the Bay spokeswoman Tiffany Bouré confirmed the boards were added "as a standard practice to protect the building as the store is closed." She did not offer further details.

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**Students star-struck by Canadian space traveller**

MAGGIE MACINTOSH  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

ASTRONAUT Joshua Kutryk touched down in the gym at Christ the King School this week—not via a spacecraft, but rather a massive video screen.

Kutryk, who was hired by the Canadian Space Agency in 2016, as a virtual guest speaker for a 45-minute presentation about his career Wednesday.

He answered questions about his profession, including what he is most looking forward to when he gets assigned a mission to outer space.

"The view back," said Kutryk, during the video call broadcast into classrooms of wide-eyed students. "You see nothing but Earth in the void blackness of space, everything that's ever been human on Earth. That's when you probably realize, more than anything, how important it is to protect it."

Middle-schoolers won the visit, which was scheduled for the spring and was postponed because of COVID-19, through the Canadian Space Agency's Junior Astronauts program.

Teacher Teresa Edwards' 2019-20 class of sixth graders was selected, after completing two science projects.

They first compared the temperature, humidity and CO2 levels in their classroom to those in the International Space Station. The second project involved participating in a Mars rover simulation during which students communicated with a pretend operator.

Given recent announcements about NASA's Perseverance rover, which landed on Mars last week, and the Artemis program, which aims to land the first woman on the moon by 2024, Edwards said students are extra keen to learn about planetary exploration.

"I hope it inspires them to pursue their dreams, whether they be in science or math or engineering or perhaps in other areas, and to stretch their limits," she said about Kutryk's visit.

Edwards added she learned something new Wednesday: astronaut trainees must go underground for several weeks to simulate the experience of being cut off from the outside world.

That was among the anecdotes Kutryk, who is from Fort Saskatchewan, Alta., shared about his training.

"Trying to be an astronaut is really a lifelong endeavour," he said, speaking from the NASA Johnson Space Center in Houston.

Kutryk's resume includes four degrees and experience as a test and fighter pilot, engineer and lieutenant-colonel in the Royal Canadian Air Force.

He became a certified astronaut following two and a half years of intensive training, including exercises underwater and in jets to mimic the outer space environment.

Mo Ogundode said she was shocked by how long it took. "The fact they have to go underwater for a long time, that surprised me too," Mo said.

Even though she is not a confident swimmer, the 12-year-old said she isn't discouraged from pursuing a career in astronomy; Mo simply knows what she's up against now.

Before signing off Wednesday, Kutryk had a simple message for students: "Dream big!"

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Students at Christ the King School hear from astronaut Joshua Kutryk Wednesday.

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## PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS

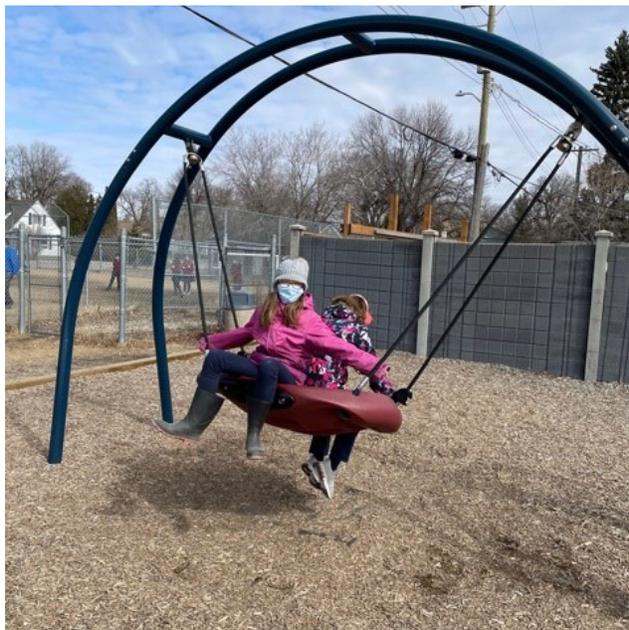
### Physical Education Department News...

The “weather gods” continue to have been extremely hospitable for outdoor physical education classes. The students and I will certainly take advantage.

Please ensure that your son/daughter are dressed appropriately for outdoor gym classes, especially with proper footwear and extra socks. On those rainy days, pack some extra clothes!

Grades K-2 have been doing activities directed towards movement skills. Soccer, a game called Four Square and fitness walks are primarily what the grade 3, 4 and 5 classes have been doing lately. Grade 5's have also been introduced to soccer baseball, or kickball. Grades 6-8 have been doing a variety of activity, ranging from fitness walks, volleyball, basketball, and soccer.

