



# NEWSLETTER

April 2024

## Principal's Message

I hope you had a great Spring Break and a wonderful time with family and friends. Finally, the days are getting longer and hopefully warmer. After a bizarre winter, I cannot wait for students to be able run and play freely outside without the risk of intermittent ice and water puddles.

The month of April is also a milestone month since it signals the beginning of the last trimester. As always, student learning and community building will continue to be our focus. For this to happen, a respectful and safe learning environment must be foundational to everything we do. Always remember, that we are partners in your child's education. Students, staff and parents all contribute to our healthy and vibrant school culture. We must maintain it through collaboration and communication. You are your child's best advocate. To this end, never hesitate to contact me or drop by the office.

Although we have not yet finished this school year, we are already preparing for the 2024-2025 school year through staffing, registrations and planning. Working with the SNIAC/PAC through fundraising, school initiatives and the Diversity Advisory Committee will continue to be a priority. Parents are always welcome to volunteer in school and SNIAC activities.

Warmest regards,

*François Rémillard*

## **Bravo!**

\* Well done to Arya, Daniela and Julie on their fundraising/bake sale for the Winnipeg Humane Society. These young ladies visited the WHS building on March 11<sup>th</sup> to hand over the funds.

\* Congratulations to all the students who participated in this year's production of The Lion King! The show was amazing and all the hard work really paid off! Thank you to Mme. Knapp, Mme. Fisher, Mme. Wheeler and volunteers for all their work in guiding and working with the students.



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\* Thank you to M. Berard, all the coaches and parent volunteers who gave up their time to make the basketball season and the ski trip a success.

## **Solar Eclipse**

As per Ministry directives, student will be kept indoors (lunch and afternoon) on Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. This is to prevent possible eye damage from the partial solar eclipse that will be occurring on that day. Please see the attached information document as reference guide for parents and staff.

## **Day of Pink**

April 12<sup>th</sup> is the National Day of Pink in support of inclusion and respect for LGBTQ individuals and rights. At ESNI, we will be honoring this tradition as well as including a larger message of openness and respect for all individuals regardless of gender, identity, race or beliefs. Since 12<sup>th</sup> is a professional development day, we will be celebrating on April 11<sup>th</sup>. Students are encouraged to wear pink clothing and/or accessories.

## **ESNI Parent Advisory Council/SNIAC**

It's always nice to see new and "old" faces at our Parent Advisory Council meetings. Our next meeting on April 16<sup>th</sup> (6:30 pm). The meeting will be a hybrid of virtual and in person. The Teams link to the meeting will be shared a few days in advance. Please don't hesitate to contact the SNIAC/PAC at: [info@sniac.ca](mailto:info@sniac.ca)

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## SNIAC/PAC Meeting

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 226 905 733 938

Passcode: tKiFpw

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## **Diversity Advisory Committee**

Our first Diversity Advisory Committee meeting will be held on April 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at the school. Feel free to contact the SNIAC/PAC at [info@sniac.ca](mailto:info@sniac.ca) or François Rémillard at [Francois.Remillard@srsd.ca](mailto:Francois.Remillard@srsd.ca) for more information or to notify us of your presence.

## **2023-2024 Yearbook**

Online orders for our 2023-2024 school year will be open soon. A notification will be sent via SchoolCash Online. The cost for the ESNI yearbook is \$27. Orders will not be taken in September since the number of yearbooks has to be predetermined before the end of June. They will be available in September. Do not hesitate to contact the office if you require assistance.

## **Indigenous Perspectives**

Elder Stan Kipling will continue visiting the school over the next months. The focus of the learning will be on the environment surrounding the school. Learning about the history, the animals and plants that are in the area are important knowledge to gain.

The students truly appreciate Elder Stan and enjoy interacting with him. His calm demeanor and patient *vibe* create a fun learning environment for students. He is open to student curiosity and questions.

## **Babysitter Course**

A babysitter course will be offered to students 12 years of age or older. The date has yet to be confirmed, however it will most likely be offered at ESNI on May 10<sup>th</sup>. More information to come!



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## Odds & Ends

April 10<sup>th</sup>

April 11<sup>th</sup>

April 13<sup>th</sup>

April 16<sup>th</sup>

April 23<sup>rd</sup>

Camp Information Meeting

Day of Pink for ESNI

PD Day – No school

SNIAC Meeting

Diversity Advisory Committee Meeting