

Community Report École JB Mitchell School 2023-24

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.



About our school

École J.B. Mitchell School is an inclusive environment highly committed to the academic and social growth of all learners. Located in River Heights, École J.B. Mitchell houses a dual track English and French Immersion program. There are approximately 405 students who attend from nursery to grade 6. We benefit from a strong parent community group which supports our numerous school initiatives. An educational team of more than 40 staff maintains a strong focus on Literacy and Numeracy goals. Innovation, creativity, communication and opportunities to collaborate and think critically are embedded throughout the learning day. We remain firmly committed to Indigenous Education, social justice and reconciliation. The Administration is committed to maintaining professional learning communities that empower and build capacity among staff members.

École J.B. Mitchell is a culturally diverse community which provides numerous learning opportunities today for its leaders of tomorrow.

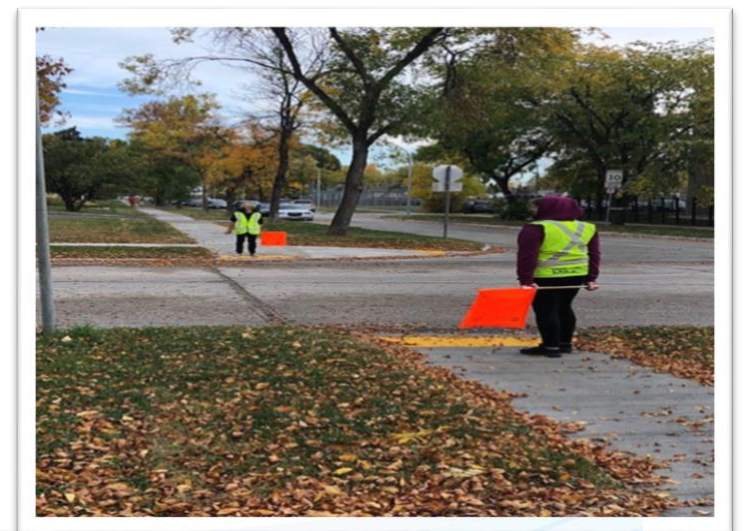


Highlights

Throughout the year there have been many opportunities for enriching activities and initiatives, giving our staff and students the chance to try new things and start some new traditions. Thank you to our entire EJBM community for your support!

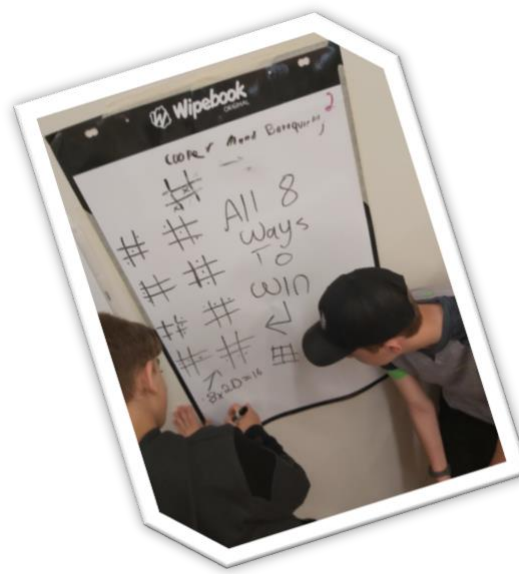
Here are some of this year's highlights:

