



# SMS NEWSLETTER

## November / December



### Dates to Remember

- Dec. 1 - Kernels popcorn delivery
- Dec. 2 - Gr. 5/6 Tripleball Jamboree
- Dec. 4 - Gr. 5-8 Christmas Dramas
  - Dress rehearsal - 2:00 pm
  - Evening performance 6:30 pm
- Dec. 5 MY Voice 5/6 Field trip to the Christmas Cheer Board
- Dec. 12 Sources of Strength field trip to the Christmas Cheer Board
- Dec. 10 - K - 4 Christmas Concert 2:00 and 6:30 pm
- Dec. 11 - PAC meeting
- Dec. 12 Report Cards go home!
- Dec. 15 - 19 Christmas Spirit Week
- Dec. 19 Last day of school
- Jan. 5, 2026 First day back!



### KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

**November 17 – November 28, 2025**

INTERLAKE SCHOOL DIVISION requests that all parents/guardians of children eligible to attend Kindergarten in the 2026/2027 school year register their child with their local school between November 17 – November 28, 2025. Kindergarten enrollment information is essential for divisional planning for the upcoming school year. If you have an eligible student for the Kindergarten class of 2026/2027 it is important that you register with your local school during this registration period. Children who will reach their fifth birthday by December 31st, 2026 are eligible to attend Kindergarten in the 2026/2027 school year. Proof of age and address are required.

# LAINE'S JACKET AND SMS

Laine Wilson, Director of Community Relations for the RM of Rockwood, recently wore a jacket designed by SMS students to Parliament Hill! 🇨🇦

Our students illustrated what they feel makes Canada strong, and their artwork was proudly showcased during Laine's visit with the Canadian Parks and Recreation Association as she met with members of the federal government. What an incredible way for student voices to be represented!



# FIRE SAFETY COLOURING CONTEST WINNERS



## Kindergarten News

The students have been very busy practicing for the Christmas Concert, this month. They cannot wait to perform for you all, on December 10th! The students enjoyed creating Barbara Reid style art, using plasticine. Our Author of the Month for December will be Jan Brett. The students sang beautifully at the Remembrance Day ceremony. We have begun learning about rules and responsibilities in Social Studies. We look forward to an exciting month ahead, as we approach the Christmas season.



## Gr. 1 News

This month, the grade 1's have been working hard on improving their printing skills, with a special focus on neat letter formation and proper spacing between words. These foundational skills help the grade 1's build confidence in their writing skills.

The grade 1's had a wonderful opportunity to learn from a visiting Artist in School, who guided them through an exciting hands-on exploration of painting.

The holiday season is in full swing, our class has been practicing for the upcoming Christmas Concert. The energy in rehearsals has been contagious, and we can't wait to share the magic of music with you. Mark your calendars—We look forward to sharing this special event with you!

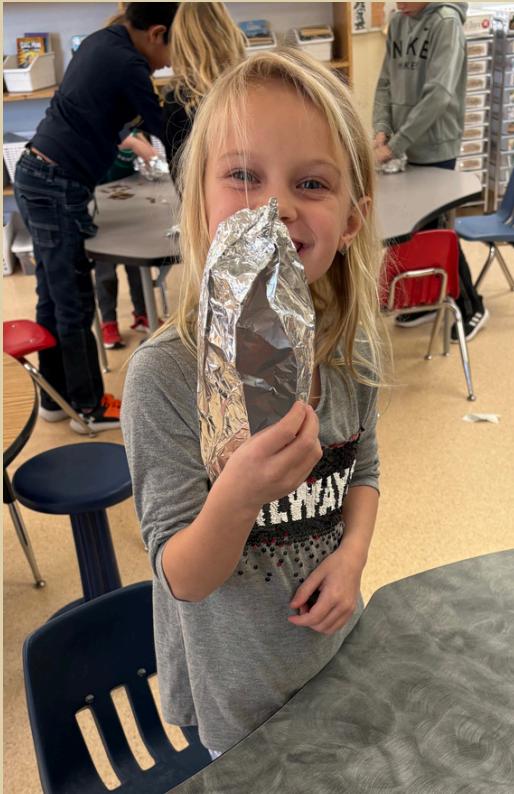


## Gr. 2 News

This month in Grade 2 has been full of exciting learning and creativity! We wrapped up our science unit on buoyancy by designing and testing our tin foil boats. Students experimented with different shapes and sizes, predicting which designs would float best and hold the most weight.

With winter on our minds, we've been hoping for snow to arrive soon. To get into the seasonal spirit, students created fun artwork of themselves catching snowflakes with their mouths.

We have also been working very hard on our Christmas concert. Students are practicing their songs and actions with great excitement. We can't wait to share all their hard work with you soon.



