

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.

FEBRUARY 2023 NEWSLETTER

Message from the Principal and Vice Principal

This month we celebrate reading and the joy it brings. *I Love to Read* is a yearly celebration of literacy. This year's theme is **"Stories Connect Us"**. We can feel more connected to the world around us by sharing our own stories and listening to the stories of others. Throughout this month, students will engage in classroom and school-wide activities that will encourage both reading and writing.



Recently, the Manitoba Department of Education has launched a campaign to highlight the importance of school attendance. Good attendance at school means missing no more than 10%. However, even two days a month adds up to missing a month of school. Children who attend regularly develop confidence in themselves as learners and develop social skills to form positive friendships. Together, we can help children acquire the skills needed for future educational opportunities and careers.



Starting February 15th, we will begin accepting pre-registrations for the 2023-2024 nursery and kindergarten programs. Children who were born in 2019 can register for Nursery and children born in 2018 can register for Kindergarten. If your child already attends William Whyte, there is no need to re-register for the fall.

Did you know...The **Groundhog Day** concept first became popular in **Canada** in 1956 when Wiarton Willie became a household name for his early February weather predictions.



We wish everyone a safe and healthy February!

Mrs. W. Verbong
Principal

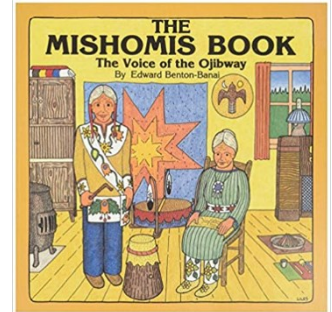
Mr. W. Nickerson
Vice-Principal

Zaagi'idiwin—Love: Voices of the Elders

The grandfather teaching for the month of February is LOVE. According to Ojibwe knowledge keeper Edward Benton-Benai, love is one of the hardest Midewiwin teachings to demonstrate, especially if we are hurt. He says “To know Love is to know peace.”

Being able to demonstrate love means that we must first love ourselves before we can show love to someone else. Love is unconditional; it must be given freely. Those who are able to demonstrate love in this way are at peace with themselves. When we give love freely it comes back to us. In this way love is mutual and reciprocal.

According to the Ojibwe dictionary, the word *zaagi'idiwin* means **mutual** love.



Grade 7-8 Students' Out-of-School Experiences


Grade 7 and 8 students have taken several field trips this year. The most recent have been the University of Manitoba School of Art Gallery (see the painting below) and the newly-renovated Royal Aviation Museum of Western Manitoba.



Parent Room Calendar

Frontier College is a literacy program, which comes in and does crafts, play games, and read books. Literacy packages are sent home with books included. Snacks and coffee are provided.

Look for upcoming information on our Babysitting Program with students 12 and up.

February 2023				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
The teaching of month is Love 		1 Frontier College 930 am Snack and door prize	2 Room Closed All Day	3 No School for Students School Closure Day
		8 Literacy Craft at 9:30am Loom Beading or Beading 3:30-5 pm (Parents Only)	9 BINGO – 9:30am	10 Craft – Teaching of the Month Room Closed PM Only
6 Room Closed All Day	7 Room Closed All Day	15 Inner City District Advisory at 6:15pm at Hugh John McDonald School	16 Room Closed All Day	17 Room Closed All Day
13 Room Closed All Day	14 Crafts – Valentine's Day Cards (all day) Valentine's Day	22 PAC Meeting 9:30am (in the library) Loom Beading or Beading 330-5 pm (Parents Only)	23 BINGO – 9:30am Room Closed PM Only	24 Craft – Teaching of the Month Room Closed PM Only
20 No School for Students Louis Riel Day	21 Room Closed All Day			
27 Room Closed All Day	28 Coffee Club			

I ♥ to Read

Here at William Whyte, we love to read every month. However, in February, we kick it up a notch. This year the Manitoba Reading Association has declared the theme of I love to Read Month is "Stories Connect Us." Teachers and students can explore ways that we are more alike than different.



Books can offer students the opportunity to see themselves reflected off the page, like a mirror. Other books allow students to view the lives of others, like windows.

As Chimamanda Ngozie Adichie says, there are dangers in hearing only a single story about other people or countries. In February, let's explore a variety of stories from all people, Indigenous peoples, settlers and immigrants alike. We should also be open to hearing others' stories as a way of becoming a more peaceful, understanding world.



Performing Arts Programming

Sharing Dance



William Whyte students are again participating in the *Sharing Dance* program offered by the Royal Winnipeg Ballet School of Dance. Dance allows students to get creative, be physically active, and develop self-confidence. This year the choreography is extra challenging! Classes take place in the multi-purpose room for grades 3-4 students with **Marilee Schroeder**. The program happens once a week for fourteen weeks. The Manitoba Sharing Dance celebration will take place at the University of Winnipeg on May 10, 2023.

Music Equals



Manitoba Conservatory of Music and Arts offers music instruction to William Whyte middle years students. In grades 5 – 6, facilitator **Grace Hrabí** teaches students to play keyboards in small groups. All students take part. In grades 7 – 8, some students choose to take part in learning to fiddle with noted Métis fiddler **Patti Kustorok**.



