

Earl Grey School

Community Report

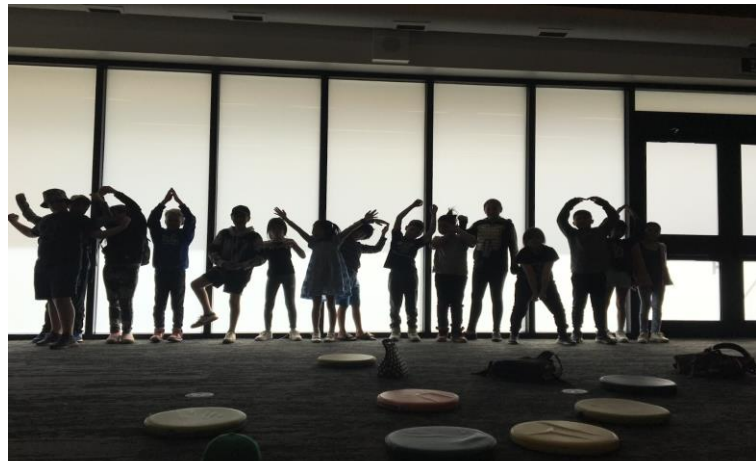
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Staff Vision

Earl Grey...

Where a diverse and inclusive community comes together to explore and celebrate learning.



About Earl Grey School

Earl Grey School is now 108 years old!!! We are a Nursery – Grade 8 school that offers 2-year and 3-year Multiage Programs, a Spanish Bilingual Program, an Alternative Program, and an All-Girls and All-Boys Multiage Gr. 7/8 Program. We also offer French to our Grades 4 – 8 students.

Students are engaged in student-centered learning and work with mentors to explore their passions and big questions. We value land-based learning and try to get outside as much as possible to explore in our outdoor classroom, gardens, and community. We work hard to create global citizens who care for their environment and what is happening in the world and endeavor to make a big positive difference in this world! Our Phys. Ed, Arts programs, and extracurricular activities are integral to educating the whole child and developing our School Spirit and Community. Students take part in “Arts Explosion” (younger students) or “Creativity Hour” (older students) where they have opportunities to explore and develop in many engaging areas, such as drama, coding, guitar, and visual arts. Our Gr. 7/8 students have time and support dedicated to “Genius Hour”, where they explore and inquire about areas of interest to them.

We are a school that thinks deeply and engages in critical conversations to create an inclusive, authentic, experiential, relevant, and joyful learning environment. We revisit our beliefs regularly in order to challenge our thinking and move forward in a good way. We work closely with our families to make sure that they feel welcome, valued, and an integral part of our school community.



Student Mission

Earl Grey...

Where you learn with kids from all over the world.

Highlights

- All are welcome here
- Our Patrols helped our students stay safe on a daily basis
- Our Conflict Managers supported the development of social skills during recess
- We celebrated Hispanic Heritage month
- Staff and students explored the Indigenous Peoples of Canada map
- Earl Grey Eagles for Equality (EEE), our social justice group led the school in supporting initiatives in our community and beyond, such as Make-a-Wish Foundation and The Terry Fox Foundation
- Fred Fox, Terry Fox's brother, came to share his family stories with us
- Earth Protection Crew, our student-led initiative to protect the earth by cleaning our playgrounds and neighbourhood
- We expanded our Spanish Bilingual Program to Grade 7 and 8
- We partnered with NEEDS Center to provide additional supports to our EAL learners
- Students participated in a variety of teams such as our intramural program, Volleyball Team, Basketball Team, Soccer Team, and Running Club
- Students participated in a variety of whole-school Phys. Ed events such as the Terry Fox Run, Gym Riot, Winter Carnival, Mini Olympics and Field Day
- Students participated in Forest Time at Birds Hill Park twice this year
- Various student nurses did practicums within our school and students learned about relevant health topics with them
- School-wide common area training was provided to all students after each school break
- We attended WSD's 1st STEAM Fair at Alloway Hall
- We participated in U of M's Science Rendezvous
- We had TWO whole-school concerts this year: "Journey to Earl Grey Landia" & "Love is All You Need"
- We used our collaborative design skills to create a whole-school Winter Village
- We had a special pizza lunch to help enjoy and learn about the Solar Eclipse in a safe and fun way
- Our school was used as the location to film a real motion picture, and we got to see it transformed into a retro scene
- We participated in an Honour Walk to bring awareness to MMIWG+ in our community
- Our Gr. 4 students participated in the Swimming Counts program
- We participated in WSD's Powwow honouring Indigenous students
- Spirit Week was planned by our Junior High Fun Team and enjoyed by all
- Annual Earl Grey Talent Show was a huge success!
- We participated in 2 weeks of land-based learning using the *Be a Good Ancestor* book to inspire us
- We experienced 2 days of Powwow dancing with Bella from Aboriginal School of Dance
- Earl Grey K (Kilometre) walks through the community happened throughout the year. Many walks include interacting with community by dancing and waving through windows, and hanging notes and decorations on trees
- We marked Black History Month by learning about Black leaders and reading a wide variety of books by Black authors
- We visited the Human Rights Museum, Landmark Cinemas, MTYP, Morning Sound Farm, U of W Faculty of Science, Bird's Hill Park, Assiniboine Park, Pan Am Pool, Transcona Aquatic Park, Public Library, Boston Pizza, The Manitoba Museum
- Global Read Aloud where we partnered with classroom around the world
- We were visited by U of W's Math Mania team
- Grade 1 – 6 students participated in Arts Explosion where they explored visual arts, music, dance, drama and coding
- Student Initiated Clubs: Science, Reading, Indigenous Books, Origami, Art, Chess, Board Game, Coding, Drama, Guitar, Pokemon, Powwow Dancing, Music, Nature, Sports, and more!



