

# Lord Nelson 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.**

#### Our Mission Statement

Lord Nelson School promotes a healthy, caring and inclusive school culture where high levels of achievement occur within a positive school environment. We believe that everyone has the right to be treated with dignity and respect in a safe, caring and inclusive environment. The standard of behavior shall apply to all members of the community including students, staff, parents/guardians, board members, volunteers and visitors.



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## About our school

Lord Nelson School is a Nursery to Grade 6 school in the North End of Winnipeg with a population of approximately 395 students. Lord Nelson has a positive school culture where students have a clear understanding of how to be respectful, be safe and be the best they can be, which is embedded in our PBIS practices (Positive Behaviour Intervention Support). A safe and nurturing school, Lord Nelson strengthens student achievement through inclusive classroom practices, Transforming the Teaching of Reading and Writing, developing responsible social behavior, global citizenship and supporting the integration of Education for Sustainable Development and Indigenous perspectives.

Families at Lord Nelson are supported by a Community Support Worker, an active Parent Advisory Council and a strong volunteer base. A Lunch Program is available for students, supported and organized by the Parent Advisory Council. The school has a Family Centre where many activities, parenting and pre-school programs are offered. Lord Nelson also offers before, after and Nursery/Kinder Care through the YMCA-YWCA that is housed in the school.

Lord Nelson is a Lighthouse Funded school that offers a multitude of intra-mural and after school clubs that focus on academics, healthy lifestyles, sport activities, technology, culture and the Arts.

The school priorities include continuing to build collective efficacy to support all learners with oral language, comprehension, problem solving and communication in ELA and Math. Additionally, we prioritize supporting our students' mental health and continuing to work on inclusive practices.

# Highlights 2022 - 2023

- We are a writing school! Lord Nelson School students and staff focus on the Reading/Writing Connection to improve best practices in teaching and for students to make connections between reading and writing. Our students write for a real audience and with a real purpose. As a Transforming the Teaching of Reading and Writing school, we host teachers from other schools to share our learning about the effective ways of teaching writing.
- I Love to Read Month - I love to Read Month brought many special activities. The theme of the Manitoba Reading Association this year was “Stories that Connects Us”. We decided to use that concept to create our school theme “Connecting to Reading”. We had classroom writing assignments that highlighted each student’s connection to a chosen book. We also had mystery books in our giant connect 4 game and students spent the week guessing the books for prizes and a chance to throw a pie at a teacher. The best part of our week were the winning students that got to pie Mr. Pollok, Mr. Kimanivong and Mr. Pankiewicz. EVERYONE had fun!
- We were privileged to work with a WSD Math Mentor Coach this year in the area of high impact, high engagement math strategies. Teachers worked on finding ways to help students be confident in math and to be able to communicate their thinking and practice their oral language skills.
- Health-A-Palooza, “*Grow your Heart, Grow your mind*” was a success. The day focused around strategies to focus our attention, regulate our emotions and help students be as healthy as they can be. We were excited to continue with our partnership with included Sisler High School’s “*Most Wanted*” dance crew who performed and conducted dance workshops.
- Our Indigenous Academic Achievement Representative continued to strengthen our Indigenous Ways of Knowing and Being. We continue to smudge on Monday mornings and we have seen increased participation from staff and students. The committee is thankful for the communities’ support and participation in this valuable strategy for mindfulness and connecting to culture.
- Lord Nelson continued investing in technology this school year. We were able to add 15 Chromebooks, 5 laptops and 5 iPads into classrooms.
- The school happily returned to hosting many of its large school functions this year such as Halloween Howl, Breakfast with Santa, Festival Du Voyageur Day. We would like to thank Ms. Robin’s parents for volunteering to play the Mr. and Mrs. Klaus. Our students enjoyed every moment.
- Our School BBQ was back in full force this year. So many families came out to spend the evening with us. We had dances from our Filipino Heritage class students and our grades 4-6 Dance Club. We would like to thank all of our other parent volunteers and families. We feel incredibly thankful to have such a supporting community and it was a beautiful evening of camaraderie.
- We have a YMCA/YWCA Before and After School Program and a Nursery/KinderCare Program that supports our families with childcare.
- This school year, Lord Nelson School received a grant from The Child Nutrition Council of Manitoba. With this grant we were able to provide a healthy breakfast/snack to all students in grade 1-6 every Tuesday and Thursday morning.
- Our Filipino Heritage Classes ran for several months as part of our after-school programming. We had so many students interested, we had to make two classes and we were very fortunate to have fantastic staff members like Ms. Medina, Ms. L, Ms. Rivera and Ms. Jhelle that volunteered their time to support the program. The classes consisted of a variety of races and ethnicity which was a wonderful representation of our school community and the wrap up party was a great occasion of traditional foods, songs and lots of love.







## Priorities for 2022-2023

1. Building collective efficacy to support all learners with oral language, comprehension, and communication in language as sense-making, exploration and design, power and agency and systems.
2. Monitoring and supporting our students (Safe and Caring Schools framework) and staff with access to mental health resources
3. Developing school wide belief statements in Literacy and Numeracy and cementing them into our practice



## Parent and community involvement

At Lord Nelson School, we are proud to say that we have a half time Community Support Worker and a Parent Centre. Our Community Support Worker offers a range of programs in a busy and vibrant Parent Room. Now that the pandemic is over, our Community Support Worker has been working hard to support families and connect them back to the school.

Program offered this year includes:

- **Parent and PAC Support**
- **Nutrition Bingo**
- **Craft days & Holiday Celebrations**
- **Grade 6 Babysitting Course**
- **CanU**
- **Baby Resource Kits**
- **Food Security programming**
- **Koats for Kids**
- **Family Literacy Game Make & Take**
- **Parent Wellness Day**
- **Handle With Care Parent Program**
- **Positive Discipline in Everyday Parenting Program**
- **Winnipeg Harvest Meal/Snack Program**
- **Parent Cooking Club**
- **Grade 6 Girls' Club**
- **Grow With Me! Preschool Program**
- **Variety Dental Outreach Clinic**
- **Breakfast Program**
- **Mobile Vision Clinic**
- **SPIN After School Sports Programs**
- **Breakfast with Santa**
- **Community BBQ**



Lord Nelson is looking forward to another great school year with an open Parent Room. We made great connections with new families and reconnected with existing ones. It is our honour to support each and every member of our Lord Nelson Community. We can't wait for next year!

