

Earl Grey School

Report

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Staff Vision

Earl Grey...

Where a diverse and inclusive community comes together to explore and celebrate learning.



About Earl Grey School

Earl Grey School is now 107 years old!!! We are a Nursery – Grade 8 school that offers 2-year and 3-year Multiage Programs, a Spanish Bilingual Program, and an All-Girls and All-Boys Multiage Junior High Program. Our Spanish Program includes Kindergarten to Grade 6 with plans to extend to include Grades 7 and 8 next year. We also offer French to our Grades 4 – 8 students.

Students are engaged in student-centered learning and work with mentors to explore their passions and big questions. We value Outdoor Education and try to get outside as much as possible to explore in our outdoor classroom, gardens, and community. We work hard to create global citizens who care for their environment and what is happening in the world and endeavor to make a big positive difference in this world! Our Phys. Ed, Arts programs, and extracurricular activities are integral to educating the whole child and developing our School Spirit and Community. Students take part in “Arts Explosion” once a cycle where they have opportunities to explore and develop in many engaging areas, such as filmography, dance, and visual arts. Our Junior High students have time and support dedicated to “Creativity Hour” and “Genius Hour”, where they explore and inquire about areas of interest to them.

We are a school that thinks deeply and engages in critical conversations to create an inclusive, authentic, experiential, relevant, and joyful learning environment. We revisit our beliefs regularly in order to challenge our thinking and move forward in a good way. We work closely with our families to make sure that they feel welcome, valued, and an integral part of our School Community.



Student Mission

Earl Grey...

Where you learn with kids from all over the world.



Highlights

- All are welcome here.
- Our Patrols helped our students stay safe on a daily basis.
- Our Conflict Managers supported social skills during recess.
- We celebrated Hispanic Heritage month.
- Indigenous ways of being were consciously woven into our learning.
- We acknowledge that “Every Child Matters” by learning about Residential Schools in Canada, the TRC Calls to Action, and participating in Orange Shirt Day.
- Staff and students explored the Indigenous Peoples of Canada Map.
- Earl Grey Eagles for Equality (EEE), our social justice group, led the school in supporting initiatives in our community and beyond.
- Earth Protection Crew, our student-led initiative, protected the earth by cleaning our playgrounds and neighbourhood.
- Expanded our Spanish Bilingual Program to Grade 6.
- Implemented PBIS: Positive Behavior Intervention System school-wide.
- “This Magic Season” & “Come Alive” – 2 exciting whole-school concerts to celebrate the Arts.
- Grade 5/6 Students went to Camp Assiniboia and Junior High went to Camp Manitou to build community while learning outdoors.
- Grade 4 students participated in a Swim Counts Program.
- Students participated in a variety of special events to move their bodies as part of our Physical Education Program, such as our Terry Fox Run, Gym Riot, Winter Carnival, Mini-Olympics, Field Day, Volleyball Team, Basketball Team, Junior High Ski Trip.
- Student-initiated clubs included Slime, Art, Chess, Board Game, Coding, Drama, Guitar, and Intramural sports.
- Spirit Week was planned by our Junior High Fun Team.
- Participated in Pink Shirt Day to Celebrate Diversity – Demand Equality and Stand in Solidarity.
- We recognized National Indigenous Peoples Day with a whole week of looking, listening, learning and living.
- Planted an Orange Garden in memory of the children that did not survive their time at Residential Schools.
- Earl Grey K (Kilometre) walks through the community happened throughout the year.
- Marked Black History Month by learning about Black leaders and reading a wide variety of books by Black authors.
- Participated in Global Read Aloud where we partnered with classrooms around the world.
- Grade 1 – 6 students participated in Arts Explosion where they explored visual arts, music, dance, drama and videography.
- We visited the Human Rights Museum, Manitoba Museum, Manitoba Theatre for Young People, Deer Meadow, Oak Hammack Marsh, U of W Faculty of Science, Bird’s Hill Park, Assiniboine Park, Pan Am Pool, Kildonan Pool, Public Library, and WSD’s Pow Wow
- We were visited by the Earth Rangers, WISE Kid-Netic Energy, Bella from Aboriginal School of Dance, a Spanish Class from Churchill & DSFM, Nan, a Manitoba Wildlife Conservation Officer, Ready Winnipeg from the City of Winnipeg, and the Monarch Teacher Network of Canada.
- Annual Earl Grey Talent Show was a huge success!



