



# Isaac Brock School

Newsletter

October 2023

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Principal: C. Goring

Vice-Principal: A. Pelletier

## Message from Administration

I am pleased to share that our school has been granted \$127,000 through Province's Manitoba's Teachers' Idea Fund. It is a five-year, \$25 million investment in the ideas and innovations of front-line teachers, staff, and school leaders from across our Manitoba. Our grant met the criteria of targeting student and staff wellness while exploring innovative models of teaching. Our approach is always from a holistic one that allows us to support a child's development supporting growth through the mind, body, spirit and emotions. This philosophy supports our staff and students transitioning from one grade to another, while engaging with our families, community and the natural world.

The Teachers' Idea Fund Grant will support our One School Vision - *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.*

Together, we want to build a one-school vision that focuses on relationships and unifies the Cree and Ojibwe bilingual programs with the rest of our culturally diverse school, and includes the Junior High Autism Program and Nursery Program students.

We want all classrooms and students to participate in multi-cultural learning experiences, which encompass all of the diversity within our building. The grant monies will allow us to expedite our efforts around reconciliation and laying a strong foundation of community building. This will ensure our school, community, city and province are strong for generations to come. The majority of our students and staff are unaware of the rich cultures found within in our school and that the traditions found in both the Cree and Ojibwe cultures are similar to those of all the cultures found in our school.

Many of our students and their families have excellent attendance and this needs to be celebrated. Some families are struggling with regular attendance or being late to class. Our school data gives us reason to develop strategies that focus on both celebrating attendance successes, improving student absenteeism and late arrivals to school.

Research indicates that missing more than 5 days of school each year, regardless of the cause, affects student academic performance and starts shaping attitudes about school. Therefore, we must realize that excused absences and unexcused absences have similar impact on student academic performance. A school committee called Safety and Belonging, representing teachers from across all grade levels and subjects has been formed this year. One of the committee's goals is to use data to develop strategies and initiatives designed to celebrate, sustain and increase attendance and therefore academic performance over the school year.

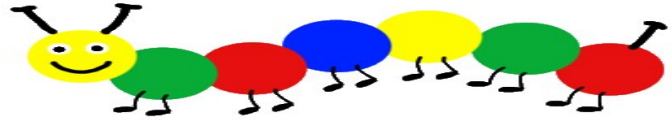
The process will be as collaborative as possible and will involve consultation with students, parents, and staff. This will include gathering information by speaking to classrooms, student council, parent council, teachers and educational assistants.

In the near future more information will be distributed for parents and guardians through letters, the school newsletter, our website and weekly emails. At any time, if you have feedback to provide please share it with our child's classroom teacher, our support staff, office staff, or contact Ms. Pelletier or myself.

-Mr. C. Goring



WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION



Happy October!

I would like to introduce our parent council elected members for the 2023-24 school year as follows:

Chair - Sindy Ackerman-Stratton

Vice Chair - Sashira Gafic

Secretary - Aaliyah Delorme

Treasurer - Kara Zerbin

Social Media Lead - Fiona MacLean

It was so great to see so many new faces! All are still welcome to attend! Our next meeting will be October 18th, 2023 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.

If meetings aren't for you, there are plenty of opportunities to help out! We are planning 2 main fundraisers (Peak of the Market Farm to School Veggies with Gift Cards and Glenlee Greenhouses Plants and Flowers), a book fair, a few movie nights and a babysitting course for our teens. We hope to plan a few workshops this year too but we need help to pull it off! Let us know if you can help with any of these adventures!

As always, please let us know if you have any questions or inquiries by email. Or maybe you would like to volunteer? Email [ibparentcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:ibparentcouncil@gmail.com). Check out our Facebook and Instagram pages [@isaacbrockparentcouncil](#) for updates and other useful information!

Cheers! Sindy A. Stratton  
Parent Council Chair

## Physical Education News

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Welcome back to all our students. We hope you had a safe and active summer. We have enjoyed our Soccer and Volleyball units throughout September. Please remember to make sure your child has proper Phys. Ed. Shoes. We don't allow Crocs, Sandals, boots or dress shoes for safety reasons. If your child is in grade 6-9 they are expected to bring a change of clothes for class.

Intramurals will be starting in October. Grades 6-9 will be on days 1 and 5 and Grade 5 Intramurals will be on days 3 and 6. Students are expected to bring their lunch and a change of clothes.

Thanks,  
Isaac Brock Physical Education Team

## Soccer News

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Grades 6-9. All skill levels are welcome.  
Girl's soccer: day 2 at lunch  
Boys' soccer: day 4 at lunch  
Non-Binary: pick whichever day you feel comfortable.  
Please wear gym clothes and runners if possible.  
Runs all year!

