

# JB Mitchell School December 2024 Newsletter

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# From The Eagle's Nest

## Happy December!

As we reflect on the first few months of school, we are incredibly proud of the growth and effort shown by all of our students. November has been a month filled with learning and fun, and we have seen so much progress in both academic and social-emotional development.

Thank you to everyone who attended our parent-teacher conferences. We had a strong turnout, and it was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate your child's accomplishments, strengths, and areas for growth. We value the continued partnership with families and are committed to keeping open lines of communication throughout the year to support your child's overall success.

We also want to express our heartfelt gratitude for the ongoing support you provide at home, particularly with reinforcing our recess expectations. Your efforts to encourage kind words, respecting personal space, and managing unexpected or unwanted behaviors are truly invaluable. Together, we can ensure that our students feel safe and enjoy their time during recess.

As we head into the holiday season, we wish all of our families a joyful and restful December. We hope you are enjoying the mild start to our Winnipeg winter and look forward to all that the coming months will bring.

Warm regards,

M.M. Couture  
Principal

Mme B. Hebert  
Vice- Principal



## Announcements and Information For Families

**Medical updates (URIS)** - As we get into the colder seasons medical situations may be changing! If your child has had a change in their medical situation please advise the office right away. For all families who currently have medical URIS plans, if you have not returned the forms sent at the beginning of the school year of 2024-2025 please return these ASAP.

**Report cards go home - December 11th electronically**

**Winter Break** - Last day of class before winter break will be December 20th at 3:30 pm. Classes will resume January 6 2025 9 am. Have a safe winter break JBM!

## Winter Concert

Our primary students in rooms 115, 119, 121, 132, 133, 129, 136, and JBM Sings will be performing '*Lights of Winter*' for us on Thursday December 12 2024!

**Matinee: Thursday, December 12, 2024, 1:30 p.m. (doors open at 1:00 p.m.)**

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

**Evening Performance: Thursday, December 12, 2024, 6:30 p.m. (doors open at 6:00 p.m.)**

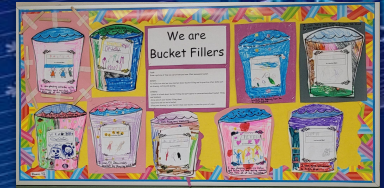
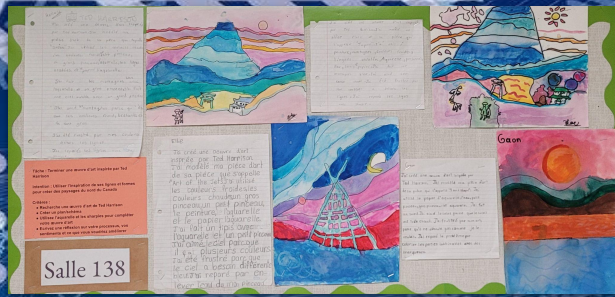
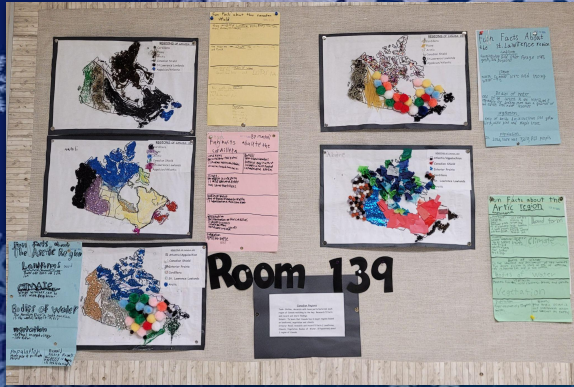
**Tickets will be required for the evening performance**, 2 tickets per student will be sent home in December. **Bring a toonie for United Way, and enter for a chance to win front row seating!**

We are looking forward to singing and dancing for you!

