

# CHAMPLAIN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## NOVEMBER 2022



### STAFF 2022-23

**Principal** Mr. Paulo Teixeira  
**Secretary** Ms. Shelley Brezinsky

#### Classroom Teachers

Nursery/Kindergarten	Ms. Hughes
Grade 1	Ms. Rempel
Grade 1/2	Ms. Samson
Grade 2/3	Ms. Husarewycz
Grade 3	Ms. Grant
Grade 4	Mr. Eccles
Grade 4/5	Ms. Bedard
Grade 5/6	Mr. Clearwater
Grade 6	Ms. Siller

#### Support Staff

Phys Ed	Mr. Law
Computer/Library	Ms. Olver
Resource/IERT	Mrs. Mira
Resource/IERT	Ms. Mancusi
Guidance	Mr. Claassen
Performing Arts	Mr. Shymko

#### Educational Assistants

Ms. Johnson	Ms. Starr
Ms. Pollock	Ms. Giroux
Ms. Kopychanski	Ms. Benjamin
Ms. Mlodzinski	Ms. Ramalloza
Ms. Dinglasan	Ms. Minenko
Ms. Thomson	Ms. Stewart
Ms. Smith	

#### Clinical Support Services

Area Support Director	Ms. Johnson
Reading Clinician	Ms. Normandeau
School Social Work	Ms. Mcrae
School Psychologist	Ms. Holt
Speech-Language Pathologist	Ms. Peterson

#### School Support Worker

Ms. Thomson

#### Custodial Staff

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*Check out our newsletter online!*

*“A safe and caring learning community”  
Where Everyone Counts!*

Dear Champlain families,

We have been blessed with a busy and warm fall so far! We are very excited to continue to learn and grow as a community. The introduction of many after school and lunch time clubs has brought great energy to our learning as we develop friendships and explore new talents.

A warm welcome to our **EIST (Early Inclusion Support Team)** who is working with our primary staff on developing strategies to support ALL students with sensory needs and provide continuous professional learning. An additional warm welcome to Jenny Bui, our **Early years Support Teacher**, who is working with our primary team on enhancing our numeracy instruction and learning. We are excited to learn from each other!

A huge thank-you to Community Safety Net for putting a wonderful fire prevention safety presentation. Our grade 4 and 5 students were able to learn with **Chief Dubs**.

We continue to review our PBIS framework with students, highlighting the 3B's. **Be safe, Be respectful, and Be ready to learn.** We have been working on staying with the group, keeping our hands and feet to ourselves, and walking on the right side in the hallway. We need everyone's help in reminding our students to be good citizens and neighbours. In particular, when using the school playground after hours and walking/playing in the community. Thanks for your support!

As the **weather becomes colder**, we're reminding families to pack warm clothing like jackets and sweaters, mittens or gloves, scarfs and toques, for our children to play outside at recess. If families need some warm clothing for their children, they can contact Elizabeth Thomson, our Community Support Worker at 204-586-5139 or [ethomson@wsd1.org](mailto:ethomson@wsd1.org).

**Parent-teacher conferences** will be in-person this year on Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup> in the evening and Friday morning, November 18<sup>th</sup>. Report cards will be sent home electronically via email on Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup>.

Our Remembrance Day Service will be held on Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am in the school gym.

The next parent council meeting **Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 10am**. Please join us for conversations about school programming, fundraising plans for school initiatives, and coffee/snacks/prizes.

Mr. Paulo Teixeira  
Principal



## Champlain School Breakfast Program

All students are welcome to join us for breakfast! It is a free program starting at 8:30 every school day morning. Please do not send your child before 8:30 as there is no supervision on the playground.



## School Hours/Supervision of Students

8:50	1st Bell - Students line up on hard top
8:55	Students enter school
9:00	2nd Bell - Announcements, School day begins
10:15	Grades 1-6 Classroom Dependent Recess
11:30	N/K (a.m.) - dismissal
12:00	Lunch hour dismissal
12:55	1st Bell - Students enter school
1:00	2nd Bell - Afternoon classes begin
2:15	Recess – All Grade 1-6 Classrooms
3:30	Dismissal

## Playground supervision

The playground supervision over the lunch hour is limited to lunch program students. If your child does not stay for lunch at school, please do not send them to play on the playground as there is no supervision. Please do not send your children before 12:55 PM as they are asked to sit on a bench until the bell rings. If you would like your child to play on the field or play structure over the lunch hour, you are welcome to come with them and supervise.

