



January Newsletter

Important Dates for February
Feb. 3rd Admin Day no school
Feb. 6th Kindergartens start Monday,
Wednesday and Friday
Feb. 20th Louis Riel Day no school

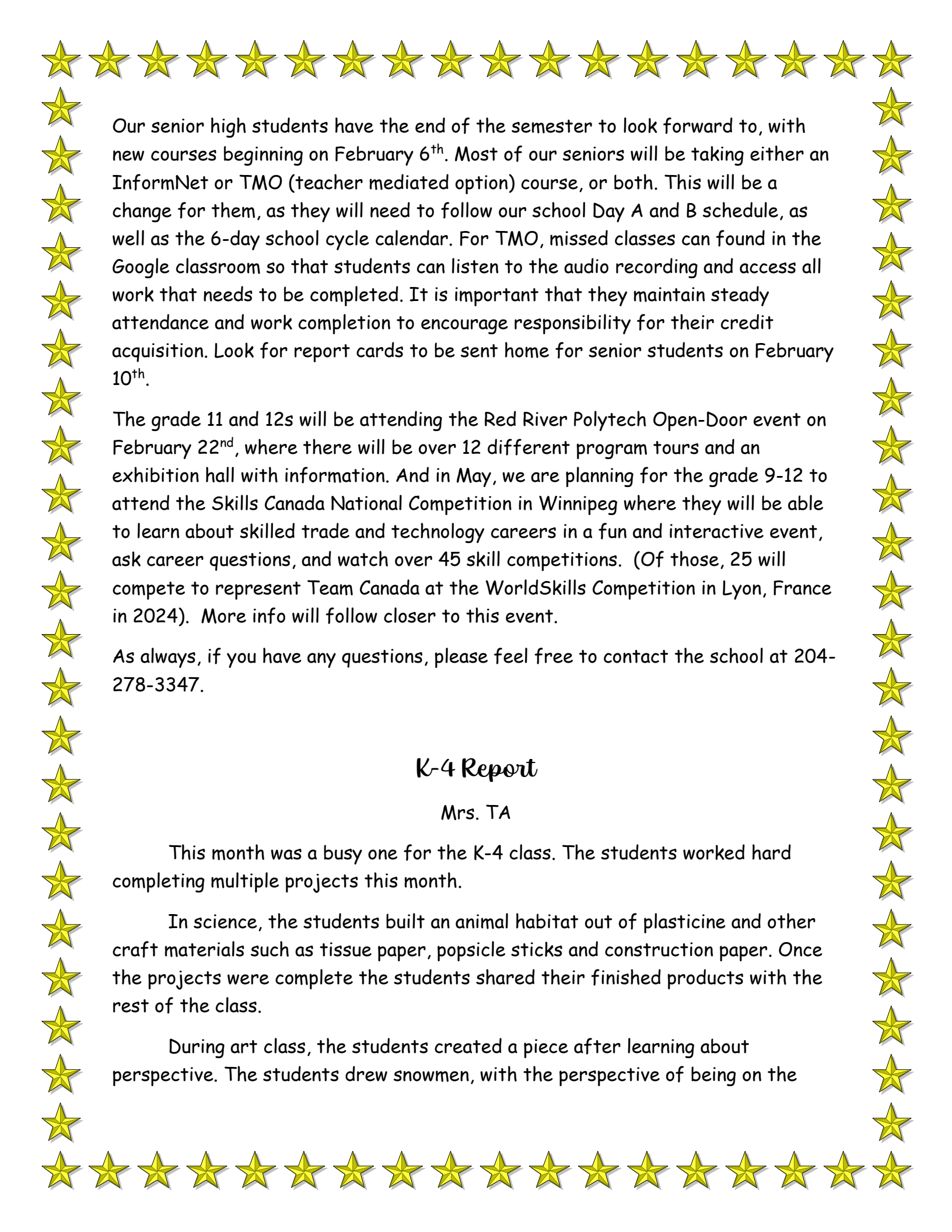
Principal's Message

By: Mrs. Postlethwaite

It certainly has been busy since our last newsletter at the beginning of December. Inwood School held its "Connecting at Christmas" event on December 15th. It was wonderful to welcome back our school community for an evening of food and performances. A huge thank-you to Mrs. Thievin-Andres, Mr. Kupchak, and our very dedicated EA staff for all the time invested in practicing and making props, and Mrs. Dzedzic for practicing and organizing the singing to welcome in Santa that evening. Congratulations to the students on your performances! I would like to thank the senior high students for all their help with the set-up, decorating, and food preparations (and a certain someone, for your assistance with the sound system-much appreciated!). The following Tuesday, on the 20th, we had our annual school Christmas dinner, complete with fried chicken, meatballs, mashed potatoes, gravy, perogies, vegetables, dinner rolls, salad, and dessert. The K-12 also built and decorated gingerbread houses to take home, and on the last day before the winter break, we had a "relaxing" day of activities that included gnome making, cookie baking, yoga, board games, and a gym activity.

Lakeshore's land-based coordinator also spent some time with our 1-4 class making baskets while learning about patience, and our 5-12 students spent time chatting with Mr. Spence.

Our typical January weather usually involves many recesses spent inside due to temperature or wind, but this January was good to us! Now that we are expecting the polar vortex to bring colder weather, it is important for the students to continue to dress for the weather, both at recess and while being transported to and from school.



