

# 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.

## OCTOBER 2022 NEWSLETTER

### Message from the Principal and Vice Principal

As school leaders, we are so proud of the positive start that we experienced this school year. We have held several successful events, including a Meet the Teacher evening, a Terry Fox Assembly and Walk, and Orange Shirt Day. Throughout these activities, students have been supportive, as shown by their positive behaviour and learning.

We remain committed to a healthy school environment. Students are expected to wash their hands regularly, cover their coughs and sneezes, and stay home when they are sick. Please note that the immunization clinic on our school calendar in October is NOT for Covid-19 it's for the grades 6 – 8 immunizations

It is important to have feedback and input into what we do at William Whyte school. Parents / Guardians are a vital part of our decision-making process. You are invited to attend our first parent advisory meeting on Tuesday October 18<sup>th</sup>, at 9:15am, in the parent room. Hope to see many of you in attendance. Please RSVP to Bonnie or Patricia at 204-589-4313.

#### DISMISSAL

When students are dismissed, it is expected that they will go directly home or to a designated supervision location. Grades 7 and 8 students are expected to leave the school at lunch time and after school. On Day 4, students are dismissed for lunch after shops class at 11:30 AM.

Thank you to parents and guardians for continuing to support the staff at William Whyte. Do not hesitate to communicate with us by dropping by, phoning, reading the newsletter, or checking in on SeeSaw or Google Classroom. When we work together, students continue to grow and develop in our care.

Mrs. W. Verbong  
Principal

Mr. W. Nickerson  
Vice-Principal

## Parent Room News

### Starting in October

- Bingo –win food, household items
- Crafts – this month we are looking at the Wolf and Halloween
- Hampers – contact Bonnie if need of a hamper

### What's Coming Up

- Cooking with students
- Coffee club
  - Speakers come in and talk about topics you requested from filling out the survey
  - WRHA Nurse come out with information; snack and coffee provided
- Frontier College
  - Crafting, Playing Games, Reading Books
  - Literacy packages available to take home
  - Snack and coffee

Contact **Bonnie Predenchuk** or **Patricia Olson**, Community Support Workers at 204-589-4313 for more details.

| OCTOBER 2022                                |  |   |  |                                     |
|---|--|---|--|-------------------------------------|
| Monday                                      | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday                              |
| 3<br><br>Room Closed                        | 4<br>• Food Security<br>830-1130<br>Room Closed            | 5   | 6<br><b>BINGO @ 930-</b><br>Room Closed PM                       | 7<br>Deliver Hampers<br>Room Closed |
| 10<br><br>No School                         | 11<br>• Coffee Club @<br>930 am<br>TBA                     | 12<br><br>Room Closed                                   | 13<br><br>Room Closed  | 14<br><br>Room Closed PM            |
| 17<br><br>Room Closed<br>Mobile Vision week | 18<br><br>Room Closed<br>Mobile Vision week                | 19<br><br>Room Closed<br>Mobile Vision week             | 20<br><b>BINGO @ 930</b><br>Room Closed PM<br>Mobile Vision week | 21<br><br>No School                 |
| 24<br><br>Room Closed                       | 25<br>• Coffee Club 9:30<br>am<br>TBA<br><br>School Photos | 26<br>Cooking with<br>Student<br>TBA<br><br>Room Closed | 27<br><br>Room Closed  | 28<br><br>Room Closed               |
| 31<br>Room Closed                           |  |   |  |                                     |

## New Trees!



Many trees in Winnipeg are at risk of dying because of insects and diseases. Trees Winnipeg is a charity that aims to plant a million new trees in Winnipeg. Mayor Brian Bowman has been an advocate of this challenge.

Fortunately for William Whyte Community School, *Trees Winnipeg* has provided three new trees to add to our plan for a shaded area near the play structure. The grounds team from the Winnipeg School Division building department planted the trees. Last year we planted a tree in commemoration of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the school division. Our four-tree grove now includes

- 1) Linden Tree
- 2) Maple Tree
- 3) Huckleberry Tree
- 4) Ohio Buckeye Tree

Dear Trees Winnipeg,

Classroom 209 did a nature walk in the school yard. What a gift to be able to look at different leaves and talk about the beauty of fall. We wrote a poem! The kids were so inspired. It's lovely to have a little biodiversity around our school.

Ms. Cook and the Students in Classroom 209

### Hello Fall (a 2-word poem) by Room 209

Leaves changing  
Cool wind  
Red gold  
Brown crunchy  
Leaves falling  
Geese honking  
Flying south  
Bright orange  
Pumpkin smiling  
Leaf pile  
Kids jumping  
Summer's over  
Winter soon  
Fall is FUN!



## Meet the Teacher (In Person!)

William Whyte Community School had about one-hundred and sixty families come inside the school to see classrooms and meet the staff. Because of health restrictions, it was the first time in a couple of years that we were able to open the school and invite caregivers in.

