



# CHAMPLAIN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## June 2026

**A safe and  
caring learning  
Community,  
Where Every-  
one Counts!**

Champlain School is a nursery to Grade 6 elementary school nestled in Winnipeg's North End.

We are home to approximately 230 students, 40 staff (teachers, educational assistants, clerks, custodians, and clinicians), and parent/ community volunteers.

We have eight grades 1-6 and three Nursery/ Kindergarten classrooms.

We are also home to Champlain Community Child care Centre.

*Dear Champlain families,*

June is here! We look forward to an engaging learning month!

### **Indigenous Education**

Summer Solstice learning will be on June 18 during the day. The 4th day of our Wahkohtowin learning will be June 11. Land-Based Education classes are working on updated Land Acknowledgements.

### **Registrations**

Registrations for new students joining Champlain in the 2026-2027 school year is now open. A REMINDER that families wanting to apply for out of catchment consideration must do so by May 15, 2026. Families that are moving should contact the office to inform us of their intentions.

### **Balanced School Day**

Champlain will continue with the balanced school day as we continue to plan for student engagement in learning. Staff and families will be involved in timetable and nutrition planning.

### **Summer camp opportunities**

WASAK and CSI are back! Registrations due in the office ASAP!

### **Field trips**

Morning Sound Farm, Brokenhead Wetlands Interpretation Trail, Transcona Water park, and Family Language learning!

### **End of year celebrations**

Our End of Year gathering will be Thursday, June 11 from 5-7pm. A light dinner, prizes and games! Please join us to celebrate the year. Grade 6 Farewell, Tuesday June 23rd at 11am. Nursery/Kindergarten graduation is Wednesday, June 24th.

### **Staffing updates**

Ms. Grant will be moving onto new teaching positions within WSD. Ms. Kantyluk will be joining us next year. Congratulations to everyone!

### **End of year updates**

Report cards will be available Monday June 29th and Tuesday, June 30 will be the last day of school with an early dismissal of 11:30am.

Sincerely,  
Mr. Paulo Teixeira  
Principal

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Champlain is a PBIS school and we follow our 3 Beliefs:

**We are Safe**

**We are Respectful,**

**We are Ready to Learn!**

These beliefs help us to be a caring learning community by learning from our mistakes and reinforcing positive choices.

### School Hours/Supervision of Students

8:50	1st Bell - Students line up on hard top
8:55	Students enter school
9:00	2nd Bell - School day begins
9:00 - 9:10	Morning Meetings
<b>9:10 - 10:40</b>	<b>First Learning Block</b>
10:40 - 10:55	Morning Nutrition Break
10:55 - 11:25	Morning Recess
<b>11:25 - 12:55</b>	<b>Second Learning Block</b>
1:00 - 1:55	Lunch hour
1:55	1st Bell - Students enter school
<b>2:00 - 3:30</b>	<b>Third Learning Block</b>
3:30	Dismissal

## Playground supervision

The playground supervision in the morning only begins at 8:50am. Students may arrive at 8:30am for breakfast.



Playground supervision over the lunch hour is limited to lunch program students. If your child does not stay for lunch at school, please do not send them to play on the playground as there is no supervision. Please do not send your children before 1:55 PM.

After school, we clear the playground and ask that all children to “check in” with home before staying to play. Our desire is for all students to be safe.



## WHY ARE PATROLS IMPORTANT?

### Champlain Patrols...

- Help students get home safely
- Signal the cars to stop so students can cross the street safely
- Protect the students
- Are a visual signal to drivers that students are around
- Are role models who represent our school

### Patrols can save lives!

Champlain patrols are safe, respectful and responsible

## Students being street smart

Does your child know how to be **street smart**? It's something we talk about in our classrooms because the safety of our students is very important. It's also a good thing to talk about at home as a regular reminder for your child.

Being street smart means knowing how to keep safe from strangers when we're alone or with other kids. Walking to school, the bus, the playground or riding your bike in your neighborhood, being street smart helps you stay **safe**.

Our school takes it very seriously when a student reports a suspicious person. In most cases, a police report is made and, sometimes, police are able to quickly interview the "suspicious" person and determine that it was a misunderstanding. At other times, however, police are required to conduct a bigger investigation of a more serious threat. We will let you know if we make a report of a suspicious person to police on behalf of one of our students because we believe that an informed community is a safer community.