After school, we clear the playground and ask that all children go home or to the place you have designated for them in order to “check in” with an adult. Our desire is for all students to be safe.

Let’s remember our three beliefs.

**Be Safe**

**Be Respectful**

**Be Ready to Learn**



**CHAMPLAIN SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM** is a parent council run lunch program that is in place to ensure our students have a safe place to eat their lunch during the school year. We would like to thank all families for making the effort to pay their lunch fees in a timely manner this month. Thank you for your support.  
Champlain Parent Council.

## NURSERY/KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

*Just a reminder, registrations for Nursery and Kindergarten for 2022-23 school year are available at the office.*

*If your child was born in 2018, you may register them for Nursery.*

*If your child was born in 2017, then you may register them for Kindergarten.*

*Winnipeg School Division offers Nursery School free of charge to all residents of the Winnipeg School Division.*

*Residency is determined by where the parent/legal guardian lives. We will require a copy of your Manitoba Health card with your current address along with either a property tax bill, Child tax credit assessment, or tenant/rental agreement. Also, please make sure you provide a birth certificate for your child.*



### Students being street smart

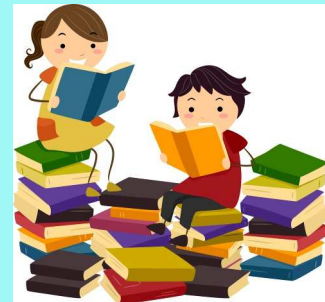
Does your child know how to be **street smart**? It's something we talk about in our classrooms because the safety of our students is very important. It's also a good thing to talk about at home as a regular reminder for your child.

Being street smart means knowing how to keep safe from strangers when we're alone or with other kids. Walking to school, the bus, the playground or riding your bike in your neighborhood, being street smart helps you stay **safe**.

Our school takes it very seriously when a student reports a suspicious person. In most cases, a police report is made and, sometimes, police are able to quickly interview the "suspicious" person and determine that it was a misunderstanding. At other times, however, police are required to conduct a bigger investigation of a more serious threat. We will let you know if we make a report of a suspicious person to police on behalf of one of our students, because we believe that an informed community is a safer community.

Parents are encouraged to go to the [winnipeg.sd.ca](http://winnipeg.sd.ca) website and click on **Parents – Safe Schools** to find a link called **"Be Street Smart"**. Here you will find a list of topics to share with your child to help them be street smart and safe, including knowing:

- Who are strangers?
- Who needs to know where I am and why?
- Why should I stick with a friend?
- What are my safe spots?
- What are the places that aren't safe for me?
- What should I do if a stranger asks me for help?



We're proud to work with you in keeping our community and children safe!

In Flanders Fields

by John McCrae, May 1915

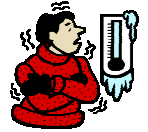
In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.

Winnipeg School Division Cold Weather Guidelines

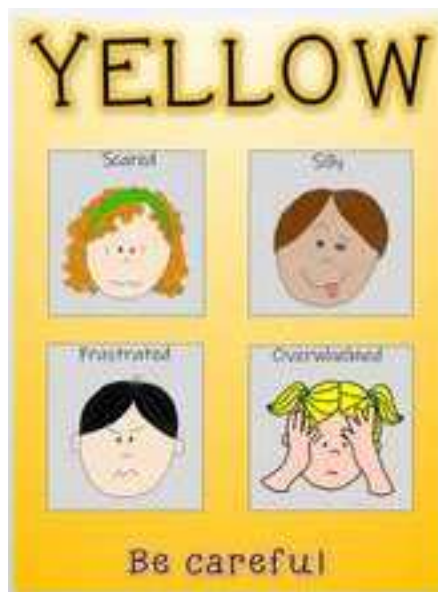
Here are some guidelines in order to help you during the winter season when your child is getting ready for school. Check the wind chill before going outdoors in the winter, and individuals are to make sure they are well prepared for the weather. Even moderate wind chill values can be dangerous if individuals are outside for long periods.



