# Rockwood School Community Report 2023-2024

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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**

Rockwood School provides a caring environment where individuals are accepted, valued and safe. We provide opportunities for students to develop their full potential achieve academic success and prepare to meet future challenges. We also believe in the importance of having a strong community and celebrating diversity in order for our students to feel accepted and safe. We currently have 144 students enrolled, 9 teachers, 10 support staff, and 4 support Service Clinicians.



### **Highlights**

- Nutrition Program-healthy-Grab and go.
- Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math (STEAM) room
- Makers space classroom
- Sensory Room
- Patrols
- Intramurals featuring various sports- basketball, badminton, ultimate Frisbee, fit run
- Garden
- Therapeutic Academic Program
- Arts Teacher
- winter Concert
- Healthy Schools Initiatives (New Spring Board)
- Mindfulness practiced on a daily basis
- Vibrant Parent Council partnerships
- Santa Breakfast
- Open house/NK open house
- Bake sale to raise funds for Grade 6 farewell
- Teacher Professional Learning Communities focused on Literacy, Numeracy the Science of Reading with the support of our Reading Clinician
- Personal Safety Programming (eg. Kids in the know)
- EAL/Newcomer programming
- Multi-age programming
- Integrated inclusion support program
- Integrated Indigenous Perspectives
- Integrated Education for Sustainable development programming
- Physical Education and basic French
- Parent Council Pizza lunches
- Clinical Support Services (Social work, Psychology, reading, Speech and Language, audiologist)
- Spirit Week 2 times a year
- Parent Council End of year celebration
- Polar Bear Club although we had a mild winter.
- STEAM Club, Karaoke Club, Makers club, Clean up club (student initiated), Robotics club, Spanish club
- New flooring, new outdoor classroom with trees
- Plant project Students care for their own plant.
- Up dated Library for students to gather, learn and socialize which is now the home for 2 pet gerbils.
- Day Care expansion (more school age spots, preschool and year round daycare)
- 2 new lending libraries (one dedicated to multicultural material)
- Humanitarians- collected socks for Main Steet
   Project and collected food For Winnipeg Harvest







# Priorities for 2024-2025

To improve academic success for all learners with an emphasis on literacy, math, the arts and technology with assessment for learning.

Rockwood School will continue to strengthen STEAM and Inquiry based learning to prepare our students for Global Competencies, which include Creativity, Citizenship, Connection to self, Critical thinking, collaboration, and communication.

Rockwood School will continue to strengthen Education for Sustainable Development initiates and address environmental, social and economic issues world wide. This will be done by providing opportunities for students to be aware of their natural surrounding and to appreciate nature and our world and how to protect it for future generations.

Rockwood School will continue
to deepen students
understanding and of the
indigenous perspective, history
and experience in Canadian
society. This will be achieved
by imbedding it into the day to
day teachings

Rockwood will continue to strive to be an inclusive student and use inclusive attitudes and language by both staff and students.



#### Priorities for 2024-2025

The priorities for 2024-2025 school year will continue to focus on academic and social success for all learners, with an emphasis on:

- Strengthening instructional and assessment strategies for all students using all available resources including the infusion of information and communication technology while promoting Aboriginal Perspectives and cultural diversity.
- Improving academic and behaviour support services for students with needs (in accordance with the Standards for Student Services).
- Strengthening and enhance Education for Sustainable Development initiatives that address environment, social and economic issues worldwide.
- Promoting a safe, healthy and inclusive environment for everyone.
   Movement/Sensory Room to provide a place for movement and mindful moments
- GSA group
- Continue to support schools by supporting families through learning nights,
- To further develop communications and partnerships with the community we serve, parents, families, government, business health and social service agencies, Indigenous education, other community organizations and our valued volunteers.
- Increase the leaderships capacity and competency with the schools through ongoing professional learning conversations based on research.

## Parent and community involvement

Communication between school and home is an essential element of the Rockwood School community. Our school handbook serves to assist with daily function of the school. School reminders and colander of events are sent out on a regular basis via School messenger. See saw and Google classrooms are now commonly used as alternative way to connect with students and families to celebrate learning. The Rockwood website offers school wide information as well as Parent Advisory Council and divisional links. Classroom teachers regularly send home specific information, as well. Lastly our school's reader board, located above the gym, showcases everything we have been up to as learners at Rockwood School. We also thank the community who regularly add books to our two lending libraries.



#### Thank You...

to many people and organizations who work with us to enhance the education our students receive.

- Mobile Vision Clinic
- The many volunteers who support our school, reading with kids, nutrition program, managing the library
- Kidspace providing before and after school care.
- Parent Council run lunch program
- Parent council who supports and enriches our school by fundraising and providing many unique experiences for our students.
- JobWorks and the University of Winnipeg by allowing our school to be a training site for educational assistants.
- St. Johns Ambulance for providing pet therapy