Questions? Email Mr. Benot [dbenot@wsd1.org](mailto:dbenot@wsd1.org)



# Isaac Brock Student Council

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Our students voted and we are proud to introduce our new student council for the 2023-2024 school year!

From left to right:  
Charles, Treasurer  
Jasmine, Vice President  
Jrayden, President  
Nathan, Secretary

We appreciate and applaud all those who wrote and gave speeches! Thank you for your bravery and your dedication to our school!

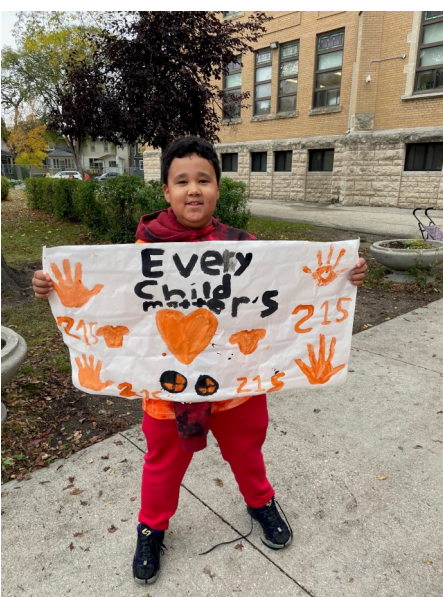
Congratulations to our student council on being selected to help run this school year... your Junior High teachers look forward to working with you!!

Thank you and congratulations to our Junior High classroom reps who were successful in their election as well!

Jan - room 32 rep  
Zoe - room 31 rep  
Lea - room 25 rep  
Omar - room 23 rep  
Luke - room 24 rep



# Truth and Reconciliation Day!



# Community Tree Planting

All ages are welcome to join the South Valour Residence Association (SVRA) and Trees Winnipeg for a tree planting workshop at the Isaac Brock School on October 14th between 10:00am-1:00pm. Learn how to properly plant and maintain trees through a 30 minute presentation followed by a Q&A and a demonstration from a trained arborist. Equipment will be provided to attendees who assist with planting 20+ trees at the school. Lunch will be provided to planting participants, with plant-based options provided upon request. Participants will also be entered into a draw for a chance to win a free tree to plant in their yard!

\*Free childcare will be provided!\*

Please scan the QR code or visit our Event Brite link to register for the event! <https://shorturl.at/bryQS>

This initiative is made possible by a \$10,000 grant awarded to the SVRA by Trees Canada and The Winnipeg Foundation. The grant encourages and supports community tree planting projects that create long-lasting benefits where people live, work, or play. Trees Winnipeg has partnered with the SVRA to help facilitate the grant planning and execution and to co-host the planting event.



## Community Tree Planting CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS



Saturday, 14  
October 2023



Isaac Brock School Yard  
1265 Barratt Avenue

10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Join the South Valour Residents Association and Trees Winnipeg for a 30-minute tree planting presentation then help us plant 20+ new trees on the Issac Brock School grounds!

Planting participants will get a free lunch and be entered to win a free tree for their yard.

All ages are welcome to participate. Tree planting equipment will be provided.



Sign up at this QR code or:  
<https://shorturl.at/egloY>

For more information, please contact  
[kyle.wiebe@svrawinnipeg.org](mailto:kyle.wiebe@svrawinnipeg.org)





**Thursday, October 19th @ 11:45AM**  
**Lunch includes: Cheese Pizza (2 slices),**  
**chips & juice box for \$6.00.**

*Students in Grades 1-9 Only*

*Orders due on Monday, Oct. 16– please provide exact change*

VALOUR COMMUNITY CENTRE'S

*Handmade Market*

CALLING VENDORS!

VCC Clifton site  
1315 Strathcona St.  
Saturday December  
2nd, 2023  
10am to 3pm.

*Made with love*

Contact Liz to book a table  
for \$35:

[ejackimec@gmail.com](mailto:ejackimec@gmail.com)  
204.298.6741



# COMMUNITY PUBLIC ART PROJECT

*with Sarah Crawley*

## **ART WORKSHOPS: CYANOTYPE PHOTOGRAM**

Sat, Oct 22, 2022 1-4pm, Youth 18 and Under\*  
Sun, Oct 23, 2022 1-4pm, All Ages

Valour CC Isaac Brock Site 715 Telfer St N

*\*Children under 12 require adult supervision\**

Join us for a fun, hands-on afternoon of making art using the cyanotype process! Discovered in 1842, one of the oldest photographic printing processes, cyanotypes are made using UV light and a photo-sensitive solution resulting in deep blue images on paper or fabric. We will create designs utilizing small objects with varying degrees of translucency. Bring your own objects or choose from the ones provided as we explore themes of community and neighbourhood. Materials and light snacks provided.

