

William Whyte Community School

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Message from the Principal and Vice Principal

Well here's hoping we have seen the last of the snow! April has been a busy month with lots of learning, students in grade 4 participated in the Trends in Math and Science Study (TIMSS) international assessment. As well, the grade 8 students participated in the Pan-Canadian Assessment Program. These assessments are helpful for the province to collect data about student learning to help guide curriculum development.

Students in grade 3-8, including our grade 2/3 class, have been invited to the University of Winnipeg STEM day happening in May 9. Students will have a full day of Science Technology Engineering and Math activities led by the University of Winnipeg staff and students. there will be a wide range of activities for each grade and that each grade will be able to check out 2-3 different sessions such as: Procreate workshops teaching Anishinaabe woodlands style art, a chemistry magic show, animation workshops, dry-ice activities, DNA extractions, rocket launching, Minecraft coding, and possibly a robotics workshop.

Grade 5-8 Music Equals fiddling and keyboarding students will get to show off all their hard work and talents at the Showcase event on May 31. As well the grade 3-4 Sharing Dance students will be performing together on May 10 at the University of Winnipeg. So many wonderful opportunities for our students to celebrate all their talent and hard work they have been doing all year. Spring is such an exciting time of the school year where students get to celebrate all the wonderful learning and fun activities they have shared throughout the year!

We welcome Ms. De Castro to Room 207 until June 30th. Ms. De Castro is a caring and experienced teacher who will continue to guide students in their learning. We thank Ms. Sweett for the care and attention she has given the students each and every day. We wish her all the best.

These final two months are filled with exciting new learning opportunities and special events. We encourage you to refer to the calendars in this newsletter and announcements sent through School Messenger to stay informed. We wish everyone a safe and enjoyable month.

Mrs. W. Verbong
Principal

Ms. Lindsey Trudeau
Acting Vice-Principal

Parent Room Calendar

May 2023				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 No School Non-Instructional Day	2 Beading at 9:30am	3 Room Closed All Day	4 Textile Club at 3:30pm – 5pm	5 Mother's Day Crafts at 9:30am
				Room Closed PM Only
8 Room Closed All Day	9 Beading at 9:30am	10 Frontier College at 9:30 am to 10:30 am Snacks Provided	11 Textile Club at 3:30pm – 5pm	12 Mother's Day Crafts at 9:30am
				Room Closed All Day
15 Room Closed All Day	16 Parent Advisory Committee at 9:30am Beading at 10:30am	17 Room Closed All Day	18 Textile Club at 3:30pm – 5pm	19 Crafts (TBA) At 9:30 am
				Room Closed All Day
22 No School Victoria Day	23 Coffee Club at 9:30am	24 Frontier College at 9:30 am to 10:30 am Snacks Provided	25 Textile Club at 3:30pm – 5pm	26 Crafts (TBA) At 9:30 am
				Room Closed All Day
29 Room Closed All Day	30	31 Room Closed All Day		

Teaching of the Month: Truth (Turtle)

From the water and land came Grandmother Turtle to bring the teaching of **Truth**. Truth is represented by the turtle as she was here during the creation of Earth and carries the teachings of life on her back. Live with truth in your heart. Stand tall, be proud. Speak the truth even when you do not want to.

Art's Corner

Textiles Club

Our club has been busy this winter, learning to crochet and to bead! Textiles Club will be taking new members this spring as we plan new projects including sewing!



Mosaic Projects

We are making a new mosaic for our school with the theme of Mamàhtawisiwin: The Gifts We Are Born With. Every student at our school gets to design and glaze their own tile for this mosaic. The mosaic will be displayed in the school.



Physical Education Update – Mr. Smith

K-2:	Gr. 3-6	Gr. 7/8
<u>Team Games and activities:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Ball striking skills – tee ball and dice games- Cooperative activities, what is teamwork?- Field day activities	<u>Whole group team games and low organized games:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Team games with equipment: Ultimate football, soccer-baseball, T-ball and softball- Minute to win it challenges- Relay games- Field day activities	<u>Striking with short handled implements and fielding activities:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Soccer-baseball- Softball – throwing and catching, ball striking of a tee and pitching form- Low organized games- Field day activities

April Highlights:

During the month of May, students in grades 5-8 will be focusing on striking/fielding games. Students will have the opportunity to participate in soccer-baseball and softball during their in-door or out-door physical education class. Younger grades will begin their striking unit and will participate in a variety of tee-ball activities.

All grades will also begin preparing for our field day which happens in June. While in the gym, classes will participate in a variety of individual or team challenges (e.g. throwing for distance, three-legged races, cone flip relay). More information to come in June.

