

# 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.

## SEPTEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER

### Message from the Principal and Vice Principal

Welcome back! We are so happy to be welcoming back our students into the building for the 2022-2023 school year. On **Wednesday, September 7**, classes will begin for all grades 1 to 8 students. For students in our Nursery, Kindergarten, and ASD programs, the teacher will be contacting you to establish a time for a one-on-one meeting between Wednesday and Friday (then regular classes begin Monday, September 12).

We have a number of new teachers starting out at William Whyte:

- Autism Learning Centre teacher: **Jacintha Anyadike**
- Nursery-Kindergarten teacher: **Allison Sawit**
- Inclusive Education Resource Teacher: **Teresa Lillie**
- Grades 3-4 teacher (term): **Sara Dyck**
- Grade 5 – 6 teacher (term): **Valia Louis**

**Meet the Teacher** will be held Thursday, September 22 (the first day of autumn!). Parents / guardians will get the chance to meet their child's teachers face-to-face. Teachers will give an overview of their program.

If you are new to our school, here are some tips:

- Student entry begins at 8:55 AM. Grades 1-4 line up at the back by the play structure, grades 5 – 8 in the front, and nursery-kindergarten students at the side of the building.
- Morning nursery students get picked up at 11:30 AM.
- We offer a free breakfast program for students. Breakfast is served starting at 9:30 AM.
- We have limited spaces in our free lunch supervision program. The program is for students in grades 1 – 6 whose parents / guardians work or go to school. Parents / guardians must provide their child's lunch and all students must be registered to attend. Fill out an application if you need access to this programme.

Mrs. W. Verbong  
Principal

Mr. W. Nickerson  
Vice-Principal

## Keeping Students Healthy as They Go Back to School

We're returning to school this fall, but we have plans in place to keep our students safe.

### Fundamentals

- ✓ Monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 every day
- ✓ Stay home when sick
- ✓ Wash hands frequently
- ✓ Cover coughs and sneezes
- ✓ Respect individual choice about wearing a mask
- ✓ BYOM (Bring your own mask!)

### What to do if exposed to COVID-19 or Symptoms Appear

- ✓ If your child has been *exposed* to COVID-19, he or she may continue to attend school, but monitor daily to see if symptoms appear
- ✓ If signs of COVID appear, self-isolate (quarantine)
- ✓ Take a rapid antigen test if you or your child has symptoms
- ✓ Please note that the school will no longer notify parents/guardians if there have been cases at the school, unless there is a widespread outbreak



### Remote Learning

- ✓ There will not be any remote learning / school closure, unless the school has a lot of cases

## Lunch Program News



- Applications for our grades 1 – 6 lunch program are now available.
- Lunch program is designed for Parents/Guardians who are currently working or attending school and have no one to care for their child during the noon hour.
- To help all the children stay safe, please ensure lunches and snacks are "PEANUT FREE."
- After eating lunch, all children go outside for supervised play. Please ensure your child is dressed for the weather.

## News from Physical Education

### Terry Fox Walk / Run

- Students will receive teaching during physical education class about who Terry Fox is, why we walk and why it is important to support his vision
- In the morning of September 15, students and staff will walk together in support of Terry Fox Foundation

The  
Terry Fox Run  
is Sept 15

### Inner-city Soccer Program:

- Students in grade 6, 7 or 8 will be able to participate in the inner-city soccer league hosted at the University of Winnipeg

### Physical Education Classes:

- In September, elementary classes will focus on developing the basic movement skills that will create a foundation for future physical activity.
- As we move to middle years, our focus shifts to using the basic movement skills acquired in lead-up games and sport related activities.
  - o Soccer
  - o Volleyball
  - o Basketball
  - o Badminton
  - o Floor hockey
- William Whyte students will participate in a variety of activities, including individual or team sports and games, alternative pursuits, indigenous games and fitness activities, scheduled on an ongoing basis throughout the school year.

Stay safe and stay healthy!

Mr. Smith

## Safe Arrival



*Safe Arrival* is the system the school uses to verify student attendance. It's easy to report your child's absence.

