



Isaac Brock School

Newsletter

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Message from Administration

Isaac Brock Families,

As we step into a new month, we want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible work happening at our school and share some exciting updates with you. February marks the midpoint of our school year and there's much to celebrate and a great deal of work ahead of us.

After a long stretch without a stable office team, we are thrilled to welcome Joy Cabasug and Nicole Delaine to the Isaac Brock community. Their experience and dedication will be invaluable in supporting our students, staff, and families. Joy, our new Student Records Clerk, brings multiple years of elementary school experience, having served at William White, Strathcona, communities. Nicole will be joining us on February 10 from St. John's High School, where she has supported the school community with payroll, budgeting, staff support, and human resources coordination within the Winnipeg School Division. Please offer them a great big warm Isaac Brock welcome over the phone or when you see them in person. A special thank-you to Elaine Cloney, Elaine has come out of retirement to support us at a critical juncture in the school year as we get a hold of our school budget and plan for next year's, ensuring a smooth transition.

We have successfully transitioned away from the Parent Council pay-for-lunch program, and the results have been fantastic! Students are spending more time outdoors, engaging in play and relationship-building, while also extending the province's physical education and health curriculum into the outdoors.

Mr. Lehotsky and Ms. Warelis, our two physical education teachers, are leading organized games. Sam Sawtschuk, our Nature-Based Learning teacher, is guiding students through creative and imaginative play, including risky play in a safe way. Music is alive at Isaac Brock! The sounds of music have never been more vibrant in our hallways! We currently have three choirs running, and staff (Ms. Puntham, Ms. Stockton, Ms. Chase) are deeply engaged in fostering a love of music in our students.

Our staff are committed to making Isaac Brock a destination school for teachers and educational assistants to work through innovative teaching and learning Initiatives. The first half of the school year we have launched several key initiatives. Workshop Model & Multi-Age Learning - These approaches encourage student independence, with peer-supported learning guided by teachers. Development of a model classroom, led by Ms. Catarina Delgado, our Learning Support Teacher. The classroom is a grades 1-3 Cree Language revalidation room. This space will provide in-house professional development for teachers —offering training without needing to leave the school.

Additionally, we are developing "Seed Classrooms" to further support or for Nature-Based Learning. Supported by Learning Support Teacher Sam Sawtschuk two through a collaborative inquiry approach to professional development. Ms. Kinesevych (English) grades 1-3 and Ms. Elock (Ojibwe) classrooms will integrate nature-based learning into the curriculums. The work hours school doing in connecting the outdoors too learning is groundbreaking in our school division and we are the leaders in this area these two classrooms will be models of teaching and learning that will then support other classrooms moving forward.

Isaac Brock is proud to be at the forefront of language revitalization. Our Cree and Ojibwe Language Revitalization Programs staff have embarked on a deeper journey into second-language pedagogy, focusing on oral language development. We are fortunate to be working with Valvalee Georges, former Winnipeg School Division Assistant Superintendent and PhD candidate from the University of Alberta, who has already visited once and will return on February 20. This initiative is funded by the Winnipeg School Division as part of its ongoing commitment to reconciliation.

Looking ahead, Isaac Brock continues to be a leader in innovative, inclusive, and student-centered learning. We are proud of the work happening in our school and are grateful for your ongoing support in making our community a thriving place for learning and growth.

