

Isaac Brock School

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Message from Administration

Celebrations

Connection to Self

We are continuing to implement a shift towards a Middle Years Model of Student-led conferences in grades 6-9. Students and Teachers will be co-hosting a celebration of learning for parents and care-givers in March. Everyone is hard at work preparing to showcase of their learning from this term!

Connection to Each Other

The Staff at Isaac Brock have been developing self-regulation and skill development spaces in the school.

These spaces are a safe place to go when students need a little extra adult support, some time to reflect on their feelings and engage in restorative practices.

Isaac Brock hosted its second Feast where students and families had the opportunity to sit with one another and their teachers thanks to the Wellness Grant. More feasts will be coming up with other grades and programs to ensure everyone has the opportunity to attend and enjoy together.

Connection to the Community

We have begun an interim breakfast program at the school! Students are able to access muffins, fruits and yogurt if they have had a long bus ride or need a snack once they arrive at school. We are excited to provide a small 'pick-me-up' snack if students arrive at school and are hungry.

Connection to the Natural World

Four classrooms hosted a day for parents to come and join them as they engage in Nature Based Learning. It was a wonderful day of celebration, warming by the fire, and discovering how students are learning through the natural world. We look forward to more classrooms experiencing this opportunity going forward.

Currently, Sam, our Nature Based Learning Teacher works with four classrooms for a block of time. He worked with 4 Early Years Classrooms last block (2 Language classrooms and two English classrooms). He is on his second block working with four more classrooms to bring this dynamic approach to learning to all students.

School Updates

Lunch Program Updates

We have received confirmation from Matt Henderson that our discussions around hiring parents for the lunch program are currently on hold. The lunch program pilot is currently active in a few schools that are relatively easy to change and it will be implemented in more schools as time moves forward.

I Love to Read Month

I Love to Read has been a wonderful month full activities and guest readers. Isaac Brock proudly hosted Hon. Adrian Sala, MLA and Michael Kusugak as guest readers this month along with our own children's book author, Marika Schalla!

100 Day Celebration!

Rooms 16, 17 and 18 are 100 days smarter! The students celebrated 100 Day on February 16. They did lots of counting and activities such as working with pattern blocks, building structures with 100 cups and counting coin tosses to 100!







Nature Based Learning

Our celebration of learning as rooms 16 and 13 finished their nature-based learning block February 7!



Celebration of nature-based learning with rooms 5 and 17! Bannock and marshmallows with our families!





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Parent-Teacher Interviews and Report Cards

Term 2 has come to an end and report cards are being finalized. As usual, report cards will be **EMAILED** home, unless you've already specified with the Office that you'd prefer a hard copy. Please ensure that the school has your proper email on file before Report Cards are distributed on Wednesday, March 13th.

Parent Teacher Conferences will be taking place on Thursday, March 14th from 3:30-8:00PM and Thursday, March 15th from 9:00-3:00. We will be utilizing the same 'School Interviews' program as we did in November so you can book your time slot with your child's teacher. A link to book a slot will be sent to families in the near future. If you cannot make it work during these two days, please contact your child's teacher to arrange an alternate date for a meeting.

In lieu of the usual "Parent-Teacher Conference", Junior High teachers (Rooms 23, 24, 25, 31 & 32) have arranged a Celebration of Learning event instead where your child will have the opportunity to showcase their work to you and celebrate their accomplishments. Students are also encouraged to bring in a sample of their passions that are completed outside of school. This could include a hobby, such as drawing, knitting or a sport which they are excited to share with their peers. This part is just a suggestion as we as a staff would also like to learn more about our students' passions and interests outside of school. This is not a time to address personal conversations regarding your child. If you need to discuss any matters, please arrange an alternate time with your child's teacher via email to discuss. Parents will be required to book a time slot via the School Interviews Program with their child's homeroom teacher ONLY. The children will rotate between their classroom teachers to showcase their work.

Isaac Brock Gear

Our new Isaac Brock Chargers clothing is selling fast! So far our most popular item is the Hoodie but the others aren't far behind. A few updates for you:

The supplier will be providing sample sizes for the school – one in each size – for children and parents to try on/look at. We plan to have members of Student Council assist over the lunch hour and immediately after school the week of March 4th and the samples will also be available during Parent Teacher Conferences. Orders can be submitted at any time and the deadline for this round of orders has been set for Friday, March 22nd. We hope to have the orders organized and submitted to the supplier by the middle of the first week of April and are told they take about 2 weeks to get delivered back to us.

Please remember the following:

 Exact change or cheque only Do not combine orders

Please contact Lisa in the office if you have any further questions (lfranz@wsd1.org). Happy Shopping!



