

JB Mitchell School

February 2025

Newsletter

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From The Eagle's Nest

Dear École J.B. Mitchell Families,

March has arrived and with it comes opportunities to celebrate learning and look ahead to warmer weather and the start of our final term of the school year. The year is moving by quickly and we are looking forward to all of the school events and learning yet to come!

Report cards will be sent home by email on Tuesday March 11th. We encourage you to talk with your child about all of their learning as well as their goals for the final term of the school year. Our teachers are working hard with all students to help them reflect on things they are proud of and set goals to accomplish things that may be challenging for them right now. Students are excited to share all they have learned with you during our Student Led Conferences on March 13th (evening) and 14th (morning). Information about setting up conference times was sent home on Friday February 28th on School Messenger. Don't forget to check out the book fair while you are at school! We are excited have families visit the school and share in our celebration of learning!

March's arrival has brought some changes to the frigidly cold weather patterns we have experienced throughout most of February. Warmer weather means melting snow and much wetter conditions on the playground than usual. Please ensure that you send some extra clothing in your child(ren)'s backpack...extra mittens, socks and perhaps an extra pair of pants are all very helpful if children get way during their recess times outdoors.

March also brings some special events and excitement to our school! Although literacy is an important part of what we do here each day, in both French and English, we are highlighting the importance of literacy by celebrating March into Reading. You have already received some information about this earlier in February. We will have guest readers visiting the school, special literacy-related dress up days and lots of fun for all! Thank you to our committee of hard-working staff who have organized all of this!

We are all excited to acknowledge the hard work of our school safety patrol team over the winter months. They all worked hard in extremely challenging weather to keep our students safe. To celebrate this, patrols will be going on a bowling outing to Uptown Lanes on Friday March 28th. More information will be shared in the coming days.

The last day of classes before spring break is Friday March 28th. School will resume on Monday April 7th. If you ordered clothing from our J.B. Mitchell clothing drive, that will be arriving shortly after we return to school in April.

We look forward to a fun month of learning and special activities, and wish all of our families a safe and happy spring break!

Matt Couture (Principal)

Donna Hardman (Acting Vice-Principal)

Announcements and Information For Families

Registrations Open (New Students Only)

March 3

School of Choice applications open for within-division students and outside-division students.

Families must fill out a provincial K-12

[Within-Division application form](#) or [Outside-Division application form](#) and email to schoolsofchoice@wsd1.org

Online applications open at 9:00 a.m.

Visit [Winnipeg School Division - Find A School](#) To see if you are within our catchment!

See [Student Registration](#) on our website for more information

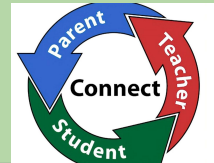


Student Led Conferences/Book Fair:

Student Led Conferences will be held in the evening of March 13th and in the morning of March 14th.

The Book Fair will be open at the same time for families to check out and purchase books and accessories!

We look forward to seeing everyone!



March Into Reading 2025!

JBM is celebrating March Into Reading with having guest readers come in from the community, and "Theme Thursdays" where students can dress up each Thursday throughout March.

Themes include:

Book Character Day, Wear the First Letter of Your Name Day, Favourite Genre Day, Guess the Book Title Day, and Comfy Reading Day.

There will be orange signs around the school with more information!



Clothing Orders CLOSED 2024/2025

Families who placed clothing orders will be receiving them **beginning of April!**



Lunch Program Announcement:

Reminder to Families that all students should dress appropriately for the cold weather.

There is outdoor recess for weather down to -26C (including windshield).

Please ensure you send your students to school with mittens, hats, neck warmers/scarves, ski pants, winter jackets, and winter boots.



Gr 6. Drama/Dance Class

JBM is excited to offer the opportunity for select Gr 6 students to be involved with a dance/theatre class on **Wednesdays from 3:45-4:30 pm starting Feb 26th - April 23rd** (excluding Spring Break).

This is a great chance for them to have a safe and welcoming space for beginners to explore the art of dance and drama!





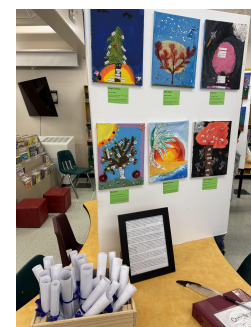
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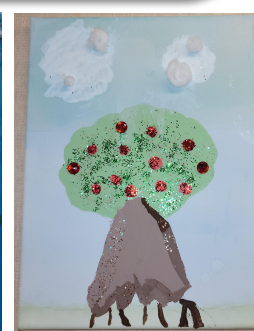
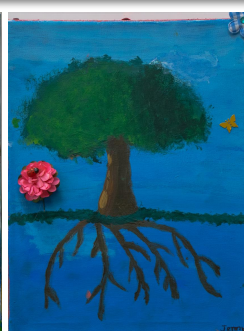
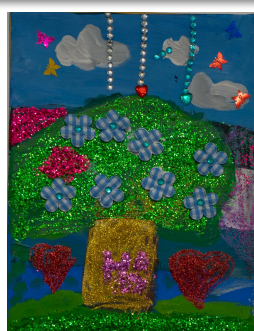
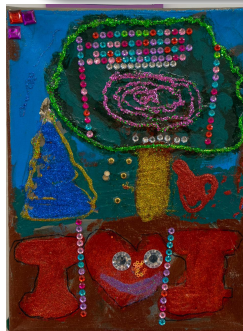
IMPROVING THE LIVES
OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES



KIDTHINK NIGHT

Gr 3/4 students at JBM have been working with KidThink since January. Taking a proactive, strength-based approach to mental health. The goal is to help build resilience and reduce mental health stigma.

On Jan 30th JBM Showcased their work in a Art Gallery! Thank you all who came out to support our students.





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

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.



**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.

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!



Parent Advisory Council Fundraiser

Glenlea Plant Sale



Parent Advisory Council 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

March 4, 2025

April 8, 2025

May 6, 2025

June 2025 Meeting date TBD

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. Mitchell PAC' to support us! Plants will be 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. Mitchell 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

March 2025 Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>3. Day 2</p> <p>School Of Choice Applications start day Online 9 AM</p>	<p>4. Day 3</p> <p>PAC Meeting 6:00 pm</p> <p>Speed skating 12 PM (Dryland practise)</p>	<p>5. Day 4</p>	<p>6. Day 5</p> <p>Speed Skating Event 6-7 pm at Canada Life Centre</p> <p>Toni Ellen Guest Reader 9-10 am</p>	<p>7. Day 6</p> <p>Family Of School Mtg @ Churchill School 8:30 - 9:30 pm</p>
<p>10. Day 1</p>	<p>11. Day 2</p> <p>Report Cards Go Home</p>	<p>12. Day 3</p>	<p>13. Day 4</p> <p>Student Led Conference & Book Fair PM Only</p>	<p>14. Day 5</p> <p>NO SCHOOL Student Led Conferences & Book Fair AM Only</p>
<p>17. Day 6</p> <p>Patrol Meeting 12:10 pm</p>	<p>18. Day 1</p>	<p>19. Day 2</p>	<p>20. Day 3</p>	<p>21. Day 4</p>
<p>24. Day 5</p>	<p>25. Day 6</p>	<p>26. Day 1</p>	<p>27. Day 2</p> <p>GSA Performers attending 12-1 pm</p>	<p>28. Day 3</p> <p>Patrol Bowling 1-3 pm @ Uptown Alleys</p>
<p>31 NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK STARTS RETURN APRIL 7 (DAY 4)</p>				