

CHAMPLAIN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2023



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Principal Mr. Paulo Teixeira
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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
Computer/Library	Ms. Olver
Resource/IERT	Mrs. Mira
Resource/IERT	Ms. Mancusi
Guidance	Mr. Claassen
Performing Arts	Mr. Shymko
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Ms. Johnson	Ms. Starr
Ms. Pollock	Ms. Giroux
Ms. Kopychanski	Ms. Benjamin
Ms. Mlodzinski	Ms. Ramalloza
Ms. Dinglasan	Ms. Minenko
Ms. Thomson	Ms. Stewart

Clinical Support Services

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

School Support Worker

Ms. Thomson

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Check out our newsletter online!

“A safe and caring learning community”

Dear Champlain families,

February brought snowy cold days but also warm hearts. February was a month full of “I Love to Read” initiatives! Thank-you to our school committee for coordinating all the great learning about Black History, Inclusion and Kindness. We were also blessed with many guest readers for whole school assemblies and in classrooms.

March is a time to celebrate learning. Students have been reflecting on their learning and are excited to share it with you. Student-Led conferences will be in person on Thursday, March 16 in the evening and Friday, March 17 in the morning. We will have the gym and parent room open for families to explore. Report cards will be issued by email to families but paper copies are available in the office.

As the weather warms up, conditions outside will become slippery. We need everyone’s help is reviewing road safety. For pedestrians, please cross at intersections and avoid playing on snowbanks near roads. For drivers, please be mindful of speed in back lanes and near the exits of the school.

Self regulation and mindfulness continue to be a focus at Champlain. We continually teach and model our school 3B’s (Be safe, Be respectful, and Be ready to learn). In addition, we are also working with students on positive communication, anti-bullying strategies and conflict resolution.

Our parent council is hosting an evening meeting this month, dinner and child care will be provided. **Please join us on March 8th at 6pm.**

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 School Messenger app
3. through the Safe Arrival website.

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.

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

Day	Date	Item
4	Wednesday, March 8, 2023	Parent council meeting 6 P.M.
1	Monday, March 13, 2023	Report cards go home
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
5	Thursday, April 20, 2023	Celebration of Learning—5 P.M.
4	Thursday, April 27, 2023	Bus ridership
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 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



March Parent Room News

Grandmothers Group gathered together this February for a relaxing Valentine Tea. We had 10 Grandmothers share their morning with us. It was a lovely time with a lot of laughter. We honour our Grandmothers and wish to honour all Grandparents that are helping to raise their Grandchildren. If you are a Grandparent helping to raise your Grandchild that attends Champlain School, and you would like to join other Grandparents at our April gathering, please contact Elizabeth to be added to our invitation list.

March Parent Council meeting Wednesday, March 8th @ 6PM, will be taking place in the evening this month so that some of our working parents can take part. If you would like to attend our March parent meeting, please rsvp as there will be a light dinner and child care provided.

Volunteers are needed !! ~ If you can spare an hour a day, we need you. Help is needed to prepare the daily snacks for our students.

Our Parent Room is open most weeks, Monday ~ Thursday.

~family resource information is always available.... Housing, food support, parenting, mental health.

Please reach out to your Community Support worker any mornings in the Parent Room, or email @ ethomson@wsd1.org.

