

# ÉAM LES NOUVELLES

JANVIER 2024



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back Parents and Students,

We are looking forward to a great new year. This month, we will begin preparing our Grade Eights for High School transitions. We've shared a video and important information about parent meetings and course selection. We will have the PCI team here to visit with our students. This will include Resource teachers, Guidance Counselors and the grade 9 Vice Principal, who will be working with our students all the way through their high school years. They are so excited to get the grade 8's ready and show them around PCI.

This month we have a Drama production underway with many grade 5-8 students taking part. Our Rainbows program offers support groups for students experiencing loss. These groups will begin this month. We have an Arts Club that will be starting this month with Mlle Gagnon getting it up and running. We also have a Science presentations called Wise Kidnetic happening at the end of this month. We do have a French residency for our teachers where they are learning strategies for reading in the early years in French Immersion.

Thank you to everyone who attended our concerts. Our Winter Concerts were very successful and we had a great turn out.

Just before the break you should have received your child's report card. If you have any concerns around that report card we encourage you to reach out to your child's teacher to discuss a plan.

In preparation for colder weather we ask that you **send warm clothing** every single day with your students. We know the weather can change very quickly and students stay outside until -26, so we need to have ski-pants, mittens and toques. It would be great if you could label your winter clothing with your child's name. We often have many, many items in the Lost and Found.

We are looking forward to a fun filled month of learning and fun!

Tracy Vanstone  
Directrice/Principal

## IMPORTANT DATES

- Jan. 1-5 - SCHOOLS CLOSED
- Jan. 8 - First Day New Term
- Jan. 8 - Home and School Mtg. 6:30 p.m.
- Jan. 9 - Grade 8 Parent Meeting
- Feb. 6-9 - Kindergarten Registration Week
- Jan. 11 - Grade 8 Course Selection at ÉAM
- Jan. 11 - Gr. 8 Parent Night 6:30 p.m. PCI West Gym
- Jan. 18 - Course Selection with PCI at ÉAM
- Jan. 31 - Course Selection deadline for Gr. 8's
- Jan. 31 - Band Camp permission forms due
- Feb. 8 - School Dance



THIS GAL'S  
RETIRED



Congratulations on your  
retirement Mrs. Bluhm.  
You will be so missed.  
Enjoy sleeping in this  
week!

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# TERRY FOX

Our staff was excited to celebrate our students' hard work in collecting \$7 000.00 dollars for the Terry Fox Foundation. Our school was decorated with Mario Kart-themed decorations for the occasion. Staff members dressed up as their favourite Mario characters and raced against each other in pairs. Congratulations to our team of grade 8 teachers, who rolled into first place!

LEVEL  
UP





## EXPRESSIONS IDIOMATIQUES

**QUAND LES POULES AURONT DES DENTS**

Jamais

This expression is used to express when something is never going to happen!

Je te donnerai mon bonbon quand les poules auront des dents!



IT'S THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR



École Arthur Meighen

# PRESCHOOL PARTIES

Join us as from 2-3p.m. as we  
read, play, and get ready for  
Kindergarten! For children ages  
3-5.

Jan. 26th

Feb. 23rd

April 24th

May 23rd

**ENROLL NOW**



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# Phys-Ed



## VOLLEYBALL

Teams have improved immensely as the season has progressed. From struggling to making a pass off of a coaches toss... to getting a bump, set, spike off of a tough serve. All the coaches are very proud of the effort and dedication shown by our athletes. The divisional volleyball tournament was held on November 8th. The girls team traveled to LVS where they played some great games. They made it all the way to the finals against the favored OVS Panthers but unfortunately ran out of energy in the 3rd set losing 9-15. Our two boy's teams, les Aigles Gris and Aigles Noirs, played their tournament at ÉAM. Both teams played some amazing sets and were both undefeated when they met in the semi finals. Les Aigles Noirs won a very close 3 set match to make it to the finals where they defeated the CVS Cobras in another close 3 set match. Congratulations to all the teams!

In regular season action our boys Aigles Gris made it to the finals but unfortunately came up one set short of the title losing in 3 sets to the CVS Cobras. Thank you to all the players and coaches for a great season. We are very proud of all the hard work and dedication shown by our students.

Basketball teams have started practicing and the season will begin in January.

## PHYS. ED ACTIVITIES

Morning gym continues to be popular with students with grades 5 and 6 invited to come Monday and Tuesdays, grades 7 and 8 on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Doors open at 8:10 and students are reminded to have a pair of clean indoor running shoes to use.



## ONLINE STORE NOW OPEN

Interested in buying some school clothing? Your online store is now open!

There are two ways to find your store

[www.thescreendoor.ca](http://www.thescreendoor.ca)

click "Shop Online" at the top of the page

scroll down, on the left hand side of the page you will find your online store "École Arthur Meighen" in alphabetical order

Or simply share this link:

[Ecole Arthur Meighen - The Screen Door](http://Ecole%20Arthur%20Meighen%20-%20The%20Screen%20Door)



## Overview

It is our belief that Portage la Prairie can develop into a Volleyball Hub in the province for all surrounding communities. These would include such areas as Austin, McGregor, Gladstone, Elie and so on. That is why we have developed a “Volleyball Portage” logo to encourage the long-term Vision of developing grass-roots programs up to high performance programs within the Portage community and surrounding.

## The Portage Hurricanes

Athletes would like to belong to a Volleyball Club. From the participants we surveyed at our camps held in the community, we found that the athletes wanted, thus we selected the name for the teams and club as “The Portage Hurricanes.”

### Website

All Volleyball Portage program material is posted on the following page of our website:

<https://www.volleyballwinnipeg.ca/portagevolleyball>

Make sure you check the site regularly for updates as all media releases and updates will be connected to this site. All future and relevant information should be located here as well.

### Teams

We are looking at offering two unsanctioned teams to start. They would train twice a week in Portage La Prairie with local coaching and compete in our Premier League on Sunday afternoons in Winnipeg to start. The League concludes with a tournament on March 17. Teams would also compete in two tournaments in April 2024.

We have booked Southport Gym for Saturday, January 13 from 2-6pm for Evaluations for these proposed Teams. We can offer 2-4pm for athletes in grades 6-8 and 4-6pm for grades 9 and over. We can have material for details on the teams and details on the Sunday camp available at that time or you can also visit our website at any time.

Please feel free to investigate this more at the below website.

<https://www.volleyballwinnipeg.ca/visionvolleyballclub>

