

JB Mitchell School

April 2026 Newsletter

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From The Eagle's Nest

Welcome back to the final 3 months of the 2025-26 school year! We hope that spring break offered your family a chance to recharge and reconnect in ways that made you happy. Our staff have also have a chance to relax and rest and are looking forward to filling the last few months of school with fun and engaging learning opportunities.

Thank you to all of our families who came out for our Tri-Conferences on March 19th and 20th! It was wonderful to see so many familiar faces supporting their children and hearing first-hand about all of the wonderful learning that students are doing in classrooms. We also appreciate the support of our book fair and look forward to choosing some wonderful new reading material for our library with the funds raised.

Three of our classrooms have been doing some wonderful learning with our Divisional Metis Way of Life support teacher and we are sharing this with our broader WSD community and with families. Our WSD communications department will be capturing some of the excitement in mid-April and will be sharing this on the Divisional website. We are grateful for the wonderful collaboration between Metis Way of Lifes Support Teacher Teresa Byrne, Mr. Wiste, Mme Barton and Mme Carreiro to introduce engaging learning with their students.

In mid-April, our Grade 5/6 students will also be taking part in a special floor hockey game to help raise awareness for Harvest Manitoba. Our "Hockey for Harvest" game will be played at 1:15 on Friday April 17th between Grade 6 students and participating staff. Grade 5 students will be spectators and bring the noise to the event! Every student in Grade 6 will have some sort of a role in this event, from taking photos and collecting donations of non-perishable food items to playing in the actual game...students can select their role depending on what they feel most comfortable with and excited about. We are happy to accept any non-perishable food donations, as well as loonies and toonies, for Harvest Manitoba for the whole week leading up to the game. Let's all work together to support a great cause!

Registration for next year is officially open, and April 6th is also the first day that the Division is accepting registrations for students out of catchment. School Of Choice applications can be found on our school website. Please share this information with family and friends who may be looking for school information for next year.

We are already thinking about next school year, even though we still have several months left. A reminder to parents that if you have specific requests about classroom placements for your child(ren) for next school year, please indicate your request in writing via an email to acting principal Donna Hardman (dhardman@wsd1.org). All written requests must be received before Friday May 15th at 4:00.

A quick seasonal reminder that our Manitoba weather varies greatly during the month of April. Please ensure to have some dry clothing available for your child in their backpack. Socks and pants are always a great idea in the wet spring weather!

We know end of year calendars fill up quickly, so don't forget to mark you calendar for the spring concert on Thursday May 28th! We will also have a traditional Golden Ticket fundraiser going at this event, where donations are made to a charity for a chance to win prime front row seats. This year our chosen charity is United Way, so we will be pooling monies collected with those collected at the winter concert to make a donation to this extremely worthwhile cause. United Way does so much for Winnipeg School Division schools and we are happy to give back to this cause.

A final reminder that students being dropped off in the morning should be going to line up with their classrooms unless they arrive at 8:55 or later. Please do not send your child in the front door, as classroom teachers are picking up classes outside and will greet kids there.

Donna Hardman (Acting Principal)

Joy Bazin (Acting Vice-Principal)

Announcements and Information For Families

Hockey For Harvest

We are excited to participate in the Hockey For Harvest Fundraiser On April 17th @ 1:30 pm. Grade 5 and 6's will be participating in different ways for the fundraiser.

See Admin message at beginning of newsletter for more info.

Anyone who is able to donate, we are happy to accept any non-perishable food donations, as well as loonies and toonies, for Winnipeg Harvest on that day. Let's all work together to support a great cause!



Pink Shirt Day

On Wednesday April 8th wear a pink shirt to show your support for the Anti-Bullying movement.



BUS RIDERSHIP

A quick safety guide to getting on and exiting your school bus

Bus Ridership April 21st

Monthly Community Smudge

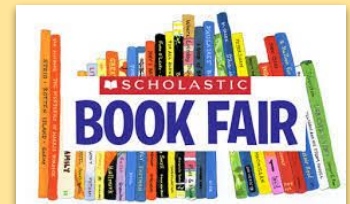
On Monday April 6th JB Mitchell wants to invite all community members and families to our Monthly Community Smudge!

Front doors from 8:45 am - 8:55 am. All are welcome!

Book Fair Success!

We would like to thank all the families who Purchased books at the book fair during student led conferences.

Scholastic Dollars Earned: \$1,604.55!!!



