

# JB Mitchell School

## May 2025

## Newsletter

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# From The Eagle's Nest

Time continues to fly by and we are already arriving at the second last month of the 2024-25 school year! The warmer, sunnier weather has brought a bit of a “spring” (pun intended!) to all of our steps and this inspiration has our teachers planning a variety of engaging and joyful activities to keep the learning going for our students heading in the final part of the school year.

A huge thanks to Mr. Ellana and all of the participating Grade 3-6 classrooms for all of the practice, effort and hard work they put into our Spring Concert! As you read this, we will be welcoming family and friends to watch their student(s) and celebrate “One World, Many Voices”. We hope everyone enjoys the show as much as our students enjoyed preparing it!

As we move towards the end of the school year, our staff will be working hard on collaborating about student class placements for next year. As we indicated in previous newsletters and emails, if you would like to request a specific classroom placement for your child for next year, please email our principal Matt Couture ([mcouture@wsd1.org](mailto:mcouture@wsd1.org)) by Friday May 16th. We cannot promise being able to honour all requests made but every request will be considered as we form classrooms and take into consideration the best interests of all of our students. Our staff will be collaborating at the end of May into June to form the new classrooms and parents will be informed of classroom placements in their child(ren)’s June report cards.

As the Winnipeg School Division moves toward to inclusive practice of providing no fee lunch program for all interested families, our school team has been hard at work planning what this will look like at Ecole J.B. Mitchell School. We are finalizing some last-minute details and we look forward to sharing more information about what this will look like next school year. We are hoping to be able to share information with families later in May.

A few more quick reminders...over the next couple of months, many of our classrooms will be taking part in field trips to enhance and expand their learning of classroom concepts. Please make sure to promptly complete and return any permission slips as quickly as possible. Also, a remind to parents that our Mobile Vision Clinic will be here on May 12th and 13th. If you have not yet returned your form, please send it back to the office as soon as possible. If you do not wish to have your child examined, please check the “no” box but still return the form so that we can ensure our numbers and paperwork are accurate and in order.

As always, thanks for your continued support and partnership! We are looking forward to the learning to come over the next two months!

Matt Couture (Principal)

Donna Hardman (Acting Vice Principal)

# Announcements and Information For Families

## Classroom Requests:

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.**

## **SAVE THE DATE!**

Gr. 6 Farewell

Tuesday June 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am.

All family members welcome!



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# EVERY DAY COUNTS

Students should feel JOY, LOVE, and RIGOUR at school — and that starts with your child attending every day!

## Joy

Students need the support of a community that believes in their success.

## Love

School offers a sense of belonging where children can express their true selves.

## Rigour

Learning happens step by step. Missing days make it harder for your child to achieve excellence.

## Did You Know?

Kids who attend school regularly build stronger life skills, develop positive habits, and feel more connected. Let's work together to keep our kids learning, growing, and thriving!



Joy  
Love  
Rigour  
WSD



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

## 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 / School Messenger

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

# May 2025 Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			<b>1. Day 3</b> <b>Grades 3-6 + JBM Sings</b> MATINEE @ 1:30 pm (No Ticket) EVENING @ 6:30 pm (Ticket) <b>DOORS OPEN 30 MIN PRIOR TO START TIMES</b>	<b>2. Day 4</b>
<b>5. Day 5</b>	<b>6. Day 6</b> <b>PAC Meeting</b> 6 pm <b>Spring Picture Day</b>	<b>7. Day 1</b> <b>Manitoba Museum Field Trip</b> Room 136 and 138	<b>8. Day 2</b>	<b>9. Day 3</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b> <b>NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY</b>
<b>12. Day 4</b> <b>Mobile Vision</b>	<b>13. Day 5</b> <b>Mobile Vision</b>	<b>14. Day 6</b>	<b>15. Day 1</b> <b>Niji Mahkwa School Trip</b> Rm 201/205	<b>16. Day 2</b> <b>Humane Society Field Trip</b> Rm 205 9am-12:30pm
<b>19. NO SCHOOL</b> <b>VICTORIA DAY</b>	<b>20. Day 3</b>	<b>21. Day 4</b> <b>Glenlea Plant Pickup</b> Afternoon (TBD)	<b>22. Day 5</b>	<b>23. Day 6</b>
<b>26. Day 1</b> <b>School NEST Meeting</b> Gr 1-6 1:30pm-2pm	<b>27. Day 2</b>	<b>28. Day 3</b>	<b>29. Day 4</b> <b>Family Fun Night PAC</b> 5pm-8pm	<b>30. Day 5</b> <b>GSA Pride Parade</b> 12pm-1 pm