

JB Mitchell School

October 2025

Newsletter

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From The Eagle's Nest

Hello Families,

Just like that, the first month of school is complete! It has been wonderful to watch the students and their teachers settle into their learning routines and practice our school expectations of being safe, responsible and respectful. Our whole school participated in PBIS training in early September and students were reminded about expected behaviour in different areas of our school and the importance of listening to all school adults.

The weather was beautiful for our Terry Fox walk on September 25th and thanks to the efforts of our family community, over \$700 was raised to support cancer research. Stay tuned for what M. Couture will do now that the students far exceeded the challenge he set for them...our original goal was \$500!

A very important piece of ongoing learning happening at JBM centers around Truth and Reconciliation. In addition to the important learning being done in classrooms around this topic, our school held an assembly on Monday September 29th to reflect on this solemn day and to think about ways that we can ensure all students feel included so that everyone has a sense of belonging at school. Several classrooms also extended their learning outside the school walls on this day. All of the Grade 5/6 classrooms spent the afternoon walking to the former Assiniboine Residential School to connect their classroom learning to an important physical piece of Canadian history. Rooms 136 and 138 also spent the day at The Leaf learning about plants and traditional medicines as part of healing.

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.

We also want to remind our families about the importance of adhering to the signage on Grant Avenue and Lanark Street to ensure that no inappropriate turns or U-turns are being made during the specified times. Please help us to keep our children, parents and school adult crossing guards safe.

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

Donna Hardman
Vice Principal

Announcements and Information For Families

Grade 5 / 6 JBM SINGS (honour Choir) started Sept 23rd and runs every Tuesday at lunch time until the end of the 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 started Sept 25th at lunch time, and continue every 2nd Thursdays until December 11th.

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.



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We are excited to announce a new initiative at our school: Wellness Week, where students will engage in a variety of activities focused on promoting their health and well-being. To celebrate and extend this focus on wellness, we invite you and your family to join us for a **Wellness Evening on October 23rd from 5:00 to 7:00 PM.**

This special event will include movement and breathing exercises, music, nutrition, and more, all designed to support the health and wellness of your whole family.

We warmly encourage all families to come together for an evening of learning, connection, and community building. It's a wonderful opportunity to explore ways to enhance wellness in a fun and supportive environment.

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Terry Fox Run September 25 2025

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 \$719.90!



"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 2025

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**



PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)

NEW THIS YEAR: You can also follow the PAC on [Instagram!](#)

[JB Mitchell PAC \(@jbmittellpac\)](#) • Instagram photos and videos

Thank you,

JB Mitchell Parent Advisory Council

This year's meeting schedule:

AGM: October 7, 2025

November 4, 2025

December 2, 2025

January 6, 2026

February 3, 2026

March 3, 2026

April 7, 2026

May 5, 2026

June 2, 2026



Next Month's Save The Dates!

Picture Retakes:	November 13th
Student Lead Conferences:	November 20th PM only
Student Lead Conferences:	November 21st AM Only

Non-School Days for the Remainder of 2025-2026 are as follows on these days:

November 11, 2025
November 21, 2025
December 22, 2025 - January 2, 2026 (Winter Break)
February 2, 2026
February 16, 2026
March 20, 2026
March 30, 2026 - April 3, 2026 (Spring Break)
April 10, 2026
May 8, 2026
May 18, 2026
June 19, 2026 (JBM School Choice)

The last day of the school year is June 30th 2026
Early Dismissal @ 11:30 am

October Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1. Day 3 Gr. 6 Immunizations AM Gr. 5 Soccer @RHCC 9A-12P Gr. 6 Soccer @RHCC 1P-3P Card Club starts 12P-1P	2. Day 4 Writing Club Starts 12pm-1pm Fire & Paramedic Pres. RMs 137, 133, 122 @10:45A-11:45A	3. Day 5 Gr. 5/6 Camp Manitou 9:15A-3:15pm Fire & Paramedic Pres. RMs 108, 112 @10:45A-11:45A
6. Day 6 Picture Day	7. Day 1 PAC Meeting 6pm	8. Day 2 NO SCHOOL Non-Instructional Divisional Inservice	9. Day 3	10. Day 4
13. NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Day	14. Day 5	15. Day 6	16. Day 1 PAC Family Dance @6 Pm	17. Day 2
20. Day 3	21. Day 4 Bus Ridership	22. Day 5	23. Day 6 Health & Wellness event from Inclusion Committee 5P-7P	24. Day 1 NO SCHOOL Non-Instructional MTS PD Day
27. Day 2	28. Day 3	29. Day 4	30. Day 5	31. Day 6 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