A draw was held with three baskets. The lucky draw winners were:

- **Basket of Books and Toys** - Family of Riz, Ric, and Lia
- **Food Basket** - Family of Trayven and Malayah
- **Household Basket** - Family of Ahlia, Uriah, and Joseigha

## Indigenous Visual Arts Update

This school year in the Indigenous Visual Arts Program we will be exploring a variety of artists from the First Nations, Metis, and Inuit cultures, along with student chosen communities for our multi-cultural months. When students know who they are and where they come from they build a positive sense of self.

Our learning will be guided by the Seven Teachings

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|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| • <b>September</b> - Respect/ Buffalo | • <b>January</b> - Truth/ Turtle |
| • <b>October</b> - Humility /Wolf     | • <b>February</b> - Love/ Eagle  |
| • <b>November</b> - Wisdom/Beaver     | • <b>March</b> - Courage/ Bear   |
|                                       | • <b>April</b> - Honesty/ Sabe   |



Looking forward to a SUCCESSFUL school year!

Ms. Cloutier

## Picture Day

Lifetouch offers these tips to help your child get ready picture day, held on October 25<sup>th</sup>:

- Help your child pick out clothes and colours that look good on them. After all, your child is the star of the photo—not their shirt, so avoid slogans, logos, and big patterns.

Don't worry about "perfect"! That hair that always sticks up or a missing tooth shows your child just as they are right now—and you'll enjoy looking back on that for years to come





## Orange Shirt Day

William Whyte students took part in Orange Shirt Day (National Day of Truth and Reconciliation). During the month of September, teachers led learning activities in the classroom. Between the 1830s and the 1990s, September 30 was the date when Indigenous children were sent away to residential schools. We continue to learn about how residential schools harmed Indigenous families. Children were forced to speak English and were disconnected from their culture and traditions.

To honour the children of residential schools, we all wore an orange shirt, participated in a smudge and walked around the school block to bring awareness.

At 2:15 PM, everyone at William Whyte Community School stopped for a minute of honour and remembrance for the 215 unmarked graves found near a former residential school site in Kamloops, British Columbia.





When children have difficulty with their eyesight, it effects their learning and social-emotional well-being

Since 2017, the Mobile Vision Care Clinic has been conducting eye exams for our students. Where needed, the clinic also helps to provide prescription eyeglasses.

This year the Mobile Vision Care Clinic will be coming to William Whyte between October 17 and 20.

## Bus Ridership



In October, students will learn school bus safety. They will learn how to safely cross streets to get to the bus, how to safely get on and off the bus, and to how to be aware of danger zones and blind spots.

They also learn how to behave while on the school bus. When our students go on field trips, they will know how to ride the bus safely and respond to emergency situations.

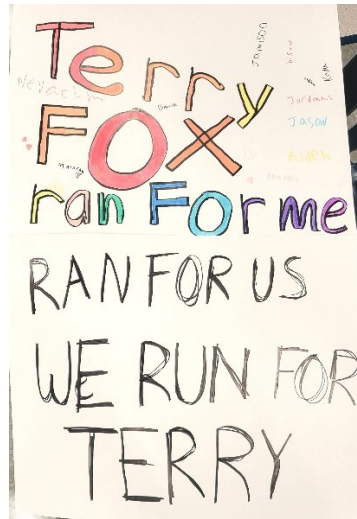
## Physical Education Update

### *Terry Fox Walk*

On September 23rd, our whole school took part in the annual Terry Fox Run / Walk.

We had our first whole-school assembly in the gymnasium, led by Mr. Smith.

After watching a short film about Terry Fox's life and courage, students walked two laps around the school in support of Terry Fox and his vision of finding a cure.



The start to our school year has been a very exciting, positive and fun in the gym. Throughout September, students worked on individual and dual games, transport skills and cooperative activities.

### *Celebrations:*

September 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, Grade 5 and 6 soccer teams participated in an afternoon soccer tournament. Both teams did exceptionally well as William Whyte won seven games combined.

### *Up Next in the Gym:*

Early years students will practice overhand/underhand throwing, catching and dribbling during individual, partner or group activities.

Middle years classes will be wrapping up their soccer unit with in-house tournaments and then we will be moving into small sided games with nitro-ball and volleyball.



# OCTOBER 2022

| Sun  | Mon  | Tues  | Wed  | Thu   | Fri  | Sat |
|--|--|---|--|---|--|-----|
| 2  | 3<br>Gr. 7 & 8 Field Trip to Whiteshell Provincial Park  | 4   | 5  | 6   | 7  | 8   |
| 9  | 10<br>School Closed<br> | 11  | 12<br>School Wide Bus Ridership<br>BUS SAFETY<br> | 13  | 14   | 15  |
| 16   | 17   | 18  | 19   | 20  | 21<br>No School<br>MTS PD Day<br> | 22  |
|  |  |   |  |   |  |     |
| 23   | 24   | 25<br>School Photos<br><br>Bring Your Smile! | 26   | 27<br>Immunization Clinic Gr. 6-8<br> | 28   | 29  |
| 30   | 31<br>                |   |  |   |  |     |

## Upcoming Dates

- November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 – No School – PD Day
- November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – Remembrance Day Assembly
- November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – Remembrance Day (No School)
- November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – Report Cards go home
- November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – Tri Conference (evening)
- November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – Tri Conference (No Classes)
- November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – Picture Retake Day

