

CHAMPLAIN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

February 2024



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 Grade 1/2 Ms. Samson
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 Grade 3/4 Ms. Bedard
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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 or Ms. Elizabeth our community support worker.

In February we are celebrating **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.

We are welcoming various guest readers to read with our students this month. We are welcoming **Vern Dano**, our WSD Grandfather to read with our students on February 13. and share teachings about the Circle of Courage. We are also excited to welcome **Michael Redhead Champagne** on February 20 to read his new book with us "We Need Everyone". Michael is a St. John's community alumni and a very dynamic speaker.

On February 22 from 5-7pm parents and caregivers are invited to come read with our students. Our parent council will be holding a bake sake that evening to help raise funds for our playground beautification project. Everyone is welcome.

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.

Some exciting opportunities coming up for our students. See Spot Read will provide a few students an opportunity to read with dogs at the humane society to help build self-esteem and literacy. Champlain has been awarded the Cool 2 Be kind grant for our project with supporting individuals in our community experiencing homelessness. As well, Champlain has also been awarded the Healthy schools grant for outfitting our calming space with updated paint and materials to support student regulation.

Parent council meeting is **Thursday, February 8 at 10am** in the parent room. All are welcome! We will also be hosting a Grandmother's Breakfast on **Wednesday, February 7 at 9:30am**.

Please encourage your children to get involved with school programs: Pow Wow, Drumming, Knitting, Karaoke, Chees, 2B games, etc..

Kindly,
 Mr. Paulo Teixeira
 Principal



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 INVESTING IN THE FUTURE

**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 2023-24 school year are 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.



Students being street smart

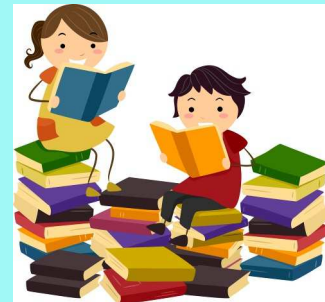
Does your child know how to be **street smart**? It's something we talk about in our classrooms because the safety of our students is very important. It's also a good thing to talk about at home as a regular reminder for your child.

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!

SCHOOL PATROLS

Our school provides student patrols to assist children crossing the busy intersections near our school.

The patrols are on duty from 8:40 - 8:55 a.m., from 12:00 - 12:10 p.m. and after lunch, from 12:40 - 12:55 p.m. and from 3:30 - 3:40 p.m. Please watch for them and assist them by slowing down and obeying all traffic laws.

ALL CHILDREN ARE EXPECTED TO FOLLOW THE DIRECTION OF THE PATROLS.



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

Patrols can save lives!

Champlain patrols are safe, respectful and responsible

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.**

If your child needs any sort of medication during the school day, there are strict guidelines we must adhere to, according to Winnipeg School Division Policy. Children are not allowed to carry any type of medication on them or in their backpack. If you find you are in need of this service, please contact the office at 204-586-5139. We will be glad to assist you as there is certain paperwork that needs to be filled in.

Please ensure to send warm clothing with your child to school. If you need support accessing warm clothing, please connect with Ms. Elizabeth in the parent room.

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.

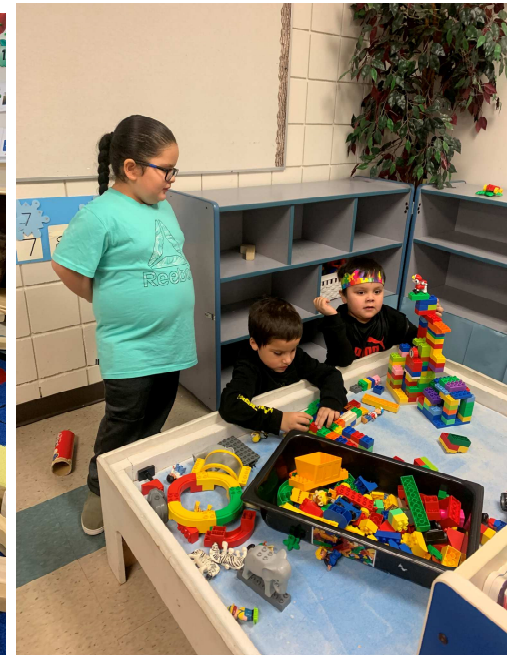
<u>Wind Chill</u>	<u>Risk of Frostbite</u>	<u>Other Health concerns</u>	<u>What to Do</u>
0-9	LOW	Slight increase in discomfort	Dress warmly, with the outside temperature in mind Stay dry.
-10 to-2	LOW	Uncomfortable Risk of hypothermia if outside for long periods without adequate protection.	Dress in 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.