Parents are encouraged to go to the *winnipeg.ca website and click on Parents – Safe Schools* to find a link called "[Be Street Smart](#)". Here you will find a list of topics to share with your child to help them be street smart and safe, including knowing:

Who are strangers?

Who needs to know where I am and why?

Why should I stick with a friend?

What are my safe spots?

What are the places that aren't safe for me?

What should I do if a stranger asks me for help?

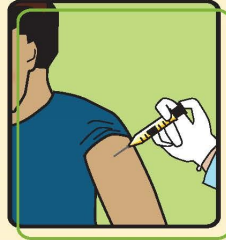
# What You Can Do to Fight the Flu



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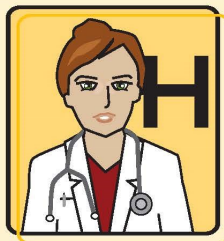
2. Wash your hands a lot.



3. Get a flu shot.



4. Stay home and call your doctor if you are sick.



5. Go to the doctor or hospital right away if you get worse or have trouble breathing.



For more information about the flu, call Health Links-Info Santé at 788-8200 or 1-888-315-9257.



## Cover Your Cough and Sneeze



- Cover your mouth and nose using your upper sleeve or elbow.

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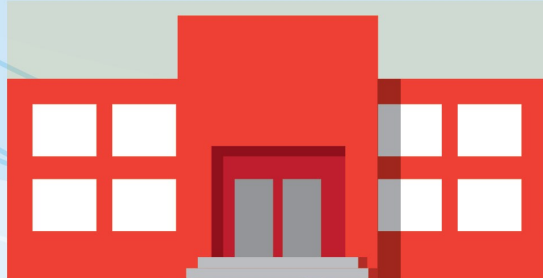


- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue.
- Throw used tissue in the garbage.
- Wash your hands with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, hand sanitizer can be used.



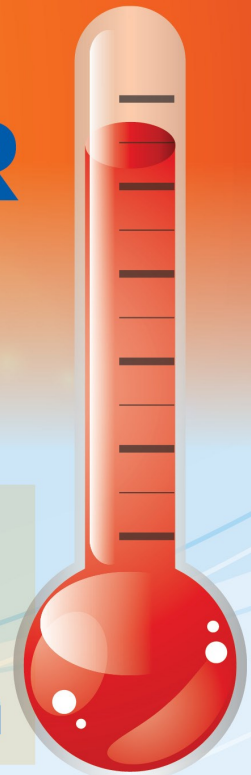
# WSD SCHOOLS & HOT WEATHER

Winnipeg School Division has 78 schools, with some being the oldest school buildings in Manitoba. The average age of our school buildings is 70 years old, with 16 buildings over 100 years old.



The cost to install and make all our schools fully air conditioned is approximately

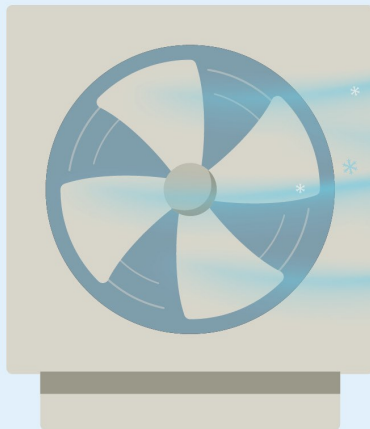
**\$130 Million**



- 32** facilities with full air conditioning
- 27** facilities partially air conditioned (i.e. only in modern school additions or gymnasiums).
- 19** facilities with no air conditioning



WSD includes air conditioning upgrades in our yearly 5-Year Capital Plan submissions to the Province.



## Keeping students and staff cool

WSD implements the following techniques:

- Running ventilation systems early in the morning to cool schools before arrival
- Controlling outside air intake during the school day
- Using oscillating fans to create air movement
- Minimizing using overhead lights
- Switching off unused classroom electronics
- Closing shades to block direct sunlight
- Taking cool-down breaks between lessons
- Avoiding excess movement during midday heat
- Encouraging students and staff to stay hydrated
- Checking students and staff for heat-related health symptoms

## A TYPICAL DAY...

- 9:00 am - 9:30 am
  - Walking School Bus
- 9:30 am - 10:00 am
  - Breakfast
- 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
  - Activities & Programs
- 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
  - Lunch
- 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm
  - Activities & Programs
- 2:30 pm - 3:00 pm
  - Walking School Bus

\*The day ends at 2:00 pm on Fridays.  
Walking school bus from 2:00 pm - 2:30 pm.\*



## IMPORTANT DATES

**July 6, 2026**

First day of CSI for children

**August 7, 2026**

Last day of CSI for children



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# Land-Based Learning

## Connecting with Aki Wagon Schedule

Daily optional smudging has started and occurs everyday at 9:05am following morning announcements, outside on the medicine wheel. We are thankful for Jacoby, Noah, and Jacob for being smudge leaders.

