

Isaac Brock School

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Principal: C. Goring Vice-Principal: A. Pelletier

Message from Administration

Where did the time go? With the conclusion of our first half of the school year, there is much for us to celebrate. Our students are growing in their academics and social emotional development. The school's staff is dedicated to seeing every child achieve their maximum potential and overall success. All staff members are prepared to do what is required to help and support your child/children with their school journey. February is traditionally a time of the school year where teachers will start preparing for formal assessments to share with students as March is the next reporting period and report cards are issued to families. Take a few minutes to ask you child/children what they learned today. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher(s). Report cards are not the time to become aware of any struggles with learning or social emotional well-being.

During the month of February, we will continue to support our School Vision Statement through classroom Feasts; our "One School Vision" is rooted in relationships – with one's self, each other, our community and the natural world. As a community, we are united in creating a better future for all of our students and we are galvanized in a common cause, to redress the legacy of residential schools and advance the process of Canadian reconciliation. Feasting is foundational in all relationships and as we Feast together we support our school community. From an Indigenous perspective, there are four main components of the practice of Feasting. The act of feeding or nurturing has been a long-standing tradition and has existed as an integral part of the way of Cree and Ojibwe peoples. This practice has been a way of demonstrating the desire and ability to be generous and considerate. Today, the act of "feeding" is still practiced in most homes, however the traditional ceremonial aspects have been obscured and many changes have occurred in the ways of facilitating a Feast. To date, we have had 1 Feast in December for our Junior High Students, and we have another scheduled on February 9th which will include Rooms 1, 2,3, 6, 26, and 34. This feast is focused on celebrating Teepee Teachings and our elders. Information will be sent home shortly to the classrooms invited.

February is also "I Love to Read Month" and a number of teachers have volunteered their time to develop our school's activities for the month. We have a number of guest readers, mystery readers, and prizes to be won throughout the month! Take time to find a moment to celebrate reading in your home, read to your child, take them to the library, or surprise them with a book.

At this time, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our students a successful second half of the school year; make it your best one ever! I am personally thankful for all of the efforts of our staff and families. Our combined efforts make Isaac Brock a tremendous success. Thank you for all of your continued support and if you have any questions please don't hesitate to call the school office and ask for myself, Mr. Goring, (Principal) or Ms. Pelletier (Vice Principal).

Grade 9 Bakers

The Grade 9 Math Class did some baking in an effort to find the surface area of different composite shapes in order to gauge how much icing was required to ice a cake properly!









Manitoba Museum Field Trip

During the month of January, rooms 1, 2, 3, and 26 went on a field trip to the Manitoba Museum. The classrooms partook in programs such as Physical and Chemical Changes in the Science Gallery, The Land and the Bison in the Museum Galleries, and room 1 even saw a Planetarium show about dinosaurs! The students infused their science and social studies learning into exploration, inquiry, and play. In the Science Gallery, students participated in an interactive presentation experimenting on the changes matter can go through. They watched how ishkode (fire) can change the physical and chemical properties of matter. In the museum galleries, learned about the respectful relationship Indigenous peoples have with bison and Aki (the Earth). Awesome learning Rooms 1, 2, 3, and 26!









Goodbye January, hello February!

Please keep an eye out on School Messenger for information on a movie night we are planning with our grade nine students for sometime in February! Admission is free! We will be raising money through the sales of concessions to aid in the costs of the grade nine grad celebration.

Our next meeting will be February 21st, 2024 at 630pm in the school library. There will be free childcare and snack! Please email us if you would like to attend so we can get you the documents required for the meeting since we are trying to go as paperless as possible.

We are looking to fill the position of secretary. This roll is vital for our meetings as this person takes minutes to record what was discussed. We are looking for parents to aid in supervision for the babysitting course we hope to organize in the spring. We could also use a hand with the movie night(s). Email ibparentcouncil@gmail.com if you could aid in any of these volunteer opportunities, or to find out more. Check out our Facebook and Instagram pages @isaacbrockparentcouncil for updates and other useful information!

Cheers! Sindy A. Stratton Parent Council Chair

Grade 6-9 Charge-Up Event!