<u>Wind Chill</u>	<u>Risk of Frostbite</u>	<u>Other Health concerns</u>	<u>What to Do</u>
0-9	LOW	Slight increase in discomfort	Dress warmly, with the outside temperature in mind Stay dry.
-10 to-2	LOW	Uncomfortable Risk of hypothermia if outside for long periods without adequate protection.	Dress in layers of warm clothing with an outer layer that is wind resistant. <b>Wear a hat, mittens or insulated gloves, a scarf or neck warmer and waterproof footwear</b>
<b>-28-39 INDOOR RECESS</b>	<b>RISK: Exposed skin can freeze in 10-30 minutes.</b>	Risk of frostbite Risk of hypothermia	Dress in layers of warm clothing with an outer layer that is wind resistant. <b>Wear a hat, mittens or insulated gloves, a scarf or neck warmer and waterproof footwear Stay active.</b>
<b>-40-47 INDOOR RECESS</b>	<b>HIGH RISK: exposed skin can freeze in 5-10 minutes</b>	High risk of frostbite. Risk of hypothermia is outside for long periods of time without adequate clothing or shelter.	Dress in layers of warm clothing with an outer layer that is wind resistant. <b>Wear a hat, mittens or insulated gloves, a scarf or neck warmer and waterproof footwear Stay active. Cover all exposed skin.</b>

## News from 216!

We started our school year in 216 by learning about our Zones of Regulation. We know that all feelings are valid and sometimes we need to work on getting ourselves “back to Green”. We have been working on many ways to regulate in the classroom. We are also so lucky this year to welcome the Winnipeg School Division EIST (Early Inclusion Support Team) team into our classroom. They have been teaching us many ways to regulate and use our Calming Corner in the classroom. We look forward to a year of learning with the EIST team in 216!



Above & to the Right: Our **Zones of Regulation**.

Every Zone is valid, we want to remember that we can be in any Zone, but try to get back to Green if we can.



Left: Learning about our Calming Corner and ways we can help regulate when we are not in the Green Zone.



## Roots of Empathy at Champlain

The students of 212 have the wonderful opportunity to have an additional teacher this school year! This new teacher has not learned to walk or talk and is only 3 months old!! Yes, the teacher's name is Fia and she is our Roots of Empathy baby.

Roots of Empathy is a program that teaches children about feelings and empathy. At the heart of the program is an infant (Fia) and parent (Brigette Depape) who visit the classroom nine times over the school year. During these visits, Mr. Claassen will be facilitating the programs nine themes. Some of these themes include: crying, sleep, communication and emotions.

For more than 15 years across Canada and internationally, thousands of children are learning respect and care for one another with the lessons shared through their Roots of Empathy baby.

We are looking forward to baby Fia's visits!



# WHY ARE PATROLS IMPORTANT?



## Champlain Patrols...

- Help students get home safely
- Signal the cars to stop so students can cross the street safely
- Protect the students
- Are a visual signal to drivers that students are around
- Are role models who represent our school

*Champlain patrols at work*

## Patrols can save lives!

Champlain patrols are safe, respectful and responsible.



CHAMPLAIN SCHOOL  
275 CHURCH AVENUE



**ATTENTION PARENTS AND GUARDIANS**

## **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

Drop-off and pick-up at school has been busy. Please drive slowly through the back lane or park on the street.



# September 21st—Fall Feast

Welcome to Kindergarten Evening  
Tipi teachings  
Fall tree planting





# Fire Safety Presentation

## Community Safety Net With Chief Dubs





## CHAMPLAIN SCHOOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2022—2023 SCHOOL YEAR

Day	Date	Item
	Friday, November 11, 2022	Remembrance Day—No Classes
5	Monday, November 14, 2022	Report Cards go home
2	Thursday, November 17, 2022	Student-led conferences (4:30—7:30 P.M.)
3	Friday, November 18, 2022	Student-led conferences Non-Instructional Day—No Classes
1	Friday, December 2, 2022	Non-Instructional Day—No Classes
2-6	Monday, December 5-Friday, December 9, 2022	Mobile Vision Care Clinic
4	Thursday, December 15, 2022	Winter Concert 5:30 PM
2	Wednesday, December 21, 2022	Last Day of Classes before Winter Break
	Thursday, December 22, 2022— Wednesday, January 4, 2023	Winter Break—No Classes
3	Thursday, January 5, 2023	First Day back from Winter Break
6	Friday, February 3, 2023	Non-Instructional Day-No Classes
	Monday, February 20, 2023	Louis Riel Day—No Classes
5	<b>Tuesday, February 21, 2023</b>	<b>Celebration of Learning—5 P.M.</b>
1	Monday, March 13, 2023	Report cards go home
4	Thursday, March 16, 2023	Student-led conferences (4-8P.M.)
5	Friday, March 17, 2023	Student-led conferences (9AM-12PM) Non-Instructional Day—No Classes
4	Friday, March 24, 2023	Last Day of Classes before Spring Break
	Monday, March 27-Friday, March 31, 2023	Spring Break—No Classes
5	Monday, April 3, 2023	School Reopens after Spring Break
	Friday, April 7, 2023	Good Friday—No Classes
1	Friday, April 14, 2023	Non-Instructional Day—No Classes
5	<b>Thursday, April 20, 2023</b>	<b>Celebration of Learning—5 P.M.</b>
6	Monday, May 1, 2023	Non-Instructional Day—No Classes
	Monday, May 22, 2023	Victoria Day—No Classes
4	<b>Wednesday, May 24, 2023</b>	<b>Celebration of Learning — 5 P.M.</b>
6	Monday, June 5, 2023	Non-Instructional Day — No Classes
2	<b>Thursday, June 15, 2023</b>	<b>End of year celebration feast—5 P.M.</b>
5	Wednesday, June 28, 2023	Grade 6 Farewell—1:15 P.M.
1	Friday, June 30, 2023	Last Day of Classes - Classes dismissed at 11:30AM



