

William Whyte Community School

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*Where students
Believe, Dream, Dare,*



To be the best they can be

Out of respect for the Indigenous people of Manitoba, we at William Whyte Community School and the Winnipeg School Division recognize that the school we attend resides on Treaty 1 land, known as First Nations Territory, as well as the homeland of the Red River Métis.

DECEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER

Message from the Principal and Vice Principal

As we enter the final month of 2022, we are excited to be hosting two family events to celebrate the season. Please join us on December 8th for the Holiday Breakfast and on December 15th for the Holiday Concert. Watch for notes coming home with the details for both events. Information will also be sent through School Messenger.

We are pleased to welcome to our staff **Ms. Kerry Sweett**. Ms. Sweett will be teaching grade 1-2 in Room 207 for the remainder of the year!

December brings us colder temperatures and more snow. On days with high wind chill, we recommend the students come to school right before the bell rings at 8:55am and 12:55pm.

To help control the spread of flu and covid viruses, we continue to teach and practice good hygiene (washing hands, covering our coughs and sneezes), offer masks for those who wish to wear them, and ask staff and students to stay home when ill. We have included a Q & A to keep you informed if your child/children experience illness.

Our school is working hard to make expectations for positive behaviour well-known. It's important that students and staff know *why* we set these expectations. We practice everyday how to be K.I.N.D.: **K**eept safe, **I** am a learner, **N**urture the environment, and **D**o my best.

From all the staff, we wish our William Whyte families the very best during the holiday season. Stay safe and healthy. We will see everyone back in the new year on January 5th, 2023!

Mrs. W. Verbong
Principal

Mr. W. Nickerson
Vice-Principal

Parent Room News

We love that parents have attended programs. Lots of laughs! Here's what's coming up:

- 1- Frontier College Literacy Program for ages 0-6. Come, read a book, sing a song, and have a snack.
- 2- Parents can volunteer. Let me know if you are interested so we can get our volunteer coordinator in to do Volunteer Applications and we watch the RESPECT IN SCHOOLS.
- 3- It's getting cold now! If you are in need of a jacket, I can sign you up with Koats for Kids.
- 4- We need people who can SEW – If you know how to run a sewing machine, and have spare time to sew bags for our drums, please contact the school and let us know.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 BINGO AT 9:30 ROOM CLOSED PM	2 CRAFT Love, or Christmas painting 9-11
5 Room Closed	6 Food Security 830- 1130 Room Closed	7 Baking with Students TBA	8 School Breakfast HARVEST 9:10	9 HAMPERS ROOM CLOSED ALL DAY
12 Room Closed	13 Coffee Club at 9:15 Topic to be Announced	14 Parent Advisory Meeting at 9:15 am Snack and coffee	15 Room Closed Winter Concert	16 CRAFT Painting Christmas 9-11
19 Room closed	20 Room Closed	21 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL ROOM CLOSED	22 H	23 O
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Bingo in the Parent Room



Parent Room Craft



Introducing... Kerry Sweett

Hi! My name is Kerry Sweett and I'm excited to be a part of the William Whyte learning community.

I've been teaching for ten years and love working with early years students. I have a two-year-old son of my own and spent the past couple years at home with him.

The students, staff and families have already been so welcoming and helpful. I'm looking forward to spending the rest of the school year at William Whyte!

Physical Education Update – Mr. Smith

Exciting news! During the month of December, students will learn how to snowshoe and cross-country ski during their physical education class. WSD will be providing snowshoes and cross-country ski sets in two-week blocks. Here is the plan for each grade-level for December:

K-2:

- ❖ Christmas and Winter activities
- ❖ Collaborative activities and manipulative skills
- ❖ Over hand throwing, bouncing, catching and kicking
- ❖ Snowshoeing and cross-country skiing outdoors

Gr 3-6:

- ❖ Christmas and Winter activities
- ❖ Floor hockey and pillow polo
- ❖ Snowshoeing and cross-country skiing outdoors



Gr. 7/8:

- ❖ Christmas and winter activities
- ❖ Floor hockey and broom ball
- ❖ Snowshoeing and cross-country skiing outdoors

School Bus Safety

A school bus drops off children on Magnus Avenue every morning and afternoon, close to the time some other families drop their children off at school. Accidents can happen around buses. Children getting on or off the bus may dart into the street unexpectedly. Consider the following safety tips:

- ✓ Vehicles travelling in either direction **MUST STOP** when a school bus is stopped and has its red lights flashing. Leave about 20m distance in between vehicles.
- ✓ When the bus pulls out to leave, please give the bus the right of way – it is awkward and dangerous to back a bus up on a tight street with parked cars.
- ✓ Give extra distance and reduce speed in snowy and icy conditions

Give Kids a Brake . . .
STOP for the School Bus



We appreciate your cooperation as we work to keep everyone safe and sound around buses.