With SafeArrival, you are asked to report your child's absence in advance using any of these three convenient methods:

1. Using your mobile device, download and install the SchoolMessenger app from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store or from the links at <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca> ).
2. Use the SafeArrival website, <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca> . The first time you use the website, select Sign Up to create your account > Select Attendance > then Report an Absence.
3. Call the toll-free number **1-855-278-4513** to report an absence the automated phone system.

These options are available 24 hours/day, 7 days a week. Future absences can be reported at any time.

## Welcome to Ms. Sawit

Hi! My name is Allison Sawit and I am very excited to join the William Whyte learning community!

I've been with the division for twelve years and worked many years with the early ages.

I have two little boys of my own ages 3 and 1, and one dog named Max. I enjoy bike rides, taking my dog to the dog park, reading, and keeping active!

I look forward to meeting all the students and families, and very excited to start in the fall!



## Welcome to Mrs. Anyadike

I'm so excited to join the community of William Whyte School as an Autism Spectrum Disorder Program (ASDP) teacher.

I cannot wait to meet all the school team members and the students in my program in particular.

I met the principal and the vice principal when I came around late June for orientation and tour of the school. I am excited for my new role and happily looking forward to meeting everyone this September.

Thanks,

Jacintha Anyadike



## Welcome to Ms. Lillie



Hi! My name is Teresa Lillie and I am excited to be joining the team at William Whyte Community School. I look forward to getting to know everyone.

I have been with the school division since 2009. I was away last year to spend some time living up North with my family. I have two daughters, age 10 and age 2, two big dogs named Max and Finn and a cat named Mimi. In my spare time I work with Spirit of Hope Rescue as the Food and Supply coordinator.

I look forward to being back at school this year!

# William Whyte School Staff List

Principal: Wendy Verbong

Vice-Principal: Warren Nickerson

Teachers		Education Assistants	
Allison Sawit (N/K)	Room 103	Connie Chaban	
Jacintha Anyadike	Room 105	Brian Fitzgerald	
Shannon Hobson (1/2)	Room 207	Leslie Irwin	
Karen Cook (1/2)	Room 209	Suzanne Lamy	
Melanie Jones (2/3)	Room 208	Joe Maksymowicz	
Sarah Dyck (3/4)	Room 205	Romina Mamaradlo	
Fatima DeGagne (3/4)	Room 206	Vanessa Mattos	
Marisa Kost (5/6)	Room 201	Vanessa McNicholl	
Elizabeth Madden (5/6)	Room 213	Patricia Okolue	
and Valia Louis		Desiree Richard	
Jeanne Truthwaite (7/8)	Room 212	Anita Rondeau	
Marnee Murray (7/8)	Room 101	Gina Sorokowski	
Teresa Lillie	Resource Teacher	Helena Station-Smelsky	
Lisa Titley	Literacy Support	Dan West	
Dillon Smith	Phys. Ed.		
Corinne Cloutier	Arts Education		
Margret Henderson	Kind Zone		
Chris Klowak	Reading Recovery		
Office Staff		Custodian	
Amanda Burg	Head Clerk	John Kroeker	Head Custodian
Shelley Brezinsky	Mayet Clerk	Kuhldeep Bambrah	Evening Custodian
		Sunil Dhami	Evening Custodian
Community Support Workers			
Bonnie Predenchuk			
Patricia Olson			
		Nutrition Coordinator	
		Marina Young	
		Crossing Guard	
		Mike Denyer	
Clinical Support Services			
Reading Clinician	Kim Siwak		
Speech Pathologist	Devan Gingrich		
Psychologist	Cassia Luther Rubin		
School Social Worker	Kim Shier		

# SEPTEMBER 2022

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5 Labour Day	6 Admin Day No School	7 First Day of Classes	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 P.D. Day No School	20	21	22 Meet the Teacher	23 Terry Fox Walk	24
25	26	27	28	29 Orange Shirt Day	30 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation  No School	

## Upcoming Dates

- Monday, October 10, Thanksgiving Day – No School
- Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup> to Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, Mobile Vision Clinic
- Friday, October 21, MTS PD Day – No School
- Tuesday, October 25, Picture Day