- Aki wagon is for any student to utilize during their pod scheduled day and students can borrow exploring tools during morning recess.
- Students have begun learning/researching about land acknowledgments, students are preparing to write their own land acknowledgments with an action piece.

**\* Please insert schedule of land based**

Please ensure your child has a hat, sunscreen on for the outside weather

Thanks/Ekosi

Stephanie



**Pod A students will have access on Day 2,5**  
**Pod B students will have access on Day 3,6**  
**Pod C students will have access on Day 1, 4**

**\*For both recesses**

**\*Please see Aki wagon helpers to borrow learning tools 😊**



# WSD Choral Celebration



## WSD Early Years Choral Celebration



The WSD Early Years Choral Celebration was held on May 19, 2026, at R.B. Russell Vocational High School. This vibrant ensemble featured participants from 21 WSD schools. Representing Champlain School were Aurora, Sariah, Mae Joy, Sophia, and Ian.

It was a day filled with learning, fun, and joy as they explored selected songs including *Le Dep*, *Carmine's Affirmation*, and *Here Comes the Sun*. Sarah Sommers served as the guest conductor, with Henry Kelsey providing accompaniment as the collaborative pianist.

The evening culminated in an unforgettable performance, with the ensemble showcasing their songs in front of WSD families.

## Field Trip

# Assiniboine Park Zoo



The Nursery to grade 2 students had a chance to explore the Assiniboine park zoo this spring. We brought our learning in the classrooms to life as we seen animals up close.

We learned that polar bears eat seals, tiger's strips are patterns, camels can spit far, where bananas come from, and so much more!

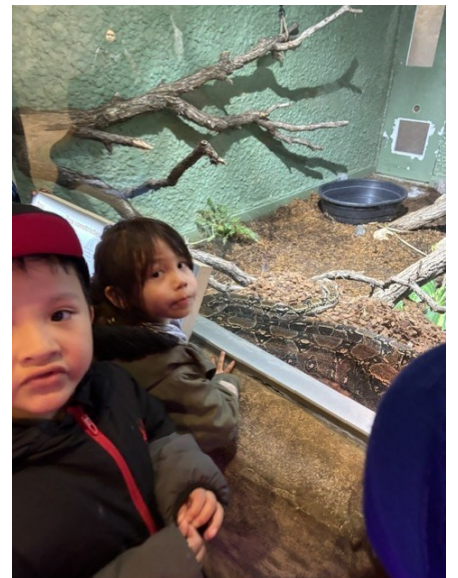
It was a day full of fun and exploration thanks to the Park-Share program.



## Field Trip

# Assiniboine Park Zoo

Here are more pictures of the Assiniboine Park zoo field trip.



# Room 117 – Ms. Welty



Nursery AM students enjoy doing art and experimenting with Skittles to create patterns.



The Nursery/Kindergarten classes take time to remember on Orange



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# Room 214 – Ms. Celestino

What an Amazing Year it has been! Our lovely grade 1s and 2s in Room 214 had a fun learning, they all bloomed into confident readers and writers! So proud of how hard and dedicated they are to be reading every night, great job parents and guardians for reading bedtime stories to them.

We have achieved our goal as a class. In Math, we worked on our number sense, doubling a number, half of a number, skip counting by 2s, 5s, and 10s, patterns, shapes, measurements, telling time, and problem solving using our mental math strategies. Our grade 2s can sum up numbers up to 3 digits, and also some of the grade 1s. We used multiple manipulatives and number games that made it fun and engaging for everyone to learn about numbers.

