



KENT ROAD SCHOOL COMMUNITY REPORT 2024-2025

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Mission Statement

At Kent Road School ...

We believe in a mindset of growth and resilience for all learners. We are committed to building a strong inclusive foundation that fosters diverse lifelong learners.

Once a
Kodiak,
Always a
Kodiak!



About Kent Road School

Nestled in the heart of the East Elmwood community, Kent Road School has been proudly serving families for over 60 years. With approximately 250 students from Nursery to Grade 6, we are a vibrant, inclusive school where deep relationships, joyful learning, and a strong sense of community are at the heart of everything we do. We are a multi-age school, meaning students from different grade levels learn together in the same classroom. This model nurtures a strong sense of belonging, builds leadership and collaboration skills, and allows students to grow in a supportive, student-centered environment. It's a key part of what makes our school feel like a family. We take great pride in our students — we lovingly call them 'Kent Road Kids', and we think deeply about what it means to be one. Kent Road Kids are kind, inclusive, curious, engaged, and full of joy and playfulness. They have unique gifts, and they know they are loved, valued, and that they truly belong here. Our students aren't just learning skills — they're learning who they are and how they can make a difference. At Kent Road, we're committed to giving every child a strong foundation in literacy and numeracy, while also embracing progressive, experiential methods. Our teaching practices include land-based learning, inquiry-based thinking, and hands-on experiences that allow students to think, act, and feel like readers, writers, mathematicians, scientists, artists, global citizens, and more! And perhaps most importantly, we know we are stronger together. We work in close partnership with our families to make sure everyone feels welcome, valued, and experiences belonging in our school community. Welcome to Kent Road — a place where pride runs deep, joy is abundant, and every child is known!

Highlights

- All are welcome here
- Our patrols helped our students stay safe on a daily basis
- Our Playground Pals supported the development of social skills during recess
- Students are invited to smudge daily
- Staff and students were visited by WSD's Indigenous Sky Stories Dome
- We received the Indigo Adopt-a-School Grant totalling almost \$3000 for new library books
- We held Scholastic Book Fairs alongside Parent Conference and Student-led Conferences
- We partnered with NEEDS Center to provide additional supports to our EAL learners
- Students participated in a variety of teams, such as intramurals program, volleyball team, basketball team, soccer team, and running club
- Harvest Manitoba provided Meals 2 Go weekly for each student
- Students participated in a Sharing Dance
- Students participated in a variety of whole-school Phys. Ed. Events, such as: Terry Fox Run, March Fun Day, and Field Day
- Various student nurses from the university did practicums within our school and students learned about relevant health topics
- During Earth Week we had visits from Earth Rangers, Take Pride Winnipeg, and Monarch Teacher Network
- School-wide common area training was provided after each school break
- We attended WSD's STEAM Fair at Alloway Hall
- We attended the Winnipeg International Storytelling Festival
- We partnered with United for Literacy to support students reading skills
- We held our annual Winter Concert
- Students participated in a Winter Craft Extravaganza Day
- We held a Community Pancake Feast for Winter Equinox and a Community Feast in June for Summer Solstice
- All Gr. 1 students received a Kits for a Cause book bag with books and activities
- Two students attended Cop Shop at St. Vital Mall with members of WPS
- We had 10 Pizza Lunches to help fundraise for our school
- Several guests from the community and WSD read to students for I Love to Read Month
- We held our 1st Honour Walk to bring awareness to MMIWG+ in our community
- Our Gr. 4 students participated in the Swimming Counts Program
- We had performances from the Elmwood Band and Choir, Royal Winnipeg Ballet, and the School of Contemporary Dance
- Spirit Week was planned by our Student Leadership Team and enjoyed by all
- We visited the Human Rights Museum, the Indigo Bookstore, Landmark Cinemas, Manitoba Theatre for Young People, Morning Sound Farm, U of W Faculty of Science, Birds Hill Park, Assiniboine Park, Panam Pool, Transcona Aquatic Park, the Munroe Public Library, Boston Pizza, The Manitoba Museum, the Zoo, a Goldeyes Game, and more
- Students participated in a Music Therapy program through Prelude Music
- Increased nutrition opportunities for students, including Breakfast Program, Snack program, social platter snacks, Subway, Booster Juice, Bannock, Bannock Dogs, Salisbury House, Sweet Impressions, and more
- Different-aged students partnered for Book Buddies
- A group of student allies attended WSD's Pride Flag Raising Ceremony
- All Gr. 1 students were gifted a book from the TD Grade 1 Book Giveaway program
- Students had after-school opportunities to participate in Chess Club and Knitting Club



