

# RAIDER REVIEW



## NEWSLETTER OF KILLARNEY SCHOOL

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**March 2023** | For the safety of your child, please provide us with updated contact information whenever it changes.

### BUSY MARCH AHEAD!

#### Student Teachers

We would like to welcome three Student Teachers who will be starting with us on March 13th: Teagan Cuvelier (with Mrs. Karissa Reykdal), Hallie Rose (with Mrs. April Millan and Mrs. Katrina Nichol), and Ashton Cullen (with Ms. Naureen Grant).

#### Grade 10 Mental Health Day: March 22<sup>nd</sup>

Turtle Mountain School Division will be providing all grade 10 students with a Mental Health Learning Day. Killarney grade 10 students will be taking part on March 22<sup>nd</sup> for the full day. As a grade, we will spend the day together working through the Rob Nash Project. "The Robb Nash Project is an immersive experience that uses music and storytelling to engage our audience and address difficult mental health related topics."

#### Healthy Snack and Lunch Options

We encourage families to choose healthy options as their first choices when packing snacks and lunches. High sugar foods make it challenging for students to focus as students experience a spike in their sugar levels, often followed by a crash. These spikes can also lead to behavioral challenges or struggles with self-control. Sending healthy options will help set up your student for success. Please continue sending those reusable water bottles as well! We have multiple filling stations throughout the building!

#### Spring Break:

Please mark your calendars - Spring break begins on Monday, March 27th, and we return to classes on Monday, April 3rd. All of us at Killarney School would like to wish you and yours a happy and healthy March and a safe and enjoyable spring break!

Please continue to reach out if you have any questions and concerns! 204-523-4696 or [ehilhorst@tmsd.mb.ca](mailto:ehilhorst@tmsd.mb.ca)

Have a fabulous March!

Erica Hilhorst  
Principal

### IMPORTANT DATES

FRIDAY MARCH 3

No School - Admin Day

THURSDAY MARCH 9

K-8 Report Cards Sent Out

FRIDAY MARCH 10

Grades 1 - 4 Skating

FRIDAY MARCH 10

Peer Helper Trip to Adam Lake

MARCH 15-16 (Wednesday-Thursday)

Student Led Conferences

FRIDAY MARCH 17

Grades 1 - 4 Skating

FRIDAY MARCH 17

Middle Years St. Patrick's Dance

MARCH 19-20 (Sunday-Monday)

Asessippi Ski Trip

WEDNESDAY MARCH 22

Grade 10 Mental Health Day

MARCH 27-31

Spring Break!



## DROP OFF/PICK UP ZONE

The designated drop off/pick up zone is in front of the school, located along King Avenue, between Finlay Street and Fletcher Street.

Students are ***NOT*** to be dropped off or picked up in either the north or south parking lots between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm.

The safety of our students, staff and guests is of utmost importance to us so we must remind everyone of our pick up/drop off policy, as outlined in our school handbook.

Please ***do not*** pick up or drop off your child in either the south staff parking lot or the north school bus parking lot. We do not want students running to vehicles in the parking lot where other vehicles are moving and possibly get hurt. Please arrange to pick up or drop off your child on the sidewalk in front of the school along King Avenue, where they can safely walk in to the school along the sidewalk.

We appreciate your cooperation in ensuring the safety of our students.



## STUDENT LED CONFERENCES MARCH 15 & 16

### K-6

Student Led Conferences are a time for students to celebrate their learning. Teachers provide the equivalent of 4 hours for scheduling parents/guardians student led conferences. Generally speaking, times are scheduled from 6:00-8:00 each evening but our early years teachers have often adjusted the time so that it works better for their families. Your student's teacher will reach out with the plan for their class.

### Grade 7 & 8

Our grade 7 and 8 classes split their time between multiple teachers. This reporting period, we are going to have our 4 classroom teachers set up in the library from 6:00-8:00 each evening so that families can visit with all teachers. Each student will have one portfolio with work samples from each of their classes. We hope that you will come in and have a look through the portfolio with your student. It is important for students to know that families value their hard work as well. If a teacher would like to meet with a specific family, the teacher will reach out and ask you to book a meeting time. If you do not receive an email but would like to meet with a teacher(s), please call the office (204-523-4696) and the secretaries will schedule a time. Our teachers would love to chat!

### High School

For high school students, times can be scheduled between 6:00-8:00 each evening. Parents will have the opportunity of meeting with teachers for a triad conference (parent/guardian - student - teacher) or for a meeting with just the teacher and parent. High school families are asked to call the office (204-523-4696) to arrange a time with the teachers they wish to meet with. The secretaries will have one google document set up with all high school teachers' names on it and 10 or 20 minute increments. Teachers may also contact parents/guardians to request a meeting.

