# École Stanley Knowles 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.

École Stanley Knowles School is committed to providing a safe and stimulating learning environment that fosters the academic, social, emotional and physical development of all individuals, helping to maximize their potential.

La mission de l'École Stanley Knowles est d'assurer un environnement éducatif, sécuritaire et stimulant qui encourage le développement académique, social, émotionnel et physique de toutes les personnes de l'école, en aidant chacun et chacune à maximiser son propre potentiel.





#### **About our school**

École Stanley Knowles School is a dual track school with over 744 students ranging from Nursery to Grade 8. We have 36 classroom teachers, 15 specialist teachers, 19 educational assistants, 4 clerical staff and 6 custodial staff.

We provide French Immersion instruction for students in Kindergarten to Grade 8, as well as our Nursery to Grade 8 English program. We offer our Grade 7 and 8 students Practical Arts, as well as Performing Arts and Visual Arts.

École Stanley Knowles School was honoured to host a citizenship court ceremony on November 30, 2022 in which 41 immigrants from 11 different countries officially became Canadian citizens. We were joined by Pauline Clark, WSD CEO & Chief Superintendent, and Jennifer Wessner, Commissioner of Official Languages. This event was made even more special as we watched one of our educational assistants receive her certificate of citizenship alongside her family - we are extremely proud to welcome all of our new citizens to our community.

## **Some Highlights**

- ÉSKS spirit weeks
- Student Leadership Team
- Student ESD Team & Composting Initiative
- Pollinator Garden Initiative
- Student-led morning announcements
- Practical Arts (Graphics, Wood, Foods, Textiles)
  Visual Arts and Performing Arts (Grades 7-8)
- Halloween Costume Parade
- Therapy Dog Visits
- Remembrance Day Service
- Student Tech Crew
- N-8 Terry Fox Run
- Autism awareness fundraiser
- Kids Help Phone fundraiser
- Holiday concerts
- Concours d'Art Oratoire
- Science Fair / Expo Science
- Festival du Voyageur Activities
- Indigenous Learning and smudges
  At the outdoor classroom
- City of Winnipeg Swimming Counts
  Program Grade 4
- ÉSKS Idol Talent Show
- Grades 4-6 Skating Club
- U of M Dental Outreach Program
- Project 11: Mental Health Awareness Program
- Mobile Vision Clinic
- Intramurals and sports teams
- Field Days
- · Clubs including: Golf, Homework, Chess, Beading
- GSA Club
- See Spot Read Program at Humane Society
- Birds Hill Bike & Camping Trip
- I Love to Read Month guest readers
- Spring Fling and Community BBQ
- Gym Blasts
- Inner City Science Lab Enrichment
- Damien Lussier French Concert
- Field trips to Manitoba Museum, Human Rights Museum & Assiniboine Park Zoo















## Priorities for 2022-2023

Strengthen instructional and assessment strategies for all students using all available resources including the integration of technology.

Strengthen instructional and assessment strategies for all students in the areas of math and literacy.

Improve academic and behaviour support services for students with special needs (in accordance with the Standards for Student Services).

To strengthen and enhance Education for Sustainable Development initiatives that address environment, social and economic issues worldwide.

Continue to improve awareness of wellness and mental health strategies to benefit all students and staff.





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Strengthen instructional and assessment strategies for all students in Literacy, Mathematics and French Language Arts.

- Nursery to grade 2 teachers worked with Early Years Support Teacher on direct instruction strategies and building common understanding with the new ELA curriculum and Math support documents
- All teachers collaborated during PLC's on data-driven instruction and assessment to support Literacy and Numeracy learning sprints
- WSD Program Support Services team worked through year to support teachers with individual and school goals (support differentiating math instruction and strategies with 5/6 teachers)
- Focus on WSD elementary assessment, Benchmark Assessment System, WSD Writing Rubric, GB+ for French Immersion reading, Grammaire en 3D, AIM Language Learning, DreamBox,
- Thinking Classroom pedagogy in Mathematics (grades 5-8)

Improve academic and behaviour support services for all students with a focus on students with special needs, EAL and Indigenous Learners.

- School-wide behavioural expectations are defined, taught and systematically acknowledged (ÉSKS is a fully implemented P.B.I.S. school)
- Targeted resource, guidance and in-class support for all learners

Continue to improve awareness of wellness and mental health strategies:

- Sharing of Specialized Information with Families
- GSA student group
- Nutrition Committee providing Breakfast Program 3 days a week
- Pro-active implementation of mindfulness and Zones of Regulation activities across grade levels and small group intervention as needed

To strengthen and enhance Indigenous Education and Education for Sustainable Development initiatives:

- Work with WSD Indigenous Support Teacher
- Land-based learning, smudging & participation in WSD Pow Wow
- Creation of traditional garden (as well as butterfly garden)
- Crayola and battery recycling programs
- Bike repair initiative W.R.E.N.C.H. partnership
- Increase in philanthropic and leadership activities
- School-Wide Composting initiative
- Winnipeg Harvest food drive
- · Various recycling initiatives throughout the year

### Parent and community involvement

Parents play a vital role in our school. We have an extremely active Volunteer program with different daily volunteer opportunities. We also have a Parent Advisory Council that meets each month.

Parents and community members are involved in many activities that support our children through their volunteering and fundraising. They also support and run the lunch program.

The ÉSKS staff, parents and community work collaboratively to ensure the best learning opportunities for our children.