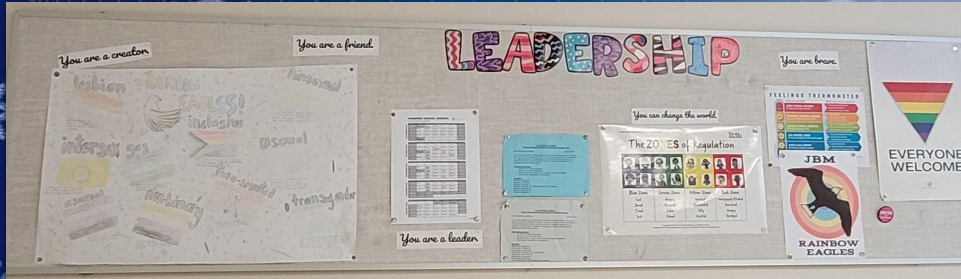
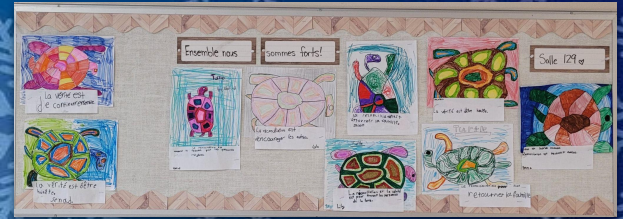








# JBM Projects On Display!





# KOATS for Kids



United Way  
Winnipeg



## You can help!

JBM has a donation bin near the front office!

You can donate new or gently used coats, ski pants, boots, mitts, neck warmers, toques or any warm winter layers such as sweatshirts.

You can drop off your donation at JBM until  
**December 13, 2024!**

If you have donations after December 13th please visit [KoatsforKids.ca](https://www.koatsforkids.ca) for more information.

## Winter is coming!

For thousands of kids, a warm coat can be the difference between getting to school or staying home. Each year, Koats for Kids distributes over 6,000 coats and an additional 22, 000 pieces of winter outerwear.

## Need a coat?

If you need assistance obtaining a winter coat or other winter accessories for your child(ren), please don't hesitate to contact the school office. We can submit a request to KoatsforKids on your behalf. While we cannot guarantee the availability of clothing, we will do our best to help you secure the items your child(ren) need for the winter months.





## Help Your Child Succeed in School: Build the Habit of Good Attendance Early

### When Do Absences Become a Problem?



**CHRONIC ABSENCE**  
18 or more days



**WARNING SIGNS**  
10 to 17 days



**SATISFACTORY**  
9 or fewer absences

Note: These numbers assume  
a 180-day school year.

### DID YOU KNOW?

- Starting in preschool and kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10%, or about 2 days each month over the course of a school year, can make it harder to learn to read.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just one or two days every few weeks.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- Absences and tardiness can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up.

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. Start building this habit in preschool so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Eventually good attendance will be a skill that will help them succeed in high school and college.

### WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Set a regular bedtime and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Keep your child healthy and make sure your child has the required shots.
- Introduce your children to their teachers and classmates before school starts.
- Develop backup plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbor, or another parent.
- Try to schedule non-urgent related medical appointments and extended trips when school isn't in session.
- If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school counselors and other parents for advice on how to make your child feel comfortable and excited about learning.
- If you are concerned that your child may have a contagious illness, call your school or health care provider for advice.
- If your child must stay home due to illness, ask the teacher for resources and ideas to continue learning at home.

Visit Attendance Works at [www.attendanceworks.org](http://www.attendanceworks.org) for free downloadable resources and tools!



# 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**

# December 2024 Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2. Day 2	3. Day 3 PAC Meeting 6 PM In Library	4. Day 4	5. Day 5	6. Day 6
9. Day 1	10. Day 2	11. Day 3 Report Cards Go Home	12. Day 4 Winter Concert Grades 1-2 + Rm 129/136 +JBM Sings 1:30 PM MATINEE 6:30 PM EVENING CONCERT	13. Day 5
16. Day 6	17. Day 1	18. Day 2	19. Day 3	20. Day 4
23. NO SCHOOL Winter Break Starts Ends Jan 3rd 2025	24. NO SCHOOL Winter Break	25. NO SCHOOL Winter Break	26. NO SCHOOL Winter Break	27. NO SCHOOL Winter Break
30. NO SCHOOL Winter Break	31. NO SCHOOL Winter Break			