

# Earl Grey School

## Community Report

### 2024-2025

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### Staff Vision

Earl Grey...

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



### Student Mission

Earl Grey...

Where you learn with kids from all over the world.

## About Earl Grey School

Earl Grey School is now 110 years old!!! We are a Nursery – Grade 8 school that offers 2-year and 3-year Multiage Program and a Spanish Bilingual 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.

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.



# 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 hosted the Spanish Proclamation for Spanish Language education in Manitoba
- Students participated in Destination Imagination for the first time and won 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Instant Challenges and the Renaissance Award!
- 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, The Terry Fox Foundation, and collected donations for wildfire evacuees
- The Earth Protection Crew (EPC), our student-led initiative to protect the earth by cleaning our playgrounds and neighbourhood and collected batteries
- 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, Badminton Team, Soccer Team, and Running Club. Our Jr. High Soccer Team won the finals! The Basketball Team was the winner of the Hugh John McDonald basketball Tournament, and The Grade 7 Girls were finalists in Badminton
- 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 Woodhaven 3 times this year.
- 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 3rd STEAM Fair at Alloway Hall
- We had TWO whole-school concerts this year
- We used our collaborative design skills to create a whole-school Winter Village
- We participated in an Honour Walk to bring awareness to MMIWG+ in our community and together with Kelvin High School – the Moosehide Walk
- Our Gr. 4 students participated in the Swimming Counts program
- Spirit Week was planned by our Junior High Fun Team and enjoyed by all
- Annual Earl Grey Talent Show was a huge success!
- Students wrote notes of kindness and delivered them to community mailboxes.
- We participated in 2 weeks of land-based learning using the *Walking Together* book to inspire us
- 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, Morning Sound Farm, Assiniboine Park, The Leaf, Oak Hammock Marsh, Pan Am Pool, Transcona Aquatic Park, Public Libraries, The Manitoba Museum, The Humane Society, The Electrical Museum, Winnipeg Animal Services.
- Global Read Aloud where we partnered with classroom around the world
- Grade 1 – 6 students participated in Arts Explosion where they explored visual arts, music, dance, drama and coding
- Student Initiated Clubs: Baking, Drama, Chess, Floor Hockey, Bracelet making, Singing, Dance, Taylor Swift, Recycled Arts and Crafts, Looming, Slime, Board Games, Obstacle Course, Gymnastics, Basketball, Drawing, Science.





# Priorities for 2024-2025

## School priorities from the past school year:

### Overall School Goals:

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

### 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:

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

# Priorities for 2025-2026



## Earl Grey School priorities for the upcoming school year:

### Staff Goals:

- every student is able to show growth in their literacy skills through oral storytelling from an Indigenous perspective
- every student learns math through nature-based learning
- every student learns math collaboratively with and from each other
- every student has authority over their learning through goal setting
- every student feels safe and has a sense of belonging
- every student feels valued and supported
- every student feels part of the classroom, school and neighbourhood community

### Student Goals:

- I can use storytelling to help me become a better reader and writer
- I can learn math when I am in nature
- I can learn math by collaborating with others
- I can use my math goals to help me grow as a learner
- I feel safe
- I belong
- I am valued
- I feel supported
- I feel part of our community

### Family & Community Goals:

- my child will use storytelling to support their growth as a reader and writer
- my child will learn math through nature-based learning
- my child will learn collaboratively with and from others
- my child can use goal setting to gain authority of their learning



# 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 kept families informed through our 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 partnered 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

