

JB Mitchell School March 2026 Newsletter

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From The Eagle's Nest

Dear École J.B. Mitchell Families,

The arrival of March means that our winter term of learning is officially coming to an end! There have been so many interesting things happening over the past few months and we hope your children have been sharing things with you with excitement!

We had a very busy February, and it was fun to welcome a variety of special performances to our school. The Contemporary Dancers gave a wonderful performance on February 18th and Damien Lussier brought French enthusiasm and energy to his performance on February 19th. Our Kindergarten students celebrated learning with their families on February 13th and our Winter Fun Day committee planned a wonderful afternoon of outdoor fun on February 20th.

Report cards will be sent home by email on Tuesday March 17th. Please contact the office if you did not receive it. We encourage you to talk with your child about all of their learning as well as their goals for the final term of the school year. Our teachers are working hard with all students to help them reflect on things they are proud of and set goals to accomplish things that may be challenging for them right now. Students are excited to share all they have learned with you during our Student Led Conferences on March 19th (evening) and 20th (morning). Information about setting up conference times was sent home on Friday February 27th on School Messenger. Remember that this round of conferences is for our students to be the learning stars: they will be the ones talking to you and showing/modelling what they have learned. If you have specific questions about report cards or any specific extra plans your child(ren) may be on, please arrange a separate phone call or meeting with the teacher(s) to discuss this. We are excited to have families visit the school and share in our celebration of learning! Don't forget to check out the book fair while you are at school!

We are all excited to acknowledge the hard work of our school safety patrol team over the winter months. They all worked hard in extremely challenging weather to keep our students safe. To celebrate this, patrols will be going on a bowling outing to Uptown Lanes on Thursday March 26th. More information will be shared in the coming days.

March's arrival always means that the weather changes frequently and unexpectedly. Warmer weather means melting snow and much wetter conditions on the playground than usual. Please ensure that you send some extra clothing in your child(ren)'s backpack...extra mittens, socks and perhaps an extra pair of pants are all very helpful if children get wet during their recess times outdoors.

Our lunch program has also been very busy. We are still noticing a number of students bringing warm up lunches. Please try to send non-warm up lunches or send them already warmed in a thermos. Some days we do not have any parent volunteers in lunch program and find it difficult to get everyone's lunch heated in a timely manner with the school staff we have available. Thanks for your support with this!

The last day of classes before spring break is Friday March 27th. School will resume on Monday April 6th. If you ordered clothing from our J.B. Mitchell clothing drive, that will be arriving shortly after we return to school in April.

We look forward to a fun month of learning and special activities, and wish all of our families a safe and happy spring break!

Donna Hardman (Acting Principal)

Joy Bazin (Acting Vice-Principal)

Announcements and Information For Families

Clothing Orders CLOSED 2025/2026

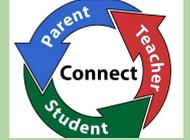
Families who placed clothing orders will be receiving them **beginning of April!**



Monthly Community Smudge

On Monday March 2nd 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!

Student Led Conferences/Book Fair:



Student Led Conferences will be held in the evening of March 19th and in the morning of March 20th.

Rm 121 Student Led Conferences will be taken place on:
April 22nd and 23rd from 4pm-6pm

The Book Fair will be open at the same time for families to check out and purchase books and accessories!
We look forward to seeing everyone!

Next Month's Save The Dates and Current Clubs!

Next Month's Save The Dates:

Spring Break:	March 30th - April 2nd
WSD School Of Choice Opens:	April 6th
Writing Club Starts:	April 16th
Hockey Sticks For Hunger:	April 17th

