

William Whyte Community School

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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.

MARCH 2023 NEWSLETTER

Message from the Principal and Vice Principal

This past month our vice principal, Mr. Nickerson, was transferred to Carpathia School to be their Acting Principal. In his place, William Whyte welcomes Lindsey Trudeau. Ms. Trudeau is a proud member of the Red River Metis Nation and has been an educator for 16 years. Her teaching experience includes teaching in low-enrolment classrooms, Off-Campus program (Keewatin Prairie School) Indigenous Graduation support teacher, Resource teacher and Guidance Counsellor at Children of the Earth and Grant Park High School. We thank Mr. Smith for acting as Teacher-In-Charge during this transition.

March brings us closer to Spring! This is when the snow begins to melt and the days become warmer. We ask all students to make sure they are dressed for the changing weather. Safety is also important as the melting snow freezes overnight causing slippery conditions.

This month our Gr. 7 & 8 students will participate in the Buffalo Riders program. This Program enhances and strengthens community-based capacity to provide youth with early and brief intervention and support services in reducing substance using behaviour. We are grateful to and is facilitated by Stephanie Midford, Indigenous Student Services Support Teacher for facilitating this important program.

Please join us on March 16th(evening) or March 17th for student-led conferences. These conferences allow students to celebrate their learning with parent(s)/guardian(s) by showing examples of their work. Teachers will be on hand to share their observations about student progress. Parents and guardians can help reinforce the learning and set goals to finish the year strongly.

We have a collection of unclaimed clothing items in our lost and found. We encourage families to write your child's name on the tags inside their outer wear (jackets, mitts, sweatshirts, toques, snow pants, boots...). It's easier to return these items to their owners when names are inside.

We want to wish all our families a safe and fun Spring Break. The last day of classes is March 24th. We look forward to seeing all our students return on April 3rd, 2023!

Mrs. W. Verbong
Principal

Ms. Lindsey Trudeau
Acting Vice-Principal

Parent Room Calendar

March 2023				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 Literacy Frontier College 9:30am Snack	2 Room Closed All Day	3 Room Closed All Day
6 Room Closed All Day	7	8 PAC in the Library 9:30am	9 BINGO – 9:30am	10 Teaching of the month Craft: Wisdom
		Room Closed PM	Room Closed PM	
13 Room Closed All Day	14 Coffee Club 9:30am	15 Literacy Frontier College 9:30am Snack	16 Room Closed All Day	17 Room Closed All Day
		Room Closed PM		
20 Room Closed All Day	21	22 Literacy Craft 9:30am	23 BINGO – 9:30am	24 Room Closed All Day
		Room Closed PM	Room Closed PM	
Spring Break March 27 th to March 31 st Students return to school on April 3 rd , 2023				

The teaching of truth is taught to us by the turtle. The turtle was here when all life was created and carries teachings related to the beginning of life on its back. There are 28 scutes around the perimeter of a turtle shell; these represent the 28 days of a woman's menstrual cycle, which is key to the creation of life. There are 13 scutes in the center of a turtle shell; these represent the 13 moons and the 13 times the Earth circles the sun each year.



Winnipeg School Division 2021/2022 Annual Report to the Community



<https://www.winnipegsd.ca/page/12021/annual-report-to-the-community>

Seeking Interested Parents/Guardians

Inclusive Education Advisory Committee

“The Inclusive Education Advisory Committee is an Advisory Committee to the Board of Trustees which will be comprised of parents/guardians of students with inclusive needs in the Division. Inclusive Education includes any students with exceptional learning needs including social/emotional, behavioural, sensory, physical, cognitive/intellectual, communication, academic or special health-care needs that affect a student’s ability to meet learning outcomes.

In accordance with the Terms of Reference for the Committee, the Inclusive Education Committee will provide an opportunity for any parents/guardians of a student with inclusive needs to provide feedback to the Board of Trustees on programs and services as well as networking with other parents with similar advocacy needs. The Committee will also be provided information on supports and programs offered by the Division and the community.

The first meeting will be held at Tec Voc High School on April 12, 2023, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. An agenda will be distributed approximately one week prior to the meeting. 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.”

