

# JB Mitchell School

## April 2025

### Newsletter

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# From The Eagle's Nest

Welcome back to the final 3 months of the 2024-25 school year! We hope you were able to have a wonderful spring break with your children and make some great memories! Our school staff also had an opportunity to recharge and we are looking forward to many exciting learning opportunities over the final 3 months of the school year!

Thank you to all of our families who came out for our Tri-Conferences on March 14th and 15th! It was wonderful to see so many familiar faces supporting their children and hearing first-hand about all of the wonderful learning that students are doing in classrooms.

We have several exciting things planned for this month in addition to all of our regular learning and several of these activities involve our Grade 5/6 students. On Tuesday April 8th, students from our five Grade 5/6 classrooms will be taking part in an Indigenous Sky Stories “mobile planetarium” presentation that will be visiting our school. It will be a great chance for students to connect their own knowledge of constellations in the night sky to Indigenous stories and understanding.

Next week the Grade 5/6 students will also be taking part in a special floor hockey game to help raise awareness for Winnipeg Harvest. Our “Hockey for Harvest” game will be played at 2:30 on Thursday April 17th between Grade 6 students and participating staff. Grade 5 students will be spectators and bring the noise to the event! Every student in Grade 6 will have some sort of a role in this event, from taking photos and collecting donations of non-perishable food items to playing in the actual game...students can select their role depending on what they feel most comfortable with and excited about. We are happy to accept any non-perishable food donations, as well as loonies and toonies, for Winnipeg Harvest on that day. Let's all work together to support a great cause!

Mr. Ellana is also hard at work with the participating Grades 3-6 classrooms who are preparing for our spring concert. Entitled “One World, Many Voices”, you won't want to miss this showcase of our students' talent on Thursday, May 1st. There will be both a matinee (1:30 p.m.) and evening (6:30 p.m.) performance that day. Information about this has already been sent home, and tickets (2 per family) will be sent home later in April. A limited number of extra tickets will be available in the office for the evening performance. No tickets are required for the matinee performance.

We are already thinking about next school year, even though we still have several months left. A reminder to parents that if you have specific requests about classroom placements for your child(ren) for next school year, please indicate your request in writing via an email to M Couture ([mcouture@wsd1.org](mailto:mcouture@wsd1.org)). All written requests must be received before Friday May 16th at 4:00.

A quick seasonal reminder that our Manitoba weather varies greatly during the month of April. Please ensure to have some dry clothing available for your child in their backpack. Socks and pants are always a great idea in the wet spring weather!

Please remember that we are starting off the month with a couple of shorter weeks. This Friday April 11th is a non-instructional day, meaning no school for students, just teachers. Next Friday April 18th is Good Friday, and there will be no school for staff or students on this day.

As always, our school staff value the important partnership that we share with our families. Thank you for your continued support and for your desire to work with us to help our students be the best learners they can be!

Matt Couture (Principal)

Donna Hardman (Acting Vice-Principal)

# Announcements and Information For Families

## Hockey For Harvest

We are excited to participate in the Hockey For Harvest Fundraiser On April 17th @ 2:30 pm. Grade 5 and 6's will be participating in different ways for the fundraiser. *See Admin message at beginning of newsletter for more info.*

Anyone who is able to donate, we are happy to accept any non-perishable food donations, as well as loonies and toonies, for Winnipeg Harvest on that day. Let's all work together to support a great cause!



## Pink Shirt Day

On Wednesday April 9th wear a pink shirt to show your support for the Anti-Bullying movement.



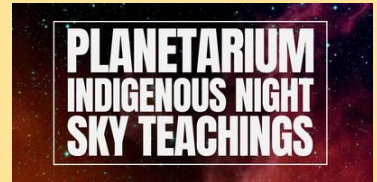
## **BUS RIDERSHIP**

A quick safety guide to getting on and exiting your school bus

**Bus Ridership April 21st**

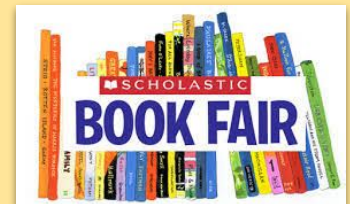
## Indigenous Planetarium:

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## Book Fair Success!

We would like to thank all the families who Purchased books at the book fair during student led conferences. **Scholastic Dollars Earned: \$1,707.36!!!**



## 2025 Spring Concert

Our primary students in rooms 137, 138, 139, 201, 203, 204, 205, and JBM Sings will be performing 'One World, Many Voices' for us on Thursday May 1 2025!