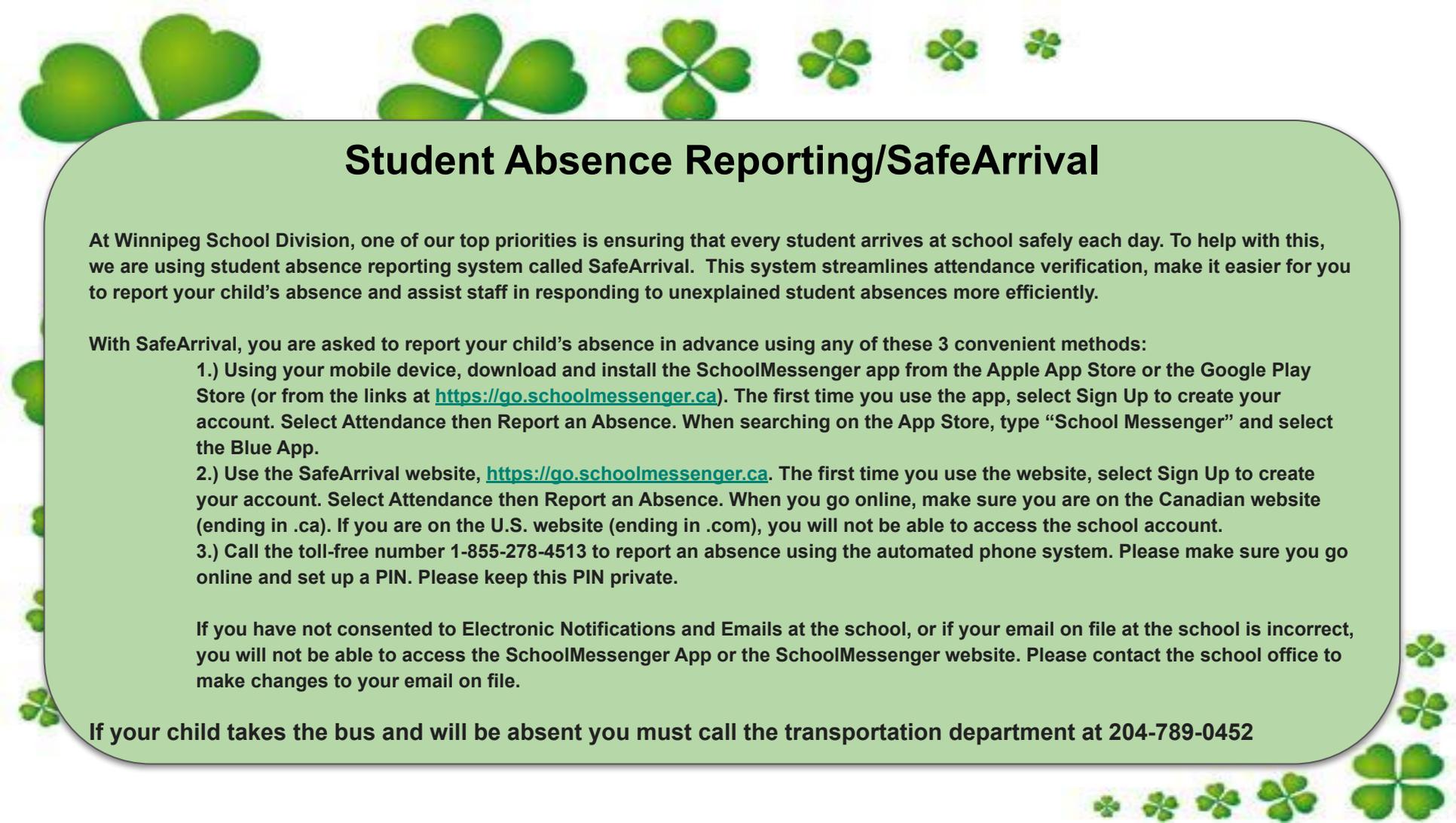
Active Clubs:

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 (Feb 5th,9th)
Gardening Club:	Every Day 6 @ Noon

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

March 20, 2026
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

When Do Absences Become a Problem?



CHRONIC ABSENCE
18 or more days



WARNING SIGNS
10 to 17 days



SATISFACTORY
9 or fewer absences

Note: These numbers assume a 180-day school year.



Help Your Child Succeed in School: Build the Habit of Good Attendance Early

DID YOU KNOW?

- Starting in preschool and kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10%, or about 2 days each month over the course of a school year, can make it harder to learn to read.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just one or two days every few weeks.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- Absences and tardiness can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up.

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. Start building this habit in preschool so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Eventually good attendance will be a skill that will help them succeed in high school and college.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Set a regular bedtime and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Keep your child healthy and make sure your child has the required shots.
- Introduce your children to their teachers and classmates before school starts.
- Develop backup plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbor, or another parent.
- Try to schedule non-urgent related medical appointments and extended trips when school isn't in session.
- If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school counselors and other parents for advice on how to make your child feel comfortable and excited about learning.
- If you are concerned that your child may have a contagious illness, call your school or health care provider for advice.
- If your child must stay home due to illness, ask the teacher for resources and ideas to continue learning at home.

Visit Attendance Works at www.attendanceworks.org for free downloadable resources and tools!

Parent Advisory Council

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

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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:
jbmittellpac@gmail.com

Elected Executive PAC members:

Chair, Dana Gagnon
Vice Chair, Amy Desroches
Treasurer, Stacey Briscoe
Secretary, Eva Alomari
Volunteer Coordinator, Ivan Maroti



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

March 2026 Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>2. Day 2</p> <p>Monthly Community Smudge 8:45 am - 8:55 am</p>	<p>3. Day 3</p> <p>PAC Meeting 6:00 pm</p>	<p>4. Day 4</p>	<p>5. Day 5</p>	<p>6. Day 6</p>
<p>9. Day 1</p>	<p>10. Day 2</p>	<p>11. Day 3</p>	<p>12. Day 4</p>	<p>13. Day 5</p>
<p>16. Day 6</p>	<p>17. Day 1</p> <p>Report Cards Go Home (Electronically)</p>	<p>18. Day 2</p>	<p>19. Day 3</p> <p>Student Led Conference & Book Fair PM Only</p>	<p>20. Day 4</p> <p>NO SCHOOL Student Led Conferences & Book Fair AM Only</p>
<p>23. Day 5</p>	<p>24. Day 6</p>	<p>25. Day 1</p>	<p>26. Day 2</p> <p>Patrol Bowling 11:45am - 2:15 pm @</p>	<p>27. Day 3</p>
<p>30 NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK STARTS RETURN APRIL 6 (DAY 4)</p>	<p>31 NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK</p>			