Newsletter

From The Eagle's Nest

Dear J.B. Mitchell Families,

Welcome to summer! This is a wonderful time of year to reflect upon and to celebrate the many accomplishments achieved by our students this year. Our bulletin boards remain filled with work that highlights their learning in art, reading, writing and math. On the playground, students have grown in their roles as responsible and respectful leaders. A special thank you to the many students who have taken on leadership roles this year. We would like to recognize our Patrols and extend a very special thank you for their year long effort in keeping our students safe!

We would also like to extend a very genuine & sincere thank you to all the parents, guardians and caregivers who have worked so diligently to support student learning this school year. The support of the community and our parent/guardians remained strong and unwavering through all the diverse changes of the year. It is because of your committed partnership to the school, and your child's learning, that this year was such a success and we are incredibly grateful for all your contributions!

At this time, we would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the ÉJBMS Parent Advisory Council (PAC) members and volunteers. Your ongoing support and dedication to the ÉJBMS learning community provides many enriching experiences for our students. This team worked very hard and very creatively to engage our community in fundraisers and events, all of which had a big impact on our school year.

École J.B. Mitchell School is a very special place. We have many skilled and dedicated staff members, who work hard to ensure students have the best educational experiences and opportunities possible. A big thank you to all of our educational team members who work together to support, mentor and supervise our students.

Although the final staffing composition for the 2024-2025 school year is not yet complete, we do know that this is the time of year where we say goodbye to some of our staff members. We would like to extend our thanks and congratulations to:

Mrs. Jennifer Ellement, Mme Christel Teyssier, Mrs. Ashley Hampton and Mrs. Aubrey Giesbrecht are moving on to other adventures, some outside of our school division and others to new adventures at new schools within the Winnipeg School Division. We wish them all well!

Mrs. Tara Epp, our 3/4 English teacher has completed her term at ÉJBMS and has accepted a position at Grosvenor School.

We would like to also like to extend a heartfelt félicitations to Mme Breanne Thomson, our 5/6 French Immersion teacher, who recently welcomed her baby and will remain on maternity leave for the 2024-2025 school year.

Planning for next fall is well underway. The classroom configurations and school goals will be completed shortly. Later this month, you will have a special edition summer newsletter which will include more details for the 2024-2025 and highlights from our 2023-2024 school year. We feel incredibly grateful to have had all these teachers on our team. Many students and families have received support, guidance and mentorship from these teachers and we are sad to say goodbye. However, we know without a doubt, that they will all be successful in their future endeavours and we wish everyone the best of luck on their new paths! We look forward to announcing our complete 2024-2025 staffing compositions as soon as it is finalized.

This is also the time of year where we wish a fond farewell to our grade 6 students. This year's **Grade 6 Farewell will be held on June 25 at 10:30am**. Grade 6 families will be sent specific information about this event via school messenger. Please contact your child's classroom teacher if you have any questions. We have a variety of field trips and cultural celebrations going on in the month of June. Several classes are attending the <u>Winnipeg School Division Pow Wow on June 6th</u> where students from all around the WSD will come together and learn about Indigenous perspectives in small groups stations in the Tec Voc High School field that will support the learning going on in our classrooms throughout the school year. Also, many classes have field trips planned, some virtual and some outdoors over the coming weeks to wrap up the school year with experiential learning. Stay tuned for more details from your child's teacher!

Your child's third term report card will be sent home electronically on June 25 @ 3:30pm. Please ensure that the school has your correct email address on file so there is no delay in receiving your child's report card. In addition, on June 25 students will bring home a hardcopy package that will include information about school supplies, lunch program as well as information about the September "Meet the Staff Open House." In regards to the "Meet the Staff Open House," please save the date for September 3 from 4:30pm to 6:30pm, NO appointments needed.

We have had the great privilege of working with wonderful families. It has been a pleasure to discover the many ways in which École J.B. Mitchell School is a unique and distinct learning community. We look forward to working with you and your children in the years ahead. Students' first day of school next year will be Wednesday, September 4, 2024.

We look forward to seeing everyone at our PAC Family Fun Night on June 6th. On behalf of the École J.B. Mitchell School staff, we wish you a safe and relaxing summer break!

Sincerely, M. Couture, Principal

Mme Hebert, Vice-Principal

Announcements



Kindergarten Registration

We are now accepting registrations for the Kindergarten (English or French Immersion) Program for the 2024- 2025 school year. Registration forms are available in our office and at https://www.winnipegsd.ca/jbmitchell/page/2161/school-registration-information. Please note that Grade 1 is also an entry point for the French Immersion Program.

