

JB Mitchell School

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Newsletter

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From The Eagle's Nest

Hello Families,

October is upon us, and we've already completed a month of school! Students and staff are settling into their routines, and learning is well underway.

September brought several highlights, including students participating in PBIS training, the Grade 5/6 field trip to Fort Whyte Alive, our Terry Fox assembly and walk, and ongoing learning about Truth and Reconciliation.

The safety of our students and staff is a top priority, especially during busy drop-off and pick-up times. Please prioritize safety over convenience by using the Stop, Drop, and Go area when picking up and dropping off students. We ask that you please talk with your child(ren) about the importance of using designated crosswalks with student patrols and adult crossing guards. Your cooperation in helping keep everyone safe is greatly appreciated.

As a part of our school safety plan, we will be conducting monthly fire drills, as well as lockdown and hold-and-secure drills throughout the school year. Additionally, we will practice an evacuation drill to our relocation site at the Carpathia Children's Centre/On The Move Daycare. Students will receive complete instructions before these practices. A note will be sent home following each Lock Down, Hold and Secure and Evacuation Drill indicating that they were practiced.

We want to thank all families and staff for helping our students get off to such a strong start to the school year. We look forward to a rigorous October full of learning.

**Matt Couture
Principal**

**Brianne Hebert
Vice Principal**



Announcements and Information For Families

Grade 5 / 6 JBM SINGS (honour Choir) starts October 1st and runs every Tuesday at lunch time until the end of the school year.

GSA CLUB - JBM Welcomes GR 5 / 6 students to join the GSA (Gender-Sexuality Alliance) club. A student club for students who identify as LGBTQ2S+ or who are wanting to promote an inclusive learning environment that embraces diversity. The club will start Oct 3rd at lunch time, and continue every 2nd thursdays until December 12th. (OCT 31 is cancelled).

Halloween Parade: Students are welcome to bring their costumes to school and join in on our Halloween parade on October 31st! Costumes are to be non-scary, no masks, and no weapons. There are no treats to be shared for the classroom, students can bring a special treat for themselves to eat NOT share.



Gr. 5-6 Fort Whyte Experience

Grade 5 and 6 students got an opportunity to experience outdoor education as well as team building and collaboration at Fort Whyte!

Grade 6 Programs:

BLAZING YOUR TRAIL: Hit the trails to gain some navigation skills to find your way through FortWhyte. Locate good landmarks, use a GPS to find geocaches, and use an orienteering map and compass.

PREDATOR & PREY: Go wild and play the game of survival! Put yourself in the place of an animal, escaping predators, hunting prey, and seeking the essentials of food, water, shelter, air, and space.

Grade 5 Programs:

WEATHERING THE CLIMATE: Learn the difference between weather and climate, and use weather instruments to make a meteorological forecast.

PEOPLE OF THE PRAIRIES: Follow in thousands of years of footsteps, learning the history of peoples local to the prairie lands in what we now call Manitoba. Discover the past ways of life of First Nations, Métis, and European settlers. Step inside a tipi and a sod house, touch a Red River Cart, and experience throwing an atlatl, an ancient technology used in bison hunting long ago.

What a great day for some outdoor wilderness exploring!



Terry Fox Run September 27 2024

Every year JBM staff and students participate and learn about the Terry Fox Run. This event helps bring awareness and raise money for cancer research in Canada.

We would like to thank all the students, families, and community members who donated towards Terry Fox this year. It was a great success! The day was beautiful out for a run/walk in and around our school field!

