

CHAMPLAIN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2023



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Grade 4/5	Ms. Bedard
Grade 5/6	Mr. Clearwater
Grade 6	Ms. Siller

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“A safe and caring learning community”

Dear Champlain families,

Spring has finally arrived and we are so excited to welcome back our students and families! As we enter the last term of the school year, our students will be working hard to build their literacy and numeracy skills as well as practicing social responsibility. We appreciate the support of families and staff as we continue to empower our students to keep trying! A **growth mindset** is important for all learners as it supports their belief that we can all learn with continued practice and determination.

March brought us many exciting events. Field trips to the library and zoo, celebration of art with our Quantum students, student-led conferences with our families in person, and of course the sliming of Mr. Teixeira because our students reached their reading goal in February.

We have been reviewing **pedestrian safety** with all our students. Walking in groups; not approaching or talking with strangers; and running to either school, home or a place of business when there is danger are the tools we teach to keep our children safe.

We have also been reviewing **online safety** with all our students. Some students are familiar in using many social media platforms like Snapchat, TikTok and YouTube. It is important that both teachers and caregivers are vigilant in monitoring student activity on these platforms. Please continue to talk with your children about appropriate searches and discussions online. We continue to review the importance of using kind respectful language, keeping personal information private, and to ask for help when needed. If you need further information in navigating these conversations with your children, please contact Mr. Claassen our guidance counsellor.

April will be a very busy and short month. In addition to two closure dates, April 7 and April 14, we have some upcoming important dates you need to know about. On Tuesday, April 4 there is a Parent council Meeting at 10am in the parent room. On Tuesday, April 11 it is Spring Picture Day. On Thursday, April 20 there will be a Celebration of Learning evening at the school at 5pm. In addition, we have many exciting opportunities for parents to connect and learn together in the parent room this month. Please see the parent news page for details.

Registration for 2023-2024 school year has begun!
 Returning Champlain students do not need to apply.
 Please see the office for applications.

Sincerely,
 Mr. Paulo Teixeira



School Hours/Supervision of Students

8:50	1 st Bell - Students line up on hard top
8:55	Students enter school
9:00	2 nd Bell - Announcements, School begins
10:15	Individual Gr 1-6 Classroom Recesses
11:30	N/K (a.m.) - dismissal
12:00	Lunch hour dismissal
12:55	1 st Bell - Students enter school
1:00	2 nd Bell - Afternoon classes begin
2:15	All Grade 1-6 Classrooms recess
3:30	Dismissal

Champlain School Breakfast Program

All students are welcome to join us for breakfast! It is a free program starting at 8:30 every school day. Hot Breakfast will be served until 8:50. For those arriving later than 8:50, a grab and go breakfast will be provided.

Please do not send your child before 8:30 as there is no supervision on the playground.

CHAMPLAIN SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

Parent council run lunch program is in place to ensure our students have a safe place to eat their lunch during the school year. We would like to thank all families for making the effort to pay their lunch fees in a timely manner this month. Thank you for your support. Champlain Parent Council.

Road safety



ATTENTION
PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Drop-off and pick-up at school has been busy. Please drive slowly through the back lane or park on the street.

THANK YOU

WHY ARE PATROLS IMPORTANT?

Champlain Patrols...

- Help students get home safely
- Signal the cars to stop so students can cross the street safely
- Protect the students
- Are a visual signal to drivers that students are around
- Are role models who represent our school

Playground supervision

The playground supervision over the lunch hour is limited to lunch program students. If your child does not stay for lunch at school, please do not send them to play on the playground as there is no supervision. Please do not send your children before 12:55 PM as they are asked to sit on a bench until the bell rings. If you would like your child to play on the field or play structure over the lunch hour, you are welcome to come with them and supervise.

After school, we clear the playground and ask that all children go home or to the place you have designated for them in order to “check in” with an adult. Our desire is for all students to be safe.

Let’s remember our three beliefs.

- Be Safe**
- Be Respectful**
- Be Ready to Learn**



Students being street smart

Does your child know how to be **street smart**? It’s something we talk about in our classrooms because the safety of our students is very important. It’s also a good thing to talk about at home as a regular reminder for your child.

Being street smart means knowing how to keep safe from strangers when we’re alone or with other kids. Walking to school, the bus, the playground or riding your bike in your neighborhood, being street smart helps you stay **safe**.