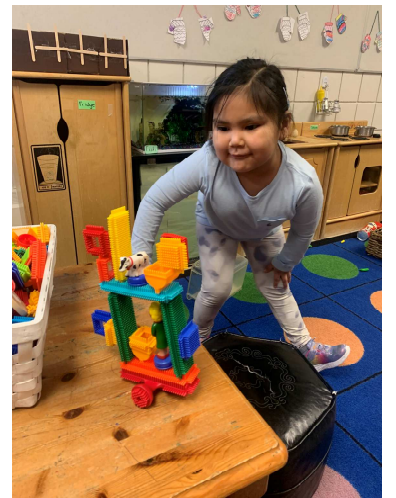
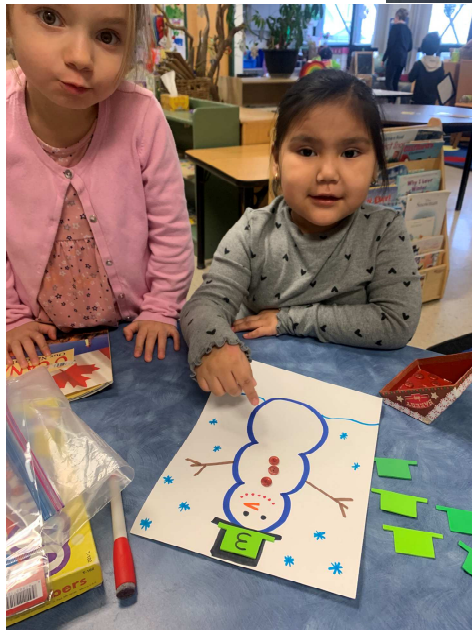
Environment Canada Info line for Temperature and Wind Chill: 204-983-2050



Nursery and kindergarten

Our students have been busy learning through play. They are discovering how to create new colours mixing primary colours in the snow and at the water table. They are exploring the world of architecture and engineering as they build with blocks and Lego. They are becoming writers and artists at the art centre. The day flies by while they have fun, build new friendship's and learn what makes them special.





How to Care for Your Child During Respiratory Virus Season

Having a sick child can be scary. Know what symptoms to watch for, *how* to provide care and comfort at home, and *when* to seek help — it's all part of providing good **KidCare!**

At an emergency department, the sickest patients are always seen first. Less sick patients will have to wait for care. Depending on your child's symptoms, you may be able to provide care at **home**, or be seen faster by your doctor or a **walk-in clinic** or **urgent care centre**.

When deciding where to go, consider these **cold and flu symptoms** to determine whether your child needs emergency care.

	Emergency	Not an Emergency
Breathing Problems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> in respiratory distress pale skin with blue lips wheezing, not responding to medication 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> nasal congestion and cough mild wheezing that is responding to medication or is not associated with difficulty breathing
Fever	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> infant (less than 3 months old) with fever immune system or chronic health problems difficult to wake or excessively sleepy fever ongoing for more than 5-7 days neck stiffness with vomiting and sleepiness unable to walk or weakness of arms or legs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> in healthy and vaccinated babies in children who are generally well on its own, a high fever does not require a trip to emergency
Vomiting or Diarrhea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> in a child less than 3 months old repeated vomiting and shows signs of dehydration (no tears, dry mouth, sunken soft spot) containing blood or is bright green dehydration with dry mouth, or if no urine is passed for 12+ hours 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> vomiting or diarrhea less than 3-4 times per day ongoing diarrhea after 'stomach flu' as this can last for up to 2 weeks

Learn more about symptoms that should lead to a visit to emergency and those that can be cared for at home or elsewhere, at KidCareMB.ca.