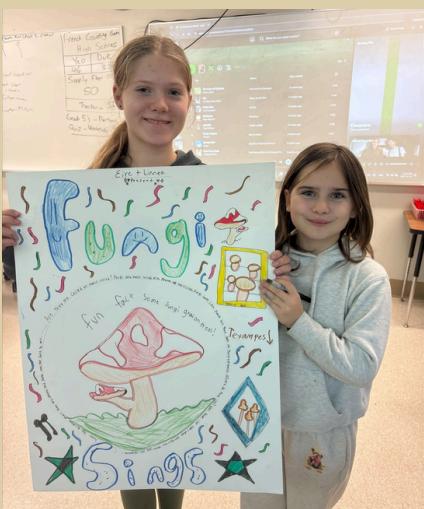
## Gr. 3/4 News

Our cohort has been busy gearing up for the Christmas concert, and the students are working hard during rehearsals, many of our Grade 4s are even taking on acting roles in the play. On November 17th, we also had the privilege of welcoming Indigenous artist Patrick Paul, who led a Woodlands-style art workshop inspired by Norval Morrisseau. The students created vibrant, meaningful pieces and loved learning about this important artistic tradition. Earlier this month, our students also took part in the school's Remembrance Day ceremony, where they performed the song *We Can Make a Difference* with a lot of heart! It's been an exciting and creative month in our cohort! Many of our Grade 4 students were busily preparing for our Christmas concert performance of "Starbucks". Through countless hours of practicing and rehearsals, our cast braved the stage to put on amazing matinee and evening performances on December 10. Along with the cast, all Kindergarten – Grade 4 students worked together to pull off a successful concert with their singing and stage routines! We wish everyone a wonderful holiday season!



## Gr. 5/6 News

Our Grade 5/6 students have been hard at work this month across all subjects! In Math, they explored fractions and percentages, gaining confidence as they practiced comparing, converting, and applying these concepts. In Science, they began an engaging poster project on the five animal kingdoms, showcasing both research skills and creativity. In Social Studies, students examined how diverse groups have been affected by various wars, leading to thoughtful discussions and meaningful insights. In ELA, they continued to enjoy Lexia as a fun and effective supplement to their literacy program. December has also been filled with concerts, art projects, field trips, and festive activities—our students have truly made the most of the holiday season!



## Gr. 7 / 8 News

This month, the grade 7 and 8 students have been very busy with completing tests, quizzes, projects and daily work. In ELA, they finished reading, "The Outsiders" and worked on chapter summaries and drawing symbols for each chapter.

In social studies, the classes began their study of Mesopotamia, the first civilization in recorded history. They are creating a marble run "Ziggurat" and we will see who's marble will travel the furthest, on its own this week! Stay tuned for results.

On November 28, the Drama classes took in the MTC production of "Elf". It was hilarious! What a great way to prepare for our own productions and get into the holiday spirit.

# Sports News

The volleyball season has come to an end for the teams at SMS. Both the boy's and girl's teams represented SMS at the divisional tournament on November 25. The girls went into the tournament ranked 4<sup>th</sup> out of 8 teams. They came up against some tough competition in Stonewall Gold and Woodlands, finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> in the pool. In the first round of playoffs, the girls played Teulon. It was a close game, but the height of Teulon was too much. The girls developed into a great team throughout the season; through hard work and a dedication to the sport. Good luck to the grade 8 girls as they move on to try out for the JV team in high school next year!

Ms. Doerksen and Mrs. Elliot



Gr. 7 / 8 Girls team:

Eden B (8)  
Blayke K (8)  
Solomiia L (8)  
Kensi G (7)  
Bella C (8)  
Emma J (8)  
Princess M (8)  
Manat S (7)  
Taylor V (7)  
Jordyn B (7)  
Ishrat K (7)  
Missing:  
Aaliyah B (8)  
Hannah C (8)

The Boys Volleyball team competed at Divisionals with primarily grade 6 students, the youngest at the entire tournament. Despite this, the team was able to secure two wins in round robin and advance to playoffs, where they exited in the quarter-finals. Throughout the tournament and season, the boys grew substantially both athletically and personally. Mr. Yeo and Mr. Ouellette would like to wish Zach, Dreydon, and Bryce the best of luck next year in high school and welcome back all returning players with open arms.

Mr. Ouellette and Mr. Yeo

Listen to announcements for  
basketball practice dates!



# Sources of Strength



At the end of November, we began our current Sources of Strength campaign, Generosity. Our middle years students have been exploring "The Meaning of Home" and learning about the generous volunteers at Habitat for Humanity. Our Peer Leaders have brought awareness to local charities and are spearheading campaigns to collect non-perishable food items and gently used winter clothing for those in need. Our Peer Leaders will be volunteering their time for a variety of activities, including, tying skates for our younger students, making posters, writing a piece for the newsletter, creating a "Spirit Week" of activities, working the Mistletoe Market, and running an assembly. We have a presentation for our Grade 7 & 8's from Volunteer MB on December 17<sup>th</sup>. The Grade 5 & 6 MY Voice group and the Grade 7 & 8 Sources of Strength group will be volunteering their time at the Christmas Cheer Board in Winnipeg packing hampers and visiting the Human Rights Museum. We thank them for their on-going generosity with their time volunteering to make Stony Mountain School a great place to be.



## Christmas Spirit Week

Monday December 15th ~ Friday, December 19th

Stony Mountain School

<b>Monday</b> <b>12/15th</b>	<b>Wear Christmas</b> Wear red & green or your favorite X-mas sweater
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>12/16th</b>	<b>Mistletoe Market</b> Giving Tuesday: Make a card or gift Wear something sparkly
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>12/17th</b>	<b>Deck the Halls</b> Find & count the Christmas ornaments and win a prize
<b>Thursday</b> <b>12/18th</b>	<b>Head to the North Pole</b> Christmas hats & hot chocolate
<b>Friday</b> <b>12/19th</b>	<b>Cozy up to Christmas</b> Wear your pj's and enjoy your class activities

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# Sources of Strength

Our Grade 5/6 leadership field trip was a huge success! Students packed hampers for the Christmas Cheer Board, enjoyed lunch at The Forks, and then walked to the Human Rights Museum for a powerful workshop on racism. So proud of these young leaders and the heart they bring to every experience! ❤️💡

