

CHAMPLAIN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2023



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Grade 2/3	Ms. Husarewycz
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Grade 4/5	Ms. Bedard
Grade 5/6	Mr. Clearwater
Grade 6	Ms. Siller

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Performing Arts	Mr. Shymko
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Ms. Pollock	Ms. Giroux
Ms. Kopychanski	Ms. Benjamin
Ms. Mlodzinski	Ms. Ramalloza
Ms. Dinglasan	Ms. Minenko
Ms. Thomson	Ms. Stewart

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Area Support Director	Ms. Johnson
Reading Clinician	Ms. Normandean
School Social Work	Ms. Mcrae
School Psychologist	Ms. Holt
Speech-Language Pathologist	Ms. Peterson

School Support Worker

Ms. Thomson

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"A safe and caring learning community"

Where Everyone Counts!

Dear Champlain families,

As we return to school after the holidays, we have been working hard to target literacy and numeracy learning in ALL our classrooms. It is very important that students attend school regularly to build momentum in their learning. In addition to regular attendance, a good night sleep and proper nutrition helps brain function and regulation. Thanks to families support with addressing these needs. If families are needing support with attendance, food security and sleep routines, please contact Mr. Claassen our guidance counsellor.

Winter has taken its grip on our city and community. A reminder to all families to send students dressed for the weather with layers, warm jacket and toque, mitts and boots. Outdoor recess and patrols will still happen if the weather is warmer than – 28C with the windchill. Families needing to support with warm clothing are invited to contact Ms. Elizabeth in the parent room.

Our students have been working on the 3B's and focusing on stairway/hallway expectations. Students have been earning Dojo points for their classrooms to demonstrate appropriate expectations of Being Safe, Being Respectful and Waking with purpose. We have also been reminding everyone about playing safely during winter. Everyone is reminded to not play on snowbanks near roadways and in parking lots.

Possible Renaming of Champlain School survey was sent electronically and in paper form for all parents and caregivers to complete. Please complete a survey before **February 3rd**. Summary of the results will be shared with WSD Board and reviewed for next steps.

Parent council meeting is **Tuesday, February 7 at 10am** in the parent room. All are welcome! We will also be hosting a Grandmother's Tea on **Monday, February 13 at 10am**.

Congratulations to our grade 4 students for completing their three sessions with Winnipeg Swimming Counts program. We also look forward to heard about the learning from our grade 6 students attending the Quantum Arts program.

Please encourage your children to get involved with school programs: Lunch Intramurals, Creative Club, Hockey Heroes, Recycling Club and Steam Club.

In February we welcome **I Love to Read month** with focus weeks on Black History, Love & Kindness and Diversity & Inclusion. Attached in the newsletter are multiple strategies for families to engage in reading at home. Stay tuned for further updates on further schoolwide and classroom initiatives. In addition, we will have various guest readers reading to our students.

February also brings Valentines Day. Classroom teachers will provide letters home with more specific details but a reminder to be inclusive of all students and if snacks are provided, they need to be nut-free.

Kindly,
Mr. Paulo Teixeira
Principal



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.ca website 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.

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

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

Day	Date	Item
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- 7:30 P.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
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.
5	Thursday, April 27, 2023	Bus ridership
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

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.

EXCITTING TIMES

Winter Blahs, Shminter blahs! The students from Room 212 are fighting the winter blues by working hard and learning new and exciting things.

From building a solid foundation in multidigit addition and subtraction, to learning about two important kinds of energy (Light and Sound), Room 212 students are working together to help their classmates be successful learners.

Room 212 has had the privilege to have Ms. Stone from the Winnipeg School Division P.S.S. team work with them on strengthening their place value and multidigit addition skills. The students of Room 212 worked together as “Math Detectives” to solve many math mysteries and strengthen their problem-solving skills.

Champlain School’s grade 4 students are also learning about water safety by participating in The City of Winnipeg’s Swimming Counts Program. Room 212 is visiting the Bonivital Pool three times in January, to learn about being safe in and around pools and bodies of water.

If you thought it couldn’t get any better than that, hold on to your hats.



IN ROOM 212!

Ever wonder what you should do if you get lost in the woods. Wonder no more as Room 212 is writing an important instructional piece that will explain what you should do if you are lost in the woods. This will be one part of our classroom billboard display along with what you should bring along with you on a hiking trip. Room 212 will put some of this knowledge to work in the springtime at St. Johns park.

The energy of learning doesn't stop there.

To add to the energy that Room 212 students bring everyday, we are going to explore two other types of energy. Room 212 is going to explore the wonderful world of sound and light. We are going to learn what sound is and why light is so important in how we will power our future. Building instruments will be music to our ears and playing with light will brighten our horizons.

Speaking of skills, Room 212 has the privilege of hosting Baby Fia and her Mom Brigette for Roots of Empathy Program. Mr. Claassen visits our classroom every day 6 and helps Room 212 learn how to care for our infant siblings and cousins. Baby Fia and her Mom Brigette visit every month to give our room real life experiences and observations of how to care for and understand raising a baby. The excitement doesn't stop there.

Room 212 is going to be very busy in the next 5 months, but not busy to share our learning experiences with our Champlain learning community. We look forward to sharing what we are learning with you.