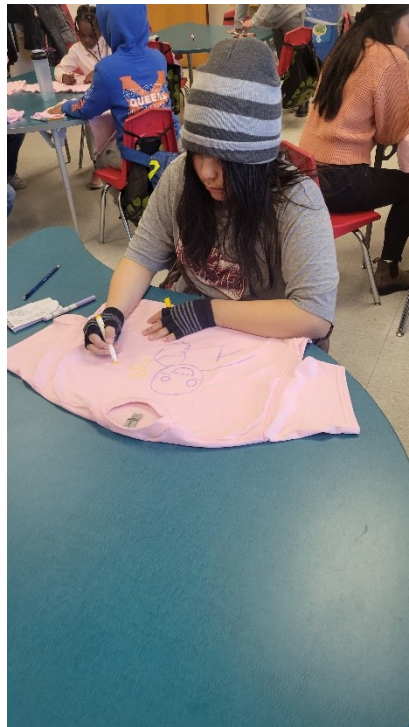
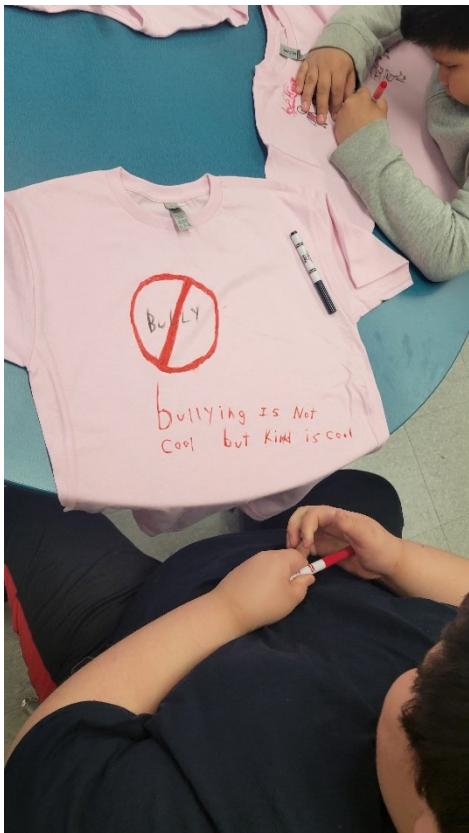
Thanks,

Mr. Smith

Pink Shirt Day

On April 14th, we participated in Pink Shirt Day. Many of our students and staff came to school wearing pink and/ or white. Pink Shirt Day is a day when people come together by wearing pink shirts to school or work to show they are against bullying. Bullying is a major problem in our schools, workplaces, homes, and over the Internet. It is a day where we think about the importance of being kind, respecting differences and embracing diversity.

Check out some of the projects that our students made for Pink Shirt Day!



Grade 5, 6, 7, & 8 Camp Trip June 7th to 9th, 2023

Next month the grade 5-8 students are going camping at CAMP Stephens in Lake of the Woods, Ontario. We will be going for 3 days. We are thankful for the generosity of donations and grants to subsidize the cost of camp. In addition, the school will be collecting \$20.00 to go towards the remainder of fees from each student attending. A receipt will be provided for payments received. If you have not submitted your child's attending fees, please speak to your child's classroom teacher.

Cool 2B Kind

In the fall of 2022, Winnipeg schools were invited by the Winnipeg Police Association to create and submit a unique kindness project for their Cool 2Be Kind campaign initiative. The Cool 2Be Kind campaign is an initiative that focusses on teaching youth in grades K-8 the value of being kind to others and making positive choices in school and in life. William Whyte School submitted a proposal for the project and won \$500!



Inspired by “Kindness Stones” or “Positivity Pebbles”, the project will have students paint messages of encouragement and inspiration on rocks, and then hide them on the school grounds and in the community for others to find. The hope is to bring joy and kindness to someone’s day! Kindness rocks!

Rock Painting Complete Guide to Painted Rocks | Kindness Stones or Rocks | Inspire Kindness

Kindness Rocks Instructions: 6 Steps to Amazing Kindness Stones (rockpainting101.com)

Ms. Truthwaite
Grade 7 & 8 Teacher
William Whyte Community School

Room 201 Celebrates Earth Day

Grade 5/6 students have been learning about Earth Day and ways that humans have been hurting the Earth. Through research we found ways that we can help the Earth and shared our findings with the school in writing.



WSD Health Minds Week 2023

May 3 – Wellness Wednesday

Identification Clinic at Elmwood High School

4:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Youth Employment Services Manitoba and Community Financial Counselling Services are partnering with Winnipeg School Division to bring service providers directly to students and their families for Healthy Minds Week. Two service-provider fairs, hosted by Children of the Earth High School and Elmwood High School, will provide families with the opportunity to receive their Social Insurance Numbers, Birth certificates, bank accounts, RESPs to claim the Canada Learning Bonds, Secure Certificate of Indian Status, and more. Families will also have the chance to connect with community resource providers to take advantage of the supports they offer.