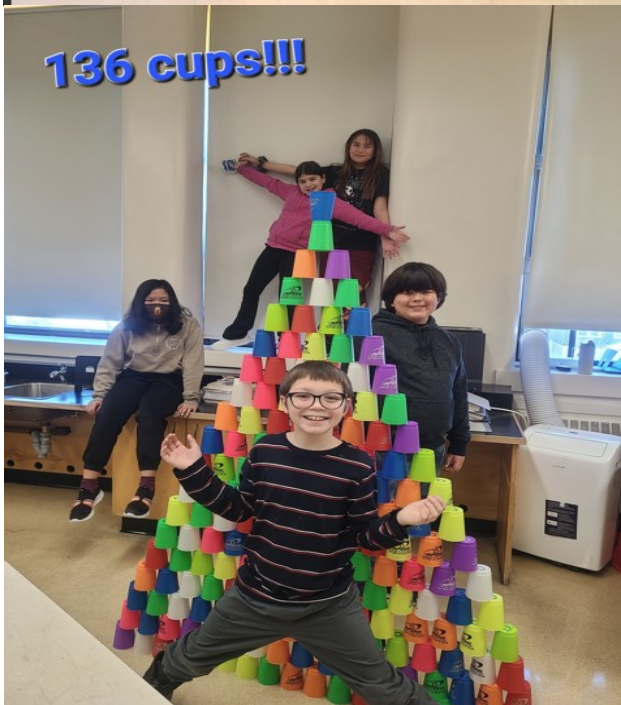
Thank you for being part of the Isaac Brock family!

Warm regards,

Mr. Goring and Ms. Pelletier

Funtastic Indoor Lunch

Students at Isaac Brock School are enjoying their indoor lunch recess. They played lego's and stacking paper cups higher than themselves.





**DANIEL MCINTYRE COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE
720 ALVERSTONE STREET, WINNIPEG**

OPEN HOUSE

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH
6 PM TO 8 PM**

Discover the educational opportunities at DMCI! Join us for a tour of our classrooms and enjoy captivating performances by our talented performing arts groups. Uncover the diverse extracurricular, sports, and enrichment opportunities available at Daniel Mac. Connect with our dedicated teachers and learn how we can assist your student in reaching new heights.

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Gordon Bell Open House!

**Thursday, February 20th 2025
5:00 - 6:00 PM
3 Borrowman Place**

Please join us in person to meet teachers, check out offered programs, and tour the school.

Information sessions for Grade 7/8 & Grade 9

A light snack will be provided.

Contact information:
email: gboffice@wsd1.org
phone: 204-774-5401



SAFE ARRIVAL

ABSENCE REPORTING SYSTEM

School Messenger allows parents/guardians to report student absences, late arrivals, early departures and vacations by phone, web or smartphone app. Parents/ guardians will report all absences through School Messenger **before 9:00 AM** and will not receive a phone call from the school.

For safety reasons, in the event of an unexplained student absence, the system will communicate with parents in a timely manner.

There are three ways to report an absence:



Phone:

Parents/guardians can call the toll free number **1-855-278-4513**; listen carefully to all the options, choose the appropriate absence and reason; wait for confirmation number.



Internet:

Parents/guardians can log into the website: <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca> and sign up using the email address on file at Isaac Brock School and a password of your choosing. Absences, late arrivals, early departures and vacations can be reported.



iPhone or Android device:

If you would like to use an app on your smart phone:
Download the free app through the App Store or Google Play; search **School Messenger**; install the blue app and sign up using the email address on file at Isaac Brock School and a password of your choosing. Absences, late arrivals, early departures and vacations can be reported.



Absences must be reported to School Messenger no later than 9:00 am on the day of the absence.

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				
3 Day 1	4 Day 2	5 Day 3	6 Day 4	7 Day 5
4-6 Intramurals		4-6 Intramurals		AM-Gr 7/8 Shops
10 Day 6	11 Day 1	12 Day 2	13 Day 3	14 Day 4
4-6 Intramurals PM- Gr. 9 Shops		4-6 Intramurals		Non-Instructional Day No School
17 Day 5	18 Day 5	19 Day 6	20 Day 1	21 Day 2
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24 Day 3	25 Day 4	26 Day 5	27 Day 6	28 Day 1
		4-6 Intramurals AM-Gr 7/8 Shops Mobile Vision Clinic	PM- Gr. 9 Shops Gr. 4 Swimming @ Civic Centre	4-6 Intramurals