Our senior high students have the end of the semester to look forward to, with new courses beginning on February 6th. Most of our seniors will be taking either an InformNet or TMO (teacher mediated option) course, or both. This will be a change for them, as they will need to follow our school Day A and B schedule, as well as the 6-day school cycle calendar. For TMO, missed classes can found in the Google classroom so that students can listen to the audio recording and access all work that needs to be completed. It is important that they maintain steady attendance and work completion to encourage responsibility for their credit acquisition. Look for report cards to be sent home for senior students on February 10th.

The grade 11 and 12s will be attending the Red River Polytech Open-Door event on February 22nd, where there will be over 12 different program tours and an exhibition hall with information. And in May, we are planning for the grade 9-12 to attend the Skills Canada National Competition in Winnipeg where they will be able to learn about skilled trade and technology careers in a fun and interactive event, ask career questions, and watch over 45 skill competitions. (Of those, 25 will compete to represent Team Canada at the WorldSkills Competition in Lyon, France in 2024). More info will follow closer to this event.

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school at 204-278-3347.

K-4 Report

Mrs. TA

This month was a busy one for the K-4 class. The students worked hard completing multiple projects this month.

In science, the students built an animal habitat out of plasticine and other craft materials such as tissue paper, popsicle sticks and construction paper. Once the projects were complete the students shared their finished products with the rest of the class.


During art class, the students created a piece after learning about perspective. The students drew snowmen, with the perspective of being on the

ground, looking up at the snowmen. They also completed a painting project, illustrating a winter scene and penguins playing on the ice and snow.

In ELA, the grade 2-4 group finished the novel *Wonder*. They watched the movie this past Friday and discussed similarities and differences between the two. The students also wrote and illustrated their own book. They all worked hard creating a story that follows the *If You Give...* series by Laura Numeroff. The students came up with the title *If You Give a Kitten KFC*. The book turned out great!

We were sad to say goodbye to three of our classmates this month. The students and staff will really miss Payton, Markus and Bailey but we wish them the best at their new school.





Grade 5-8 Report

By: Karen Caumartin

The month of January was great. The class is just starting the book "Underground to Canada". The students are also doing a unit of social studies related to their book. In science they have been doing a unit on simple machines, they have to do a miniature book about simple machines and the forces that go into it. In phys ed everyone is enjoying the activities and are participating to the fullest extent. The activities have been ranging from volleyball to floor hocky to dodgeball and even been doing some snowshoeing.

Grade 9-12 Report

By: Owen Sterzer

With the start of January comes the return of students from their winter breaks. With January being the last month of the first semester, teachers pour on the work and everyone is busy trying to get everything accomplished; that can get pretty stressful! Thankfully, the weather has been great-probably one of the best January's Inwood has ever had seeing as how not even a single day of school has been canceled from the snow or coldness. The weather has been so nice that the K-8 recess have consistently been outside something very rare in January. With the nice weather comes outdoor activities. Over the past couple weeks, Mr. Kupchak and Mrs. Morin have been taking the grade 5-12s snowshoeing for their gym classes. Usually there is some grumbling while the kids are getting dressed and ready for snowshoeing; it is great exercise though, and the students could probably use a breath of fresh air and get out in the wilderness a bit (even if it is just to the next field over from the school). With the leftover squash and potatoes from the garden that were collected this past fall, the highschoolers will be doing a bit of cooking the last week of January and beginning of February. Hard to tell how everyone feels about the cooking when all you get are bored looks when suggestions are being made in class on what some good recipes are. Overall January has been good and everyone is ready for what February brings with the start of a new semester for senior high students that goes along with starting some new courses.

Community/ School Report

By: Ernest Keeper

On Friday, December, 16th Mr. Dwayne Spence, Land-Based Director visited Inwood School. In the morning he made birch bark baskets with the k-4 class. In the afternoon he talked to the 5-12 students. He brought in items to show such as rocks, pipes and two eagle wings. He taught the students about nature and that being in nature makes you feel free and happy. You can use nature to help doing things such as finding shelter under spruce trees and using grey willow tree to start a fire or pull yourself out if you get stuck.

Inwood Rink is now up and running, it has been busy for the first month. There is public skating on Wednesdays and Fridays going from 6-8pm and then stick-n-puck starts at 8pm. The canteen is also open on Fridays serving burgers and other various stuff. Come down and check it all out.

Find 10 differences.



Spring Camp at Oak Hammock Marsh

Spring Camp 2023

Join us at Oak Hammock Marsh for spring day camp for kids ages 6-9! We have five fun-filled days planned, so choose one, or choose them all! Each themed day will include crafts, games, outdoor activities, exploring the exhibits in the Harry J. Enns Wetland Discovery Centre, and tons of marsh fun!

- March 27 – Migration Marathon
- March 28 – Happy Habitats
- March 29 – Fun in the Sun
- March 30 – Wonderous Wetlands
- March 31 – Crafty Critters

Our spring day camps are for kids ages 6 to 9 and run from 9 am to 4 pm daily (early drop-off and late pick-up are available upon request). Cost for each camper is \$33 for members, and \$40 for non-members. Let us take care of packing your child's lunch & snacks with our new camp lunch add-on for just \$12! Camp lunch includes a sandwich, drink, chips, something fresh from our café bakery, and fruit. *No substitutions. Please note that we do not have an allergy free kitchen.*

Check out our website oakhammockmarsh.ca or to register:

<https://www.oakhammockmarsh.ca/plan/camp/>

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