Next Month's Save The Dates and Current Clubs!

Next Month's Save The Dates:

Mobile Vision:	May 11th & 12th
Glenlea Plant Pick Up:	May 20th
Spring Concert:	May 28th

Active Clubs:

JBM Sings:	Weekly Tuesdays @ Noon
Card Club:	Bi-weekly Wednesdays @ Noon (Opposite to Math)
Math Club:	Bi-weekly Wednesdays @ Noon (Opposite to Card)
Drama Arts Club:	Weekly Wednesdays @ 3:30 PM
GSA:	Bi-Weekly Thursdays @ Noon (Opposite to Writing)
Writing Club:	Bi-Weekly Thursdays @ Noon (Opposite to GSA)
Gardening Club:	Every Day 6 @ 12:20 PM

Non-School Days for the Remainder of 2025-2026 are as follows on these days:

March 30, 2026 - April 3, 2026 (Spring Break)
April 10, 2026
May 8, 2026
May 18, 2026
June 19, 2026 (JBM School Choice)

The last day of the school year is June 30, 2026
Early Dismissal @ 11:30 am

Student Absence Reporting/SafeArrival

At Winnipeg School Division, one of our top priorities is ensuring that every student arrives at school safely each day. To help with this, we are using student absence reporting system called SafeArrival. This system streamlines attendance verification, make it easier for you to report your child's absence and assist staff in responding to unexplained student absences more efficiently.

With SafeArrival, you are asked to report your child's absence in advance using any of these 3 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>). The first time you use the app, select Sign Up to create your account. Select Attendance then Report an Absence. When searching on the App Store, type "School Messenger" and select the Blue App.
- 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. When you go online, make sure you are on the Canadian website (ending in .ca). If you are on the U.S. website (ending in .com), you will not be able to access the school account.
- 3.) Call the toll-free number 1-855-278-4513 to report an absence using the automated phone system. Please make sure you go online and set up a PIN. Please keep this PIN private.

If you have not consented to Electronic Notifications and Emails at the school, or if your email on file at the school is incorrect, you will not be able to access the SchoolMessenger App or the SchoolMessenger website. Please contact the school office to make changes to your email on file.

If your child takes the bus and will be absent you must call the transportation department at 204-789-0452

Parent Advisory Council Fundraiser

NEW THIS YEAR: You can also follow the PAC on [Instagram!](#)

[JB Mitchell PAC \(@jbmitchellpac\)](#) • Instagram photos and videos



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JB Mitchell PAC

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Every parent/guardian is welcome to attend Parent Council meetings. The meetings are held of the first Tuesday of the month at 6:00pm in the library

This year's meeting schedule:

AGM: October 7, 2025

November 4, 2025

December 3, 2025

January 6, 2026

February 3, 2026

March 3, 2026

April 7, 2026

May 5, 2026

June 2, 2026

Parent Advisory Council 2025/2026

PAC Contact information:

jbmitchellpac@gmail.com

Elected Executive PAC members:

Chair, Dana Gagnon

Vice Chair, Amy Desroches

Treasurer, Stacey Briscoe

Secretary, Eva Alomari

Volunteer Coordinator, Ivan Maroti

J.B. Mitchell
Parent Advisory
Council (PAC)



Annual Plant Sale

GLENLEA
GREENHOUSES

Shop until
April 15,
2026



[HTTPS://GLENLEAGREENHOUSES.COM/](https://glenleagreenhouses.com/)

[2026 Spring Fundraiser Home Page – Glenlea Greenhouses](#)

April 2026 Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6. Day 4 Monthly Community Smudge 8:45 am - 8:55 am School Of Choice Applications start day Online 9 AM	7. Day 5 PAC Meeting 6 pm	8. Day 6 Pink Shirt Day	9. Day 1	10. Day 2 NO SCHOOL NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY
13. Day 3	14. Day 4	15. Day 5 Last day for Glenlea Plant Orders	16. Day 6	17. Day 1 Hockey For Harvest Fundraiser Gr 5/6 @ 1:30-2:30 pm
20. Day 1 Rm 121 Report Cards Go Home (Electronically)	21. Day 2 Bus Ridership	22. Day 3 Rm 121 Student Led Conferences 4pm-6pm	23. Day 4 Rm 121 Student Led Conferences 4pm-6pm	24. Day 5
27. Day 6	28. Day 1	29. Day 2	30. Day 3	