

Elmwood High School Community Report 2023-2024

Pride, Place, and Purpose

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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.**

Special thanks to:

- EHS Legacy Fund
- Chalmers Neighbourhood Renewal Corporation
- Chalmers Community Centre
- Elmwood Community Resource Centre
- Kildonan MCC Thrift Shop
- Child Nutrition Council of MB
- Schroeder Foundation
- Winnipeg Foundation
- Clara Hughes



About our school

Elmwood is a public high school in Winnipeg, Manitoba enrolling 801 students from grades 7-12. We are proud to be an integral part of the Elmwood community.

Elmwood offers a wide number of programs, including Technology Education, Fine Arts activities high quality academic programming, CATT, an Autism center, Skills for Independent Living, a project-based focus across our Middle School, Supportive Education classrooms, The Elmwood Supply Company, two Learning Assistance Centers as well as many other learning opportunities for students.

To enhance cultural programming, Elmwood now has a school Sweat Lodge and Tipi, home to monthly ceremonies and land-based teachings. We were proud to open our Lodge Room and have the support of Grandfather Vern Dano.

There were many things to celebrate this year from Academics, Arts, and Athletics. Elmwood experienced the joy of Arts Celebrations, Pep Rallies, Spirit Weeks, solemn ceremonies for MMWIG2s, Reconciliation presentations, Open House, the Wellness Expo, Sports, Coffee House performances, Feeder School Visits, the Breakfast and Nutrition Program, and many other pieces that make a school a vital and engaged community.

This year, Elmwood sends 88 Graduates off into the wider world, adding to the Elmwood legacy of kind and compassionate graduates that enrich the world.

Highlights

MIYAA Awards:

- Anaka Toews earned a Manitoba Indigenous Youth Achievement Award in the Health Category

The Arts:

- **Choir:** Wonderful in-school performances including Coffee Houses and Christmas carols, 2 EHS singers at the Divisional Honour Choir
- **Poetry in Voice Competition** First-ever Regional Team Championship
- **Band:** Elmwood hosted the Divisional Honour Band Sr. Band gave a 5-Star performance and the Jazz Band had a 4-Star at the Manitoba Family of Festivals. Both bands were invited to Nationals.
- Mr. Sawatzky received the Manitoba Band Association's Award of Distinction
- **Graphic Arts:** the Elmwood Supply Company provided clothing for MMIWG2S Remembrance Campaign, the Sea Bears, and a new Elmwood logo
- **Drama:** a wonderful production of **Tarzan: The Musical**

Athletics:

- **Provincial** Varsity Boys AAA Basketball Champions
- Women's Blue Bombers Flag Football Divisional Finalists
- Varsity Football AAAA North-East Conference Champs
- Varsity Girls Volleyball League finalists
- Varsity Girls Basketball Provincial Semi-finalists

Academics:

- **WSD Science Fair:** Award of Excellence in Ancestral Knowledge/Gold Medal (Ancestral Sciences) *Chloe Halili*. "Energy and You" by Manitoba Hydro and U of M "Innovation Award" *Ranelyn Rodelas and Feng Xian*
- **Medical Careers Exploration Program** students were honoured at the MCEP ceremony

Engagement:

- **Monthly Sweat Lodges and Ceremonies**
- **ElmCast Podcast**
- **Freshwater Institute** partnership, YouthBIOLab
- **First Book Canada** partnership
- **Project Search:** Life and Employment Prep
- **CATT:** Montreal/Ottawa Trip Tourism Experience
- **ECRC:** Homework Club & Lunch and Learn program
- **Kitchen Brigade** Cooking Program

Social Emotional Support:

- **Indigenous Youth Leadership Program**
- **Rising Voices Indigenous Issues Podcast**
- **MMIWG2S Week of Red**
- **Indigenous Parent Advisory Council**
- **Newcomer Parent Night**
- **Newcomers Lunch and Learn: Tree of Life Project**
- **Shoppers Love You Run**-supporting Mood Disorders MB
- **Healthy Movement through Phys. Ed. Classes**



Varsity Boys Provincial Champs



Elmwood Choral Performance



Pep Rally



Elmwood Supply Company

Priorities for 2023-24

1. **To continue to improve literacy skills in all subject areas.**

Expected Outcome:

Students will enhance their literacy and mathematical literacy skills. Critical thinking and problem solving, creativity and innovation, collaboration and communication are essential parts of their learning.

