

# Machray Elementary School

## Community Report

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### Our Purpose

Winnipeg School Division provides a learning environment that fosters the growth of each student's potential and provides equitable opportunity to develop the knowledge, skills, and values necessary for meaningful participation in a global and diverse society.

### Our Vision

Is for current and future people learning and working within Winnipeg School Division to be:  
**Engaged, Confident, Inspired, and Successful Learners.**



## About our school

Machray Elementary School is a dynamic Nursery to Grade 6 learning environment. We have an incredible staff who are passionate about teaching and are dedicated to providing educational programming that meets the diverse needs of the school and surrounding community. With a childcare facility and a dental clinic in the building, Machray is a vibrant hub of the community.

At Machray Elementary School, growth in student learning is clear, and the school has become a place of importance to our families. Every member of the Machray staff strive to create a safe and respectful learning environment to help each student achieve their potential.

# Highlights

2020-2021 was a year full of opportunities for the Machray Elementary students. Although many of our usual events were cancelled or postponed due to the Covid-19 pandemic, there is much to celebrate including:

- School Initiatives:
  - Interactive Literacy Wall
  - Interactive Numeracy Wall
  - Compost Bins Build
  - Library and Makerspace Development
  - Daily breakfast and snack delivery to classrooms
- Extracurricular student activities:
  - Babysitting Course for grade 6 students
  - Girls Group
  - Gardening Club
  - Boys Lunch
  - Celebratory class pizza lunches
- School-wide events:
  - 100th Day of School Numeracy Celebration
  - I Love to Read Month
  - School Spirit Week
  - Literacy Lunch Celebrations
  - Terry Fox
  - Every Child Matters – Orange Shirt Day Virtual Assembly
  - Remembrance Day Virtual Assembly
  - Anti-Bullying - Day of Pink
  - Breakfast with Santa
- Presentations:
  - Royal Winnipeg Ballet Virtual Performance
  - University of Manitoba Class Presentations
  - Fire Department – Book Video!
  - School Resource Officer Foltz – Day of Pink and Reading to Classrooms
- Community initiatives:
  - Breakfast 2 Go program
  - Virtual F.A.S.T. program



# Priorities for 2020-21

## Literacy

- Increased understanding of the new ELA curriculum
- Developed use of the school Literacy Wall
- Continued implementation of Levelled Literacy Intervention
- Showcasing student success through literacy lunches, the writing showcase, and the writing staircase

## Numeracy

- Further development and use of common math language
- Continued use of the school Math Wall
- Student conferencing to set personal math goals

## Wellness

- To promote, support, and maintain wellness practices throughout the Machray community including staff members, students, and their families.
- To build and maintain connection amongst staff and students through in-person and online initiatives.
- Increasing communication/ partnerships with the Machray community

## Sustainability

- School-wide Compost Bin Build
- Further development and new implementation of E.S.D.-focused lesson plans
- Revisiting understandings of embedding Indigenous perspectives into areas of instruction



# Priorities for 2021-22

## • Literacy

To continue to develop best literacy practices through:

- Data-driven planning for learning
- Continued implementation of Levelled Literacy Intervention
- Celebrating I Love to Read Month
- Showcasing student success through literacy lunch celebrations, published writing pieces in the front showcase, and the writing staircase

## • Numeracy

To continue to develop best numeracy practice through:

- School Math Wall to support student-centered demonstrations of learning.
- 100<sup>th</sup> day of school
- Student conferencing to set personal math goals
- Professional Learning Committees to engage in:
  - o Co-teaching
  - o Designing and implementing learning sprints and math groups

## • Education for Sustainable Development

To expand on current Sustainable Development practice through:

- Introduction to and use of School/Community Compost Bin
- Design, and build indoor living garden spaces throughout the school
- School-wide development and use of the outdoor garden space
- School-wide use of E.S.D. lesson plans bin
- Introduction to incorporating nature into the classroom

## • Wellness

- To continue to support and maintain wellness practices throughout the Machray community including staff, students and their families.
- To build and maintain connection amongst staff and students through in-person and online initiatives.

# Parent and community involvement

Machray Elementary School welcomes parents and the surrounding community to participate in numerous activities throughout the year.

We are fortunate to have an active Parent Advisory Council that meets several times to provide the perspective of a parent/guardian to the numerous initiatives and programs offered at the school.

Parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education. Parents are invited to attend our Celebrations of Learning as well as our school-wide assemblies and presentations. Our Parent Room is open from 8:15 – 9:00am and 1:00 – 4:00pm.

Throughout the 2020-2021 school year, parent programming was put on pause as we strictly followed Covid protocols. Parents will be welcome back in the fall to participate in numerous ways, including:

- Volunteering:
  - Grade 6 Immunizations
  - Picture Day
  - Popcorn Sale Fundraising
  - Book Fair
  - Community B.B.Q.
  - Working with students in classroom settings
  - Christmas concert bake sale
- Preschool Programming with children:
  - 123 Count with Me
  - Wiggle, Giggle, Munch
  - Story time and Rhyme
  - Craft Groups
  - Parent Child Play
- Learning Opportunities:
  - Circle of Security
  - Mindfulness Activities
  - Dream Catcher Making
  - Beading Workshop
  - Baking
- Gatherings:
  - Meet the Teacher B.B.Q.
  - Thanksgiving Dinner
  - F.A.S.T. Winter Feast
  - Community Picnic

