

William Whyte Community School

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Message from the Principal and Vice Principal

Welcome back! We hope everyone had a restful and enjoyable spring break. We are looking forward to continuing to celebrate our learning together and hopefully spending some more time outdoors now that the weather has warmed.

Ms. Trudeau has thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the students, staff, and families of William Whyte. It was wonderful seeing many families during the conferences held in March and celebrating all the learning that has been occurring in our school.

We have been fortunate at being able to continue the work being done with the hand drums. 16 students have dedicated their time to learning about the teachings of the hand drums and learning songs from Winnipeg School Division's Indigenous Way of Life Teacher, Matt Mousseau.

We at William Whyte will also begin looking at the Land Acknowledgement which recognizes the Indigenous lands we currently reside on. Collaboration will occur with students, staff, parents and community members to learn about this land acknowledgement and create a commitment to action to honour these lands.

Please join us for our next Parent Advisory Meeting on April 19th at 9:30am in the library.

Mrs. W. Verbong
Principal

Ms. Lindsey Trudeau
Acting Vice-Principal

WSD Land Acknowledgement and Commitment to Action

The Commitment to Action for Winnipeg School Division was a collaborative effort amongst students, staff, and community to acknowledge the traditional territory, the treaty relationship, as well as the original people of Turtle Island. The intent of this statement is to begin with acknowledgement, to provoke learning, and to work towards building relationships and reconciliation through a commitment to action. The process was overseen by the guidance of Grandmothers and Grandfathers. A vision was requested through the passing of tobacco, and sealed in ceremony. **The WSD Acknowledgement & Commitment to Action is grounded in Treaty Education and therefore a Support Document and Treaty Education Training opportunity accompanies the unveiling of this statement for all schools to access.** This learning will assist all students, staff, and communities within WSD to enter into understanding, empathy, and action towards reconciliation.


The following statement will be read at the beginning of each school day. To support growth and understanding we will discuss as a staff, embed in classroom learning, and share with community. Tobacco was passed and accepted for this acknowledgement to be read as written. We are developing our commitment extension to the statement and will share once completed.

WSD Land Acknowledgement and Commitment to Action

“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 Métis, and the ancestral lands of the Anishinaabe, Ininiwak, and Dakota Oyate peoples.”

Student Extension: Here at School Name, we commit to...

Parent Room Calendar

| April 2023 | | | | |
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| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
| 3 School Re opens | 4 Beading 9:30-11:00 am <i>Patricia in room</i> | 5 Painting Easter Silhouette 9:30 -11:30 am | 6 BINGO 9:30 am Room closed PM | 7 NO SCHOOL |
| 10 Room Closed all day | 11 Making Easter crafts | 12 Frontier Collage 9:30-10:30 am | 13 Book Merchandize bingo at 9:30 am | |
| 17 Room Closed all day | 18 Beading at 9:30-11:00 am <i>Patricia in room</i> | 19 Parent Advisory Committee Meeting at 9:30 am Literacy Craft & painting 1030 am  | 20 Room closed PM | 21 CRAFT- 9:30am - TBA |
| 24 Room Closed all day | 25 Coffee Club Making bracelets Wellness morning 9:30-11:30 am | 26 Frontier Collage 9:30-10:30 am | 27 Bingo at 9:30 am | |
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Teaching of the Month: Honesty

Honesty is carried by the Sabe (Sasquatch). It is from within and not to be confused with truth (law). Honest people are responsible and kind and respected by everyone. The more honest you become the better person you become. Being honest keeps life simple.

<https://www.southernnetwork.org/site/seven-teachings>

Spirit Week Highlights

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| Monday: Sports Day | Students took part in playing soccer and other games in the gym. |
| Tuesday: Bubble Soccer | <p>Grade 5-8s took part in bubble soccer.</p>  |
| Wednesday: Tug of War | <p>School wide tug-a-war day! Bulletin boards had would you rather questions, along with staff vs. students tug-a-war in the gym.</p>   |
| Thursday: Theatre Day | <p>We welcomed MTYP to our school to perform <i>Frozen River</i>.</p>  |
| Friday: Class Choice / Fun Friday | Teachers / classes decided what they wanted to do for the day 😊 |

Physical Education Update – Mr. Smith

| K-2: | Gr. 3-6 | Gr. 7/8 |
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| <u>Team Games and activities:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Ball skills – bouncing, passing, throwing and catching- Guard the pin activities- Ball striking skills – tee ball and dice games | <u>Whole group team games and low organized games:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Intro to lacrosse- Intro to badminton- Offense vs. defense strategies and awareness- Team games with equipment: Ultimate football, soccer-baseball, T-ball and softball | <u>Striking with short handled implements and fielding activities:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Badminton –Full court 2 vs. 2 tournaments- Soccer-baseball- Softball – throwing and catching, ball striking of a tee and pitching form |

April Highlights:

During the month of April, students in grades 5-8 will continue with our badminton unit. Younger grades will begin their striking unit and will participate in a variety of tee-ball activities.

Grade 7 and 8 will continue to participate in full class badminton tournaments and will have the opportunity to play for the William Whyte badminton team that will participate against other schools. More details to come.

