

# Fort Rouge School

## Community Report

### 2025-2026

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### Our Mission

At Fort Rouge School, we are committed to providing a calm, inspiring, learning environment where we will all be caring citizens, creative problem solvers and empowered leaders.

### Our Vision

- We believe that all children can learn.
- We believe that all children deserve to learn in beautiful, calm and respectful spaces.
- We believe that we are partners with our families and the community, working together to ensure the academic and social success of our students.
- We believe that together with families and the community, we can inspire, identify and nurture the strengths of each student.
- We believe that we must honour all individuals, learning from the experience and talents each brings to our school. We believe that we must help to prepare our students to be problem solvers, critical thinkers and leaders in our community.



### About Our School

Fort Rouge school is a vibrant and welcoming place where about 200 students learn, grow and thrive each day. Our community is very diverse, as we have 27 different languages spoken in the school.

This year has been especially meaningful as I complete my first year as principal, working alongside our dedicated staff, supportive families and incredible students. Together, we have built a strong culture grounded in our shared belief and motto “**we are learners, we are leaders and we are kind.**”

There were lots of physical changes in the school, as we revitalized the library into a vibrant learning environment, established an Integrated Arts room for music, art, dance, and created two sensory rooms.

We are proud of the inclusive, safe and supportive environment we have created, where every child is encouraged to take risks, build confidence and reach their full potential.

Experiential learning is a priority at Fort Rouge. Our classroom learning extends beyond the building, with regular visits to community sites such as The Forks, Upper Fort Garry and regular community walks. These experiences help deepen learning and strengthen students’ connection to their community.



# Highlights & Programs

- Nursery classes – Half Day
- Kindergarten classes – Half Day
- Multi-Aged Classrooms
- Student Patrols
- Lunch Program – No Fees
- Nutrition Program
- Community Support Worker
- Inner City Soccer League
- Inner City Basketball League
- Handbell Groups
- Ukelele & Piano Club
- Identity Alliance Committee
- UM Student Nurses
- WAG Art Opportunities
- WSD Fit Run
- Badminton Tournament
- Terry Fox Run
- Fitness Challenges
- Athletics
- Students vs staff events
- Games Club
- MYRCA
- Field trips: MTYP, The Leaf, Union Station, The Forks
- Young Designers Club
- Contemporary Dancers
- Green Theatre
- Learn to swim; Learn to Skate
- Student Secretaries
- WSD STEAM Fair
- Talent Show
- Field Day, Water Day
- Family Fun Day
- Special Olympics “Try It” Days



# Priorities for 2025 - 2026

## Social-Emotional Learning

When children feel safe and they belong at school, they learn, grow and thrive. This year, we introduced *Sources of Strength* to all students, a program that focuses on healthy relationships and mental well-being. We also focused on co-regulation skills including regulation through movement, declarative language and “do togethers” to foster healthy, trusting relationships. Lastly, we created two regulation spaces for children to support their confidence, self-awareness and skills needed to engage in learning and relationships.

## Literacy

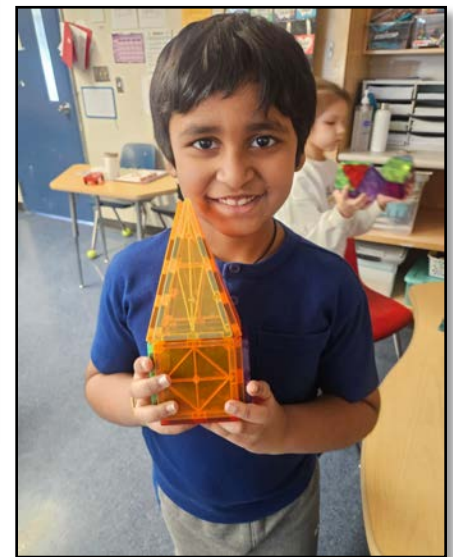
Students engaged in literacy through school wide initiatives such as I Love to Read Month and Traveling With Stories events, which fostered a joy of reading and appreciation for storytelling. Our Young Designers program further supported literacy through hands-on, integrated STEAM learning. Classroom instruction continued to build foundational skills, helping students see themselves as capable and confident learners.

## Mathematics

Mathematics was strengthened through school-wide supports and a focus on making learning visible. Our math learning support teacher worked alongside all staff to build instructional practices and support student understanding. We celebrated World Math Day, where students were engaged in fun, meaningful math activities. We focused on student confidence, curiosity and a positive mindset towards mathematics, including math jokes and number of the day, supporting students as they developed essential skills and deeper understanding. Lastly, we began working with Mathletics, an engaging instructional tool that helps build students math skills and confidence.

## Road To Reconciliation

We are guided by the teachings of the Mamahtawisiwin Framework, putting students at the centre of everything we do. This year, students engaged in Bannock and Books, harvesting cedar, water teachings and learning from the land. Staff professional development included Aki- land teachings, the Nigaan Sinclair Series, and Forest Learning, working alongside our WSD Learning Support Teacher.



# Parent and Community Involvement

Here are the many programs and activities that are offered throughout the year:

- Family Games Night
- Painting Classes
- Cooking Classes
- Food Security Program
- Winter Clothing Distribution
- Mobile Vision Care Clinic
- Meals2Go
- Holiday Take and Make
- Multicultural Celebration
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Traveling with Stories
- Kids in the Kitchen



We are fortunate to be a part of a vibrant, diverse community. We know that there is much to learn from our community: its past, its present and its future. We try to discover the gifts and talents of our families every day.

Our volunteer base this year increased from 20 to 37 parent volunteers. Thank you to each one, who has impacted our learners by helping with crossing guard, nutrition, the family room, safety supervision, field trips and in the classroom.



A BIG thank you to the following charities for their generous donations to our Nutrition program, which includes Breakfast and Snack for all students every day:

- Universal Nutrition Program
- Child Nutrition Council of Manitoba
- Breakfast Club of Canada

