

CHAMPLAIN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2022



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Grade 6	Ms. Siller

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School Psychologist	Ms. Holt
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"A safe and caring learning community"

Where Everyone Counts!

Dear Champlain families,

Winter has arrived. As we welcome our snowy colder months we are reminding families to send their children with layers, mittens, toques, boots and warm jackets. If you need support with access to warm clothing, please connect with Ms. Elizabeth in the parent room.

At our Remembrance Day ceremony this year, some of our intermediate students led us through a Readers' Theatre learning about Remembrance Day. It was a great opportunity for students to practice their public speaking while we all reflected on the meaning of peace. Thank-you to Ms. Bedard, Mr. Claassen and Mr. Eccles for the help in preparing the service and our students.

This November we welcomed parents back into the building for in-person parent-teacher conferences. We appreciated the opportunity to share your child's learning and their learning space with you. I hope you were able to connect with your child's classroom teacher and learn a little about the learning in your child's classroom. We continue to look forward to share your child's learning throughout the year.

Some ways to continue to engage with your child's learning:

1. Ask about what they are reading
2. Invite them to discuss some interesting math problems
3. Ask them about someone who was kind to them

As we move into the colder months in the middle of the school year, it continues to be important to maintain regular attendance. Regular attendance is important for academic development, sustaining a sense of belonging, and social/emotional development. In addition, regular sleep and eating good nutritious foods help our immune system and brain work at their best. Please reach out to Mr. Claassen if you need some tips on how to support your child in these areas.

Champlain students and staff give back by participating in our United Way donation drives. Our bake sale on November 29th, draws and a chili cook Dec 9th are only a few examples of how we are gathering funds to donate to United Way. Thanks to Ms. Hughes and Ms. Elizabeth for your support in coordinating these initiatives.

Important upcoming dates:

Mobile Vision Clinic—December 6th

Winter Concert—December 15th

Spirit Week—Dec 19 to Dec 21

Holiday Breakfast—December 20th

Our winter concert this year will be a musical theatre adaptation of the story Rainbow Crow. Mr. Shymko and Mr. Eccles have developed an engaging compilation of songs and script to tell the story of the Rainbow Crow. Our students and staff have diligently been practicing songs, rehearsing lines, making puppets and other props, and learning about what it means to be a performer on stage.

Our Winter Concert will be at Glory and Praise Church on Thursday, December 15th at 6:30 pm. Students and families are asked to come for 6:00pm. The show should be under an hour.

Kindly,
Mr. Paulo Teixeira
Principal



School Hours/Supervision of Students

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



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

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



CHAMPLAIN SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM is a parent council run lunch program that 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.

NURSERY/KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Just a reminder, registrations for Nursery and Kindergarten for 2022-23 school year are available at the office.

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

If your child was born in 2017, 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.



Students being street smart

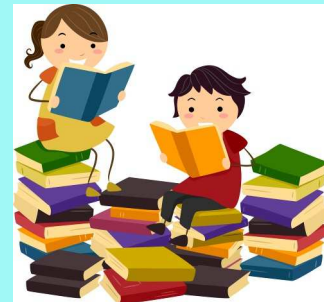
Does your child know how to be **street smart**? It's something we talk about in our classrooms because the safety of our students is very important. It's also a good thing to talk about at home as a regular reminder for your child.

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!

Parent Room News ~ December

Crafting Connection ~ Join us on Wednesdays

December 7th and Dec. 14

Come connect with us and make some winter crafts.

Coffee and snacks are always available in the Parent Room.



Volunteers needed ~ If you would like to help out with our holiday breakfast this month, please contact Elizabeth in the parent room. If you are available to help with future hot lunch days, or other special days in our school, please reach out.

*** Parent Support Circle coming in January ***

If you would like to join other parents and take some time to connect, share ideas, struggles and time, please reach out to Elizabeth to add your name to our invitation list. We will meet once a week beginning January 11th. Some topics we will cover together are bedtime routines, time outs, morning routines, helping your child manage anger, friendships and whatever else the group would like to chat about.

Calling all Pow Wow Parents!!

We need your help!

If you are interested in assisting us with our Pow Wow group beginning in the New Year, please give Elizabeth a call for more information.

CHAMPLAIN SCHOOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR

Day	Date	Item
1	Friday, December 2, 2022	Non-Instructional Day—No Classes
2-6	Monday, December 5-Friday, December 9, 2022	Mobile Vision Care Clinic
4	Thursday, December 15, 2022	Winter Concert 6:30PM
6-2	Monday, Dec 19—Wednesday, Dec 21	Spirit Week
1	Tuesday, December 20, 2022	Holiday Breakfast
2	Wednesday, December 21, 2022	Last Day of Classes before Winter Break
	Thursday, December 22, 2022— Wednesday, January 4, 2023	Winter Break—No Classes
3	Thursday, January 5, 2023	First Day back from Winter Break
6	Friday, February 3, 2023	Non-Instructional Day-No Classes
	Monday, February 20, 2023	Louis Riel Day—No Classes
5	Tuesday, February 21, 2023	Celebration of Learning—5 P.M.
1	Monday, March 13, 2023	Report cards go home
4	Thursday, March 16, 2023	Student-led conferences (4:30-8P.M.)
5	Friday, March 17, 2023	Student-led conferences Non-Instructional Day—No Classes
4	Friday, March 24, 2023	Last Day of Classes before Spring Break
	Monday, March 27-Friday, March 31, 2023	Spring Break—No Classes
5	Monday, April 3, 2023	School Reopens after Spring Break
	Friday, April 7, 2023	Good Friday—No Classes
1	Friday, April 14, 2023	Non-Instructional Day—No Classes
5	Thursday, April 20, 2023	Celebration of Learning—5 P.M.
6	Monday, May 1, 2023	Non-Instructional Day—No Classes
	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 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

SAVE THE DATE!