Physical Education Update – Mr. Smith

K-2:

Small equipment guided discovery stations and striking with short handled implements:

Lolli-pop paddles and balloon striking

Jump Rope for heart – jumping, hopping and leaping

Spatial awareness and fine motor activities

Gr. 3-6

Small equipment guided discovery stations and striking with short handled implements:

Lolli-pop paddles and balloon striking

Jump rope for heart – individual, partner and whole group activities

Badminton lead-up activities

Introduction to Lacrosse

Gr. 7/8

Striking with short handled implements:

Badminton – Lead-up activities, Full court 2 vs. 2 tournaments

Highlights:

During the month of March, students in grades 3-8 will begin our badminton unit. Younger grades will participate in individual activities as well as lead-up games for understanding. Grade 7 and 8 will participate in full class tournaments and will have the opportunity to play for the William Whyte badminton team that will participate against other schools.

Grade 5 and 6 students will continue to participate in extra-curricular activities such as; The Winnipeg Youth Football Club hosted by the Winnipeg Blue Bomber. The grade 5/6 co-ed soccer will also continue their season as they play against Isaac Brock on March 7th in the Inner-City League hosted by the University of Winnipeg.

Later this month, William Whyte will be welcoming Bubble Soccer Winnipeg to the gym where students of all ages will be able to participate and try something very new and different.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at the school

Thanks,

Mr. Smith

Manitoba Chamber Orchestra

On Thursday, February 23rd, 2023, we welcomed the Manitoba Chamber Orchestra to our school. Our students were treated to a one-hour performance.



"I love to Read" Month Recap

Throughout the month of February, our school welcomed different guests to read to our students. The invited guests were; retired educational assistant Denise M., retired teacher Ms. E. Cook, and Jordan and Davey from NCI 105.1.



AMAZING ART!



LEARNING
SHOWCASE!

**WHAT'S
YOUR
WORD?**



Grade 7 – 8 Ski Trip to Falcon Ridge

William Whyte students in grades 7 and 8 took part in an outdoor education field trip. They travelled to Falcon Ridge Resort in eastern Manitoba. Students tried out skiing in the morning – very challenging! Some managed to get their skis in the shape of a pizza or snowplow. One student, Winston, said “My goal is to get to the top and ski all the way down!” After some spectacular crashes and with lots of persistence, he learned how to ski by the end of the afternoon. Way to go!

Meanwhile, students zipped over to the other hill to try out tubing. “You can get a lot of speed on that tube!” exclaimed Yoel Special thanks to the team at Falcon Ridge for being great hosts. Also thanks to Ms. Murray, Ms. Henderson, Mr. West, and Mr. Nickerson for supervising.



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 – March 2023

SUN	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT
			1 Day 5	2 Day 6	3 Day 1	4
			Power-Up 3:30pm-5pm	WPG Football Club 3:45pm-6:15pm		
5	6 Day 2	7 Day 3	8 Day 4	9 Day 5	10 Day 6	11
	Power-Up 3:30pm-5pm	Inner city Soccer 12pm – 12:55pm	PAC Meeting at 9:30am in the library Power-Up 3:30pm-5pm Camp Parent Meeting 3:45pm in the library	WPG Football Club 3:45pm-6:15pm		
12	13 Day 1	14 Day 2	15 Day 3	16 Day 4	17 Day 5	18
Daylight Saving Clocks advance 1 hour ahead	Power-Up 3:30pm-5pm	Report Cards Go Home	Power-Up 3:30pm-5pm	Hockey Heroes 4:00-6:15pm Student-led conferences (Evening)	No School Student-led Conferences (AM and PM)	
19	20 Day 6	21 Day 1	22 Day 2	23 Day 3	24 Day 4	25
	Power-Up 3:30pm-5pm		Power-Up 3:30pm-5pm			
← Student Spirit Week →						
26	27	28	29	30	31	
← SPRING BREAK →						

Upcoming Dates

Monday, April 3rd, 2023 - School Re-opens
 Friday, April 7th, 2023 – No School (Good Friday)
 Friday, April 14th, 2023 – No School (Non-Instructional Day)