**Matinee: Thursday, May 1 2025, 1:30 p.m. (doors open at 1:00 p.m.)**

Younger siblings who attend JBM will have an opportunity to view the matinee during regular school hours. Please note that there are **No tickets required for the matinee.** Family unable to attend the evening performance are welcome to join us in the afternoon.

**Evening Performance: Thursday, May 1, 2025, 6:30 p.m. (doors open at 6:00 p.m.)**

**Tickets will be required for the evening performance.** 2 tickets per student will be sent home in mid-April.  
**Bring a toonie for United Way, and enter for a chance to win front row seating!**

We are looking forward to singing and dancing for you!

# Student Absence Reporting/SafeArrival

At Winnipeg School Division, one of our top priorities is ensuring that every student arrives at school safely each day. To help with this, we are using student absence reporting system called SafeArrival. This system streamlines attendance verification, make it easier for you to report your child's absence and assist staff in responding to unexplained student absences more efficiently.

With SafeArrival, you are asked to report your child's absence in advance using any of these 3 convenient methods:

- 1.) Using your mobile device, download and install the SchoolMessenger app from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store (or from the links at <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>). The first time you use the app, select Sign Up to create your account. Select Attendance then Report an Absence. When searching on the App Store, type "School Messenger" and select the Blue App.
- 2.) Use the SafeArrival website, <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>. The first time you use the website, select Sign Up to create your account. Select Attendance then Report an Absence. When you go online, make sure you are on the Canadian website (ending in .ca). If you are on the U.S. website (ending in .com), you will not be able to access the school account.
- 3.) Call the toll-free number 1-855-278-4513 to report an absence using the automated phone system. Please make sure you go online and set up a PIN. Please keep this PIN private.

If you have not consented to Electronic Notifications and Emails at the school, or if your email on file at the school is incorrect, you will not be able to access the SchoolMessenger App or the SchoolMessenger website. Please contact the school office to make changes to your email on file.

**If your child takes the bus and will be absent you must call the transportation department at 204-789-0452**

# Parent Advisory Council Fundraiser



## Glenlea Plant Sale

The Parent Advisory Council is running its annual Glenlea Greenhouse fundraiser. This online campaign will run from February 1 to April 15. Act fast, as these spring goodies sell out quickly every year! Place your orders and select 'Ecole J.B. Mitchel PAC' to support us! Plants will available for pickup at the school on the afternoon of May 21.

### Instructions:

- 1) Go to <https://glenleagreenhouses.com/collections/2025-spring-fundraiser-collection>
- 2) Shop for desired items
- 3) Go to Cart and select "To support & pickup at a fundraiser group"
- 4) Use the drop down menu to select 'Ecole J.B. Mitchel PAC' before completing your order.
- 5) Share this fundraiser with friends and family!
- 6) Pick up your orders at the school, on the afternoon of May 21

### Parent Advisory Council 2024/2025

PAC Contact information:  
[jbmitchellpac@gmail.com](mailto:jbmitchellpac@gmail.com)

### Elected Executive PAC members:

Chair, Dana Gagnon  
Vice Chair, Amy Desroches  
Treasurer, Stacey Briscoe  
Secretary, Eva Alomari  
Volunteer Coordinator, Ivan Maroti

### Upcoming meeting schedule

March 4, 2025  
April 8, 2025  
May 6, 2025  
June 2025 Meeting date TBD

### Online Payment Options

In addition to Visa or MasterCard, Glenlea will once again offer the choice to make payment using **INTERTAC e-Transfer to Glenlea Greenhouses.**

### Fundraising:

The JB Mitchell Parent Advisory Council determines fundraising initiatives each year at the monthly meetings. The 2024/2025 initiatives are to raise funds for community events that are held at the school. If you would like to participate in developing future fundraising initiatives, the PAC welcomes you to attend the monthly meetings!

### Historical financial data:

2023/2024 – Glenlea Fundraiser profit - \$1,388.68

2022/2023 - Glenlea Fundraiser profit - \$1,626.08



# April 2025 Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7. Day 4 School Resumes	8. Day 5 PAC Meeting 6 pm  Indigenous Planétarium In Gym	9. Day 6 Pink Shirt Day	10. Day 1	11. Day 2 NO SCHOOL NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY
14. Day 3	15. Day 4	16. Day 5	17. Day 6 Hockey For Harvest Fundraiser Gr 5/6 @ 2:30 pm	18. GOOD FRIDAY NO SCHOOL
21. Day 1 Bus Ridership	22. Day 2	23. Day 3	24. Day 4	25. Day 5
28. Day 6	29. Day 1 School Assembly 1:15 pm	30. Day 2 DRESS REHEARSAL For Spring Concert 1:15 pm - 2:15 pm		