Kindergarten students must be five years of age by December 31, 2024 (born in 2019)

To register your child, the parent/guardian is required to present a copy of the birth certificate, Manitoba health card and proof of address in the form of your most recent property tax assessment or lease agreement. To fully complete the application form, please have the name and phone number of an emergency contact in the event we are unable to contact the parent/guardian.

These can be presented in person or emailed to jbmitchell@wsd1.org

Registrations will be taken on a first-come, first-serve basis from the students who live within our catchment area. If you are registering your child for kindergarten and live outside our catchment area or school division your application will be numbered. You will be put on a wait list and advised as soon as possible if space is available once all students within our catchment have been registered.

For more information about our Kindergarten programs you can also view our slideshow

https://sbwsdstor.blob.core.windows.net/media/Default/fgg/344/JB% 20Mitchell%20Open%20House%202023.pdf

PAC Initiatives

A special thank you to John Orlikow who donated \$500 to PAC this year.

Family BBQ



June 6:** Save the date! The PAC is cooking up an event filled with food, laughter, and community spirit. More details are on the way.

50/50 Draw

Purchase your tickets <u>2024 JBM PAC 50/50</u>. Share the excitement with friends and family in Manitoba. The draw is on June 6 at noon, and updates on the pot size are coming your way. Good luck to all participants!

https://www.fundingchange.ca/jbm-pac/ ZBPFzngsm2IR1fSD?ref=ZBO-FD2fpWIXF9Zq



Calendar

Notes
June
June 4-PAC Meeting at 6pm
June 5-201/204/205 Goldeyes
Game
June 6-Divisional Powwow
June 6-Family Fun Night
June 13-Grade 6 to Fort Whyte
June 14-No School
June 19-Patrollers Bowling
June 25-Grade 6 Farewell
@10:30
June 25-Reports go home
June 28-Last day of School

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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			WSD STEAM Fair	All library books due back	No School	
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			Patrollers Bowling	GSA		
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		10:30am Reports go			Last day of school!	
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Lunch Programs

The supervision of students during the lunch hour in all Winnipeg School Division schools is the responsibility of the parent councils or parent run lunch programs. Students that are registered in On the Move and Carpathia Children's Centre are under their care during the noon hour.

All children, full-time and casual, attending the lunch program at J.B. Mitchell must have a registration form completed in order to attend. These forms are available from our office if you have not completed it as yet.

All students, except those in the two daycares who eat together, will eat lunch with their classmates in various locations in the school. The J.B. Mitchell Parent Council collaborates with all parents to meet the needs of J.B. Mitchell students throughout the school year.

If you need further information, you can reach the J.B. Mitchell Lunch Program by contacting the school or by email at jbmlunchprogram@gmail.com. Please find registration forms and information at the link below:

https://www.winnipegsd.ca/jbmitchell/page/2441/lunch-program

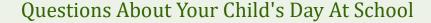
Important Notice About Allergies

A number of students in our school have severe food allergies caused by a variety of allergens, including peanuts, tree nuts, fish, and eggs. Some of these allergies are life threatening and can be triggered by just the smell of certain foods. It is important that we all work together to make sure we provide all our children with a safe learning environment. Each classroom has a sign at the door that indicates the allergens for their room.

Families can help keep all our children safe by following these guidelines:

- * Send lunches and healthy snacks for your child that do not contain nuts, fish, or eggs.
- * Remind children to NEVER share food.
- * Wash hands after snack and lunch.

We ask that you not send snacks for the whole class.





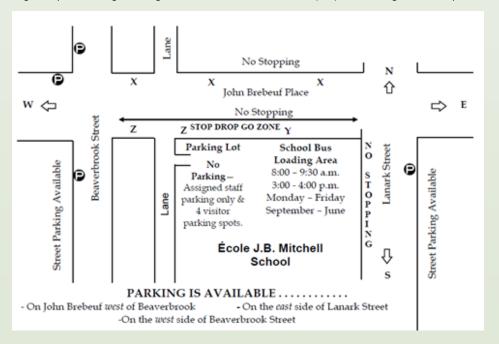
Our teachers are using the Seesaw platform to communicate information about your child's learning and their school day. Seesaw is a safe alternative for everyone handling materials shared between home and school. With the Seesaw App, you can 2 and comment on your child's posts and message the teacher. Please feel free to contact your child's teacher by phone or email should you

need help accessing Seesaw. In the next week, you will be receiving updates about Library Books, Home Reading and Homework expectations. Thank you for your patience as we work through our school and classroom protocols around the safe handling of materials and books shared between home and school.