- [May 3 Identification Clinic at Elmwood High School Poster.pdf](#)
- [2023 Claim your CLB.pdf](#)
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May 4 – Thoughtful Thursday

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INDIGENOUS STEAM CAMP

2023

WEEK 1: JULY 10 - 14 - GRADES 1-3 & 4-6

WEEK 2: JULY 17 - 21 - GRADES 1-3 & 4-6

WEEK 3: JULY 24 - 28 - GRADES 1-3 & 4-6

WEEK 4: JULY 31 - AUG 4 - GRADES 3-5

CAMP INCLUDES: INDIGENOUS CULTURALLY-BASED ACTIVITIES, SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS, ENGINEERING AND TECH ACTIVITIES, CODING, VIDEO PRODUCTION, 3D DESIGN AND PRINTING, GAMES AND MORE!

INDIGENOUS STEAM CAMP IS FREE AND OPEN TO ALL CHILDREN AND YOUTH ENTERING GRADES 1 TO 6 IN FALL 2023

Monday to Friday 9:00am - 3:30pm*

*Before care starting at 8:30am & after care until 4:15pm

For more information and to register go to:

bit.ly/3m0p6D5



For more info contact Julie at 204-258-2951 or j.hiebert@uwinnipeg.ca

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CELEBRATION POW WOW



June 1, 2023

**Tec Voc High School Field
1555 Wall Street**

Outdoor event – rain or shine

OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY

Master of Ceremonies:
Michael Esquash Sr.

Host Drum:
Spirit Sands

Event Schedule

- 9:00 am: Participant registration
- 10:30 am: Grand entry
- 11:00 am: Knowledge sharing sessions begin
- 11:30 am: Honour Song for Build From Within and Bilingual students & teachers
- 12:00 pm: Honour Song for graduation students
- 2:00 pm: Closing ceremony

- Bring your own chair/blanket/reusable water bottle.
- Students will be required to bring their own lunch.
- Students may register on-site for a dancer honorarium if accompanied by a parent/guardian.
- Invited drums only, all registered dancers will receive an honorarium.

Respectfully no community vendors

For more information please call: Rob Riel at 204-775-0231

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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.

William Whyte Calendar of Events for May 2023

SUN	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT
	1 / Day 6	2 / Day 1	3 / Day 2	4 / Day 3	5 / Day 4	6
	No School Non-Instructional Day	Drama Club At Noon	Grade 6 – 8 Immunization Clinic Morning only Drumming Group At Noon Basketball Club 3:30pm – 5pm	Drama Club At Noon Textiles Club 3:30pm – 5pm	National Awareness Day of MMIWG2S+  Girls Social Group @ Noon	
7	8 / Day 5	9 / Day 6	10 / Day 1	11 / Day 2	12 / Day 3	13
		Grade 3 – 8 STEAM DAY At U of W Drama Club Cancelled	Grade 3 – 4 Sharing Dance At U of W Basketball Club 3:30pm – 5pm	Drama Club At Noon Textiles Club 3:30pm – 5pm	Girls Social Group @ Noon	
14	15 / Day 4	16 / Day 5	17 / Day 6	18 / Day 1	19 / Day 2	20
		Drama Club At Noon	Basketball Club 3:30pm – 5pm	N/K to Farm Trip – all day Drama Club At Noon Textiles Club 3:30pm – 5pm	No Classes for N/K in lieu of Field Trip on Tuesday	
21	22 / Day 3	23 / Day 4	24 / Day 5	25 / Day 6	26 / Day 6	27
	No School Victoria Day	Volunteer Tea PM in the library Drama Club At Noon	Rooms 207 /208 / 209 Zoo Field Trip all day Basketball Club 3:30pm – 5pm	Whole School Community Clean Up Drama Club At Noon Textiles Club 3:30pm – 5pm	Grade 7 & 8 at Canada Skills Competition all day at RBC Convention Centre	
28	29 / Day 1	30 / Day 2	31 / Day 3	<p align="center"><u>Upcoming Dates</u></p> <div> <p>Thursday, June 1, 2023 – WSD Pow Wow</p> <p>Wednesday, June 7th to Friday June 9th, 2023 – Gr. 5-8 Camp</p> <p>Wednesday, June 14, 2023 – School Wide Field Day</p> <p>Wednesday, June 14, 2023 – Community BBQ (after school)</p> <p>Thursday, June 22, 2023 – Gr. 8 Farewell</p> <p>Tuesday, June 27, 2023 – Report Cards go home</p> <p>Friday, June 30, 2023 – Last day of school / Early dismissal at 11:30am</p> </div>		
		Drama Club At Noon	Music Equals Celebration fiddling students at MTYP in AM Rm. 207,208, 209 at Zoo Field Trip – all day Basketball Club 3:30pm – 5pm			