



The Constellation

The Monthly Newsletter of Strathmillan School

June
2026

MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL LEADERSHIP TEAM

We have a busy June coming up with field trips, an outdoor music night with the community, a tabloid day, and a Canada Day walk. Check out the calendar on the last page for all the fun! In addition, we will host events to transition students to their next grade, including “bump up day” and “A Day in the Life of Golden Gate.”

As school leaders, we want to express our gratitude to the Strathmillan PAC. This volunteer group has added so much to the life of the school in fun lunches and fundraisers and made the staff feel appreciated on multiple occasions with nibbles and nosh in the staff room. Coming up, the PAC is organizing an outdoor concert, **Music Night**, featuring Ms. Dawson’s big jazz band playing outdoors (June 17).

We have determined our grade structures and teaching assignments for next year. We are designing more single-grade classrooms in early years (K-3) to fully implement new expectations for literacy development. Some teachers have moved to new classroom spaces.

Teacher	Room	Grade
Ms. Shields	20	AM & PM Kindergarten
Ms. Thompson	19	AM Kindergarten
Ms. Kirkland	23	Grade 1
Ms. Lodwick	29	Grade 1
Ms. Allan	30	Grade 1 – 2
Ms. Shabaga	25	Grade 2
Ms. Pattie	27	Grade 2
Ms. Richardson-Mason	1	Grade 3
Ms. Maclean-Pilat	3	Grade 3
Ms. Orsulak & Ms. Mitchell	6	Grade 3 – 4
Ms. Moniz	12	Grade 4
Ms. Westergard	13	Grade 4 – 5
Ms. Spring	14	Grade 4 – 5
Ms. Steuart	16	Grade 5

June is a month for celebration.

We will celebrate our school patrols, our music programme, and our kindergarteners. We will say farewell to our grade 5s and host a “Grad March” for 2026 grade 12 graduates who went to Strathmillan School as children.

At the end of the year, we will be saying farewell to Ms. Hueging, our resource teacher. Ms. Hueging will be shortening her commute by working at École Bobby Bend School in Stonewall next year. Jodi Sveistrup will take over the resource teacher duties starting in the fall.

As this is the last newsletter for the school year, we want to thank the Strathmillan community – students and parents - for being so caring. We are grateful for your support and your feedback. Good luck to the grade fives who are off to middle years and welcome new kindergarten families!

Warren Nickerson (Principal) and Kellie Straub (Vice Principal)

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL – JUNE UPDATES

Here's what's coming up for Strathmillan PAC this month. Please take a moment to note the important dates and deadlines below.

For all updates, please follow our Instagram account **@strathparentcouncil**



May PAC Meeting

Tuesday, June 2, 6:00 pm

Location: Strathmillan Library

This meeting will be the final one of the year. If you are interested in volunteering with PAC next year or have any suggestions for us, please join us at this meeting!

June Fun Lunch – Wayback Burger

Thursday, June 10

Order cut-off: June 5



Wayback Burger Fun Lunch is coming up later this month. Orders must be placed through healthyhunger.ca. Please be sure to place your order before the cut-off date (June 5), as late orders can't be accepted.

Grade 5 Farewell

Thank you all for your support for the Grade 5 Farewell! Our committee has planned a wonderful afternoon of fun to celebrate this important milestone. If you have a grade 5 student and have any questions about this, please email us (strathcommcouncil@gmail.com)!

Staff Appreciation

We plan to wrap up our year of appreciation with a bang. If you have already donated, thank you! We also accept donations in the form of experiences, products or services. If you have something to contribute, please reach out to strathcommcouncil@gmail.com or send us a DM on Instagram ASAP.

Music Night

Once again, we will be selling Freezies during the music night on June 17! We will only be accepting cash. More details to follow - please keep an eye on our Instagram for updates!

Thanks for your continued support of Strathmillan's Parent Council!

PHYSICAL EDUCATION – Mr. McKenzie & Ms. Orsulak

May was a busy month in physical education. Students experienced badminton, track and field, and handball. Grade 4 and 5 students completed their last intramural activities for the year and were given a choice between participating in a bracketed singles badminton tournament or a round-robin team handball tournament. Both activities were very popular and well attended. Congratulations go out to the **Red Raiders** who narrowly defeated the Blue Blazers in the championship match to capture the team handball title. The Orange Crush were the bronze medal winners.

Our badminton tournament will conclude during the first week of June and 9 champions will be crowned: A Side, B Side, C Side for (1) Grade 4 Girls, (2) Grade 5 Girls and (3) Grade 4+5 Boys.

Congratulations to the grade 4s and 5s who participated in the divisional track meet. We were lucky to be included in the rain date after having a conflict on the original date (thank you, mother nature). Students participated in a variety of events, including long jump, 50m sprint, 4 x 100m relay, hurdles, and discus. We had a beautiful, sunny day, and our Sturgeon Heights student hosts were amazing!