Stop, Drop, and Go Zone

The City of Winnipeg has designated our STOP DROP GO as a No Parking zone. The Winnipeg Parking Authority has indicated that the STOP DROP GO Zone can be used for pickup and drop off and vehicles can wait momentarily in the Zone providing the driver remains in the driver's seat. Please be aware that parking and leaving your vehicle in the Stop Drop Go or Bus Loading Zone may result in a Parking ticket issued by the City of Winnipeg.

Please note that children who are brought to school via the "Stop Drop and Go Zone" need to be old enough to independently walk to their line up location at the back of the school. Parents of younger children who need assistance walking to their line-up locations are encouraged to park on neighbouring streets and to escort their child(ren) to the designated lineup location(s).



School Patrols and Adult Crossing Guard

School Patrol Information

We are extremely proud of our dedicated school patrols. Patrols are on duty in the morning at 8:40 - 8:50 a.m., before lunch at 11:55 a.m. - 12:10 p.m., after lunch at 12:40 - 12:55 p.m., and after school at 3:30 - 3:45 p.m. Please ensure your child crosses with the patrols between these hours and that your child respects their guidance.

Adult Crossing Guard Important Information

We will continue to have an Adult Crossing Guard on duty at the corner of Grant Avenue and Lanark Street and Corydon Avenue and Lanark Street at the following times:

8:30 – 9:00 a.m.

11:55 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

12:40 – 12:55 p.m.

3:30 - 4:00 p.m.

Safe Arrival Program

At Winnipeg School Division, one of our greatest priorities is ensuring students arrive safely at school each day. We use the SafeArrival absence reporting system. This system reduces the time it takes to verify student attendance, makes it easy for you to report your child's absence, and easy for staff to respond to unexplained absences. With SafeArrival, you are asked to report your child's absence in advance using any of these 4 convenient methods:

Using your mobile device, download and install the SchoolMessenger app from the 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 an account. Select Attendance then Report an Absence. When searching on the App Store, type "School Messenger" and select the Blue App. 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.. Or 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 are unable to use any of the first three options, feel free to call the school at 204-488-4517 to report an ab-

sence to the school office directly. The first 3 options are available 24 hours/day, 7 days a week. Future absences can be reported at any time. The 4th option is only available during school office hours, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Please report absences in advance using SafeArrival instead of sending notes or calling/emailing the school. Staff will being using the SafeArrival notifications to let you know if your student is absent (when you haven't reported the absence in advance). Please do not email teachers or put notes in agendas to notify the school of an absence. You must either report the absence on the SchoolMessenger App or the school office directly. If you do not report the absence on SchoolMessenger or the school office directly, you will receive notifications of your child's absence. If your child will be late, please report it on SchoolMessenger as a "Late Arrival". As this is a safety issue, your child will remain marked absent and you will receive notifications until that child arrives at school and checks in at the office. If you have children attending other schools, please continue to report absences using the existing procedures for those schools. 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.

Parent Advisory Council

What is the Parent Advisory Council (PAC)?

For those who don't know, the PAC is the collective voice of parents in our school that meet to discuss matters affecting our school and the education of our children. We have an opportunity to voice opinions and concerns, ask questions regarding what's happening in our school, and discuss ideas that can help our teachers, staff, students and community. It's an excellent way to meet other parents and help facilitate special events or fundraise for our school community. We will be hosting our last PAC meeting of the 2023-24 school year in-person, Tuesday, March 4th at 6:00 p.m. where everyone is welcome. Lunch Program

The start-up of the Lunch Program has been a great success. A few reminders that we would like everyone to be aware of to help continue to keep our program as safe and healthy as possible:

- There will be frequent hand washing and sanitizing.
- Microwaves are available to warm up lunches.

If you have question or concerns, please email Nancy at ibmlunchprogram@gmail.com or leave a message with the school and your call will be returned. Volunteer Opportunities: At École JB Mitchell, we are very fortunate to have a school community that is involved and supportive of PAC initiatives. Please consider sharing your time, experience and voice to better our school community. If you would like information on any of our PAC vacancies, please email your PAC at

jbmitchellpac@gmail.com.

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