

Hugh John Macdonald School

Community Report

2023-2024

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School Mission Statement

Hugh John Macdonald School is a middle school that provides a safe, caring environment for students and staff. We are committed to providing students with opportunities to develop their potential.

In carrying out our mission, Hugh John Macdonald School is guided by the following principles:

~high expectations for all students in all academic subject areas

~high expectations for teachers to provide excellent age appropriate programming and assessment in all academic subject areas

~all students are treated with kindness and respect, helping them navigate the significant physical, cognitive and social-emotional changes



About our school

Hugh John Macdonald School is located in the heart of Winnipeg's Central neighborhood. We provide engaging educational programming to students in grades 7, 8, and 9. Our amazingly diverse student population is representative of our community. Our students participate in a learning environment which fosters academic growth and citizenship. HJM offers opportunities for students including: visual arts, dance, coding, technology, Indigenous studies, bike shop, French, Cultural Studies, and Jazz band. We have a Language Acquisition Learning Centre, a Learning Assistance Centre and Eagle Circle Education Program. Peaceful Village and Rossbrook House afterschool and summer programs provide support and engaging academic activities for our students.

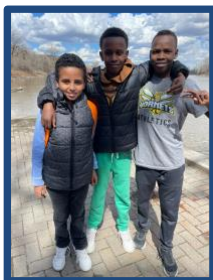
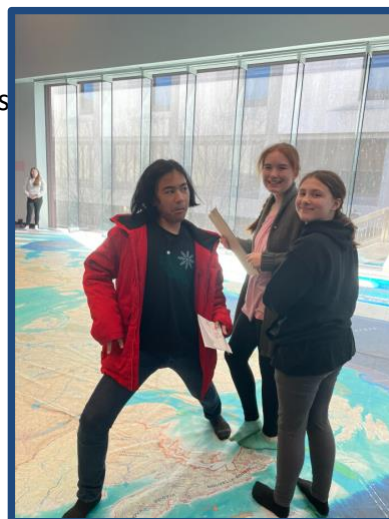
School Profile

1 Principal
1 Vice-Principal
16 Teachers
1 Resource Teacher
11 Educational Assistants
2.0 Front Office Staff
1.0 Community Support Worker
1.0 Intercultural Support Worker
4.0 Custodians



Highlights

- Thinking Classrooms
- UFLI Reading Intervention
- Sources of Strength
- Land Based Education
- Industrial Arts and Home Economics Program at Daniel McIntyre Collegiate Institute
- Jazz Program
- Winnipeg Jazz Festival
- Intramural sports and school sports teams
- School wide celebration lunches
- Student Council activities: community clean up, spirit week and special events
- The Cafeteria - daily breakfast and lunch
- Honour Roll celebrations
- Peaceful Village Program
- Rossbrook House afterschool club
- Learn to swim and skate programs
- Classroom, Team and school wide fieldtrips
- Grade 9 Farewell Celebration
- End of the Year Awards Assembly
- WSD Science Fair



School Priorities

Students:

To provide robust and comprehensive education, equitable access, diverse opportunity, and a supportive learning environment for all students. Our goal is to help our students along their educational journey with values of learning and social justice, and to be responsible community members.

Learning Outcomes:

To further improve school attendance, achievements, and graduation rates through the exploration of additional programs and strategies.

- To foster strong relationships with the students and their families
- Targeted Literacy and Math Intervention
- Use of innovative teaching practices and technology (Chromebooks, iPads, Smartboards, Smart TV, etc.)
- Use of Clinical Support Services
- Awards Ceremonies: Academics, Attendance, Arts and Athletics, Citizenship, Community Stewardship

Addressing Barriers to Learning:

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

- Establish a welcoming and friendly learning environment for all
- Learning Assistance Centre Classroom, Eagle Circle Education Program, EAL/LAL Classrooms
- Providing Technology at school and at home (Chromebooks, iPads, Desktop computers, Sound field systems)
- Developing mental health education with mindfulness strategies, self-regulation tools, flexible seating, and movement breaks

Communications and Partnerships with Community:

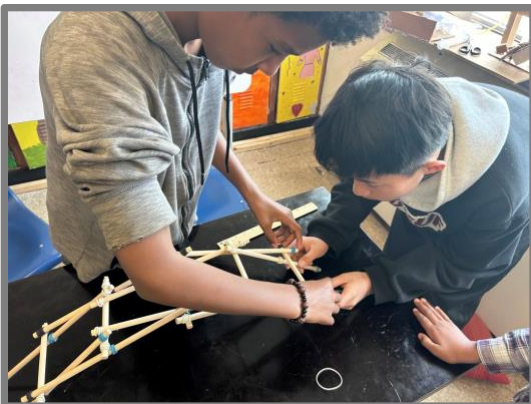
To further develop communications and partnerships with the communities we serve, parents, families, government, businesses, health and social service agencies, Indigenous education, other community organizations, and our valued volunteers.

- Indigenous Focus: 7 Teachings, Community Room, Truth and Reconciliation education, Native Studies classes
- Communication with Families: newsletters, phone calls, home visits, letters, emails, Google meets, Safe Arrival, home visits, etc.
- Parent Council, Community Support Work and Intercultural Support Worker involvement

Sustainability:

To strengthen and enhance sustainable development initiatives that address environmental, social, and economical issues.

- Community Clean-Up, recycling, plastic bag reduce/re-use, flower planting, re-useable water bottles, compostable food packaging in the cafeteria



Parent and community involvement

At Hugh John Macdonald School, parents, staff and community members work together to support the education of our students.

Parent Gatherings

Bake & Take Cooking Sessions
Volunteer Orientation
Community & Conversations

Further Support for Families include:

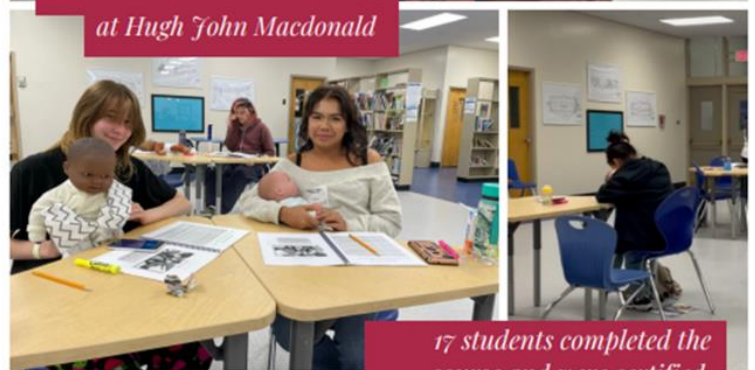
Food Rescue Program
Coats for Kids
Babysitters Training Course
Clothing Pop Up Shop

Community Partnerships:

Mobile Vision Care Clinic
Second Harvest
Peaceful Village
Canadian Footwear
Gordon Bell High School (clothing)
South Winnipeg Family Information Centre
Calvary Temple



*Babysitters Training Course
at Hugh John Macdonald*



*17 students completed the
course and were certified.*



*HJM Clothing Pop Up
Shop*



800+ items donated

