

Children of the Earth High 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.



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About our School

“A Place to Belong”

Children of the Earth High School believes in the dignity, value and worth of each individual. We believe that the purpose of education is to provide a pathway through which each individual may realize self-respect, self-fulfillment and his/her relevance in a dynamic society.

Children of the Earth is a small personal high school grades 9-12. Programs are semester run and focus on quality academics, language and culture.

For information about programming please visit:

<https://www.winnipeg.sd.ca/schools/childrenoftheearth//default.aspx>

Highlights

2022-2023 was a year full of opportunities for the Children of the Earth students, their families and the surrounding community.

A few of the highlights included:

- Grade 9 programming
- Cree and Ojibwe language classes
- Omazinibii'igeg Artist Collective
- Truth and Reconciliation Day
- International Day of Pink
- Medical Careers Exploration Program
- Martin Family Initiative- Indigenous Youth Entrepreneurship program
- Traditional cultural ceremonies
 - Smudge
 - Weekly pipe ceremonies
 - Full moon ceremonies
 - Drumming
- University of Manitoba post-secondary club
- Gay-Straight Alliance Club
- Student council
- Spirit week
- Career Fair
- The Outdoor Club
- Camp at Luther Village
- Journey and Succeed Program
- Community Connect Club
- Fort Whyte Farms
- Seasonal Feasts and Pipe Ceremonies
- Kitchen Brigades
- Beading Club
- Indigenous Youth Leadership Program
- Discussions for Joint Programming with R.B. Russell beginning 2023



Priorities for 2022-23

Strengthen identity through teaching and practicing regular cultural teachings and Cree and Ojibwe languages.

Provide students with a small, comfortable environment that promotes academic excellence, social emotional supports and growth in learning. Encourage students to stay at Children of the Earth for 4 years.

Promote healthy living and positive mental health practices through cultural teachings and through teaching strategies.

Encourage graduation completion and post-secondary or career opportunities through programs such as the Journey and Succeed Program, Medical Careers Exploration Program and the Martin Family Business Program.



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In a continued effort to support our learners the Children of the Earth staff have outlined 6 priorities for 2022-2023:

- Improving graduation rates, student attendance and first attempt credit acquisition.
- Incorporate Ways of Knowing into the school and connecting learning opportunities to this.
- Supporting students to find their voice and to develop their individual gifts.
- Promoting and supporting mental health and wellness.
- Move to a more efficient place of communication between staff, with students and with their families.
- Ensuring that when learners leave Children of the Earth they have the skills, knowledge and values for what comes next.

Parent and Community Involvement

Children of the Earth High School welcomes parents and the surrounding community to participate in numerous activities throughout the year.

Parents and guardians are encouraged to be actively involved in a variety of programs and activities held at the school.

Some of the highlights from this year include:

- Meet the teacher BBQ and bingo
- Monthly parent council meetings
- Community engagement activities
- Nutrition bingos
- Guest speakers
- Student/parent workshops, including Food Handler's Certificate
- Home visits and phone calls
- Food security program – Food rescue
- Pipe ceremonies and awards
- Celebration of Learning
- Drumming and singing
- Children of the Earth Open House
- Inner- City Advisory
- North end graduation walk
- Graduation Ceremony