2. **To continue to embed Indigenous perspectives in all subject areas and implement support programs, though ceremony and land-based teachings.**

Expected Outcome:

Indigenous perspectives will continue to be incorporated into subject areas and into the life of the school.

3. **To continue to develop and implement learning and behavioral supports to increase the levels of success achieved by all students.**

Expected Outcome: Ensure that all students will be able to access support of their learning.

4. **To impart knowledge, skills and attitudes that students need to make good decisions around their own health and the health of their community and the world.**

Expected Outcome: Students will enhance their awareness of social justice and environmental issues and concerns.

5. **To continue to strengthen the links to post-secondary education and work.**

Expected Outcome: Student connections to post-secondary education and work will be strengthened.



MMIWG2S

Priorities for 2024-25

- Continue to provide students with opportunities to develop their skills and find their Pride, Place, and Purpose through strong Academic, Technical, Arts, and Extracurricular programs.
- Continue to strengthen our Indigenous Perspectives and Indigenous Education programming through Ceremony, direct teachings, cultural experiences, community activism, and many other new programs.
- Continue to build knowledge with respect to one's own health, the health of their community, and the health of Mother Earth.
- Plan for a robust system of partnerships with Government, Community Agencies, Philanthropic Organizations, and Knowledge-Keepers.
- Continue to foster rich literacy and numeracy development across all subject areas through powerful and appropriate support programming.
- Continue to build a healthy multi-cultural dynamic in our building.
- Continue to support students' academic and social-emotional growth and mental health, by connecting targeted supports to all students.
- Continue to strengthen connections to all forms of post-secondary and trades education as well as the workforce.
- Continue to use the Whole Child Philosophy, the Circle of Courage, and the WSD Principles of Learning as guiding North Stars.

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Parent and community involvement

Support of our Graduates:

- The Albert John, Georgina and Edith Patricia Boughton Scholarship
- African Community Andre Doumbe Graduate Award
- Arthur Buss Award
- The Babb Family Award
- Bill Petrie Memorial Football Scholarship
- Chef Charlie Villapando Bursary
- Clara Hughes Olympic Spirit Awards
- Clinical Support Services Award
- Concordia Constituency Recognition Bursary
- Dr. Eleoussa Polyzoi Awards
- ECRC Award
- EH Price Industries Scholarship
- EHS Staff Award
- EHS Parent Council Award
- EHS Legacy Awards
- Elmwood Legion
- George Barclay Award
- The Governor General's Award
- Graphics Award – Donations
- Jack Stewart, Stuart Pateman Scholarship-The Winnipeg Y Service Award
- The Kildonan MCC Thrift Shop – Awards of Promise
- Lifetouch Award
- Martha and Ken Lofendale Award
- Peter Fox Bursary (M. Wiebe – MLA)
- Red River/Elmwood Partners Award
- Rick Symonds Pride in Elmwood Awards
- Rotary Club of Winnipeg East A.M. Canada 150 Scholarship
- Souchay Gossen Family Foundation
- The Tallman Foundation
- T. Emslie – E. Rosati Memorial Award
- Travis Price Sport Spirit Award
- The University of Manitoba Scholarships
- The University of Winnipeg Scholarships
- The Walter Lang Memorial
- The Winnipeg School Division
- The Winnipeg Teachers Association
- Val Harder Award
- Walter Schroeder Foundation University of Manitoba Scholarship
- Walter Schroeder Foundation Red River Polytechnic Scholarship
- You Drug Mart Award



Giants Football



Open House Human Ecology Display



Tarzan Rehearsal



Elmwood's Ceremony Site



Valedictorian: Brenden Kiesman