

# École J. B. Mitchell School

## Community Report 2022-2023

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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

École J.B. Mitchell School is an inclusive environment highly committed to the academic and social growth of all learners. Located in River Heights, J.B. Mitchell houses a dual track English and French Immersion program. There are approximately 375 students who attend from nursery to grade 6. We benefit from a strong parent community group which supports our numerous school initiatives. An educational team of more than 40 staff maintains a strong focus on Literacy and Numeracy goals. Innovation, creativity, communication and opportunities to collaborate and think critically are embedded throughout the learning day. We remain firmly committed to Indigenous Education, social justice and reconciliation. The Administration is committed to maintaining professional learning communities that empower and build capacity among staff members.

J.B. Mitchell is a culturally diverse community which provides numerous learning opportunities today for its leaders of tomorrow.



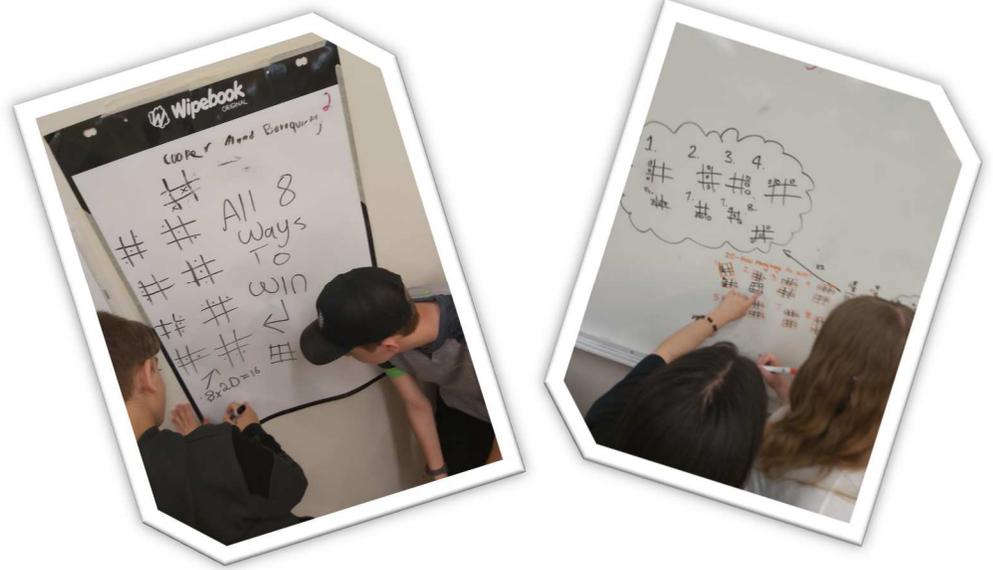
# Highlights

- Teachers participated in on-going professional development to ensure practices are in keeping with current research on high impact teaching strategies
- Know Your Zone! Self-Regulation strategies and personal tool kits were well used and visible this year!
- Rainbow Eagles (JBM GSA Group)
- Grade 1-6 Intramurals
- Mindfulness Club
- Festival du Voyageur/French Week and Pancake Breakfast
- Winter Fun Day & Summer Fun Day (Field Day)
- I Love To Read Activities with literacy-themed Spirit Week
- Terry Fox Run- Students raised awareness and funds for cancer research.
- National Truth & Reconciliation Day – raised awareness and deepened understandings of Truth & Reconciliation.
- Pink Shirt Day – focus on kindness and anti-bullying initiatives
- Earth Day Celebrations with Green-Action
- Dance-a-thon to raise funds for school technology
- Students made bracelets and sold them to raise money for a button maker and to donate funds to Rainbow Resource Center
- Students made bookmarks and sold them as a fundraiser for The Winnipeg Humane Society.
- We continued to update the physical space in the library with more books, more alternative seating & more STEAM based materials
- Opportunities to explore far-off destinations were capitalized on with many virtual field trips (ex. the Canadian Museum of History, University of Toronto, National Gallery of Canada, Kids Code Jeunesse, Manitoba Museum, Canadian Human Rights Museum, Parks Manitoba & Red River Heritage Fair (to name but a few))
- Outings off school grounds returned this year with students exploring numerous locations such as, Fort Whyte, Manitou, Lilac Resort, Winnipeg Art Gallery, Oak Hammock Marsh, Morning Sound Farm, Manitoba Museum, Science Rendezvous (U of M), Royal Aviation Museum, Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra & The Planetarium
- New technology was purchased and embedded into classrooms



## School Priorities 2022-2023

- Strengthen literacy programming in English and French Language Arts with a focus on reading comprehension strategies
- Strengthen writing skills with a focus on the 6 traits and the spiraled teaching of diverse forms of writing
- Strengthen math skills with a focus on strengthening student ability to explain their thinking and learning
- Supporting students in extending their use of self-regulation strategies to include activities that occur beyond the classroom such as during recess and on field trips
- Use an STEAM inquiry approach to provide authentic, hands-on experiences for students to create, collaborate, communicate and think critically
- Embed available technology, laptops, iPads, Chromebooks into classroom instruction to support learning



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The Priorities are aligned with the Winnipeg School Division goals as well as with the Literacy and Numeracy goals established by the Province.

- Continue to strengthen early literacy skills for Nursery and Kindergarten students with a focus on the instruction of phonological and phonemic awareness in both the English and French Immersion Programs.
- Continue to strengthen literacy and language learning for English as Additional Language (EAL) Learners with a focus on vocabulary development, decoding and comprehension strategies.
- Improve students' performance in reading by strengthening their ability to effectively apply a variety of reading strategies, explain their understanding of text read and set their own goals for reading, in both the English and French Immersion Programs.
- Improve N-6 students' ability to communicate their mathematical thinking in a variety of ways beyond oral expression. Students in both the English and French Immersion Programs will make use of manipulatives, digital pictures, drawings and journals to communicate their mathematical strategies.
- Enhance students' ability to identify and understand their triggers and the triggers of others and to use their self-regulation strategies in a variety of situations beyond the classroom including on field trips, at recess and in the Lunch Program.
- Teachers will continue to engage in weekly PLCs with a focus on professional development in Literacy and Numeracy to assess and monitor student growth and to select timely learning targets based on individual student need.

# Parent and Community Involvement

École J.B. Mitchell School has an active and engaged Parent Advisory Council (PAC) that met from September to June this year. JBM PAC had many new faces and voices this year and they offered a high level of support to students, staff and the community!

Here are some 2022-2023 highlights:

- Monthly PAC Meetings
- J.B. Mitchell Staff Appreciation
- Glenlea Plant Fundraiser
- Family Movie Night with Pizza
- Family Fun Night

Thank you to our families, our many volunteers and to our JBM Parent Council for your generous gift of time and for your ongoing support.