In PE classes, the last month of the school year will see all students take part in our annual June Games unit. Here, students will take part in some of their favourite activities from the past year as well as be active outdoors. June Games are always a hit with Strathmillan students, and I expect that to be the case again this year!





SJASD Newcomer Water Safety Programming for Spring 2026. Newcomer Orientation to St. James Centennial Pool. Saturday, June 6, 2026, 1–2:30 p.m. with public swim. Geared to families that are new to Canada with children attending an SJASD school. The goal is to increase awareness around water safety and aquatic opportunities available. There is no cost to register. For more information or to register, visit sjasd.ca. Questions? Please contact Physical Education and Health Education Coordinator [JJ Ross](#).

MUSIC EDUCATION – Ms. Dawson

The grade 4 & 5 students attended Mozart meets Motown, featuring the Manitoba Chamber Orchestra and members of Papa Mambo at the West End Cultural Centre in May. We were treated to some classical music by a string trio, Spanish music by Papa Mambo, and a combined group playing Motown hits students from Winnipeg School Division playing too! Our students had a



great time enjoying music of diverse genres, while seeing others not too much older than them on the stage playing with professional musicians! Thanks to Ms. Enns from MCO for such a fun outing and to Mr. Nickerson for organizing!

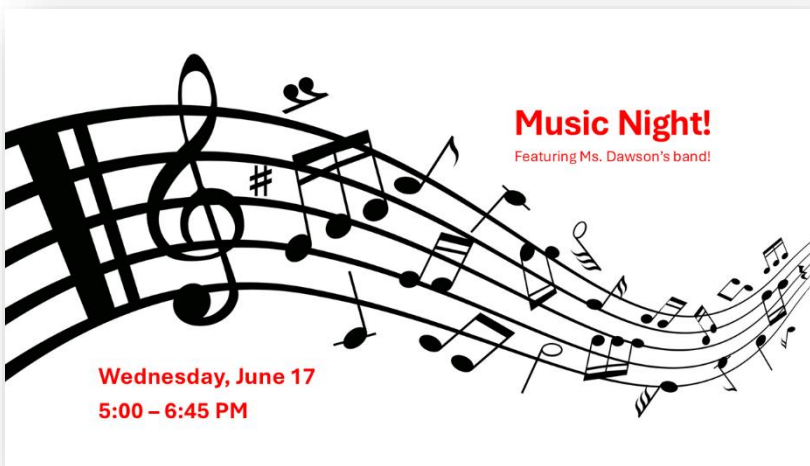


Coming up in June, the Choirs are going to be busy! On June 3rd, the Intermediate choir is heading to Assiniboine Park (weather permitting) to sing at the SJASD Music Celebration (see poster, next page).

They will perform for other schools as well as see four other performances while we are there. The Primary Choir is getting ready to walk to the Kiwanis Metropolitan Courts on June 17th to perform as well. They will sing some songs on their own and end off with a sing along with the residents.

Also on June 17th is Music Night at Strathmillan! The St. Charles Big Band (a.k.a. "The Alanna Dawson Experience") is returning for another music-filled evening in the field. More information to

follow - check the school Instagram for details!



Lastly, we are so happy for our students who have successfully auditioned for the SJASD Divisional Musical and Divisional Choirs. Congratulations to our students who are now proud members of these groups!

MUSIC



CELEBRATION 2026

Celebrating music in our St. James-Assiniboia elementary schools with live performances

Wednesday, June 3, 2026

LYRIC THEATRE STAGE - ASSINIBOINE PARK

 RAIN LOCATION: St. James Collegiate

FREE!
Come
and go

All
are
welcome!



EVENT LINE-UP

9:30 AM - 10:50 AM

Heritage School
Linwood School
Phoenix School
École Bannatyne School
École Voyageur School

11:15 AM - 12:35 PM

Strathmillian School
École Robert Browning School
Brooklands School
Buchanan School
Stevenson-Britannia School

1:00 PM - 2:20 PM

Lakewood School
Athlone School
École Assiniboine School
Crestview School
Sansome School

Parents/Caregivers/Friends:

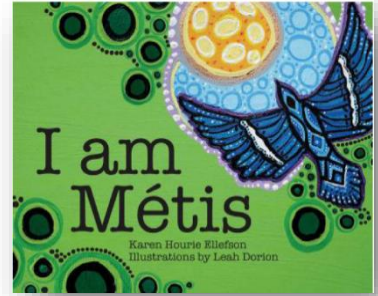
Bring your lawn chair, lunch, water bottle, and hat and join us for a day of music.

LIBRARY - Ms. Branco



It will soon be time for the library to get ready for next year! Mrs. Branco has lots of books to inventory, so please bring all library books back to school **no later than June 11th**. Reminders will be sent home with students if necessary.