Priorities from 2022-2023

School priorities from the past school year:

Overall School Goals:

- Students and Staff will engage in reading for the love of it
- Students and Staff will see themselves as writers
- Students and Staff will demonstrate a positive mindset towards Math

Staff Goals:

- to collaborate and co-teach with peers from inside the school and out
- to align our Beliefs about how children learn with our everyday practice
- to develop and use common language for learning and living

Student Goals:

- 60% of students will read at or above Grade Level by June 2022
- 50% of students will be at or above Grade level as writers in 3 traits
- 75% of students will be at or above Grade level in Flexible Thinking
- 50% of students will be at or above Grade level in 1 or more areas of math

School Life Goals:

- to create total community involvement in PBIS in both staff and students
- encourage staff and students to develop habits that are healthy for their minds and bodies
- to increase student sense of safety, wellness and belonging

Family & Community Goals:

- to continue to communicate and connect with our community and families on a regular basis through Instagram, our blog, our website and our newsletters
- to continue to keep safety as our first priority as we plan for learning in the various levels of the Pandemic
- to continue to be responsive to the needs of our families and our students while following the guidelines set by the Province

Priorities for 2023-2024



Earl Grey School priorities for the upcoming school year:

Overall School Goals:

Students and staff will . . .

- engage in reading books that reflect our community
- see themselves as writers
- demonstrate a positive mindset towards mathematics

Staff Goals:

- to use Relationship, Relevance, Respect and Responsibility as guiding principles for school planning & programing, learning experiences and enrichment for all.
- to collaborate and co-teach with colleagues from inside the school and out
- to align our Beliefs about how children learn with our everyday practice

Student Goals:

Students will . . .

- show one year's growth in their reading
- enhance their knowledge of Conventions, Organization, and Word Choice in writing
- acquire a variety of mathematical problem-solving strategies
- improve their mental math and estimation skills

School Life Goals:

Students will . . .

- feel an increased sense of safety and belonging
- have increased opportunities within the school and community to build leadership

Family & Community Goals:

- to continue to communicate and connect with our community and families on a regular basis through Instagram, our blog, our website and our newsletters
- to connect with families in meaningful ways
- to be partners in learning through volunteering and participating in school events



Family and Community Involvement

At Earl Grey, family and community serve as partners in learning and in developing each child as an engaged member of society.

We welcomed many new families from all over Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, and the World.

Some of our Community highlights include:

- Earl Grey's Parent Advisory Council meets once a month and supported the learning in the school by funding field trips, school events, and projects.
- Our monthly assemblies celebrate and share the learning that is happening in the classrooms and around the school.
- We dedicated an outdoor learning space to Residential School survivors with Nan, one of our school's Indigenous mentors.
- Families attend the South-End District Advisory Council to connect with what is happening in the Division and in other schools.
- Families volunteer in classrooms, in school events, and in school projects. Volunteers were celebrated at our Volunteer Assembly.
- Family members came to school to read to classes during "I Love to Read Month."
- Families are welcomed to school by attending our 'Welcome Back to School Event' where they can connect with staff and community.
- Families participate in various fundraising efforts to raise money for the Parent Council and the school so that they can continue to support school endeavors.
- Families attend a Family Conference and a Student-Led Conference to help build a partnership to support student learning and success.
- Families schedule conferences using an Online Appointment Website.
- We welcomed Student Nurses from University of Manitoba to support our community with various health initiatives.
- Many families attended our Welcome to Kindergarten event.
- We partnered with N.E.E.D.S. Inc. to offer our newcomer students additional supports and programming.
- We use Safe Arrival for our Callback System.
- We keep families informed through our school blog, website, social media, email, monthly news updates, and calendars.
- We hold information nights for Nursery & Kindergarten Programs, Spanish Bilingual Program, Alternative/Multiage Program and our Junior High Programs.
- We partner with the Earl Grey Community Centre, Dante Daycare, and Earl Grey Children's Centre.
- Our Parent Council runs a very successful daily lunch program.
- We partner with Spanish Organizations and Manitoba Education in the creation of our Spanish Bilingual Program.
- We welcome families into the school for various celebrations of learning, accomplishments, sporting events, and the Arts.

