



**Superintendent's Report
February 6, 2024**

- February is "*I Love To Read*" Month in schools across the province. Schools in Sunrise will see guest readers from all walks of life and there will be a variety of reading activities as well as classroom or school events taking place throughout the month. Please check school newsletters and websites for details specific to each school in the division.
- February 2023 is also "*Black History Month*" in Manitoba. "*Black History Month*" provides an opportunity to promote and celebrate the cultural and historical contributions Black people and people of African descent have made throughout the history of the province. We acknowledge the valuable work schools are doing to find innovative and responsive ways to ensure that every Manitoban is valued and authentically represented in an equitable way. This is an ongoing journey that requires thoughtful engagement with equity-deserving communities, including Manitoba's Black community.
- The Board is on track to draft and pass a 2024-25 budget at their first meeting in March 2024. They will host a draft budget presentation on Thursday, February 22nd at 7:00 p.m. at the Sunrise Education Centre. We encourage all stakeholders to join us for the presentation of our work on February 22nd and provide valuable feedback prior to the March 5, 2024 Regular Board meeting.
- In recognition of the important role of teachers and staff in Manitoba schools, February 11 to February 17, 2024 has been declared Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week. The attached letter will be shared with all Sunrise staff. Thank you to everyone for working with and honouring the dedicated staff who work here in Sunrise School Division.
- The municipalities of this region have been gathering to learn together and form collaborative partnerships for a great many years. Sunrise School Division is pleased to not only attend these quarterly meetings, but also to provide some of the key work underway in the division. On Monday, February 12, Sunrise will attend in Pine Falls and will be able to meet with elected municipal members from across the region.
- The 2024-2025 school calendar dates have been shared with school divisions by the province. The following dates are now known and set:

Start of the 2024/25 school year is Tuesday, September 3, 2024
Last day of classes before Christmas break is Friday, December 20, 2024
First day of classes after Christmas break is Monday, January 6, 2025
Spring Break is between Monday, March 31 and Friday, April 4, 2025
Last day of the 2024/25 school year is Friday, June 27, 2025

Each division sets their own 10 professional development and administration days throughout the calendar year. Sunrise will consult with partner divisions, with school administration, with operational managers, and will bring a calendar to the Board for approval in April 2024.

Sunrise keeps providing engaging learning opportunities in 2024!