In June the Strathmillan library will be featuring books by Indigenous authors. For example, *I am Métis* by Karen Ellefson highlights the joy and vibrancy of Métis culture.



Winnipeg Public Library TD Summer Reading Club

The Winnipeg Public Library has a summer reading club for children and families, taking place July and August. You can visit any of the [Winnipeg Public Libraries](#) and receive a free reading kit. The kit will include a reading tracker, stickers and activity book. Registration will begin June 8th. The [TD Summer Reading Club](#) is Canada's largest bilingual summer reading program! The club celebrates Canadian authors & illustrators. What a fun way to keep reading this summer!

WISE Kid-netic Energy

WISE Kid-Netic Energy is a non-profit community outreach program offered by the Price Faculty of Engineering at the University of Manitoba. WISE stands for Women in Science and Engineering.

In May, WISE brought hands on, curriculum-based science, engineering and technology lessons to Strathmillan students. The students in the photo are building structures that have strength. One student remarked, "I'm using triangles, because triangles are strong!" Other students investigated rocks and minerals. WISE will be back at Strathmillan in June with another workshop June 16th for Room 16.



Road to Reconciliation

As a part of our school’s commitment to Truth and Reconciliation, our Community and Belonging leadership team has organized a celebration of Indigenous History. Inspired by author David Robertson’s book, *52 Ways to Reconcile : How to Walk with Indigenous Peoples on the Path to Healing*, we will highlight the contributions of notable Indigenous people throughout the month of June.

For example, we will highlight Indigenous artists like Norval Morrisseau, also known as Copper Thunderbird, from the Bingwi Neyaashi Anishinaabek First Nation. He founded the Woodlands School of Canadian art and was a prominent member a groundbreaking Indigenous collective of artists.



GUIDANCE – With Mrs. Staub

Supporting Pride Matters in Our School Community



Supporting Pride Week or Month is about creating a school environment where every student and staff member feels safe, respected, and valued. As educators and education assistants, our shared goal is to help all learners succeed—academically, socially, and emotionally. When students feel accepted for who they are, they are more likely to engage in learning, build positive relationships, and reach their full potential.

Recognizing Pride is one way we show our commitment to inclusion. It acknowledges that people have diverse experiences and identities, and that this diversity strengthens our school community. For some students, simply seeing their identity reflected and respected at school can make a meaningful difference in their sense of belonging and well-being.

Supporting Pride does not require anyone to change their personal beliefs. Rather, it reflects a professional commitment to fairness, kindness, and respect—values that are foundational to education. By modeling these values, we help students learn empathy, build understanding, and treat others with dignity.

Ultimately, supporting Pride aligns with what we already strive to do every day: create welcoming spaces where everyone can learn and thrive.



JUNE 2026

Strathmillan School

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 PATROL SQUAD 3	1 Day 1 • Intermediate Choir (not usual time slot)	2 Day 2 • Early Dismissal • Strathmillan PAC meeting	3 Day 3 • Music Celebration (Int. Choir 11:15-12:35 Lyric Theatre)	4 Day 4 • Primary Choir (not the usual time slot)	5 Day 5 • Cut off for June Fun Lunch orders	6
7 PATROL SQUAD 4	8 Day 6 • Bus Ridership	9 Day 1 • Primary Choir	10 Day 2 • FUN LUNCH	11 Day 3 • Deadline for return of library books to Ms. Branco	12 Day 4 • Inservice – no school	13
14 PATROL SQUAD 1	15 Day 5 • School Patrol Lunch	16 Day 6 • Primary Choir • Room 23 and 30 Field Trip to Zoo	17 Day 1 • Disc Golf Tourney • Primary Choir to Kiwanis (1:30 – 3:30) • Music Night – Ms. Dawson’s band playing	18 Day 2 • Choir Party • StarDome for rooms 19, 20, 29 and 41 • "Day in the Life" @ Golden Gate	19 Day 3 • Tabloid Day AM and PM cohorts	20
21 PATROL SQUAD 2	22 Day 4 • Grade Choral Practice (select students)	23 Day 5 • Grade Choral Practice (select students) • Bump Up Day	24 Day 6 • Field Trip for Rm 25, 27, 38 to MB Museum • Grade 5 Assembly • Grade 5 Farewell • PM Kinder celebration 3:15 PM	25 Day 1 • Husky Grad March – Grads return to elementary	26 Day 2 • Rm 16 to Museum • Rm 23/30 Splash Pad • Kinder celebration 11:30 AM and 3:15 PM • Wise Kidnetic presentation Rm 16	27
28	29 Day 3 • Report Cards Issued • Canada Day Walk • Last day of School	30 Day 4 • Admin – no school				

UPCOMING DATES in SEPTEMBER

- September 7 – Labour Day
- September 8 – Inservice – No School
- September 9 – 10 – Early Years Triad Conferences
- September 11 – Early Years first day of classes
- September 22 – Early dismissal
- September 30 – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (no school)