

Community Report

École JB Mitchell School

2025-26



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Our Moral Purpose

Winnipeg School Division provides a learning environment that fosters the growth of every learner's potential and provides equitable opportunity to develop the knowledge, skills and ways of being necessary for nurturing a just, sustainable and democratic society where everyone belongs, thrives and is included.

Guiding Question

What are the most powerful actions WSD can take to ignite and cultivate paths to the good life, Minopimatiwisiwin, for learners, particularly those most underserved?



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 340 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.

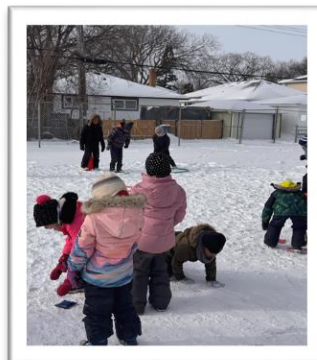


Highlights

Our staff are committed to providing a variety of opportunities for students and families to learn new skills, enhance current knowledge and connect with each other across ages and grades.

Here are some of this year's highlights:

- Building Community: Family Wellness Evening, Volunteer Appreciation Tea
- PBIS and Self-Regulations: Know Your Zone!, Common Area Training and Alternative Recess.
- French Celebrations : Festival du Voyageur, French Week, French performance by Damien Lussier
- Pink Shirt Day – focus on kindness and anti-bullying initiatives
- Orange Shirt Day – raised awareness and deepened understandings of Truth & Reconciliation.
- Indigenous Education – Smudging practices in some classrooms and school wide at the beginning of each month, collaboration with WSD's Métis Way of Life Leader Teresa Byrne
- Arts Education: JBM Sings Choir, Winter and Spring concerts, kindergarten concert, Winter Singalong, After School Arts Club
- Physical Education: Winter & Summer Fun Days, Volleyball club, Soccer club, Running Club and Speed Skating Club, Fit Run
- Awareness and Fundraising: Terry Fox Run, Hockey Sticks for Harvest, Koats for Kids
- Parent Advisory Council Events: Glenlea Plant Sale, Family Fun Night, School Dance
- School Safety Patrol Program
- Additional Clubs and Learning: Swimming Counts Program, Bus Ridership, Math is Everywhere, GSA, Card Collector Club, Writing Club, Yearbook Club
- Classroom Field Trips & School Outings (some of the many): Camp Manitou, Fort Whyte Alive, The Manitoba Museum, Winnipeg Humane Society, Winnipeg Zoo, Patrol Bowling and more.



School Priorities 2025-26

- Strengthen **reading** programming in English and French Language Arts with a focus on **comprehension strategies**
- Strengthen **writing** skills with a focus on **sentence fluency** and teaching of **diverse forms of writing**
- Continue to strengthen **math** skills with a focus on **explaining mathematical thinking and use of strategies**
- Supporting students to develop **self-regulation strategies** that can be applied in all parts of their day
- Providing students with hands-on experiences to **create, collaborate, communicate and think critically**
- Continue to embed available **technology** (ie. laptops, iPads, Chromebooks) into classroom instruction to support learning



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The Priorities are aligned with the Winnipeg School Division Strategic Plan, as well as with the Literacy and Numeracy goals established by the Province of Manitoba.

- Continue to strengthen early literacy skills for Kindergarten to Grade 2 students with a focus on the instruction of phonological and phonemic awareness in both the English and French Immersion Programs, as well as early writing development.
- 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.
- Providing students with opportunities 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.
- Support students in their 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.
- Continued development of teacher knowledge and skills through a coaching model where staff members can collaborate with other staff members to improve teaching practice.

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. Our JBM PAC has offered engaged in several fundraising initiatives, as well as provided other fun events and learning opportunities to support both students and staff. We look forward to continuing our relationship between the school and parent communities, and to welcoming our many parent, grandparent and community volunteers. Here are some 2025-2026 highlights:

- Glenlea Plant Fundraiser
- School Dance Night
- French events throughout the year
Winter Fun Day activities
- Volunteers on field trips (such as
Swimming Counts and classroom trips)
- Grade 6 Camp
- Huggins & Wolff Memorial Garden
flowers
- Family Fun Night
- Support of our Grade 6 Farewell

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.

Hockey Sticks for Harvest



PAC Family Fun Night