Encouraging Good School Attendance

It can't be stressed enough the importance of attending school every day on time. Children simply can't learn and make progress if they're not present in school. Here are some helpful tips to improve attendance:

- ✓ It's helpful if students have regular bedtime routines.
- ✓ Students can be encouraged to get organized themselves for the next school day the night before.
- ✓ Talk to children about the importance of going to school every day and only staying home if they are really sick.
- ✓ Notice and praise children when they show a value for their education by getting ready for school and making it to school on time. You can say *"It's very responsible of you to get your clothes and backpack ready for school,"* or *"I can see that it's important to you to get to school on time."*

Of course, students need to stay home if they are sick. Don't forget to call **Safe Arrival** (1-855-278-4513) before 9:00 AM if students are going to be away for the day. Planned absences may be reported in advance. You can also visit the website at <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca> if you find that easier.



Source: Francis Bonnet, Suburban Fairy Tales, [LINK](#)



Ace Burpee, Santa Clause, and Variety



The Delta hotel was transformed into Candyland.



Students had faces painted or temporary tattoos.



Students enjoyed a hot nutritious meal.



Fairies gave each child a gift bag to take home.

We are very grateful for the generosity and spirit of Variety. Thank you for including William Whyte.



Dear Parent or Caregiver:

On November 22, Dr. Brent Roussin, Manitoba's Chief Public Health Officer, and Dr. Elisabete Doyle, head of pediatric medicine at HSC's Children's Hospital, held a town hall to talk about the high number of RSV and influenza A among children.

We are providing some excerpts from the town hall below to help you be informed and give you support if your child is experiencing illness this winter.

How can I protect my child this flu season?

Dr. Roussin: There are multiple layers that we can take to protect ourselves. You can make sure vaccines are up to date, stay home when ill, wash your hands, proper cough hygiene (cough or sneeze into your elbow), and you can wear a mask in indoor public places.

When should my child be vaccinated?

Dr. Roussin: People should get vaccinated (for COVID 19 or Influenza) as soon as possible and, if they are sick, wait to recover and then talk to your health-care provider about the best course of action.

When should my child stay home from school or daycare?

Dr. Roussin: As soon as symptoms develop, children should be staying home. If it's a respiratory virus that we have no diagnosis for, then children should stay home until they are improving, which means no fever, and other symptoms clearly improving for a couple of days.

Specifically for COVID, people should wait for at least five days after testing positive or the onset of symptoms before returning to school or daycare.

When should I take my child to the hospital?

Dr. Doyle: Anytime you see your child having difficulty breathing, so that may mean your child's nostrils are flaring, they may be sucking in between their ribs, they may be engaging their tummy muscles. If their colour is poor, if they're having pauses in breathing, especially with young infants, that's a reason to go to the emergency department.

In addition, if your child isn't drinking enough, if they are sleepy and won't wake up and if an infant less than three months old has a fever, those are also reasons to go to the ER.

My child has a high fever, what should I do?

Dr. Doyle: There are many ways to manage a fever, such as giving them fluids and running a fan to cool down the child. Unless the child is an infant under three months, a high fever shouldn't be a reason to go to the ER.

It may be difficult to find children's medication for fever due to the supply chain issues. Parents can take their adult medication like Tylenol and ibuprofen to a pharmacist and they can properly divide it up into the right dose for children.

If you have questions about your child's health you can find more information on the Sharedhealth website: <https://sharedhealthmb.ca/patient-care/where-to-go/children-and-teens/> or you can call Health Links at 204-788-8200.

We hope you have found this information to be helpful and wish you and your family the best of health this winter season.

FREE
SNACKS!
BUS TOKENS
FOR YOUTH!

Huddle

KA NI KANICHIHK

FREE ACCESS FAIR

WHEN? Friday, December 9, from 3 PM to 7 PM

WHERE? Huddle Ka Ni Kanichihk, 102-765 Main Street

WHO? Open to all youth and families

- Apply for a Birth Certificate and Social Insurance Number on the spot!
- Open a bank account and a Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP) on site (with a parent/guardian if under 18), apply for the Canada Learning Bond
- Get your taxes filed for free on the spot!
- Connect with youth serving organizations and community resources

COME PREPARED TO APPLY FOR ID AND FILE TAXES!

VISIT OUR WEBSITE OR SCAN THE QR CODE FOR INFORMATION:



Get everything you need to apply for
the **CANADA LEARNING BOND**,
up to \$2000 of FREE money for school!

LEARN MORE AT:
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Calendar of Events – December 2022

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1/Day 6 CanU 3:10 – 8:15 CEDA @ William Whyte 3:30 – 5:45	2/Day 1	3
4	5/Day 2	6/Day 3	7/Day 4	8/Day 5 Holiday Family Breakfast  CanU 3:10 – 8:15	9/Day 6	10
11	12/Day 1 Spirit Week	13/Day 2 Spirit Week	14/Day 3 Spirit Week Parent Advisory Meeting – 9:15am Family Room	15/Day 4 Spirit Week Winter Concert 	16/Day 5 Spirit Week	17
18	19/Day 6	20/Day 1	21/Day 2 Last day of school before winter break	22 	23	24 Christmas Eve 
25 Christmas Day 	26 Boxing Day 	27	28	29	30	31 January 5th, 2023 School Reopens

Upcoming Dates

- **Thursday, January 5** – School reopens
- **Thursday, January 12** – Gr. 7 & 8 Trip to the University of Manitoba.
- **Wednesday, January 18** – Parent Advisory Meeting @ 9:15am
- **Thursday, January 19** – Gr. 7 & 8 Trip to Aviation Museum
- **Friday, January 20** – No School, Staff PD