Our Student Council will be hosting their first "Charge Up" event on **Feb 21**st **from 3:30 – 5 pm.**During these "Charge Up" events, students will participate in an activity which is either a physical activity or activity that helps with one's mindfulness. Along with the selected activity, we will provide a healthy snack! Our goal in hosting these "Charge Up" events is to allow students in grades 6-9 an opportunity to connect with their peers and their community in fun activities. It is so important for students to have a sense of belonging, feel safe, and valued at school - this is a great bonus opportunity for students to feel included.

On Feb. 21st, our first "Charge Up" activity will have students participate in creating Indigenous medicine pouches using leather and beads. The snack will be decided closer to the date. If students in grades 6-9 are interested in participating in these Student Council "Charge Up" events, please see Ms. Kawalec for a permission form. See you there!





Here is a quick overview of all the fun activities taking place for I Love to Read month!

Friday, February 16th – Wear a shirt with Words Day! **Thursday, February 29th** – PJ Reading Day! Wear your favourite Pajamas and bring your favourite book.

Front Display

Take a walk past our front display to see some book recommendations from the staff of Isaac Brock School!

Book Trivia

Every **Tuesday** during the month of February will be Book Trivia. Questions will be read during the morning announcements. All submissions need to be into the office in their correct bag **by 10:30am** each Tuesday. Winners will be drawn by 11:15am that morning.

Mystery Reader

Every **Wednesday**, there will be a mystery reader who will read a book to your class. There will be a bin in the office, students can guess who they think is the mystery reader and print their name, room number, and guess on a piece of paper. All ballots must be into the office by **2:15pm**. We will draw one winner each week from the school to win a prize!

D.E.A.R. - Drop Everything And Read

Every **Thursday** a special announcement will be made over the PA, signaling the start of DEAR time. DEAR will be for about 15 minutes and will start at a different time each week!

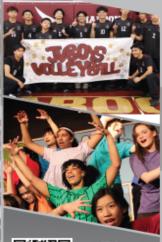
Guest Readers

- Liz Jackimec

 Rooms 9 & 10
- Marika Schalla and Ruby Bruce **Primary** Rooms 5, 7, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19
- Adrien Sala MLA **Intermediate** 1, 2, 3, 12, 34, 26
- Tyler Mags and Mandy Shew Virgin 103.1 Radio DJs JH Rooms 6, 31, 32, 23, 24, 25









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Cree and Ojibwe Bilingual Programming

Now Accepting Registrations for the 2024-25 school year!

- Entry level is Kindergarten or Grade 1
- •13 Moons on the Turtle's Back Linguistic Program
- Indigenous guide of our relationship to our Mother Earth
- In-School Lodge Ceremonial/Smudging Room
- Elder connections
- Suitable for children and families who do not speak Cree or Ojibwe or who are fluent in the language
- Free bus transportation available for those residing within Winnipeg School Division boundaries AND home or daycare must be more than 1.6km away from Isaac Brock School



SOLD BY STUDENT COUNCIL

Valour Community Centre's Spring Craft
Market

FREE ADMISSION
Sunday, April 21st 10am-3pm

VCC Orioles Site 448 Burnell St.

Hand crafted and locally made goods
Baking, Crafts, Home Decor, Jewelry, Tattoo Artist and

much more!
Featuring Bud's Streetside Grill







We are excited to be offering fun, inclusive recreational rhythmic gymnastics programming for the Winter 2024 session!

Introductory classes are offered in this 10 week session, consisting of one hourlong class per week. Through learning fundamental movement patterns and core skills, participants will develop physical literacy and a joy for movement in a safe, welcoming and exciting environment!

Wednesdays: Champlain School - STARTS January 31st
Thursdays: Laura Secord School - STARTS February 1st

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Classes at Laura Secord Start February 1st!

February 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
*Thursday, Mar. 7– Mobile Vision Clinic *Wednesday, Mar. 13– Report Cards emailed home *Thursday, Mar. 14– Tri-Conferences in evening *Friday, Mar. 15– Tri-Conferences all day (NO CLASSES) *March 25-29– Spring Break!			1 B:00- JH Shootaround Rm. 23, 24, 25 Field Trip to HR Museum 11:45- Gr. 6-9 Intramurals 3:15-5:15- JH B-ball Practice	2 Day 2 Non-Instructional Day NO CLASSES NO SCHOOL
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