

# Children of the Earth High School Community Report 2021-2022

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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

“Where our Students Belong”

Children of the Earth High School believes in the dignity, value and worth of each individual. We believe that the purpose of education is to provide a pathway through which each individual may realize self-respect, self-fulfillment and his/ her relevance in a dynamic society.

Children of the Earth is a small personal high school grades 9-12. Programs are semester run and focus on quality academics, language and culture.

For information about programming please visit:

<https://www.winnipegssd.ca/schools/childrenoftheearth//default.aspx>



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# Highlights

2021-2022 was a year full of opportunities for the Children of the Earth students, their families and the surrounding community.

A few of the highlights included:

- Grade 9 young women and young men's programs
- Cree and Ojibwe language classes
- Seasonal Teachings and Feasts
- Outdoor club and camp at Luther Village
- Medical Careers Exploration Program
- Virtual Music Program
- Martin Family Initiative- Indigenous Youth Entrepreneurship Program
- Virtual Traditional ceremonies
  - Smudge
  - Weekly Pipe Ceremonies
  - Full Moon Ceremonies
  - Drumming
- Gay-Straight Alliance Club
- 2022 Mb Indigenous games with 4 medalists from COTE
- Mb sport and recreation council started an Indigenous women's running club and weekly basketball clinics at lunch time.
- Indigenous Youth Leadership Program
- Student Council
- Weekly virtual music programming
- Unity Day Virtual Program- promoting positive mental health through the arts
- Kitchen Brigades worked with a local chef to teach cooking
- Fort Whyte Farms
- Manito Ahbee Youth Education Day
- 1<sup>st</sup> North End Graduation Walk
- WSD Graduation Pow Wow



## Priorities for 2020-21

Strengthen identity through teaching and practicing regular cultural teachings and Cree and Ojibwe languages.

Provide students with a small, comfortable environment that promotes academic excellence, social emotional supports and growth in learning. Encourage students to stay at Children of the Earth for 4 years.

Promote healthy living and positive mental health practices through cultural teachings and through teaching strategies.

Encourage graduation completion and post-secondary or career opportunities through programs such as the Journey and Succeed Program, Medical Careers Exploration Program and the Martin Family Business Program.



## Priorities for 2020-21

In a continued effort to support our learners the Children of the Earth staff have outline 6 priorities for 2020-2021:

- Improving graduation rates, student attendance and first attempt credit acquisition.
- Integrating Indigenous perspectives and teachings across curriculum to support cultural proficiency in our building.
- Supporting students to find their voice and to develop their individual gifts.
- Promoting and supporting mental health and wellness.
- Move to a more efficient place of communication between staff, with students and with their families.
- Ensuring that when learners leave Children of the Earth they have the skills, knowledge and values for what comes next.

# Parent and Community Involvement

Children of the Earth High School welcomes parents and the surrounding community to participate in numerous activities throughout the year.

Parents and guardians are encouraged to be actively involved in a variety of programs and activities held at the school.

Some of the highlights from this year include:

- Monthly Parent Council Meetings
- Community Engagement Activities
- Virtual & In Person Nutrition Bingos
- Identification Clinics
- Family Fun Day
- Student/Parent Workshops, including CPR, and First Aid Training and Food Handlers
- Connecting regularly on virtual platforms, with home visits and phone calls
- Food Security Program – Food Rescue
- Community
- Pipe ceremonies and Award Celebrations
- Community Connect Virtual Club
- Weekly Drumming and Singing programming for students, staff, families, and community members