Gimikwenden Ina

During the month of February, Room 3 and 26 welcomed Manitoba Theatre for Young People (MTYP) and Native Youth Theatre (NYT) to learn about Indigenized musical theatre! Room 3 and 26 are part of the Ojibwe Bilingual Program. In the 2-day workshop, the students first learned how to perform tableau theatre. Students created tableau skits about the Seven Sacred Teachings. The next day, students sang, danced and drummed to the song Gimikwenden Ina. A song dedicated to remembering the children who were lost to the Residential School system. Rooms 3 and 26 are guite excited to perform both the skit and song at our schools upcoming Spring concert. Amazing work

Room 3 and 26!

I Love to Read Month

We had the best time celebrating I Love To Read Month this February! We had fun book trivia each week with excellent prizes, listened to captivating mystery readers and then tried to guess which staff member it was, and dropped everything and read once a week. Thank you to all staff and students for participating!

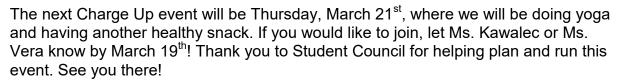
We also had some amazing guest readers visit our school! A big thank you to Ms. Schalla (teacher and author), Ruby Bruce (illustrator), Adrien Sala (local MLA), Liz Jackimec (VCC leader extraordinaire), and Tyler Magz and Mandy Shew (Virgin 103.1 radio DJs) for spending time with our students and fostering their love for reading! We can't wait for next February!

- I Love to Read Month Committee



Charge Up Event!

Isaac Brock hosted their first "Charge Up" event this month where students in grade 6-9 created Indigenous medicine pouches using leather and beads. Also, students had a snack where they got to create their own fruit smoothie – delicious!











Grade 6-9 Charge-Up Event!

Our classes had the opportunity to explore and learn at the CHRM on February 1st. Students had a guided tour where they extended their learning and were able to appreciate the importance of diversity and inclusion. The students enjoyed their time there!



Spirit Week

Monday, March 18-Friday, March 22

MONDAY

Animal Print Day:
Wear your favorite animal
print (Cheetah, Dalmatian,
Snake, etc.)



TUESDAY

Mismatch/Opposite Day: Wear mismatched socks or shoes, backwards clothing, etc.



WEDNESDAY

Disney Vs. Marvel Day:
Dress up or bring a toy/stuffy
from one "team"





THURSDAY Chargers Colour Day: Wear Red, Black, Yellow or White

FRIDAY

Tropical/Hawaiian Day: Wear a tropical shirt, flowers, flip flops, or even sunglasses!







Hurray March!

Thank you to all those who came out to support our movie night this year! We collaborated once again with our grade 9 students with all proceeds going towards their grad. Our feature film was Sonic the Hedgehog. The exact amount raised is still to come.

Our next meeting will be April 20th, 2024 at 630pm in the school library where we will be discussing future fundraising ideas and volunteer opportunities. 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. 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



Student Council would like to say thank you to all of those individuals who purchased a Heart "Pop It" Valentine's Day gram or bought a Flower Gram! All were sold and we saw many happy faces while handing them out. Thank you for your support!



Cree and Ojibwe Bilingual Programming

Now Accepting Registrations for the 2024-25 school year!

- Entry level is Kindergarten
- •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

March 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Looking ahead to April/May:			Goose Moon	1 Day 3
*Monday, April 1— Classes Resume *Friday, April 19th— NO CLASSES * Wednesday, May 1— Gr. 9 Grad Photos *Monday, May 6— NO CLASSES *Monday, May 20— Victoria Day— NO CLASSES			Ojibwe: Nika Giizis Cree: Niiski Piisim	Term 2 Ends
4 Day 4	5 Day 5	6 Day 6	7 Day 1	8 Day 2
11:45- Gr. 6-9 Boys Soccer	AM- Gr. 7/8 Shops	11:45– Gr.3 Gym Games	Mobile Vision	11:45- Gr. 6-9 Girls Soccer
		PM– Gr. 9 Shops		
11 Day 3	12 Day 4	13 Day 5	14 Day 6	15 Day 1
	11:45- Gr. 6-9 Boys Soccer	Report Cards emailed home	11:45– Gr.3 Gym Games	NO CLASSES
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		AM- Gr. 7/8 Shops	Tri-Conferences in Evening	Tri-Conferences all day
18 Day 2	19 Day 3	20 Day 4	21 Day 5	22 Day 6
Animal Print Day	Mismatch Day	Disney Vs. Marvel Day	Chargers Day Gym Riot	Hawaiian Day
11:45- Gr. 6-9 Girls Soccer	11:45– Gr.3 Gym Games	11:45- Gr. 6-9 Boys Soccer	AM– Gr. 7/8 Shops	PM– Gr. 9 Shops
		6:30– Parent Council Meeting	Charge Up Event!	Last day of classes!
25	26	27	28	29
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