

# CHAMPLAIN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## JUNE 2023



### STAFF 2022-23

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**Secretary** Ms. Shelley Brezinsky

#### Classroom Teachers

Nursery/Kindergarten	Ms. Hughes
Grade 1	Ms. Rempel
Grade 1/2	Ms. Samson
Grade 2/3	Ms. Husarewycz
Grade 3	Ms. Hermann
Grade 4	Mr. Eccles
Grade 4/5	Ms. Bedard
Grade 5/6	Mr. Clearwater
Grade 6	Ms. Siller

#### Support Staff

Phys Ed	Mr. Law
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Resource/IERT	Ms. Mancusi
Guidance	Mr. Claassen
Performing Arts	Mr. Shymko
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Resource	Ms. Gans

#### Educational Assistants

Ms. Johnson	Ms. Starr
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
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School Social Work	Ms. Mcrae
School Psychologist	Ms. Holt
Speech-Language Pathologist	Ms. Peterson

#### School Support Worker

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Check out our newsletter online!

*"A safe and caring learning community"*

*Where Everyone Counts!*

Dear Champlain families,

I would like to honour our students' hard-work, resilience and perseverance in their learning this spring and all year! A **special THANK-YOU** to all the parents, guardians, aunties, uncles, grandparents, kookums and caring adults in our students' lives that have been their cheerleaders! **YOU ROCK!**

We are inviting parents/guardians that are residents of the Winnipeg School Division and have children born in 2018 or earlier to **pre-register** their children for **2023-2024 Nursery/Kindergarten Program**. Nursery classes are offered either morning or afternoon. Intake meetings will be scheduled right away.

Please join me in celebrating our **FABULOUS staff and students at Champlain School**. They have championed resilience in the academic learning, modelling kindness with their classmates and shared their learning with each other. We have also been able to host many new and exciting clubs this spring!

#### Grade 6 Farewell - Wednesday, June 28<sup>th</sup>

Our school team has been diligently planning a celebration for our Grade 6 students and families in our school gymnasium. A formal invitation will be coming in the next few weeks!!!

#### Report Cards – Thursday, June 29<sup>th</sup>

Our intent is to email reports this June. If you do not have an email, please inform the school that you would like your child's report card delivered to them or mailed.

#### Meet the Teacher and Community FEAST—September 21<sup>st</sup>, 5pm

All of our Champlain families and students are invited to a Meet the Teacher and Community FEAST this fall. More details will follow in September. Families with students in Nursery/Kindergarten will also be invited to a Welcome to Nursery/Kindergarten presentation on the same evening.

I would like to wish everyone a safe summer. Enjoy time with your families and we look forward to working with you this fall. School returns **Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023.**

Mr. P. Teixeira  
Principal



## School Hours/Supervision of Students

8:50	1 <sup>st</sup> Bell - Students line up on hard top
8:55	Students enter school
9:00	2 <sup>nd</sup> 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 <sup>st</sup> Bell - Students enter school
1:00	2 <sup>nd</sup> 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 8:45 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.



## 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](http://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 School Messenger app
3. through the Safe Arrival website.

Safe Arrival web site for parents to report absences will be **[go.schoolmessenger.ca](http://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.**

## **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.***



## Champlain Pow Wow Workshops

This May 2023, Champlain grade 4,5, and 6 students had the opportunity to learn Pow Wow dancing from four youth dancers from the Rising Sun Pow Wow Club based at the Ma Ma Wi Chi Itata Centre. The four youth dancers: Cynthia, Dien, Dreyden, and Shyla joined us at Champlain School for four mornings of dance workshops. The goal was to further Champlain School's commitment to Reconciliation through *Reconciliation* by building community, independent capacity within our students, and to celebrate the beauty of Pow Wow dancing and singing. Everyday the dancers began with a smudge at Champlain. We then continued with four different dance styles - Jingle, Fancy, Grass, and Warrior. Students were free to choose any style that interested them. The students then split into four groups and spent the mornings learning the dance style of their choice until they all got back together to learn a round dance and play games.



## - Learning together

The four day Pow Wow dance sessions continue the Indigenous focused learning that takes place at our school on a daily basis. Some of the Indigenous programming includes:

- The revival of our Drum group after the pandemic
- Making Ribbon Skirts for our students and families
- Grade 6 class projects that focus on the MMIW crisis
- Garden beds planted with the Three Sisters plants
- Grandparents gathering bimonthly in parent room with Indigenous knowledge keeper
- Fall feast that included stew, Tipi teachings and many other games and community building activities
- Kindness project that includes gift bundles for our community with the support of the Bear Clan
- A winter Musical Theatre concert based upon the traditional Lenape story *Rainbow Crow*.
- We are a DWF Legacy School (Secret Path) and work with the provided tool kit in the grade 6 class



70 percent of Champlain's students identify as Indigenous. Indigenous teachings and programming are an important part of our everyday school life. As Treaty people, including both Indigenous and non-Indigenous students in learning about Indigenous culture is vital to our path of Truth and Reconciliation. Our next step is to bring back the dancers next year as part of a new Pow Wow program that will run throughout the year and will expand to include all grades K-6. The four youth dancers this spring were not only excellent dance instructors, but also wonderful role models inspiring both students and staff - we are hoping to have them back. Our hope is for the Pow Wow dance group and Drum club to become permanent programs at our school. As well, we are hoping to expand our Ribbon Skirt/Regalia making in our parent room.