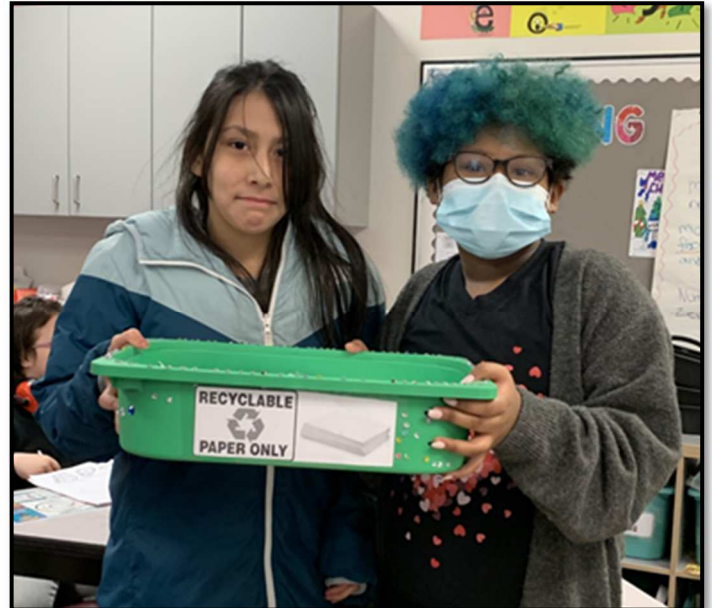
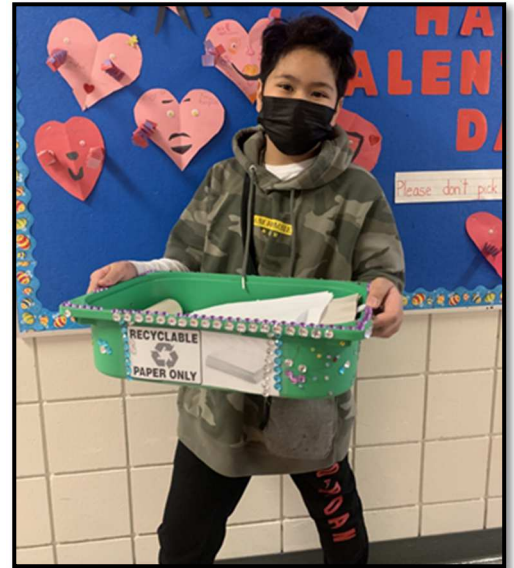
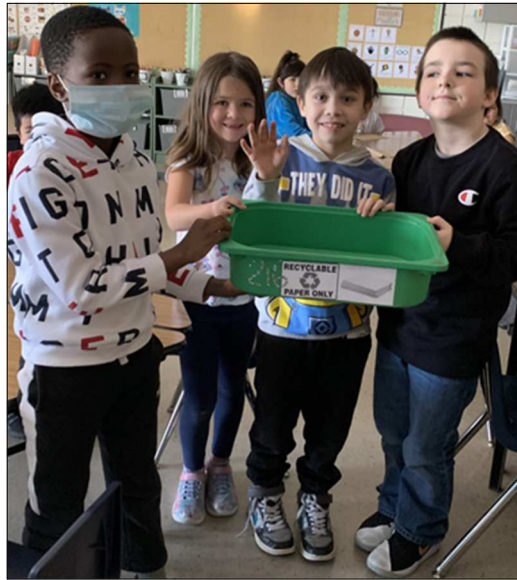
Spring is just around the corner, hang in there everyone !!!



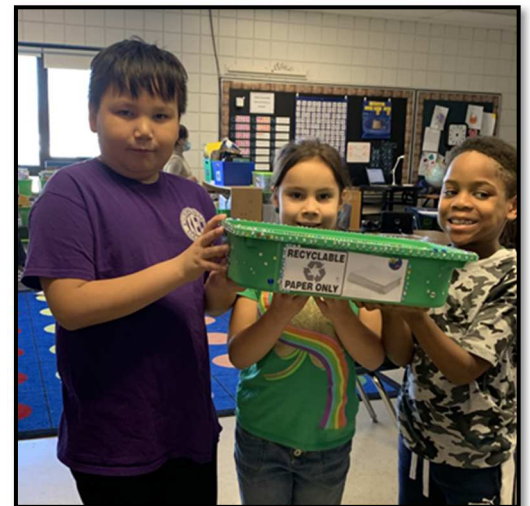
The Champlain School Recycling Crew



In January, Champlain School started a group named the "Recycling Crew". The purpose of the Recycling Crew is to help spread awareness of paper recycling, that includes encouraging students to recycle paper. This Group consists of 4 amazing students. Their names are: Kylee, Violet, River, and Emanuel, all from 207. The main lead of this crew is our Nursery/Kindergarten teacher, Ms. Hughes. We have provided each class in Champlain School with a recycling bin that is only made for collecting paper. To make things more exciting, we gave every single class a little goodie bag to bling out their boxes! Here are some examples of these amazing styled out boxes! *



Our purpose is to encourage other students to become more ecofriendly to our environment. We get our air from trees. So, we need them to survive. If we recycle the paper, we can make new things with the paper instead of just more garbage. Every time we waste paper, we waste trees. So, reuse your paper as much as you can before you put it in the bin.