- The new decals at the Lanark doors representing the diversity of our school community, our values and honouring the WSD Land Acknowledgement and Commitment to Action.
- Language, Culture and Learning Night
- PBIS and Self-Regulations: Know Your Zone!, Common Area Training, Alternative Recess and Mindful Recess
- French Celebrations : Festival du Voyageur, French Week, Ker Breizh Creperie Workshop, Concours d'art oratoire
- Pink Shirt Day – focus on kindness and anti-bullying initiatives
- Orange Shirt Day – raised awareness and deepened understandings of Truth & Reconciliation.
- Arts Education: Honour Choir, Winter and N/K concert, Festival of Arts spring concert, Winter Singalong, recorder program, Ad Astra, Narnia, and WSO
- Physical Education: Intramurals, Winter Fun Day, Volleyball club, and Speed Skating Club
- Awareness and Fundraising: Walk-a-thon, Hockey Sticks for Harvest, and Terry Fox Run
- Parent Advisory Council Events: Dance-a-thon, Glenlea Plant Sale, Family Fun Night, Movie night, and book drive
- Patrols
- Additional Clubs and learning: Swimming Counts Program, Bike Rodeo, Bus Ridership, Solar Eclipse Learning, Let's Talk Science, Math is Everywhere, Crochet, GSA, I love to Read Activities...
- Some Classroom Field Trips and School Outings: WSD Powwow, Fort Whyte Alive, Children's Museum, Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra, Manitoba Museum, Royal Aviation Museum of Western Canada, Manitoba Theatre for Young People, STEAM Fair, The Mariash Quarry, Patrol Bowling... to name a few.



School Priorities 2023-2024

- Strengthen literacy programming in English and French Language Arts with a focus on reading comprehension strategies
- Strengthen writing skills with a focus on the 6 traits and the spiraled teaching of diverse forms of writing
- Strengthen math skills with a focus on mental math strategies & strengthen student ability to explain their thinking and learning
- Supporting students in extending their use of self-regulation strategies to include activities that occur beyond the classroom such as during recess and on field trips
- Use an inquiry approach to provide authentic, hands-on experiences for students to create, collaborate, communicate and think critically
- Embed available technology, laptops, iPads, Chromebooks into classroom instruction to support learning



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The Priorities are aligned with the Winnipeg School Division goals as well as with the Literacy and Numeracy goals established by the Province.

- Continue to strengthen early literacy skills for Nursery and Kindergarten students with a focus on the instruction of phonological and phonemic awareness in both the English and French Immersion Programs. We are excited to announce a new initiative for our Kindergarten students in partnership with the Reading and Speech and language clinicians.
- Continue to strengthen literacy and language learning for English as Additional Language (EAL) Learners with a focus on vocabulary development, decoding and comprehension strategies.
- Improve students' performance in reading by strengthening their ability to effectively apply a variety of reading strategies, explain their understanding of text read and set their own goals for reading, in both the English and French Immersion Programs.
- Improve students' ability to communicate their mathematical thinking in a variety of ways beyond oral expression. Students in both the English and French Immersion Programs will make use of manipulatives, digital pictures, drawings and journals to communicate their mathematical strategies.
- Enhance students' ability to identify and understand their triggers and the triggers of others and to use their self-regulation strategies in a variety of situations beyond the classroom including on field trips, at recess and in the Lunch Program.
- Teachers will continue to implement a 6-week planning cycle in Literacy and Numeracy to assess and monitor student growth and to select timely learning targets based on individual student need.

Parent and Community Involvement

École J.B. Mitchell School has an active and engaged Parent Advisory Council (PAC) that met from September to June this year. Throughout this year, JBM PAC has offered a high level of support to students, staff and the community. We look forward to continuing the many positive experiences JBM PAC supports and to welcoming our many parent, grandparent and community volunteers. We look forward to next year and an even stronger 2024-25 school year! Here are some 2023-2024 highlights:

- J.B. Mitchell Staff Appreciation
(Thank you JBM PAC and parents for your thoughtful gifts and kind words)
- Glenlea Plant Fundraiser
- Movie Nights
- French events throughout the year
Winter Fun Day activities
- Volunteers on field trips (such as
Swimming Counts)
- Grade 6 Camp
- MTYP –Theatre Productions
- Huggins & Wolff Memorial Garden
- Family Fun Night

Thank you to our families, our many volunteers and to our JBM Parent Council for your generous gift of time and for your ongoing support.