Not Sure Where to Go?

Talk to a nurse from home and get help assessing your child's symptoms. Call Health Links – Info Santé at **204-788-8200** or **1-888-315-9257**. In an emergency, call **9-1-1**.





WSD NEW STUDENT SCHOOL REGISTRATION STARTS FEBRUARY 26!

If your child is turning four or five by December 31 this year, it's time to register them for Nursery or Kindergarten.

Starting Nursery or Kindergarten is an exciting time and we're here to help.

Find your neighbourhood school on winnipeg.sd.ca and learn more about your child's school and the special role it has in your community.

Start your child on the journey of a lifetime of joyful and deep learning.

Visit winnipeg.sd.ca



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Welcome 2024!!



216 cannot believe that 2024 is finally here!

To celebrate, we've been discussing and writing what we want to have more and less of in the new year to better ourselves and the world around us.

Here are some of the things 216 wants more and less of this new year!

More
-skating
-puzzles
-math
-reading books

Less
-watching TV
-candy
-messes
-new toys

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February 2, 2024

Dear Families

Re: WSD Budget 2024/25

As you might be aware, the funding announcement for K-12 public education was delivered yesterday. This announcement gives all school divisions in Manitoba direction on revenues for the upcoming year. We now have until March 15th to submit our 2024/25 budget to the Province of Manitoba. From the province, WSD received an increase of 1% to its annual operating budget for the upcoming year.

Now, we want to hear from you! A budget is a values-based document. It contains what we think is important and where we should devote resources -- or not. WSD has a half billion-dollar budget, and we want to ensure that your voices are heard through the budget development process.

To help families think through what exactly a school division does, we would encourage you to have a look at the linked document entitled WSD 123. <https://www.winnipegssd.ca/page/28075/wsd-123-continuous-improvement-2023-24>

This document summarizes what we do from a programming perspective. What are the things that matter to your family? Smaller class sizes? Improved instruction? No-fee field trips? More extracurricular programming? More nutrition programs? More mental health supports? Greater access to technology? No-fee lunch supervision? Greater emphasis on Truth and Reconciliation? More supports for children in our care?

We can do anything we want, but we can't do everything.

We invite you to attend upcoming public meetings to share your priorities and ask questions. Please note the following:

Inner City District Advisory Committee: February 7th @ William Whyte, 6:30 pm

North District Advisory Committee: February 8th @ École Lansdowne, 7:00 pm

Central District Advisory Committee: February 13th @ Elmwood High School, 7:00 pm

South District Advisory Committee: February 14th @ Harrow School, 7:00 pm

Public Consultation Meeting: February 26th @ Tec Voc High School, 7:00 pm

The Board of Trustees and the Superintendents Team value your input. It's your school division, your schools, and your community. Our goal is to make WSD the best school system on Planet Earth, and we need your voice, support, and guidance to do that.

Thank you for the feedback you've already provided. We look forward to seeing you at upcoming consultations. Should you not be able to attend, please feel free to email your ideas to Matt at mahenderson@wsd1.org.

Sincerely,

Matt Henderson, Superintendent
Tamara Kuly, Broad Chair



February is I love to read month!



Activities include:

After lunch, drop everything & read for 10 minutes daily.

Wednesday Feb. 7th wear a shirt with words (must be school appropriate).

Teacher swap Feb. 9th! Mixed grade groupings will be led by grade 6 students around to different school staff to enjoy a variety of stories.

Guess the book character game!

Home reading challenge! Fill out a heart for every 15 mins read at home. Bring the sheet back signed by an adult for a chance to win a prize.

School reading challenge: win a popcorn party!

Family Read Evening – Thursday Feb. 22nd. Family members are invited to come to school to read & explore different books together!






Pink shirt day Wednesday Feb. 28th!

We *read* all month (wear red) on Thursday Feb. 29th!