In Science, we learned about the Weather, Seasons, Air and Water, growth and changes in animals, and forces this year. Social Studies, we celebrated their identity, made sure everyone is heard, loved, and respected, we learned about the beauty of our community, 7 teachings, medicine wheel, and all about Canada. In Health class, we focused on cognitive processes, reinforcing the idea of self-identity, feelings, and teamwork. We saw growth and the capability of students to work together and strengthen the idea of belonging in our school community and celebrated Indigenous ways of learning incorporated Wahkohtowin every month and sharing circles. Our class had imagined, read, and created beautiful paintings which were based on expressing themselves, thoughts, and feelings in various forms in art class. It was an amazing year. We had a total of 4 field trips including Children's Museum, The MTPY, Assiniboine Zoo, and Morning Sound Farm! Great learning experiences and fun and good memories embedded. Hope they continue to bloom and enjoy learning in the next year and years to come. Great Work Room 214! Wishing you all the best! Have a great summer break!



# Room 215 – Ms. Carvalho

## Field trip to Narcisse Snake Dens & Glow-in-the-Dark Class Party



# Grade 6 Overnight Camping

The Grade 6 students from Champlain recently returned from an exciting overnight camping trip filled with adventure, teamwork, and unforgettable memories. The trip gave students the chance to step outside the classroom and experience nature while building stronger friendships with their classmates.

Throughout the trip, students participated in many fun and challenging activities. One of the most popular events was archery, where students practiced their aim and learned new skills. Many students also tested their courage on the rock wall climbing activity, cheering each other on as they reached new heights. The thrilling zip line was another favorite, giving students the chance to soar through the air and enjoy the beautiful outdoor scenery.

In addition to the exciting activities, students took part in several community building games and teamwork challenges. These activities helped everyone work together, support one another, and create new friendships. Laughter and encouragement could be heard throughout the camp as students learned the importance of cooperation and trust.

As the sun set, the group gathered around a warm campfire for one of the most memorable parts of the trip. Students roasted marshmallows, made delicious s'mores, and shared stories and laughs under the night sky. The campfire created a cozy atmosphere where lasting memories were made.

The overnight camping trip was a huge success and an experience the Grade 6 students will remember for years to come. From exciting adventures to meaningful moments with friends, the trip truly brought the Champlain community closer together.

A special thank you to all the staff who came together to make this trip possible.

Ms. Grant, Ms. Mancusi, Mr. Clearwater, Mr. A, Ms. Black, Ms. Siller  
Mr. Claassen, Mr. Law

Check out the Champlain School Instagram account for more pictures of this amazing trip!

# Camp Manitou May 12-13

## Grade 6 Overnight Camping Pictures



# June is Pride month



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## RE: 2026 Pride Parade Participation

Dear Families,

Winnipeg School Division is proud to participate in Winnipeg's Pride Parade on Sunday, June 7, 2026. This is an opportunity for our community to come together in celebration and to show our ongoing commitment to inclusion, diversity, and equity.

Students and staff are creating a parade float experience that reflects the importance of honouring and celebrating all identities. Families, students, and all members of the WSD community are warmly invited to walk alongside the WSD float in vibrant show of support and division spirit.

### Ways to participate:

- **Walk with us:** Families, students, and staff are welcome to join alongside the float (supervision of children remains the responsibility of families).
- **Show your pride:** Wear bright colours or WSD Pride T-shirts and bring signs to celebrate.
- **Connect with your school:** Some schools may have specific plans—check in for details.

### Parade details:

Rally begins at 10:00 a.m. at the Manitoba Legislative Building. WSD participants will gather at 10:30 a.m.—look for WSD Pride Flags and school banners.

The parade runs from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., starting at Memorial Park near the Legislative grounds, and ending at the Winnipeg Goldeyes Blue Cross Park at The Forks. WSD programming concludes at Blue Cross Park. We encourage families to head to The Forks for more Pride festivities or to leave via their own transportation plans.

Come prepared for the weather (comfortable shoes, hat, water, sunscreen, etc.). We look forward to celebrating Pride together as a WSD community.