**Champlain School Winter Concert
The story of the Rainbow Crow**

Thursday, December 15, 2022

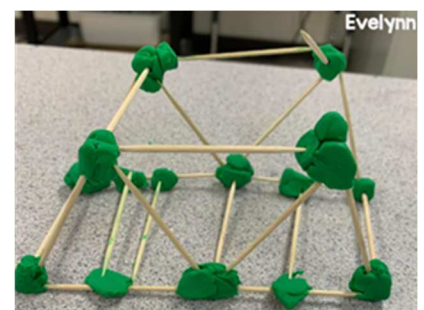
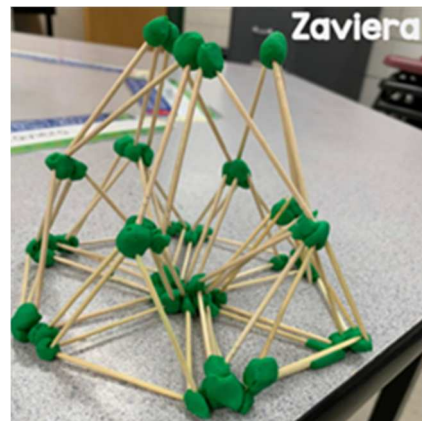
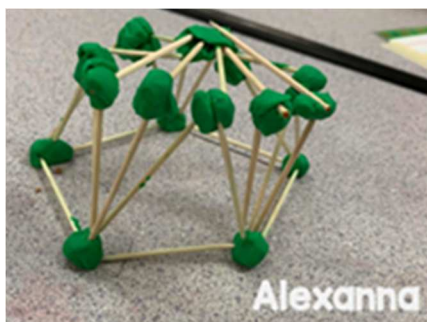
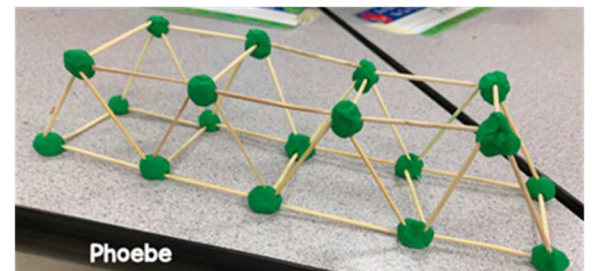
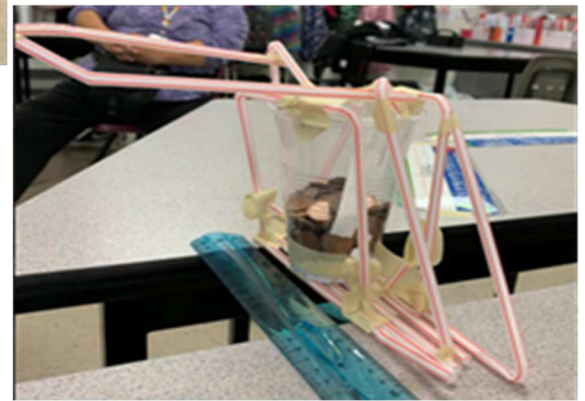
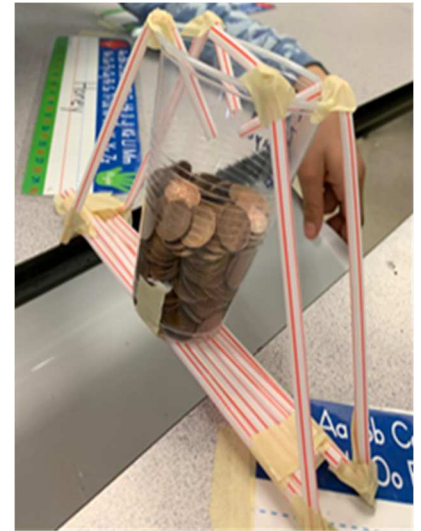
6:30PM at Glory and Peace Church

Students and families are to arrive at 6pm.



Room 215 News!

We have been learning about structures and materials in science class. Students have learned about strength, stability, frames, and natural structures vs. human-build structures. In our first project students worked in groups to build bridges out of straws and tape. They had to work with a limited number of materials to build the strongest bridge they could to hold as many pennies as possible. After this, we looked closer at the ways to improve a structure's frame and noticed that many bridges use triangulation (triangles!). Students then worked individually to create standing structures out of toothpicks and modelling clay. Take care & stay safe. Wishing you all the best during the month of December and heading into the New Year!



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.

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

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 Day 6	2 Day 1 <i>Non-Instructional Day No Classes</i>
5 Day 2	6 Day 3 <i>Mobile Vision Care Clinic</i>	7 Day 4	8 Day 5	9 Day 6
12 Day 1	13 Day 2	14 Day 3	15 Day 4 <i>6:30PM Winter Concert</i>	16 Day 5
19 Day 6 Spirit week Crazy Hat Day	20 Day 1 Spirit Week Festive Day Holiday Breakfast!	21 Day 2 Spirit week PJ Day <i>Last Day of Classes before Winter Break</i>	22 Day 6 23 Day 1 <i>Winter Break—No Classes</i>	
26	27	28	29	30
<i>Winter Break—No Classes</i>				

Looking ahead.....
 Thursday, January 5 First Day of Classes after Winter Break
 Friday, February 3 Non-Instructional Day / No Classes
 Monday, February 20 Louis Riel Day / No Classes
 Tuesday, February 21 Celebration of Learning 5PM
 Monday, March 13 Report Cards Go Home