Our school takes it very seriously when a student reports a suspicious person. In most cases, a police report is made and, sometimes, police are able to quickly interview the “suspicious” person and determine that it was a misunderstanding. At other times, however, police are required to conduct a bigger investigation of a more serious threat. We will let you know if we make a report of a suspicious person to police on behalf of one of our students, because we believe that an informed community is a safer community.

Parents are encouraged to go to the [winnipeg.sd.ca website](http://winnipeg.sd.ca) and **click on Parents – Safe Schools** to find a link called **“Be Street Smart”**. Here you will find a list of topics to share with your child to help them be street smart and safe, including knowing:

- Who are strangers?
- Who needs to know where I am and why?
- Why should I stick with a friend?
- What are my safe spots?
- What are the places that aren’t safe for me?
- What should I do if a stranger asks me for help?



We’re proud to work with you in keeping our community and children safe!

Safe Arrival call back system.

Reporting your child's absence? Make sure you call our Safe Arrival line
If you have already activated an account you must make the following changes

If your child is ill, or you know your child will be away for various reasons, you **must** report it by 9:00 AM through our automated system. There are various ways to do this:

1. call into an automated interactive telephone system via a toll free number (1-855-278-4513),
 2. use the mobile app
 3. through the Safe Arrival website.
- If the parents are using the Safe Arrival mobile app, they must download a new School Messenger app for Safe Arrival. Instructions for parents are available on the site.
 - School Messenger Safe Arrival will not automatically send an invitation email to parent/guardians of new students.
 - Safe Arrival web site for parents to report absences will be go.schoolmessenger.ca. ***
 - The toll free number for parents to report absences will remain as 1-855-278-4513.

The system will be available 24 hours/day, 7 days a week, but you must report the absence by 9:00 AM. Future absences can be reported at any time. **By reporting your child absent in advance using SafeArrival, you will NOT receive a call.**

Please remember, you MUST wait until the end of the call to get your confirmation number, or the system will call you.

**CHAMPLAIN SCHOOL
CALENDAR OF EVENTS
2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR**

Day	Date	Item
5	Monday, April 3, 2023	School Reopens after Spring Break
	Friday, April 7, 2023	Good Friday—No Classes
4	Tuesday, April 11, 2023	Spring Photos Day
1	Friday, April 14, 2023	Non-Instructional Day—No Classes
4	Thursday, April 20, 2023	Celebration of Learning—5 P.M.
4	Thursday, April 27, 2023	Bus ridership (9:30A.M. & 1:15 P.M.)
6	Monday, May 1, 2023	Non-Instructional Day—No Classes
6	Wednesday, May 17, 2023	Gr. 6 immunization clinic
	Monday, May 22, 2023	Victoria Day—No Classes
4	Wednesday, May 24, 2023	Celebration of Learning — 5 P.M.
6	Monday, June 5, 2023	Non-Instructional Day — No Classes
2	Thursday, June 15, 2023	End of year celebration feast—5-7 P.M.
5	Wednesday, June 28, 2023	Grade 6 Farewell—1:15 P.M.
1	Friday, June 30, 2023	Last Day of Classes - Classes dismissed at 11:30AM

Winnipeg School Division Cold Weather Guidelines



Here are some guidelines in order to help you during the winter season when your child is getting ready for school. Check the wind chill before going outdoors in the winter, and individuals are to make sure they are well prepared for the weather. Even moderate wind chill values can be dangerous if individuals are outside for long periods.

<u>Wind Chill</u>	<u>Risk of Frostbite</u>	<u>Other Health concerns</u>	<u>What to Do</u>
0-9	LOW	Slight increase in discomfort	Dress warmly, with the outside temperature in mind Stay dry.
-10 to-2	LOW	Uncomfortable Risk of hypothermia if outside for long periods without adequate protection.	Dress in layers of warm clothing with an outer layer that is wind resistant. Wear a hat, mittens or insulated gloves, a scarf or neck warmer and waterproof footwear
-28-39 INDOOR RECESS	RISK: Exposed skin can freeze in 10-30 minutes.	Risk of frostbite Risk of hypothermia	Dress in layers of warm clothing with an outer layer that is wind resistant. Wear a hat, mittens or insulated gloves, a scarf or neck warmer and waterproof footwear Stay active.
-40-47 INDOOR RECESS	HIGH RISK: exposed skin can freeze in 5-10 minutes	High risk of frostbite. Risk of hypothermia is outside for long periods of time without adequate clothing or shelter.	Dress in layers of warm clothing with an outer layer that is wind resistant. Wear a hat, mittens or insulated gloves, a scarf or neck warmer and waterproof footwear Stay active. Cover all exposed skin.