The grade 5/6 co-ed soccer team will play their final soccer game of the season on April 4th against Fort Rouge hosted by the University of Winnipeg.

Thanks,

Mr. Smith

Celebration of Learning

For St. Patrick's Day, Ms. Dyck's class (Room 205) made leprechaun traps.



Drumming



In March we welcomed WSD's Matt Mousseau, Indigenous Way of Life Teacher, to guide the learning and share his knowledge. Students are learning to play the Hand Drum and sing the traditional songs.





Attention Caregivers Inclusive Education Advisory Committee

The Inclusive Education Advisory Committee is an Advisory Committee to the Winnipeg School Division Board of Trustees comprised of parents/guardians of students with inclusive needs in WSD.

The Inclusive Education Committee is open to feedback from any parents/guardians of a student with inclusive needs on programs and services, and also provides networking with other parents with similar advocacy needs.

The Committee's first meeting will be held
at Technical Vocational High School
on April 12, 2023, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Parents/Guardians who are interested in participating
as a member of this Committee please contact the
Board Office at 204-789-0469 or email Board@wsd1.org.

Inclusive Education includes
any students with exceptional
learning needs including
social/emotional, behavioural,
sensory, physical, cognitive/
intellectual, communication,
academic or special
healthcare needs.



Now accepting registrations for 2023-2024

If your child currently attends William Whyte Community School in grades Nursery to grade seven, there is no need to register for next year. Your child will be placed in a class in the next grade.

Resident Students

Nursery School: If you have a child who was born in 2019, you can register your child for our Nursery school program for the 2023-2024 school year. Children going into Kindergarten to Grade 8 who are new to the neighborhood can also register for school starting on February 15.

To register, please fill out the [Student Application for Registration](#) (LINK) form. Please bring the form to the school, or scan and email it. To complete a student's registration, the following documents are required:

- Birth certificate
- Manitoba Medical Card (or other medical insurance)
- Proof of residence (e.g., copy of lease or mortgage agreement)



Non-Resident Students:

If you are not certain whether William Whyte is your neighbourhood school, try using our [Find a SchoolApp](https://www.winnipegssd.ca/page/9266/find-a-school) (<https://www.winnipegssd.ca/page/9266/find-a-school>).

Even if you are not a resident of our catchment area, you may apply to come to William Whyte. The principal will determine whether there is space available after resident students are given priority.

LINK: [Student Application for Registration](#)

Please feel free to call the school at 204-589-4313 for assistance or if completing the registration online is not an option for you. We will happily arrange for you to come to the school for a paper copy of the registration.

WWCS Calendar of Events – April 2023

| SUN | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SAT |
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| 2 | 3) <i>School Day 5</i> | 4) <i>School Day 6</i> | 5) <i>School Day 1</i> | 6) <i>School Day 2</i> | 7 | 8 |
| | School Re-opens Power up 3:30pm – 5pm | Bus Ridership Inner City Soccer at U of W at noon | Hand Drum Group at noon Power up 3:30pm – 5pm | | Good Friday / No School | |
| 9 | 10) <i>School Day 3</i> | 11) <i>School Day 4</i> | 12) <i>School Day 5</i> | 13) <i>School Day 6</i> | 14) <i>School Day 1</i> | 15 |
| Easter Sunday | <u>No Power-up</u> | Gr. 7 & 8 Shops Am | <u>Pink Shirt Day</u> Hand Drum Group at noon Power up 3:30pm – 5pm | Gr. 5 & 6 Trip to WSO & Museum of Man of Nature Jr. High Badminton 3:30-5:45pm Textile Club 3:30 – 5pm | Non-Instructional Day / No School | |
| 16 | 17) <i>School Day 2</i> | 18) <i>School Day 3</i> | 19) <i>School Day 4</i> | 20) <i>School Day 5</i> | 21) <i>School Day 6</i> | 22 |
| | Jr. High Badminton 3:30-5:45pm Power up 3:30pm – 5pm | | Hand Drum Group at noon Parent Advisory Committee Meeting at 9:30 am Gr. 7 & 8 Shops Am Jr. High Badminton 3:30-5:45pm Power up 3:30pm – 5pm | Gr. 7 & 8 Field Trip to Human Rights Museum in the afternoon Textile Club 3:30 – 5pm | | |
| 23 | 24) <i>School Day 1</i> | 25) <i>School Day 2</i> | 26) <i>School Day 3</i> | 27) <i>School Day 4</i> | 28) <i>School Day 5</i> | 29 |
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Upcoming Dates

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| Monday, May 1, 2023 – No School: Non-Instructional Day Wednesday, May 3, 2023 – Immunizations (morning only) Monday, May 22, 2023 – No School: Victoria Day Friday, May 26, 2023 – Gr. 7 & 8 at Canada Skills Competition | Thursday, June 1, 2023 – WSD Pow Wow Wednesday, June 7 th to Friday June 9 th , 2023 – Gr. 5-8 Camp Wednesday, June 14, 2023 – School Wide Field Day Wednesday, June 14, 2023 – Community BBQ (after school) Thursday, June 22, 2023 – Gr. 8 Farewell Tuesday, June 27, 2023 – Report Cards go home Friday, June 30, 2023 – Last day of school / Early dismissal at 11:30am |
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