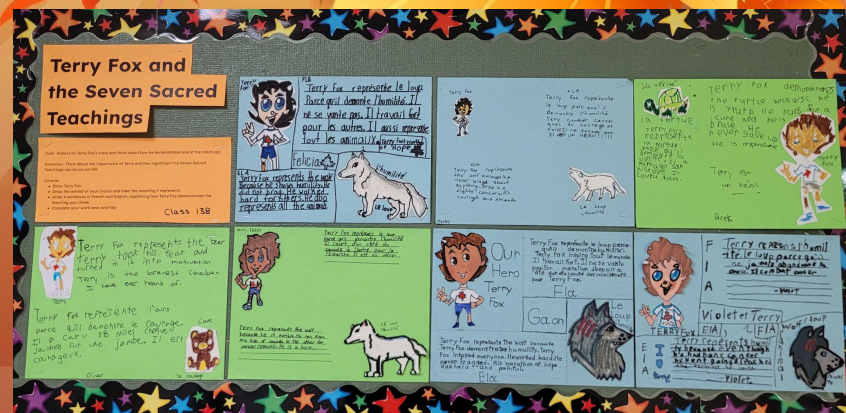
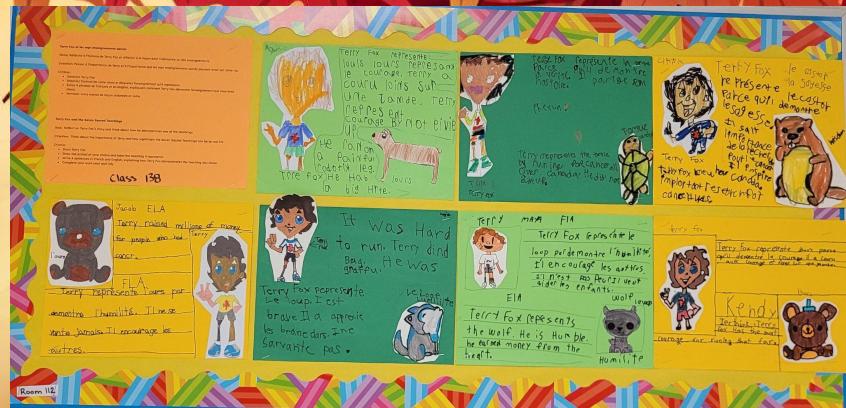
The school as a whole managed to fundraise \$ 483.12!

A special thanks to Alex D. who took it upon himself to create art and sell it; in which all proceeds raised (\$200+) were given to the Terry Fox Fund! Great Job!



“Even if I don't finish, we need others to continue. It's got to keep going without me. I just wish people would realize that anything's possible if you try; dreams are made possible if you try.”

-Terrance Stanley Fox



Truth & Reconciliation 2024

The students, staff, and communities of Winnipeg School Division are committed to truth and reconciliation through building relationships with Mother Earth, the original peoples of this land, and the stories that bring us together.

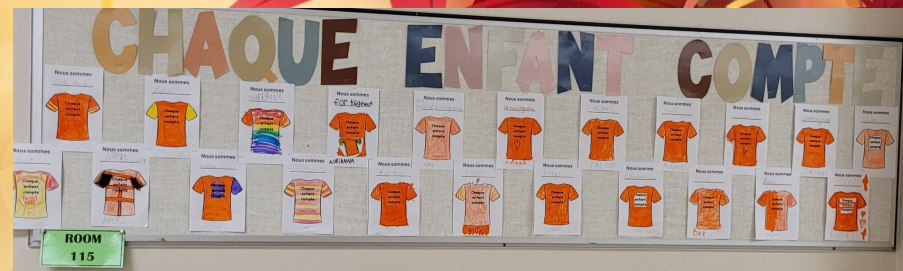
We acknowledge the place in which we gather is on Treaty 1 territory, the homeland of the Red River Metis, and the ancestral lands of the Anishinaabe, Ininiwak, and Dakota Oyate peoples.

Here at JB Mitchell School we commit to including Indigenous and community voices daily.



SEPTEMBER 30TH

NATIONAL DAY FOR
**TRUTH AND
RECONCILIATION**



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>

October Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1. Day 2 JBM 5/6 SINGS Lunch starts 6pm PAC Meeting and AGM	2. Day 3 Gr 5/6 Soccer Tournament River Heights Community center Morning	3. Day 4 GSA Club Starts	4. Day 5
7. Day 6 Picture Day	8. Day 1	9. Day 2 NO SCHOOL Non-Instructional Divisional Inservice	10. Day 3	11. Day 4 Bus Ridership
14. Day 1 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Day	15. Day 5	16. Day 6	17. Day 1 GSA Club	18. Day 2
21. Day 3	22. Day 4	23. Day 5	24. Day 6	25. Day 1 NO SCHOOL Non-Instructional MTS PD Day
28. Day 2	29. Day 3	30. Day 4	31. Day 5 Halloween Parade	

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