FEB. 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	29	30	31	1 I love to read assembly 	2 No School Non-Instruct. Day	3
4	5	6	7 Wear a shirt with words 	8	9 Teacher swap! 	10
Black History Week						
11	12	13	14 HAPPY Valentine's DAY 	15	16	17
Love & Kindness Week						
18	19 No School Louis Riel Day	20	21	22 Family read night! 	23	24
Diversity & Inclusion Week						
25	26	27	28 PINK SHIRT DAY 	29 We read all month! (wear red) 	1	



	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	
				1	2	3
	 FEBRUARY 					
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Parent Room Closed.		Grandmothers Breakfast 	Parent Council Mtg. 10am.	Parent Room Closed.	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
		Parent Room Closed.	Wellness Wednesday		Parent Room Closed.	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
			Wellness Wednesday		Parent Room Closed.	
25	26	27	28	29		
			Wellness Wednesday			

February in the Parent Room



Grandmothers Valentine Breakfast

We will honour our Grandmothers on February 7th @ 9:30 am.

if you are a Grandmother who is helping to raise your Grandchild that attends Champlain School, you are invited to attend our gathering. All Grandmothers will receive a small gift. Please RSVP to Elizabeth by calling the school, or emailing ethomson@wsd1.org.

Wellness Wednesday

Join us on Wednesdays in February for a wellness morning. We will have many art materials for you to explore. We will have Arts, Crafts and Coffee for all. Come out and beat the winter blues while getting creative and making connections with other parents.

Parent Bake Sale

Please send your child with a loonie on February 22nd to spend at our Parent Bake sale. We will allow students to come and buy baking for their recess treat before the morning recess. All funds raised during this bake sale will go towards our playground beautification project.

Parent Room is open most weeks from Monday – Thursday – 9-11:30 am.


Please call Elizabeth if you would like to meet privately or have any questions about Parent Room activities.”



Champlain Calendar of events 2023-2024

2	Friday, February 2 nd	PD - Non-instructional day
	Monday, February 19 th	Louis-Riel Day - No School
1	Tuesday, February 20 th	Assembly
3	Thursday, February 22 nd	Family Read Evening (5 – 7)
5	Tuesday, March 5 th	Staff Meeting – 3:40pm
3	Monday, March 11 th	Report cards go home
6	Thursday, March 14 th	Student-led conferences evening (4 – 7:30 pm)
1	Friday, March 15 th	Student-led conferences - Non-instructional day
6	Friday, March 22 nd	Last day before spring break
1	Monday, April 1 st	First day back from spring break
2	Tuesday, April 2 nd	Staff Meeting – 3:40pm
2	Thursday, April 18 th	Family Night
3	Friday, April 19 th	PD -Non-instructional day
5	Tuesday, April 23 rd	Assembly
2	Monday, May 6 th	PD -Non-instructional day
	Monday, May 20 th	Victoria Day - No School
6	Tuesday, May 21 st	Assembly
2	Thursday, May 23 rd	Celebration of Learning (5 - 7)
	TBA	Spring Concert
4	Tuesday, June 4 th	Staff Meeting – 3:40pm
5	Thursday, June 13 th	End of Year Celebration FEAST (5 - 7)
6	Friday, June 14 th	Admin Day - Non-instructional day
2	Tuesday, June 18 th	Assembly
4	Tuesday, June 25 th	NK grad in am and pm
5	Wednesday, June 26 th	Grade 6 Farewell
1	Friday, June 28 th	Last day of school -11:30am dismissal

February 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 Day 1	2 Day 2 <i>Non-instructional Day— No school</i>
5 Day 3	6 Day 4	7 Day 5 Grandmother's Breakfast 9:30am	8 Day 6 Parent Council 10am	9 Day 1
12 Day 2	13 Day 3 WSD Grandfather Vern Dano visits	14 Day 4	15 Day 5	16 Day 6
19 <i>Louis Riel Day—No school</i>	20 Day 1 Assembly MRC—guest reader	21 Day 2	22 Day 3	23 Day 4
26 Day 5	27 Day 6 	28 Day 1	29 Day 2	

Looking ahead.....

March 15.....Non-instructional Day—No school

March 22.....Last Day Of School

March 25.....Spring Break Starts

March 29.....Good Friday/Spring Break Ends

April 1.....First Day back from Spring Break