Lunch Program News

The Winnipeg School Division Board of Trustees has recently released a draft of new policy guiding lunch programs. In order for our school to continue to offer a lunch program during the 2023-2024 school year, we will be introducing a fee next fall. The fees will be used to hire a lunch program coordinator and staff to supervise children. Students will continue to bring their own lunch to school.

Here are the *proposed* fees for next year:

- \$25 per child per month (Full 10-month payment of \$250; or Two installments of \$125 are options)
- \$65 for a family with three or more children
- \$2.00 per day for occasional program user

Fees can be paid at the beginning of the year for the whole year, half a year, or month-by-month. In order for families to establish and maintain their spot in the program, the fees will need to be paid in advance.

We will begin registration for the lunch program in June of this year. In order to determine staffing needs and hire supervisors, we ask that parents *apply* by **June 16th** for next year's lunch program; fees will be due by **September 6th, 2023**.

We have received some feedback on this proposal from parents / guardians who attended our advisory meeting. More feedback is welcome.

Physical Education Update – Mr. Smith

K-2:	Gr 3-6	Gr. 7/8
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stations and target type activities• Basketball skills – rolling, bouncing, collaborative learning while taking turns• Jump Rope for heart – jumping, hopping and leaping• Transport skills – running, galloping and skipping	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Territory and invasion games• Teaching games for understanding: Basketball skills – Partner passing 1 vs. 1 and 2 vs. 2, relay games, team challenges• Jump rope for heart – individual, partner and whole group activities• Fundamental movements – run, gallop, skip, overhand and underhand throwing• Badminton lead up activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Basketball – shooting, passing, defending in small area games• Badminton – small sided games

During the month of February, students in grades 5 and 6 will begin participating in extra-curricular activities such as; The Winnipeg Youth Football Club hosted by the Winnipeg Blue Bombers. There will also be a grade 5/6 co-ed soccer team that is participating in the Inner-City League hosted by the University of Winnipeg. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Smith at the school.

Registration for 2023-2024 Begins on February 15

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.



WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION

2023/2024

DRAFT BUDGET CONSULTATION

Central District Advisory – February 8, 7:00 p.m.
Tec Voc High School, 1555 Wall Street

South District Advisory – February 9, 7:00 p.m.
Collège Churchill High School, 510 Hay Street

North District Advisory – February 14, 7:00 p.m.
Tyndall Park School, 2221 King Edward Street

Inner City District Advisory – February 15, 6:30 p.m.
Hugh John MacDonald School, 567 Bannatyne Avenue





To present to the Board of Trustees on the topic of budgeting for WSD school programs and services for the 2023/2024 year, please pre-register to be added to the special meeting by contacting the Board Office at 204-789-0469 by noon, February 27, 2023.

Feedback can also be submitted via email or post:
board@wsd1.org
Winnipeg School Division
Attn: Board Office
1577 Wall Street East
Winnipeg MB R3E 2S5



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Calendar of Events – February 2023

SUN	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT
			1 <i>School Day 4</i>	2 <i>School Day 5</i>	3 <i>School Day 6</i>	4
			Power-Up 3:30pm-5pm	WPG Football Club 3:45pm-6:15pm Hockey Heroes 4:00-6:15pm	No School Teacher PD 	
5	6 <i>School Day 1</i>	7 <i>School Day 2</i>	8 <i>School Day 3</i>	9 <i>School Day 4</i>	10 <i>School Day 5</i>	11
	Power-Up 3:30pm-5pm	Drama Club @ noon	Power-Up 3:30pm-5pm	Drama Club @ noon WPG Football Club 3:45pm-6:15pm Hockey Heroes 4:00-6:15pm	Grade 7 & 8 Ski Trip to Falcon Ridge Ski Resort	
12	13 <i>School Day 6</i>	14 <i>School Day 1</i>	15 <i>School Day 2</i>	16 <i>School Day 3</i>	17 <i>School Day 4</i>	18
	Power-Up 3:30pm-5pm	Drama Club @ noon Textiles Club 3:30pm – 5pm 	N/K Pre-registrations begins Power-Up 3:30pm-5pm Inner City District Advisory at 6:15pm at Hugh John McDonald School	Drama Club @ noon Inner city Soccer 12pm – 12:55pm WPG Football Club 3:45pm-6:15pm Hockey Heroes 4:00-6:15pm		
19	20	21 <i>School Day 5</i>	22 <i>School Day 6</i>	23 <i>School Day 1</i>	24 <i>School Day 2</i>	25
	No School  Louis Riel Day	Drama Club @ noon Textiles Club 3:30pm – 5pm	PAC Meeting at 9:30am in the library Power-Up 3:30pm-5pm	Drama Club @ noon WPG Football Club 3:45pm-6:15pm Hockey Heroes 4:00-6:15pm Children of the Earth High School Open House 4pm – 6pm		
26	27 <i>School Day 3</i>	28 <i>School Day 4</i>	<h3 style="text-align: center;">Upcoming Events</h3> <p>Tuesday, March 14th – Report cards sent home Thursday, March 16th – 17th – Student Led Conferences Friday, March 17th – No School (Student Led Conferences) Monday, March 27th to Friday, March 31st – Spring Break Monday April 3rd - School Re-opens</p>			
	Power-Up 3:30pm-5pm	Drama Club @ noon Textiles Club 3:30pm – 5pm				