

Strathcona School

Community Report

2021-2022

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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.

School Vision

Cultivating the full potential of every child with an emphasis on citizenship, creativity, critical thinking and community.

School Mission

We are dedicated to creating an equitable and culturally responsive learning environment that reflects the diverse needs of our community. We value building an inclusive atmosphere that fosters the emotional, intellectual, social and physical growth of each student. We believe everyone shares in the responsibility for student success.



About our school

Strathcona School is a Nursery to Grade 6 elementary school located in the heart of Winnipeg's north-end. Our school has an enrolment of approximately 250 students, supported by 20 teachers, a Community Support Worker and 18 auxiliary staff members including educational assistants, clerks and custodians. Additionally, our school receives assistance from Clinical Support Services, which includes a Reading Clinician, Psychologist, Speech Language Pathologist and Social Worker.

We pride ourselves on creating an inclusive educational environment that fosters interactive, innovative and authentic learning experiences. Although the majority of the school year has looked very different due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we have continued to support students with opportunities to achieve academic excellence, build upon their self-esteem and develop social responsibility, while following all public health restrictions. We provide experiences both in and out of the classroom, which promote tolerance and understanding, self-discipline and independence. Strathcona School fosters an environment where all children feel accepted, valued and individuality is celebrated.

We provide Music, Physical Education and an integration of Visual Arts and Technology throughout all subject areas. Our school has a wide range of extra-curricular activities ranging from intramurals to Fiddle Club and the Lighthouse after-school program. Strathcona School is a great place to be!

Highlights

- Orange Shirt Day
- Daily Mindfulness Practice
- Meet the Teacher
- Pink Shirt Day & School Parade
- School Wide Project Based Learning on Treaty Education
- Guest Artists
- Guest Storytellers
- Guest Musicians
- Virtual Guest Readers –Author, David Robertson & Mrs. M. Sackey, Vice Principal at Gordon Bell High School
- Field Trips - Oak Hammock March, WSD Pow Wow, Assiniboine Park
- Share the Magic Monthly Book Donations
- Virtual Tri-Conferences
- 100 Days of School Celebration
- Patrols
- Virtual Monthly Assemblies
- I Love to Read Month
- Monthly Math Mania Activities
- School Renovations – New Windows & Gym Floor, Basketball Court
- Makerspace
- Family Food Hampers
- BOKS Canada Sports Program
- School Wide Pancake Breakfast
- Lighthouse After School Program
- Lunch Hour Clubs (e.g., Fiddle, Board Games, Basketball)
- Indigenous Games Field Day



Divisional Priorities for 2021-2022

Students

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

Learning Outcomes

Improve school attendance and graduation rates through the exploration of additional programs and strategies.

Addressing Barriers

To further develop initiatives and innovative approaches addressing individual student needs and accessibility requirements, mental health issues, childcare needs, and nutritional needs.

Sustainability

Strengthen and enhance sustainable development initiatives that address environmental, social and economic issues worldwide.

Community

To further develop communications and partnerships with the communities we serve, parents, families, government, businesses, health and social agencies, Indigenous education, other community organizations, and our valued volunteers.



Strathcona School Priorities for 2022-2023

Literacy

- To improve student proficiency in writing independently to meet grade level expectations
- To increase student reading achievement to meet grade level expectations

Mathematics

- To strengthen student numeracy skills to independently meet grade level expectations
- To focus on mental math strategies to develop a deeper understanding of mathematical concepts, vocabulary, creativity and problem-solving skills

Safe & Caring

- To foster an increased awareness of student emotions and to strengthen their abilities to manage feelings and behaviours through self-regulation and mindfulness activities

Equity & Diversity

- To prioritize Indigenous Education as a pathway to Truth and Reconciliation by promoting culturally-responsive practices that recognize and incorporate the assets and strengths that students bring into the classroom, as well as ensuring that learning experiences, from curriculum to assessment, are relevant to all



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Parent and Community Involvement

Parents are involved and consulted in a number of school initiatives. While many of these activities have been put on hold as we navigated the global pandemic for most of the school year, it is our hope that we will be able to resume many events in 2022-2023, including:

- School planning with the Community, Conversation and Coffee group (Parent Advisory Council)
- Celebration of Student Learning assemblies
- Participation in the Inner City Advisory Council
- Consultation in the divisional committee budget meetings
- Food Drive for Winnipeg Harvest
- Community volunteers to assist with classroom activities, go on fieldtrips and participate in school wide events (e.g., I Love to Read month)
- Day of Pink community walk
- Parents and community members attending our many celebrations, including our Winter Concert, annual pancake breakfast, Spring BBQ and grade 6 graduation
- Families attending weekly Rhyme Time session in the Nursery and Kindergarten classrooms
- Celebration of parent and community members volunteers at the annual recognition luncheon
- Connecting with Strathcona's Community Support Worker who can provide resources and support to our families, including:
 - Advocacy to students and families
 - Home visits to strengthen school and community connection
 - Networking with other agencies to provide additional supports and referrals
 - Support with attendance, family concerns and other barriers to school attendance
 - Assistance with translators during tri-conferences
 - Koats for Kids
 - Vision, Hearing and Dental Screening
 - Accessing public services through Jordan's Principle