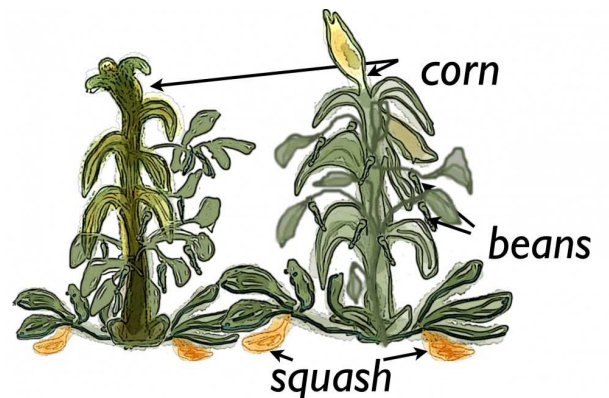
A huge thanks goes out to Ashlyn Stevenson the Pow Wow Club Director at the Ma Ma Wi Chi Itata Centre for bringing the dancers to Champlain School!

*We remember the  
missing, the murdered,  
and the  
disappeared. We fight  
for the living.*



# Gardening Club

The Gardening Club has been meeting every Wednesday in May and will continue to do so in June. We have been busy preparing the gardens in the back for planting a variety of vegetables from seed including the Three Sisters. The Three Sisters are squash, corn and beans; all of which help each other grow stronger together. Mr. Eccles gave us an oral Indigenous teaching about the Three Sisters which we hope our team can carry on to others. We will also soon be planting flowers in the front of the school and will care for our perennial plants that attract and feed butterflies. Thank you to each of our green thumb members for helping to beautify the school yard.



## June Parent Room News

### Volunteer Blitz Day is June 7<sup>th</sup> in the Parent Room!!

We are inviting all volunteers to spend the morning with us. If you have taken volunteer forms to complete and would like some support to complete them, this morning is for you. We will work together to help volunteers complete their applications and get onto our volunteer list for September 2023. This is also a time for volunteers to stop in and watch the “**Respect in Schools**” video, that is part of becoming a School volunteer. We have many opportunities for you coming in the fall to volunteer in our School!! ~ See you June 7<sup>th</sup> @ 10 am in the parent room.



### Community Celebration June 15<sup>th</sup> (4:30—7pm)

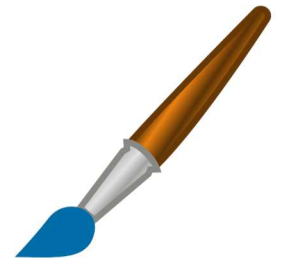
Please join us to celebrate the end of the School year!! We have been through so much together!! We will share some chili, bannock and watermelon. We will have performances to watch, games to play and prizes to be won. We will also have a parent council loonie bake sale and a craft sale set up for those who would like to purchase hand made arts & crafts. There will be a flyer sent home on June 12<sup>th</sup> with all the information about our Community Celebration. We hope to see you there!!



### Grandparents Gathering and Art with our Knowledge keeper, June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

We are inviting all of our Grandparents back for our final gathering this school year. Please join us outside at the picnic tables for some refreshments and an opportunity to create a beautiful piece of art to take home with you. We will be painting and crafting the morning away together as we say our goodbye's until September. All parents are also invited to join us.

~ please rsvp for this morning to be sure that we have enough art supplies for everyone. Thanks



**\*\*\*Parent Room days will change during the month of June in order for us to be prepared for all of our special plans. Please check our calendar to be sure we are open on the day you are planning to visit. Most weeks our hours are Monday to Thursday 9 – 12.**



# Cool 2 Be Kind

Our staff and students were involved in a Kindness project this spring. With the help of the Cool 2 Be Kind grant, we were able to purchase and make care bundles for individuals experiencing homelessness. With the help of the Bear Clan, we were able to deliver these first hand and share kind messages letting everyone know we are thinking of them. Attached are a few pictures and a sample letter.