Environment Canada Info line for Temperature and Wind Chill: 204-983-2050

NURSERY/KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Just a reminder, registrations for Nursery and Kindergarten for 2023-24 school year are NOW available at the office.

If your child was born in 2019, you may register them for Nursery.

If your child was born in 2018, then you may register them for Kindergarten.

Winnipeg School Division offers Nursery School free of charge to all residents of the Winnipeg School Division.

Residency is determined by where the parent/legal guardian lives. We will require a copy of your Manitoba Health card with your current address along with either a property tax bill, Child tax credit assessment, or tenant/rental agreement. Also, please make sure you provide a birth certificate for your child.



WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION

Huddle
Here for youth.

WSD Huddle Service Navigation Specialists

Huddle sites provide easy, free access to multiple health and community service partners and are now even more accessible to Winnipeg School Division students aged 12 to 29.

WSD has four Huddle Service Navigation Specialists working within our schools and with your school team to connect students and families to the Huddle sites for:

- Mental health care (ie. drop-in and appointment-based counselling, support groups, etc.)
- Substance use / addiction counselling
- Peer support
- 2SLGBTQ+ supports
- Cultural wellness activities
- Food insecurity/nutrition
- Employment and Income Assistance
- Access to primary medical care.

What do Winnipeg School Division Huddle Service Navigation Specialists do?

Services Provided

- In-depth knowledge of all Huddle services
- Networking between Huddle sites
- Hand-to-hand connection to intake
- Advocacy and consultation
- Barrier reduction
- Evening availability
- Collaboration with school support teams
- Support caregivers
- Information sessions for staff, students and families
- Classroom based wellness sessions
- Collaboration with existing youth-run initiatives and student groups
- Connecting students to cultural activities
- Services in French and English at Huddle South Central

Services Not Provided

- Therapy
- Crisis intervention
- Behaviour intervention
- Transportation
- Case management
- Tier 3 supports

For further information please contact:

Healthy Minds Specialist, Fiona England, Inclusion Support Services at fengland@wsd1.org or 204-227-0905

Links to website for contact and program information at huddlemanitoba.ca

- [Huddle – Broadway](#)
- [Huddle – South-Central](#)
- [Huddle – Ka-Ni-Kanichihk](#)
- [Huddle – Norwest](#)



April Parent Room News.

Happy Spring Everyone !!

We are so looking forward to some warmer Spring weather and some new faces in the Parent Room. Please join us for any of the activities that we have planned for the Month of April.

April 4th, is our April Parent meeting at 10am. In the Parent Room. Join us to chat about all of the exciting plans that we have for the rest of the 2023 school year.

~ Please RSVP.



April 12th will be our 3rd Grandparent gathering this year. We Love to spend time honouring our Grand parents and holding space for them to connect and share. If you have or are a Grandparent helping to raise a Champlain student, please reach out for your invitation to our gathering. ~

April 19th we have invited a Pharmacist to come to our Parent Room to share information with parents. If you or your child uses medication and you have any questions about it, or if you would like more information regarding Asthma, cough medicine, or any over the counter medicines, please come out to join the conversation.







April 25th April is oral health awareness month. We have asked our partner from SMILE dental to come and chat with parents about teeth and oral health. We will have giveaways and snacks for all who attend.

Looking forward to seeing you !!



Volunteers are always needed in the Parent Room. If you have an hour a day to help with our

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Day 5 	4 Day 6 Parent Council Meeting—10AM	5 Day 1	6 Day 2	7 Good Friday— No Classes
10 Day 3	11 Day 4  Spring Photos Day	12 Day 5  Pink Shirt Day	13 Day 6	14 Day 1 Non-Instructional Day—No Classes
17 Day 2	18 Day 3	19 Day 4	20 Day 5 Celebration of Learning 5pm	21 Day 6
24 Day 1	25 Day 2	26 Day 3	27 Day 4  Bus ridership	28 Day 5

Looking ahead.....
Monday, May 1.....Non--Instructional Day / No School
Wednesday, May 17..... Gr. 6 Immunization Clinic 1PM
Monday, May 22.....Victoria Day / No School
Monday, June 5.....Non-Instructional Day / No School
Wednesday, June 28..... Grade 6 farewell 1:15PM
Friday, June 30.....Last day of school / 11:30AM dismissal