Sincerely,

WSD Inclusion Across the Rainbow Committee

# Alternate recess activities

Champlain students have alternate indoor recess options

Students check-in with their teachers daily



Club	Grades	Room	Staff leader	Cycle Day(s)	Time	Calendar Days
Filipino Language Class		Library	R. Celestino & E. Pangilinan		After school	Thursday
Pow Wow Drum	4/5/6	Gym	Stephaine Cochrane & Chris Eccles		After School	Tuesday
Pow Wow Sweat / Line-dance	4/5/6	Gym	Stephanie Cochrane		Lunch	Wednesday
Running Club	4/5/6	Outside / Gym	Jon Claassen		Lunch	Mon / Wed
Aunty Time	4/5/6	Library	Stephanie Cochrane		Lunch	Monday
Craft Dolls	4/5/6	210	Stephanie Cochrane		Lunch	Friday
Choir		MPR	Esther Pangilinan	1	Recess	
Dance		MPR	Esther Pangilinan	3	Recess	
Lord of the Rings Club	4/5/6	212	Chris Eccles	3	Recess	
Yarn Weaving		215	Alana Carvalho	1	Recess	
Basketball / Volleyball		Gym	Reina Celestino	5	Recess	



Coloring Club



## *June in the Parent Spaces at Champlain School*

Hard to believe this school year is almost done. Summer planning is well underway. In June at Champlain School, we will have opportunities for Parents to join their children in some learning and some fun!

**On June 11<sup>th</sup>** this year we will be hosting our Year End Celebration for our families. You are all invited to stop in to watch some students perform and to eat some yummy food. A note with details will be sent to students.

**On June 17<sup>th</sup>** we would like to invite families to attend the **Manitoba Indigenous Cultural Education Centre** with us. We are taking interested parents along with their child to attend a Anishinabemowen Language and learning opportunity. Families will tour the Centre and receive a language package along with a light lunch. Transportation will be provided also. The funding from BSSIP will cover all costs for this day. Spaces will be limited. Please call to register before it's too late.


I have been a pleasure working with Champlain parents this year as the Community Support Worker, for my 13<sup>th</sup> year here in this role.

Please reach out if you have any questions about our June activities.

Thank you for all your support. ~Elizabeth Thomson.

Day	Date	Item
5	Monday, January 5	First day back from winter break
6	Tuesday, January 6	Common Area Training
4	Monday, January 12	Staff Meeting – 3:40pm
1	Monday, February 2	PD day <span style="float: right;">non-instructional day</span>
6	Monday, February 9	Staff Meeting – 3:40pm
	Monday, February 16	Louis-Riel Day – No School
1	Thursday, February 19	Celebration of Learning – 5 to 7pm
2	Monday, March 2	Staff Meeting – 3:40pm
6	Monday, March 16	Report cards go home
3	Thursday, March 19	Student-led conferences evening – 4:00 to 7:30 pm
4	Friday, March 20	Student-led conferences <span style="float: right;">non-instructional day</span>
3	Friday, March 27	Last day before spring break
4	Monday, April 6	First day back from spring break
5	Tuesday, April 7	Common Area Training
4	Tuesday, April 14	Bus Ridership
2	Friday, April 10	PD Day <span style="float: right;">non-instructional day</span>
3	Monday, April 13	Staff Meeting – 3:40pm
5	Thursday, April 23	Family Night – 5 to 7pm
4	Thursday, April 30	Spring Photos
6	Monday, May 4	Staff Meeting – 3:40pm
4	Friday, May 8	PD Day <span style="float: right;">non-instructional day</span>
	Monday, May 18	Victoria Day – No School
6	Thursday, May 21	Celebration of Learning – 5 to 7pm
1	Monday, June 1	Staff Meeting – 3:40pm
3	Thursday, June 11	Community Year End Gathering – 5 to 7pm
5	Monday June, 15	Admin Day <span style="float: right;">non-instructional day</span>
5	Tuesday, June 23	Grade 6 Farewell 11:00am
4	Tuesday, June 30	Last day of school – 11:30am dismissal

# June 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Day 1	2 Day 2	3 Day 3	4 Day 4	5 Day 5
8 Day 6	9 Day 1	10 Day 2	11 Day 3 <i>Community Year End Gathering (5-7 PM)</i> 	12 Day 4
15 Day 5 Non-Instructional Day No Classes 	16 Day 6	17 Day 1	18 Day 2	19 Day 3
22 Day 4	23 Day 5 <i>Grade 6 Farewell (11:00 AM)</i>	24 Day 6 <i>Nursery/Kindergarten Farewell</i> 	25 Day 1	26 Day 2
29 Day 3	30 Day 4 Last Day of School 11:30 AM dismissal 	<div data-bbox="792 1682 1552 1944" style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p><i>Looking ahead.....</i></p> <p><b><i>Summer Holidays</i></b></p> <p><b><i>July 1—September 8</i></b></p> </div>		