Priorities for 2023-2024

School priorities from the past school year:

Overall School Goals:

Students and staff will . . .

- engage in reading books that reflect our community
- see themselves as writers
- demonstrate a positive mindset towards mathematics

Staff Goals:

- to use Relationship, Relevance, Respect and Responsibility as guiding principles for school planning & programming, learning experiences and enrichment for all.
- to collaborate and co-teach with colleagues from inside the school and out
- to align our Beliefs about how children learn with our everyday practice

Student Goals:

Students will . . .

- show one year's growth in their reading
- enhance their knowledge of Conventions, Organization, and Word Choice in writing
- acquire a variety of mathematical problem-solving strategies
- improve their mental math and estimation skills

School Life Goals:

Students will . . .

- feel an increased sense of safety and belonging
- have increased opportunities within the school and community to build leadership

Family & Community Goals:

- to continue to communicate and connect with our community and families on a regular basis through Instagram, blog, website and newsletters
- to connect with families in meaningful ways
- to be partners in learning through volunteering and participating in school events

Priorities for 2024-2025



Earl Grey School priorities for the upcoming school year:

Overall School Beliefs:

At Earl Grey School we believe that all students must . . .

- experience a sense of belonging
- engage in reading books that reflect our community
- see themselves as writers
- demonstrate a positive mindset towards mathematics

Staff Goals:

The most important thing is that all staff will . . .

- use Murray Sinclair's 4 Questions as guiding principles for school planning & programming, learning experiences, and enrichment for all
- collaborate and co-teach with colleagues from inside the school and out
- align our Beliefs about how children learn with our everyday practice

Student Goals:

The most important thing is . . .

- that every student has a sense of belonging at Earl Grey School
- that every student feels safe and supported
- for students to demonstrate literacy skills through oral storytelling, using the good life as a guide
- that students choose math learning goals and conference with teachers

Family & Community Goals:

The most important thing is . . .

- to continue to communicate and connect with our community and families on a regular basis through Instagram, our blog, our website and our newsletters
- to connect with families in meaningful ways
- to be partners in learning through volunteering and participating in school events



Family and community involvement

At Earl Grey, Families and Community serve as partners in learning and in developing each child as an engaged member of society. We continued to welcome many new families from all over Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada and the World.

- Earl Grey's Parent Advisory Council meet once a month and supported the learning in the school by funding field trips, school events, and projects
- Our monthly assemblies celebrated and shared the learning that is happening in the classrooms and around the school
- Families attended the Southend District Advisory Council to connect with what is happening in the Division and in other schools
- Families volunteered in classrooms, in school events, and in school projects and volunteers were celebrated at our Volunteer Assembly
- Families supported our Scholastic Book Fair in March
- Family members came to school to read to classes during "I Love to Read Month"
- Families were welcomed to school by attending our "Welcome Back To School Event" where they connected with staff and community
- Through Parent Council initiatives families participated in various fundraising efforts to raise money for the school to support school endeavors
- Families attended a Family Conference and a Student-Led Conference to help build a partnership to support student success
- We were supported by several interpreters during our conferences to help make them meaningful for all families
- Families scheduled conferences using an Online Appointment Website
- We welcomed student nurses from University of Manitoba to support our community with various health initiatives
- We used Safe Arrival for our Callback System
- We had a very well-attended Welcome to Kindergarten night for families
- We kept families informed through our school blog, website, social media, email and monthly news updates and calendars
- We held an information night for Nursery & Kindergarten Programs, Spanish Bilingual Program, and our Junior High Programs
- We partnered with the Earl Grey Community Centre, Dante Daycare and Earl Grey Children's Centre
- Our Parent council ran a very successful daily lunch program
- We partner with Spanish Organizations and Manitoba Education in the creation of our Spanish Bilingual Program
- We welcomed families into the school for various celebrations of learning, accomplishments, sporting events and the arts
- All grade-levels put on a Celebration Day to honour the students' engagement in learning this school year