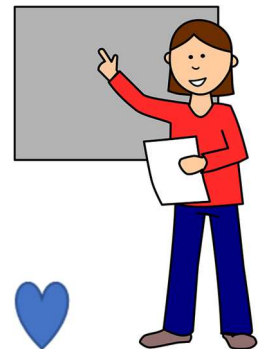
February Parent Room News

This month our Parent meeting is **on February 7th @10am**. Please join us to talk about what's been going on at our School, and what will be coming up for March.



Are you a working parent who has always wanted to come to a parent meeting but haven't been able to because they have been in the mornings? March Parent meeting will be held in the evening at 6pm on March 8th to give our working parents a chance to attend. (Please RSVP if you would like to attend March parent meeting, as child care and dinner will be available.)

FEB. 8th JOB works Presentation in the Parent Room @10am.
If you are interested in being an educational assistant and would like more information about the **JOBWORKS**, free training program, please join us on Feb.8th to hear more about it.



FEB.13th @ 10 AM Grandmothers Valentine tea.

Grandmothers Group will gather together to share a continental breakfast. If you are a Grandmother helping to raise a Champlain student, please let us know in the Parent room, so we can be sure you are invited to our future Grandmother gatherings.

What would you like to see happening in our Parent Room?
I am always looking for new ideas and would love to hear from any parent who has a suggestion. I look forward to hearing from you !!

Elizabeth Thomson
Champlain Community Support Worker
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WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION

2023/2024

DRAFT BUDGET CONSULTATION

Central District Advisory – February 8, 7:00 p.m.
Tec Voc High School, 1555 Wall Street

South District Advisory – February 9, 7:00 p.m.
Collège Churchill High School, 510 Hay Street

North District Advisory – February 14, 7:00 p.m.
Tyndall Park School, 2221 King Edward Street

Inner City District Advisory – February 15, 6:30 p.m.
Hugh John MacDonald School, 567 Bannatyne Avenue

To present to the Board of Trustees on the topic of budgeting for WSD school programs and services for the 2023/2024 year, please pre-register to be added to the special meeting by contacting the Board Office at 204-789-0469 by noon, February 23, 2023.



Feedback can also be submitted via email or post:
board@wsd1.org
Winnipeg School Division
Attn: Board Office
1577 Wall Street East
Winnipeg MB R3E 2S5



WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION



February 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Assembly	2	3 P.D.	4
5 	6	7 Read Your Shirt Day Nahanni Fontaine Guest Reader	8	9	10	11 
12	13	14 	15	16	17 Dress Like Your Favourite Book Character Day	18
19 	20 Louis Riel Day	21	22 Teacher Swap - pm	23	24	25 
26	27 	28 Family Read Day 2:30 				



Themes for the Week: Students will engage in texts related to the theme of each week.

Book Worm Heart – Students will record their reading during the month of February. If students reach the goal Mr. Teixeira has agreed to be slimed!



After lunch, students will drop everything and read daily for 10 minutes



Guess the Character

Clues all week to guess a book character both primary and intermediate – clues will be read on the announcements and students can submit their guess to the office, we will draw a couple of correct answers to win book prizes

February 6-10 Make a Bookmark – at some point during the week students can decorate a bookmark for themselves.



Read Your Shirt Day: February 7 – Students and staff can wear a shirt with words on it for others to read – words must be appropriate

Dress Like Your Favourite Book Character Day: February 17 – students and staff can come in costume to represent their favourite book character.



Teacher Swap: February 22 – students will be placed in multi-grade groups. Grade 6 students will be the leaders, and they will lead their groups to see different adults and enjoy a couple of stories with that adult before rotating again.

Family Read: February 28 – family members are invited to come to the school after last recess. They can find their family members and choose a place to read together



I Love to Read Home Reading Bingo – Bingo sheets to go home with students. They can complete the tasks on the bingo card and have a grownup at home sign the completed task. When the whole bingo sheet is filled they can return it to school for a prize.

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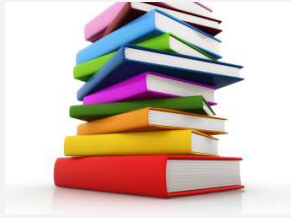
Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday



1

Day 4

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Day 5

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Day 6

1:30P School Wide Assembly

*Non-Instructional Day—
No Classes*

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Day 1

7

Day 2

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Day 3

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Day 4

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Day 5

*Parent Council Meeting
in Parent Room 10AM*

*Job Works Presentation
in Parent Room 10AM*

*St. John's Presentation
1:30PM*

13

Day 6

14

Day 1



*North District Advisory
Tyndall Park School
7pm*

*Grandmother's
Valentine Tea 10AM*

15

Day 2

16

Day 3

17

Day 4

20

*Louis Riel Day —
No Classes*

21

Day 5

*Celebration of
Learning 5PM*

22

Day 6

23

Day 1

24

Day 2

27

Day 3

28

Day 4

Looking ahead.....

Monday, March 13..... Report Cards go home

Thursday, March 16..... Student-led conferences 4:30-8PM

Friday, March 17..... Student-led conferences 9AM-12PM / No Classes

Friday, March 24..... Last Day of School Before Spring Break

Monday, March 27-Friday, March 31..... Spring Break / No Classes

Monday, April 3..... First Day of School After Spring Break