## Student Letter about the Cool 2 Be Kind

*Smiling faces, overjoyed expressions, these sights are something that the Bear Clan see everyday, they embrace the feeling. In the city of Winnipeg, there's an organization called the Bear Clan. The Bear Clan is more than just a clan, they're absolute heroes to Winnipeg. This Non-Judgemental group is the work of the greatest angels that exist! What do they do? You might say. Well after the gut-wrenching pandemic, some unfortunate people and children couldn't keep their homes and either became bankrupt, or some other reason. Which eventually led to losing their personal belongings and becoming houseless. But they don't have to worry, since this is where the Bear Clan jump into action! Recently the Bear Clan and some of their amazing group members have collaborated with Champlain School to help these folks in need! Room 207 and Room 209 of Champlain School have been working hard spending money using a grant, called the Cool to be Kind grant, to make these excellent packages full with amazing stuff including water, food, sun-screen, toilet paper, and more to give out to those unfortunate folks out there. With a wagon and a baby stroller, they took them out around the area giving them all out to every single person that needed it, the rest to other areas. Seeing the number of smiles, having frowns be turned upside down, is something that I enjoy thoroughly. This walk was one of the proudest moments of my life, something I won't ever forget. I would love to do this everyday. To just think that these people were living just like we were, then all of a sudden, they're now living on the streets. It's a really hard thought to swallow. But if we keep this up, hopefully these people will have a roof to have over their heads! Thank you, Bear Clan, keep up the good work!*

*-Emanuel-*

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

<b>Day</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Item</b>
4	Thursday, June 1, 2023	WSD Pow Wow (Gr. 4-6)
5	Friday, June 2, 2023	NED program—a.m. in the gym
6	Monday, June 5, 2023	Non-Instructional Day — No Classes
3	Thursday, June 8, 2023	Rooms 214, 216, 116 to Morning Sound Farm Field Trip Patrol Field Trip to Uptown Alley pm
3	Friday, June 9, 2023	Nursery/Kindergarten—No Classes
2	Thursday, June 15, 2023	End of year celebration feast—4:30-7 P.M.
2	Friday, June 23, 2023	Room 214/216 Bowling Field Trip Room 207/209 to Transcona Aquatic Park
5	Wednesday, June 28, 2023	Grade 6 Farewell—10:15 AM
6	Thursday, June 29, 2023	Report cards issued
1	Friday, June 30, 2023	Last Day of Classes - Classes dismissed at 11:30AM



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			<b>1</b> <span style="float: right;">Day 4</span>  <i>WSD Pow-Wow (Gr. 4-6)</i>	<b>2</b> <span style="float: right;">Day 5</span>  <i>The NED Program—am in gym</i>
<b>5</b> <span style="float: right;">Day 6</span>  <i>Non-Instructional Day—No Classes</i>	<b>6</b> <span style="float: right;">Day 1</span>	<b>7</b> <span style="float: right;">Day 2</span>  <i>Volunteer Parent Blitz Day in the Parent Room</i>	<b>8</b> <span style="float: right;">Day 3</span>  <i>214, 216, 116 to Morning Sound Farm 1PM Patrol Field Trip to Uptown Alley</i>	<b>9</b> <span style="float: right;">Day 4</span>  <i>No School for Nursery/Kindergarten Students</i>
<b>12</b> <span style="float: right;">Day 5</span>	<b>13</b> <span style="float: right;">Day 6</span>	<b>14</b> <span style="float: right;">Day 1</span>	<b>15</b> <span style="float: right;">Day 2</span>  <i>End of Year Celebration &amp; FEAST (4:30-7)</i>	<b>16</b> <span style="float: right;">Day 3</span>
<b>19</b> <span style="float: right;">Day 4</span>	<b>20</b> <span style="float: right;">Day 5</span>	<b>21</b> <span style="float: right;">Day 6</span>  <i>National Indigenous Peoples' Day</i>	<b>22</b> <span style="float: right;">Day 1</span>  <i>Grandparents Gathering and Art</i>	<b>23</b> <span style="float: right;">Day 2</span>  <i>207/209 to Transcona Aquatic Park 214/216 Bowling 1PM</i>
<b>26</b> <span style="float: right;">Day 3</span>	<b>27</b> <span style="float: right;">Day 4</span>	<b>28</b> <span style="float: right;">Day 5</span>  <i>Grade 6 Farewell—10:15 AM</i>	<b>29</b> <span style="float: right;">Day 6</span>  <i>Report Cards Issued</i>	<b>30</b> <span style="float: right;">Day 1</span>  <i>LAST DAY OF SCHOOL 11:30 AM DISMISSAL</i>

*Looking ahead.....*  
*Wednesday, September 6 . . . . Classes Resume After Summer Break for Grades 1-6*  
*Monday, September 11 . . . . . First day of classes for Nursery/Kindergarten*  
*Monday, September 18 . . . . . No Classes/Non-Instructional Day*  
*Thursday, September 21 . . . . . Fall Feast / Welcome to Kindergarten*