

JB Mitchell School

November 2024 Newsletter

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From The Eagle's Nest

October has been an exciting month here at JBM!

Many clubs are underway, adding to the excitement at school. Some of the clubs that have started include GSA, the Room 204 Card Collector Club, JBM Singers, and Grade 5/6 Intramurals. We also participated in the 5/6 Soccer Tournament and launched Mindful Recess.

A major October highlight was the visit from Adam Bighill (#4 for the Winnipeg Blue Bombers) and our friends from the Making Faces Foundation. They spoke to our students about the importance of inclusion and kindness, even when no one is watching, reinforcing our school motto: be safe, be responsible, and be respectful. A heartfelt thank you to Adam Bighill and the Making Faces Foundation for sharing such an important message with our school community.

In January 2024, the Manitoba Government pledged \$30 million to enhance school nutrition. This initiative aims to ensure that all children attending public schools have access to healthy food while at school. Thanks to this initiative, we launched our Nutrition Snack Program this month, which has been well received by our students. We have “snack carts” located outside the office and down the grade 1 hallway. Students have access to the carts in the morning and then can visit the office if they require a snack later in the day. Students have been enjoying a variety of fruits including oranges, bananas and apples.

There are several reasons why this program is important for our students' learning and development. Proper nutrition supports brain development, concentration, and memory, allowing well-fed kids to focus better, understand lessons, and reach their full potential. Nutritious snacks provide the energy needed for students to remain active and alert throughout the school day. Overall, this program is a crucial step in ensuring our students have the nutrition they need to be successful at school and in their learning.

At JBM, we are grateful for the support we receive from our students, staff, and families. As we continue to celebrate student successes and embrace new experiences, let's keep fostering a positive and inclusive school community.

Wishing you all a wonderful November filled with learning and growth!

Warm regards,

M.M. Couture
Principal

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Announcements and Information For Families



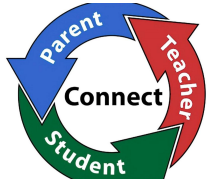
Remembrance Day Assembly- Families are welcome to attend our Remembrance day assembly On November 8th from **10:30A-11:30A**.

Students will be receiving a Poppy, we ask that students bring a small donation in support of the Royal Canadian Legion.

LEST WE FORGET

Intramurals - Starting October 21 Grades 1-6, who return permission slips, have been enjoying low organized games during the lunch hour! Such fun!

Mondays: Grade 6; **Tuesdays**: Grades 3/4 alternating weeks; **Wednesdays**: Grade 5; **Fridays**: Grades 1/2 alternating weeks.



Parent Teacher Conferences - Fall parent teacher conferences will be held in the evening of November 21st and in the morning of November 22nd.

Nutrition Program - We are excited to announce that we are able to provide students with a healthy snack alternative for the morning and during the day! Our goal is to ensure students have access to nutritious food when they need it!



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ATTENTION ALL SCHOOL SAFETY PATROL MEMBERS AND FAMILIES



Our adult patrol supervisors are working on putting together a bulletin board display of our school patrol teams. Each month, we will also be highlighting a group of individual patrol members. The purpose of this is for other students in the school to get to know who our patrols are and to have these students share their ideas about what brought them to be a patroller, or what qualities patrol members possess, so that students understand what being a patrol member means. **On Tuesday, November 5th, Mrs. Hardman will be taking photos of each patrol group, as well as each individual patrol member. We have an alternate plan for students who do not have media permission. Please make sure your child has his/her/their patrol vest in their backpack that day so that we can take these photos.** Thank you for your support with this! We look forward to families being able to view our patrol board during our upcoming Parent Teacher Conferences later this month.



JBM SPOTLIGHT EVENTS!

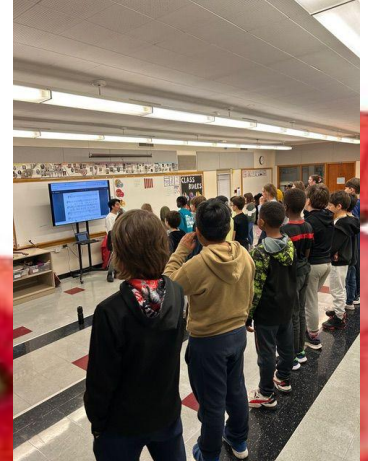


Adam Bighill - On October 15 we were very fortunate to have Adam Bighill (#4 for the Winnipeg Blue Bombers) come to speak to our students about inclusion! What a BIG message he brought with him for JBM staff and students! Thank you Adam!

Soccer Tournament - October 1st grade 5/6 had a great day of fun in a soccer tournament! Great Job JBM Soccer Team! It was the perfect day to go out and play!



JBM Sings - In preparation for our upcoming Remembrance Day assembly, our dedicated JBM Sings choir comprised of 44 grade 5 & 6 students has been meeting once a week on Tuesdays to sing "Peaceful" by Teresa Jennings. This beautiful song includes themes of reflection and hope for peace making it fitting for a meaningful occasion. These singers have been learning to sing and move together in each rehearsal and look forward to their upcoming performances.



JBM Halloween Parade

The students and staff of JBM took to the hallways to display their amazing Halloween costumes! What Spooktacular fun it was!

HAPPY HALLOWEEN



Looking for Lunch Program

Supervisors

JB Mitchell Lunch Program (JBMLP) is accepting applications for lunch supervisors for the 2023/2024 school year. JB Mitchell School is an English and French elementary school in Winnipeg School Division located in River Heights. The lunch program is offered to students in grades 1 - 6 whose parents/guardians who choose to have their children supervised by the JBMLP over the lunch break.



\$16 per hour / Mon – Fri for 1¼ hours /day

Supervisors create a healthy and happy environment for students enrolled in the lunch program through positive reinforcement, active listening, courtesy, and respect inside and outside. They report directly to the program coordinator.

Work is available for regular (Mon - Fri) or casual supervisors.

Email jbmlunchprogram@gmail.com

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)

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 to attend. These forms are available from our office if you have not completed it 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.winnipegssd.ca/jbmitchell/page/2441/lunch-program>



You can help!

You can donate new or gently used coats, ski pants, boots, mitts, neck warmers and toques.

For more information on how to donate
please visit
KoatsforKids.ca

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.



November Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1. NO SCHOOL Professional Development day
4. NO SCHOOL Remembrance Day	5. Patrol Photos	6.	7.	8. Remembrance Day Assembly 10:30A-11:30A
11. NO SCHOOL Remembrance Day	12.	13.	14. School Picture Re-takes	15.
18.	19.	20.	21. Parent/Teacher Conferences 4pm-6pm Book Fair	22. NO SCHOOL Parent/Teacher Conferences AM Only Book Fair
25. Hearing Screening	26. Hearing Screening	27. Hearing Screening Volleyball @ RH Smith	28.	29.

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