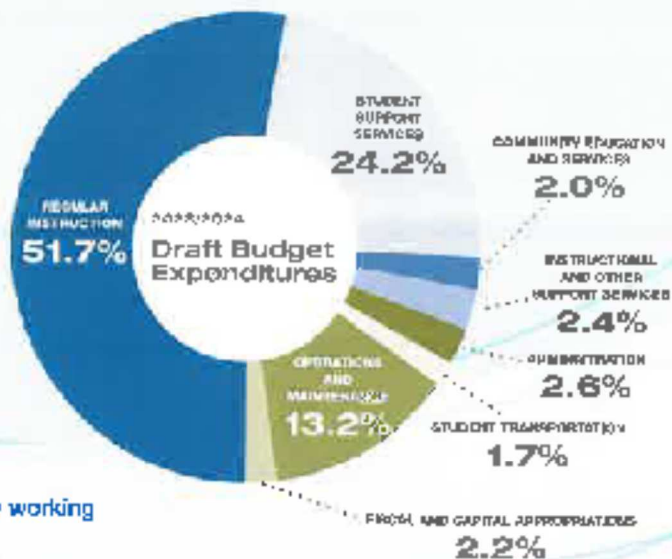
We have also created a challenge for the school. If every class recycles paper for a whole month, we will provide a school prize, this can include lollipops, popcorn, or even extra recess. This will continue every month and we will highlight the top recyclers in the announcements. Alright, thank you everyone for recycling and helping our Mother Earth! Have an amazing rest of your day!



WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION

2023/2024

DRAFT BUDGET



The Winnipeg School Division Board of Trustees is now working on WSD's 2023/2024 budget.

The Board develops the budget based on WSD's guiding principles which include leading education innovation, high quality education, employing competent, qualified and caring staff and managing tax dollars responsibly.

For 2023/2024, the WSD Board of Trustees is proposing a budget that maintains existing programs and which also allows for a limited number of additional supports for students in the area of bilingual language programs and transportation, student support services and educational assistants.

INSTRUCTIONAL

Regular Instruction

All subject areas; language programs; English-as-an-additional language \$255,980,441

Student Support Services

Inclusive student support; clinical services; resources and counselling \$108,566,844

Community education and services (including adult learning centres)

Nursery; adult programs and community use of schools \$9,068,912

Instructional and other support services

Professional development; library services and nutritional program . . . \$11,105,748

SUPPORT

Administration

Computer and information services; business and human resources functions; Board and central administration \$11,331,205

Student transportation

Operation of school buses \$7,954,829

Operations and maintenance

Operating and maintaining 78 schools and other facilities \$58,492,479

Fiscal and capital appropriations

Payroll tax, banking charges and capital transfers \$8,731,842

2023/2024 Draft Budget
\$454,832,200

4.1%
increase
\$8,314,777
Increase in public school funding for Winnipeg School Division.

Property Education Tax Levy frozen at 2020 level.

WE WELCOME YOUR COMMENTS ABOUT THE WSD BUDGET. PLEASE SEND YOUR INPUT BY FEB. 27, 2023:

Email: board@wsd1.org

In writing: Winnipeg School Division
Attn: Board Office
1577 West Street East
Winnipeg MB R3E 2G6

Register to appear as a delegation before the Board of Trustees at a special meeting on February 27 by contacting the Board Office at: 204-789-0468 by noon, February 23, 2023.

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		1 Day 5	2 Day 6	3 Day 1
6 Day 2	7 Day 3	8 Day 4 <i>Parent Council Meeting 6PM</i>	9 Day 5	10 Day 6
13 Day 1 	14 Day 2	15 Day 3	16 Day 4 <i>Student-led conferences 4:00--7:30 PM</i>	17 Day 5 <i>Non-Instructional Day— No Classes Student-led conferences 9AM-12PM</i>
20 Day 6	21 Day 1	22 Day 2	23 Day 3	24 Day 4 <i>Last Day of School before Spring Break</i>

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S P R I N G B R E A K



Looking ahead.....	
Monday, April 3	First Day of School After Spring Break
Friday, April 7	Good Friday / No School
Tuesday, April 11	Spring Photos Day
Friday, April 14	Non-Instructional Day / No School
Thursday, April 20	Celebration of learning 5 PM
Monday, May 1	Non-Instructional Day / No School