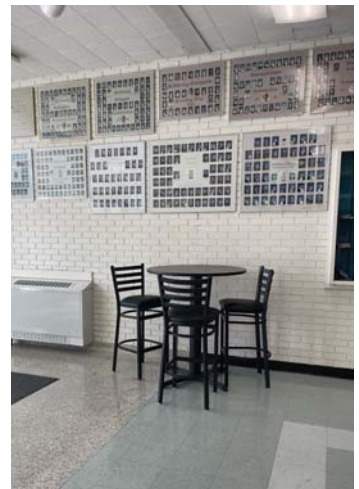
## K - 8 REPORT CARDS

Report cards will be emailed home on March 9th. If you need a paper copy, please call or email the office to let them know and one will be printed and available for pick up in the office at the end of the day on March 9<sup>th</sup>. Here are a few kind suggestions that will make March reporting a productive time of the year:

- Find genuine ways to celebrate your student's efforts - enjoy listening to your student explaining their successes and offer praise for their accomplishments and growth.
- Set one or two realistic and achievable goals for the next reporting period and create a plan on how to achieve them.
- If you have questions about your student's report card, please reach out to their teacher and ask for clarity. Positive communication strengthens the education process.
- Remember, grades belong to students, not parents. They are a means by which we can teach personal responsibility, natural consequences, and the value of hard work, good study skills, and positive social skills.
- Resist comparing a student's grades with their siblings or friends. Each student is unique. Our goal is to see individual growth in each student and to praise those accomplishments.

## WORK SPACES

This year, we have been working towards creating additional work and conversation areas throughout the school with the addition of comfortable seating and tables. If you have been in the building, you may have noticed benches and now tables across from the office, table and chair units throughout the building, and bar height tables and chairs in the north foyer. It is wonderful to see students enjoying these areas throughout the day.





## FROM THE GYM

On March 15<sup>th</sup> Killarney School is hosting the grade 7/8 Boys Zone Basketball Championship. Games will be going all day. Come out and cheer the boys on!

Grade 5-12 Cross Country Ski Club will be skiing March 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. Contact Mrs. Outhwaite.

High School Badminton will be starting soon. Practices will be Thursdays from 3:30-5:00pm

## LIBRARY NEWS

February was a busy month! We had many guest readers in the library to read to the K-4 students during I Love to Read week. We had an RCMP officer, a firefighter, Mr. Beazley came out of retirement to read to us, and our superintendent, Mr. Wiesner, came to read books and sing a few songs. Thanks to the elementary teachers for organizing this!

Mrs. McGill has spruced up the bulletin boards in the library. One is "Readers are Leaders" for I Love to Read month. The other is "Fall In Love With The First Line". Mrs. McGill has taken the first line out of a few different novels and the students can pick the book based on the first line.



We will be hosting another Scholastic Book Fair just in time for Spring Break! The book fair will run during Student Led Conferences, on March 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> from 9am til 6:30pm. There will be a virtual book fair running at the same time if you aren't able to make it to the fair. Online orders through the school's link will be sent to the school for free shipping. With the proceeds from the last book fair we were able to purchase 250 new books for the library as well as give each teacher \$100 to spend towards their classroom. All of the money raised goes right back into the school! Watch your email for more information on the book fair!



## KPAC NEWS

Think spring! Get a head start on your spring planting with KPAC's Flourishing Families Bulb Blitz Fundraiser! We will be accepting flower bulb preorders at our KPAC table, set up in the SOUTH FOYER during March 15 & 16 Student Led Conferences. (Quantities are limited!) Watch your email for more info!

Drop, Swap or Shop! KPAC will also be set up in the Killarney School NORTH FOYER during Student Leds with our annual clothing swap! Please feel free to pick up items, swap some out, or drop off donations! (Clothing donations can be dropped off at the school office in advance and are greatly appreciated!)



## THANK YOU BOUNDARY CO-OP!

For the past number of years, Boundary Co-Op has supported Killarney School's 'I Love to Read Week' by coming out to read to classes and provide a pizza lunch for everyone in K-6. We appreciate their support and how they continue to give back within their community. Boundary Co-Op also deserves a second thank you!! Killarney School has received just over \$900 from the proceeds of their cook book sales. This money will be spent in our school library and expand our book collection. Co-Op's commitment to reading is truly appreciated and will positively impact many students!! Thank you for your kindness and continued support!



## CELEBRITY PORTRAITS BY HIGH SCHOOL ART STUDENTS





## GRADE 6 FIELD TRIP

The grade 6 students (42 in total) from Killarney School attended a Fun French Field Trip to Le Festival du Voyageur on Friday, February 24th in Winnipeg. Facing the bitter cold, the students re-embodied the spirit of the voyageurs at the largest winter festival in Western Canada.

Indigenous cultures and histories were brought back to life through the workshops, interpretations, snow sculptures and shows at The Voyageur Park. HÉ! HO!

