

Isaac Brock School

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Message from Administration

At Isaac Brock School, students and staff have been working hard on building a school community that is rooted in relationships – with one's self, each other, their community and the natural world. To begin the month of May, we had a school Feast that brought together Early Years students from English and Ojibwe classrooms. This Feast was special as we honored our Grandparents, Elders and significant caregivers who are a huge part of our students' lives. We connected the circle of life in our gymnasium and built community together.

It is through community building that schools and families are united in ensuring our neighborhoods, city, province, and country will continue to flourish. Part of community building is exposing our students to their natural curiosity of the natural world as we are stewards of an entire planet that is interconnected. Students and staff through our Nature Based Learning are linking curriculum and exploration of the neighborhood through community walks and using our proximity to Omand's Creek as a living laboratory.

Isaac Brock is a great school and is part of an amazing community. Our school community connects to many parts of our city as we are home to the school division's Cree and Ojibwe Bilingual Programs. We are extending both bilingual programs to grade 8 next year. The school division's Inclusive Education Autism Program is evolving next year away from a segregated programming model to a more inclusive model. This aligns us with the Inclusive practices established by Province of Manitoba, and will enable more students to attend their community schools.

We are also developing a comprehensive transition plan to bridge grade 6 students and families from Wolseley School to our Middle Years learning communities. We are working hard to have all of our students and families attend their community catchment schools. This is how a strong school and community are built. Leaving to attend schools in other neighborhoods does the opposite, it weakens our community. To ensure Isaac Brock remains a vibrant community school please consider attending community engagement events, join Parent Council, attend our Bilingual Advisory Meeting and joins us in all celebrations!

Room 17's Wellness Afternoon

Hello families ,during our wellness afternoon, students enjoyed working with the artist Dawn Chartrand. We were invited to join in storytelling, singing, drumming, yoga and painting. After listening about each animal and the teaching it held, students participated in breathwork and holding gentle yoga poses. In the teaching of the drum song Dawn explained its meaning and then students engaged with an egg shaker instrument while keeping to the beat with Dawn's drumming. Students then created a beautiful meaning piece of art. Thank you, Dawn, for an amazing afternoon and wellness.





Room 17's Terraniums

How to take care of our Earth? You take an item that would have ended up in the landfill and give it a new life! Students in room 17 constructed closed Terrariums with plastic 2 L pop bottles. Keeping the bottles closed creates a natural water cycle, trapping condensation and recycling moisture efficiently. The outcome, less watering and less strain on our precious water resources.

Way to go Room17, thank you for being water champions!



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On Wednesday, April 24th, families from the Intermediate Ojibwe Program, Isaac Brock Staff, and volunteers came together to maker drums with students from rooms 3 and 26. The evening started with a beautiful prayer from Knowledge Keeper Jason Parenteau. Families enjoyed a supper catered by Shelly's Indigenous Bistro, of hamburger soup, bannock and sandwiches. Over 25 drums were created by the students and their families. The drums will be used at the school for a drum group. The drum is a sacred item Drums represent the heartbeat of Pimachiowin Aki (The Land that Gives Life). It is the symbol of our connection to the Land. It is the symbol of our connection to the Land. Drumming is used to send our prayers and good thoughts up to Creator. As we get ready for the Divisional Pow Wow in June, students are learning to drum and about the important job drummers

have at Pow Wows.







Metis Music Van

On Tuesday, April 23rd, Isaac Brock was visited by Manitoba Metis Minister of Culture, Buck Anderson and his crew with the Metis Music Van! Students had the opportunity to learn about the significance about the Red River Metis flags. Students learned about the Metis Sash and what each of the colours mean. Students ended their sessions with a full on Red River Metis jigging session, where classes came together to dance and laugh! What a beautiful morning. Maarsi pi miigwetch to the Metis Music Van!









Hello Parents/Guardians!

Isaac Brock Parent Council is partnering with Rocco's Pizzeria of Steinbach MB for our last fundraiser for the school year! With this fundraiser, we are selling premade 12" frozen pizzas in a variety of flavour options as well as \$25 Rocco's gift cards. We make a profit of up to \$5 per pizza! Cost per pizza is \$12.50. Flavour options are available on the order form which will be sent home with families in the next few days.

All orders are due no later than **May 29th 2024**. Please make all checks payable to the "Isaac Brock Parent Council". You can also choose to pay by cash or e-transfer. If sending e-transfer, please make sure the seller's name is in the memo and the password is set to **ibpc2024**. E-transfers can be sent to <u>ibparentcouncil@gmail.com</u>.

Order pick-up will take place *June 12th from 330pm to 530pm* at the school. We will provide more details closer to the date.

As a reminder, all funds raised by the parent council go back to the school. We help fund things like field trips, supplies and equipment, as well as events. Your support helps enrich the lives of our children and we thank you for that support!

Cheers! Isaac Brock Parent Council ibparentcouncil@gmail.com

Jump Rope Challenge

During the first week of May, students will participate in Jump Rope for Heart challenges. If they complete the challenge, they will be given a ballot to fill out. On Friday, May 3rd, Ms. Coates & Ms. Warelis will draw names for prizes. One student from each grade group will win a prize and everyone will be entered into the Grand Prize draw.

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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

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