We will be focusing on doing a lot of fitness and conditioning activities, as well as running, and track and field. If the Province allows for it, I will still like to aim for a track and field meet at the Norberry Community Centre in May for grades 4-8, and a K-3 Field Day in June. I am also hoping to take the grades 5-8, and maybe other grades, to Norberry Community Centre field in the upcoming months, as they have a much larger field do lots of activities on. As for MCSAA athletics and sports, even though it has not be made official, it looks like extracurricular competitions will not take place this



school year. I am hoping we can start some volleyball or basketball practices after school between April and June pending Public Health orders and parental help.

We need **volunteer coaches** for the 2021-2022 school year grade 6, 7 and 8 girl's volleyball and basketball, as well as grade 6, 7, and 8 boys volleyball and basketball. I will also need volunteer coaches for grades 6-8 badminton, soccer, and even track and field. If you are interested and have the skills of the game, please send me an email at [dkalichak@ctkschool.ca](mailto:dkalichak@ctkschool.ca). I am also looking for officials/referees, these are paid positions. To be an official/referee, you will need to know the rules of the game very well, but not necessarily need to be certified by that sport (but preferred).

During spring break, I would love if all students from K-8 get outdoors as much as possible for fun and fitness. If it is rainy or cold, hopefully during COVID a workout room has been set up to keep fit while indoors. Stay healthy and fit, both mentally and physically!

Mr. Kalichak  
Physical Education Specialist



### Community Outreach Manitoba Animal Alliance & Awasis Family Enhancement



We have collected new socks, toothbrushes, toothpaste, books, stuffed animals and toys for Northern Manitoba Communities. They were overwhelmed by our generosity !

### St. Patrick's Day



## Spring Break Activities

- **Canadian Human Rights Video Tours**—[Explore the Museum from home | CMHR \(humanrights.ca\)](#)
- **Planet Models** – [Make your own solar system!](#)
- **Star Clock** – [Find out what time some favourite constellations will be visible.](#)
- **Free Admission to the Winnipeg Police Museum**—10 AM – 3 PM. The Winnipeg Police Museum displays many artifacts related to the history of the Winnipeg Police Force, dating from its beginning in 1874. <https://www.winnipeg.ca/police/museum/>
- **Official Opening of Qaumajuq Inuit Art Centre Free Days**— They also have several free days for you to come and visit:
  - March 22: Inuit, Metis, and First Nations Welcome Day
  - March 23-24: WAG Member Sneak Peek
  - March 27-April 2: Canada Life Qaumajuq Free Days@WAGEach of the above free days require advanced registration, and numbers are limited to allow for social distancing.  
Sign up on their website <https://wag.ca/qaumajuq/opening/>  
More info: <https://bit.ly/38kIy3f>
- **Have a Backyard or Rooftop Movie Marathon With a Popcorn and Candy Bar**—Stock up on your favorite sweets and set out a few bowls of various flavors of popcorn, and mix and match your snacks all night long.
- **Have a Picnic**—Bring your pets, your music, and all your favorite snacks for a relaxing afternoon in the sun. You can make it a little more fun by picking a park or location none of you have been to before. Now is the time to explore your own backyard!
- **St. Andrews Heritage Center Virtual Rectory Easter Egg Hunt**— March 29 @ 10:00 AM - April 4 @ 5:00 PM Sign up at <https://www.standrewsrectory.ca/event/virtual-rectory-easter-egg-hunt/> to receive instructions and a link to the virtual tour.
- **Self-Guided Tours To Do in Winnipeg**— <https://www.todocanada.ca/self-guided-tours-to-do-in-winnipeg/>

March 29 to April 5

SPRING BREAK





- April 2—Good Friday No classes
- April 4—Easter Sunday
- April 5—Easter Monday No classes
- April 14—School Board Meeting 7:00PM
- April 14—International Day of Pink—”Be a Buddy, not a Bully”
- April 15—Fun Lunch Order Cut Off
- April 15—Grade 4 School Mass 10:00AM & **Bible Distribution**
- April 19—Early Dismissal 1:55PM
- April 22—Grade 2 & 3 School Mass 10:00AM
- April 22—Earth Day
- April 23—Wendy’s Fun Lunch
- April 23—Colour Day, Twin/triplet Day
- April 29—Grade 7 & 8 School mass 10:00AM
- May 9—Mother’s Day
- May 10—Early Dismissal 1:55PM
- May 12—School Board Meeting 7:00PM
- May 13—JK, K & 1 School Mass 10:00AM
- May 13—Fun Lunch Order Cut Off
- May 20—PAC Meeting 7:00PM
- May 21—Subway Fun Lunch
- May 21—Colour Day, Spring/Summer Clothing Day wear bright colours
- May 24—Victoria Day No School
- May 27—Grade 5 & 6 School Mass 10:00AM
- May 30—Trinity Sunday

