

## New children's book launched at school reading



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"I Love to Read Month" is a popular February event mostly celebrated in schools, especially by kindergarten to Grade 8 students. Encouraging young readers fosters the joy of reading, writing and sharing knowledge.

During "I Love to Read Month", schools often invite guest readers to read age-appropriate books to children in their school libraries or classrooms. These guests include sports personalities, community leaders, authors, retired teachers and elected officials.

On Feb. 14, I was invited, in my role as a Seven Oaks School Division trustee, to read along with children's book publisher Sacha Jammu at A. E. Wright Community School in The Maples.





Supplied photo by Aman Jammu

Guest readers Derek Dabee (front row, centre left) and Sacha Jammu hold copies of *Are You Kidding Me!* after a guest-reading session in the library at A.E. Wright School in The Maples.

It was certainly a special reading session. The highlight was the public reading for the first time of Sacha Jammu's newest publication, *Are You Kidding Me!* She is a very entertaining reader who engaged all the students as she read the lovely, fun book that will soon be in schools all across Manitoba.

Jammu is a French-Canadian mother of three who is married to Sohan Jammu, of Indo-Canadian Punjabi heritage. She said she derived her creative inspiration from her multicultural family, as together they embrace the rich blend of cultures that define their lives.

Unable to find a picture book that related to their family's experiences, the couple teamed up with Sacha's mother, author Pauline Lafond (who is also former school superintendent), and together they crafted a heartwarming picture book set in the vibrant world of an Indo-Canadian household that follows the daily adventures of Yuvi, a young boy, and his sister, Jaz. Amidst their escapades, a touch of magic emerges as readers discover Yuvi's ability to communicate with animals.

You can find *Are You Kidding Me!* by Pauline Lafond on [Amazon.ca](https://www.amazon.ca) or [Indigo.ca](https://www.indigo.ca)



### Derek Dabee

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Derek Dabee is a community correspondent for The Maples.

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## It's time for a fixed legislative calendar

Cindy Lamoureux  
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## "You should see the other guy!"

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### Because every child matters

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### Education at the forefront

Diljeet Brar  
2 minute read  
Yesterday at 2:00 AM CST

Education has been front and centre in our work here at the Legislature.

We made a record \$30 million dollar investment to ensure every kid in Manitoba has access to healthy food in their schools when they need it. Good and nutritious food is a fundamental right, especially when

### Student meals today for a brighter tomorrow

Nellie Kennedy  
2 minute read  
Yesterday at 2:00 AM CST

When governing in a wealthy country like Canada, we have a duty to make sure the basic needs of all people are met. Our goal is to create a level playing field for all Manitobans, so our next generation of young people can grow up to be our new

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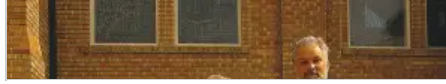
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Brian Mayes  
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### Pleased to connect with Fort Whyte constituents

Obby Khan  
2 minute read | [Preview](#)  
Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2024



### Understanding the 2024-27 proposed budget

John Orlikow  
2 minute read  
Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2024

Earlier this month, the City of Winnipeg's 2024-27 draft budget was released. Like many Canadian cities, it's important to recognize that our city continues to face significant financial constraints associated with the lost revenues and additional

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