*Sarah Crawley is a photo-based artist who works with ideas generated from lived experience, using different photographic technologies and materials. She has been investigating the impact that memory, place and loss have on identity, using analog photography, pinhole photography and printmaking to explore these relationships.*



FABULOUSLY FREE FAMILY FUN NIGHT

# HALLOWEEN HOWL

VALOUR COMMUNITY CENTRE  
ISAAC BROCK SITE  
715 TELFER ST. N.



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13TH  
6:30PM - 8:00PM

GAMES!  
SPOOKY DANCING!  
ARTS & CRAFTS!  
COSTUME CONTEST!  
CANDY!

BRING YOUR WHOLE FAMILY!  
CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT



# October 2023

| Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday   |
|--|---|---|--|--|
| 2 Day 2  | 3 Day 3   | 4 Day 4   | 5 Day 5  | 6 Day 6  |
| 11:45- Gr. 6-9<br>Girls Soccer   | <b>Election Day<br/>NO SCHOOL</b><br>          | 11:45- Gr. 6-9<br>Boys Soccer   | 11:45- Gr. 6-9<br>Intramurals  | 11:45- Gr. 5<br>Intramurals<br><br>12:45-<br>Walk-a-thon   |
| 9  | 10 Day 1  | 11 Day 2  | 12 Day 3   | 13 Day 4   |
| <b>Thanksgiving<br/>NO SCHOOL</b><br>            | <b>Walk-a-thon<br/>Money due</b><br>11:45- Student<br>Council meeting<br><br>11:45- Gr. 6-9<br>Intramurals<br><br>Bus Ridership | <b>Picture<br/>Day</b> <br><br>11:45- Gr. 6-9<br>Girls Soccer<br>4:00- JH Boys<br>Volleyball @IBK  | 11:45- Gr. 5<br>Intramurals  | 11:45- Gr. 6-9<br>Boys Soccer  |
| 16 Day 5   | 17 Day 6  | 18 Day 1  | 19  Day 2        | 20 Day 3   |
| AM- Gr. 7/8 Shops<br><b>Pizza Lunch<br/>Orders DUE</b><br>11:45- Gr. 6-9<br>Intramurals<br><br>4:00- JH Boys<br>V-Ball @ Sargent | PM- Gr. 9 Shops<br>@ DMCI<br>11:45- Gr. 5<br>Intramurals<br><br>6:30- Parent<br>Council Meeting                                 | 11:45- Gr. 6-9<br>Intramurals<br><br>4:40- JH Boys<br>V-ball @ AMVC   | Pizza Fundraiser<br>Lunch<br><br>9:00-12:00- Gr 6<br>Immunizations<br>11:45- Gr. 6-9<br>Girls Soccer | Non-<br>Instructional Day<br><b>NO SCHOOL</b><br> |
| 23 Day 4   | 24 Day 5  | 25 Day 6  | 26 Day 1   | 27 Day 2   |
| 11:45- Gr. 6-9<br>Boys Soccer<br><br>4:40- JH Boys<br>V-Ball @<br>Waterford<br>Springs   | 11:45- Gr. 6-9<br>Intramurals<br><br>AM- Gr. 7/8<br>Shops @<br>Sargent Park   | PM- Gr. 9 Shops<br>@ DMCI<br>11:45- Gr. 5<br>Intramurals<br><br>4:00- JH Boys<br>Volleyball @IBK  | 11:45- Gr. 6-9<br>Intramurals  | 11:45- Gr. 6-9<br>Girls Soccer   |
| 30 Day 3   | 31 Day 4  | <b>Coming up in November:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Fri, Nov. 10- Remembrance Day Ceremony @ 10:50AM</li> <li>◆ Wed, Nov. 15- Report Cards emailed home</li> <li>◆ Thurs, Nov 16- Picture Re-takes</li> <li>◆ Thurs, Nov. 16- Tri-Conferences in evening</li> <li>◆ Fri, Nov. 17- Tri-Conferences all day (NO SCHOOL)</li> </ul> |  |  |
| 11:45- Gr. 5<br>Intramurals<br><br>4:40- JH Boys<br>V-Ball @<br>Stanley Knowles  | <br><br>11:45- Gr. 6-9<br>Boys Soccer        |   |  |  |