Priorities for 2024-2025

School priorities from the past school year:

Inclusion:

All students will be thoughtfully included in learning activities with their peers in the least restrictive environment possible, such that everyone feels welcomed, safe, valued and capable of growth.

Indigenous Perspectives:

Using the Mamahtawisiwin document, we will move from Practice to Permanence within the domain of 'Inclusive and Culturally Safe Learning Environment' and 'Understanding World Views, Values, Identities, Traditions, and Contemporary Lifestyles'.

Language Acquisition:

Students will demonstrate increased language skills with a school-wide focus on Phonemic Awareness skills.



Priorities for 2025-2026



Kent Road School priorities for the upcoming school year:

BELONGING & RIGOUR

Indigenous ways of knowing, being, and doing will be embedded throughout our school goals as we support students in living a good life (Mino-Pimatisiwin) by recognizing their gifts and sharing them with others in meaningful ways.

Belonging . . .

Our goal is to create a safe, welcoming, and inclusive school environment where every Kent Road Kid—from Nursery to Grade 6—and their families feel seen, valued, and meaningfully connected. We will build strong relationships, celebrate diversity, and promote kindness and citizenship so that each child and their family know they belong and are an important part of our school community.

Rigour . . .

Our goal is to cultivate a culture of high expectations and deep learning across all classrooms, where Kent Road Kids are actively engaged in meaningful learning experiences led by passionate educators. We will invite students to be curious and deeply engaged in real-world tasks and conversations where they behave like readers, authors, mathematicians, scientists, artists, engineers (and more!) in a relevant and enduring way.



Family & Community Involvement

At Kent Road School, Families and Community serve as partners in learning and in developing each child as an engaged member of society. We continue to welcome many new families from all over Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada and the World.

- Kent Road's Parent Advisory Council met throughout the year and supported the learning in the school by funding field trips, school events, and projects
- Families attended the Central District Advisory Council to connect with what is happening in the Division and in other schools
- Community volunteers supported in classrooms, in school events and in school projects and volunteers were celebrated at our Volunteer Assembly
- Jobworks Educational Assistants in training supported in classrooms
- A community partner provided grant money to support the development of our courtyard
- Families supported our Scholastic Book Fairs in November and March
- Families were welcomed to school by attending our 'Meet the Teacher' event where they connected with staff and community
- Volunteers through Covenant Christian Church supported our Breakfast Program as well as our Pancake Breakfast Feast
- Through Parent Council initiatives families participated in various fundraising efforts to raise money for the school to support school endeavors
- Families attended a Family Conference and a Student-Led Conference to help build a partnership to support student success
- We were supported by several interpreters during our conferences to help make them meaningful for all families
- We welcomed student nurses from University of Manitoba to support our community with various health initiatives
- We used Safe Arrival for our Callback System
- We had a very well-attended Welcome to Nursery Kindergarten night for families
- We kept families informed through our school newsletter and calendars, school website, and school Instagram account (@kentroadwsd), and School Messenger emails
- We partnered with the Munroe Early Childcare Education Center
- Our Parent Advisory Council ran a very successful daily lunch program
- We welcomed families into the school for various celebrations of learning, accomplishments, sporting events, and the Arts
- We hosted Nursery/Kindergarten and Gr. 6 Farewell events