# Parent Room News November

## Star blanket Sewing group is back by popular demand !

If you would like to learn how to make a star blanket, or just watch others learn to sew a star blanket, come out on

Thursday mornings to the Parent Room. 10 am.—11:30 am.

No experience is necessary. All materials are provided.



## Calling all Pow Wow Parents !!

We need your help! If you are interested in assisting us with our Pow Wow group beginning in the New Year, please give Elizabeth a call for more information.



## *Grandma, Kookum, Nana, whatever they may call you, we see you!*

*We are planning a Grandma Get together and would love to have you join us. If you are raising or helping to raise your Grandchildren and would like to connect with some other Grandmothers, please give Elizabeth a call. We are planning a breakfast get together in December.*

## Warm Winter Outerwear

If you find yourself in need of warm outerwear , please give Elizabeth a call.

I will order the size that you need from

**Koats for Kids.**

**Koats for Kids** collects gently used outerwear and donates to those who need it.



**Thank you Volunteers !** ~ Did you know that volunteers show up each morning in the parent room to help prepare the students afternoon snack ? If you would like to become a volunteer at Champlain School, please reach out to Elizabeth in the Parent Room. We have many volunteer opportunities waiting for you.



MONDAY      TUESDAY      WEDNESDAY      THURSDAY      FRIDAY      SATURDAY      SUNDAY

	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

# NOVEMBER 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	<b>1</b> <span style="float: right;">Day 3</span>	<b>2</b> <span style="float: right;">Day 4</span>	<b>5</b> <span style="float: right;">Day 5</span>	<b>4</b> <span style="float: right;">Day 6</span>  <i>Bus Ridership</i>
<b>7</b> <span style="float: right;">Day 1</span>	<b>8</b> <span style="float: right;">Day 2</span>	<b>9</b> <span style="float: right;">Day 3</span>	<b>10</b> <span style="float: right;">Day 4</span>  <i>Remembrance Day Service</i>	<b>11</b> <span style="float: right;">Day 6</span>  <i>Remembrance Day— No Classes</i>  
<b>14</b> <span style="float: right;">Day 5</span>  <i>Report Cards Go Home</i>	<b>15</b> <span style="float: right;">Day 6</span>	<b>16</b> <span style="float: right;">Day 1</span>	<b>17</b> <span style="float: right;">Day 2</span>  <i>Parent-Teacher Conferences 4:30-7:30 PM</i>	<b>18</b> <span style="float: right;">Day 3</span>  <i>Parent-Teacher Conferences 9AM-12PM</i>  <i>Non-Instructional Day— No Classes</i>
<b>21</b> <span style="float: right;">Day 4</span>	<b>22</b> <span style="float: right;">Day 5</span>	<b>23</b> <span style="float: right;">Day 6</span>	<b>24</b> <span style="float: right;">Day 1</span>	<b>25</b> <span style="float: right;">Day 2</span>
<b>28</b> <span style="float: right;">Day 3</span>	<b>29</b> <span style="float: right;">Day 4</span>	<b>30</b> <span style="float: right;">Day 5</span>		

*Looking ahead.....*

*Friday, December 2 ..... Non-Instructional Day / No Classes*

*Monday, December 5-Friday, December 9 ..... Mobile Vision Care Clinic*

*Thursday, December 15 ..... Winter Concert at 5:30PM*

*Wednesday, December 21 ..... Last Day of Classes before Winter Break*

*Thursday, December 22-Wednesday, January 4 ..... Winter Break*

*Thursday, January 5 ..... First Day of Classes after Winter Break*