

# École Ness



École Ness - Notes from the Office December 1, 2023

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School Office Hours: 8:15 am - 4:15 pm, Monday – Friday

**DECEMBER**  
**2023**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 DAY 3	2
3 International Day of Persons with Disabilities	4 DAY 4	5 DAY 5 Early Dismissal 3:10 pm	6 DAY 6	7 DAY 1 Hannukah	8 DAY 2 Hannukah	9 Hannukah
10 Human Rights Day Hannukah	11 DAY 3 Hannukah	12 DAY 4 Hannukah	13 DAY 5 Hannukah	14 DAY 6 Hannukah	15 DAY 1 Hannukah	16
17	18 DAY 2	19 DAY 3 Early Dismissal 3:10 pm Winter Concert 6:30 pm	20 DAY 4	21 DAY 5 Winter Solstice	22 DAY 6 Last day of school before Winter Break	23
24	25 Christmas Day	26 Boxing Day Kwanzaa	27 Kwanzaa	28 Kwanzaa	29 Kwanzaa	30 Kwanzaa
31 Kwanzaa						

## **Items from the Lost and Found**

Items from the lost and found were on display throughout parent student conferences. Items that have not been claimed will be donated to a charity on December 8, 2023.

## **Winter Concert**

M. Johnson is preparing École Ness Bands and Choir for our December 19, 2023, Winter Concert at 6:30pm. More information will follow next week.

## **Colder Weather**

As the cold weather and snow is upon us, please ensure students are dressed for the cold as they are expected to go outside at lunch.

At 12:05 pm, once students have eaten, they are to either choose a club/activity to attend or go outside. Students will need to take all the belongings for either their activity, club or outdoor that they will need with them until the afternoon entry bell at 12:45 pm. Students will not be permitted to wander the hallways or gather in the washrooms during this time as there is limited supervision in these areas.

It is also an expectation that students remain outdoors until the Morning Entry bell rings at 8:50 am.

**If temperatures drop below -28, students will be permitted to remain indoors.**

## **Social Media Presentation**

The 'Growing Up Digital' grade level presentations that took place on November 22<sup>nd</sup> were facilitated by Andy McKiel, SJASD's IT Coach. Through these presentations, Andy provided a broad overview of our increasing reliance on technology over time. The presentation centred around privacy matters and digital citizenship pertaining to the use of social media and social networking platforms. Andy highlighted many ideas that students should take into consideration if/when utilizing any online platforms, such as locking down their privacy settings, choosing kindness & keeping their passwords safe. As our access to virtual environments continues to grow, we must all treat one another with respect when connecting and collaborating in any online space, just as we do in the real world.

Adriel from grade 7 said "It was great. I liked how he shared about social media bullying and what to do when it happens."

Jay from grade 8 said "It was very interesting. It was very helpful. I am going to think about it while I am on social media."



## Ness Casse-Croûte News

The casse-croûte (canteen) is now closed for the rest of 2023. Thank you to everyone who participated in purchasing snacks and a very special thank you to all our wonderful grade 8 students who volunteered their time at lunch to run the casse-croûte. All the profits will be donated to a charity chosen by our grade 8 members in the coming weeks. Thank you also to Mme Schmidt and Mme Chernick for providing this opportunity!

## Parent Advisory Meeting

Please note the next Parent Advisory meeting is scheduled for January 18, 2024 at 6:00 pm via Teams. The link will be emailed out in advance.

## News from the Community and Division



### Parent Empowered Workshop

**Inclusion WINNIPEG**  
For People with Intellectual Disabilities

**Navigating your Child's School Journey**

**December 7, 12 & 14,**  
**Noon**  
**12pm-1pm on Zoom**

**As a parent of a child with intellectual disabilities, you have a unique set of challenges to navigate within the educational system. You want to ensure that your child receives the best possible education. However, the complex and often confusing educational system can be overwhelming and daunting to navigate.**

**This workshop is designed to help parents like you become effective advocates for your child, and to guide you through the educational process to achieve the best possible outcomes for your child. Whether you're just starting out on your journey or you're facing a particular challenge in the educational process, this workshop will be a beginning to achieving success.**

Hello, my name is Lois Brothers, and I am thrilled to be a part of the Inclusion Winnipeg team. Drawing on more than two decades of experience as a dedicated mother who has lovingly guided her son Josiah with Down syndrome through the educational system, I possess a wealth of knowledge on what works and what doesn't when it comes to advocating for your child.

In addition to my role as a passionate advocate, I have proudly served as a schoolteacher for over 25 years. This unique perspective allows me to approach the educational landscape from both sides, giving me valuable insights into the challenges and opportunities that parents and students encounter.

At Inclusion Winnipeg, we are committed to providing essential resources and workshops for parents, where they can come together to enhance their knowledge and understand their rights. Our aim is to empower parents to be effective advocates for their children, fostering a supportive community where everyone can thrive. I am genuinely excited to contribute to this mission and look forward to working with you all.



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# View from the Library

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## November 2023

The library upgrade continues. Last year, we had phase one; new soft seating and tables were purchased for the library. The students were delighted with the new furniture. This year, the library has reached phase two; more new tables and more soft seating have been ordered.

Mme Beaudin has also ordered new books for the library. Most of these books were recommended by the staff and the students. They will arrive in the New Year and encompass works by Dav Pilkey, Pierce Brown, Richard Van Camp, and others.

Facts about the month of November

November has just one birthstone, the radiant topaz. The topaz is symbolic of many things, but most of all, it is a symbol of strength and honor. The ancient Greeks also believed that the stone had the ability to turn oneself invisible.

November is the official month for banana pudding lovers. November is also National Novel Writing Month, National Pomegranate Month (US), and National Adoption Month (US). <https://www.thefactsite.com/november-facts/>



The radiant topaz.

## What We're Reading

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In November, our students borrowed 575 novels and 589 non-fiction books in French and English. Here are some of their picks for the month

Dog days (Kinney, Jeff)

Full court pressure (Gunderson, Jessica)

Mac King's campfire magic (King, Mac)

The Romans (Forman, Joan)

Big Nate: Very funny! (Peirce, Lincoln)



Dog days by Jeff Kinney

## New Titles and Mme Beaudin's Pick of the Month



Big Nate: Nailed it! By Lincoln Peirce

Here are some of the new titles that hit the shelves in November

Big Nate: Nailed it! (Peirce, Lincoln)

Hearts on fire (Barclay, Michael)

Elatsoe (Little Badger, Darcie)

Planches (Bolton, Lisa Dawn)

Where I belong (Mickelson, Marcia Argueta)

Pick of the Month

Does your favourite recipe have a well-loved story behind it? In the book Arab fairy tale feasts (9781926890272) Karim Alrawi weaves fables and stories with tasty recipes to create a unique cookbook. Each story is paired with one or two recipes.

Mme Beaudin recommends 'The story and the chickpeas'; it pairs well with recipes like Muhammamas (crispy chickpeas) and Hummus bil Laban. There is a

copy of this book available in the library.