

JB Mitchell School

February 2025

Newsletter

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From The Eagle's Nest

Dear École J.B. Mitchell Families,

As we step into the second month of the year, we are delighted to share some reminders, exciting updates and upcoming events that will make February a month to remember at our school.

As we navigate through these chilly, snow filled winter days, we're optimistic about the prospect of warmer weather approaching. The students have been enjoying the sleds and shovels provided to each class during recess time. Please ensure that your child comes prepared with appropriate attire for outdoor activities. Layers, hats, and gloves will continue to be essential for comfortable and enjoyable school experiences. Some of these hats, scarves, and mitts have ended up in our school's lost and found as well. Please encourage your child to have a look as they walk by. Approaching fast is our Kindergarten Concert taking place in our school library on Feb 14/25 at 10:45 and 2:45. Prepare to be dazzled by our youngest students. We hope you will join us for a morning/afternoon of delightful tunes and adorable moments.

Two weeks into this new month we will also be celebrating Valentine's Day. Valentine's Day is a special day that many students look forward to as they enjoy giving and receiving Valentine cards and participating in class parties or activities. This day is a wonderful opportunity for teachers to talk about friendship and community in each classroom. Students, as always, are encouraged to be kind to others and to solve problems peacefully and respectfully with one another. We ask that if your child is planning on distributing cards at school that all students in your child's room receive a Valentine's Day card. Your child's classroom teacher will be reaching out with further class specific information about the celebrations. **In terms of Valentine's treats, we ask that students only bring a treat for themselves because we have many students with allergies, therefore we want to prioritize the health and safety of all of our students!** We know this is a disappointing message to some, however the health and safety of all our students is always our first priority. We thank you in advance for ensuring that all snacks are nut free.

Later in the month our school will celebrate Festival to Voyageur week.

Throughout the week the students will take a journey as they learn about French Canadian culture and history! Our students will have the opportunity to immerse themselves in various traditions, explore the rich tapestry of Canadian heritage, and engage in hands-on activities and speakers that bring history to life. Part of the Festival du Voyageur Week will be Winter Fun Day. The students will participate in a day mixed with snowy outdoor activities and indoor Festival du Voyageur activities and sports. It's a day of adventure and laughter that promises to create lasting memories for our students.

Please also remember that our Stop Drop and Go Zone is located on John Brebeuf. We have noticed some unsafe parking behaviour on Lanark. **We kindly ask that parents use Stop, Drop and Go so that all students are safe.** Please note that students being dropped off at the Stop Drop and Go Zone must be able to independently walk themselves to their designated lineup location at the back of the school. Student safety remains a priority, particularly when snowbanks are high and roads are icy. Please take a moment to remind your children of the importance of winter safety. It is very important that they walk on the sidewalk and not on the snow banks that line the roads. Our safety patrols are on duty to help them cross at the corners and we ask students to cross with the patrols or where we have a crossing guard whenever possible.

February is also a time when we begin looking at our enrollment and staffing for the year to come. Our Kindergarten Open house will take place on February 20th from 6:00 – 7:00 and will provide an overview of the Kindergarten program at École J.B. Mitchell School. New registration forms can be accessed on our school website.

Spring will be here before we know it ... until then, have a wonderful February and stay warm!

M. Couture
Principal

Mrs. D Hardman
Acting Vice- Principal

Announcements and Information For Families

Winter concert for Kindergarten students (RM 108 AND 112)

On Friday, February 14, 2025, during the day. This celebration will consist of songs and poems about how we “All we need is love”. It will last approximately 20 minutes. Following student performances, there will be a light snack for parents and caregivers in your child’s respective classroom. If you wish to take your child home after the celebration, you are welcome to do so.

IF YOUR CHILD ATTENDS CLASSES IN THE **MORNING**
THEY WILL PERFORM AT **10:45 AM** IN THE LIBRARY.
IF YOUR CHILD ATTENDS CLASSES IN THE **AFTERNOON**
THEY WILL PERFORM AT **2:45 PM** IN THE LIBRARY.



Clothing Orders 2024/2025

Get Your Orders In This Month!



We are excited to announce that our online clothing orders will be open February 10-21, 2025.

Shirts, Sweaters, Sweat Pants, and hats will be available to order with the JBM Logo!

Communication will be sent out to families via school messenger once the online store opens!

Kindergarten Open House

Thursday, February 20th 6:00 pm in the Library.
Meeting is information for JB Mitchell Catchment families.

Your child **must be born in 2020** to be eligible for Kindergarten in the 2025-2026 school year.



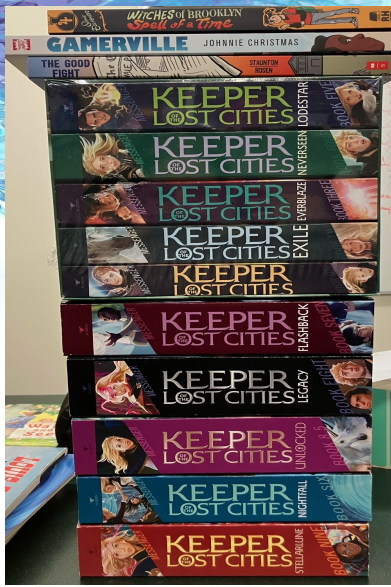
Registrations (New Students Only)



Monday, February 10th, 2025-2026 Registrations open to families within the catchment area.

Visit [Winnipeg School Division - Find A School](#): Enter your address to find your home school(s) or click on the map. To see if you are within our catchment!

See [Student Registration](#) on our website for Key Dates for registration.



JBM Spot Light

Thank you to all the students who made items to sell and everyone who purchased at the book fair!

It was such a great success that JBM was able to add these books to our library for students to enjoy!

What a great addition to our selection!





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

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.

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.

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 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

Parent Advisory Council

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2024/2025

PAC Contact information:
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

February 4, 2025 (WSD1 representative to attend)
March 4, 2025
April 8, 2025
May 6, 2025
June 2025 Meeting date TBD

Confirmed upcoming PAC Fundraisers

Glenlea Greenhouse
February 1 – April 15
(Information on next page)

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

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

February 2025 Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3. Day 1	4. Day 2 PAC Meeting 6:00 pm	5. Day 3	6. Day 4	7. Day 5
10. Day 6 2025-2026 NEW STUDENT REGISTRATIONS OPEN IN WSD Online Clothing Store Opens Feb 10 - Feb 21	11. Day 1	12. Day 2	13. Day 3	14. Day 4 Kindergarten Concert In the Library 10:45 am for AM Kinder 2:45 pm. for PM Kinder
17. NO SCHOOL Louis Riel Day	18. Day 5	19. Day 6	20. Day 1 Kindergarten Open House 6:00 p.m. Library	21. Day 2 Winter Fun Day Activities outside
24. Day 3	25. Day 4	26. Day 5 French Performance With Damien Lussier 9:15 am-10:15 am Grade 1-6	27. Day 6	28. Day 1