



# STRATHCONA SCHOOL



## June 2024

Hello Strathcona families,

As we enter our final month of learning for the 2023-2024 school year at Strathcona, we want to say thank you! A big shout out to all of our families and community members who are such an important part of making Strathcona School an amazing place to be.

In May during one of our final professional development days, staff worked through a book called "Heartbeat of the Earth: Connecting Children to Nature Through Indigenous Teachings" written by Launa Purcell, which contains many opportunities for students to participate in land based learning. With the warmer weather, our classes will continue to be learning outdoors, and using the natural environment as much as possible. You can see some photo evidence of their learning so far on page 4.

Another large part of what makes Strathcona a special place is our incredible staff. We have some updates to our staffing for September. We have to say farewell to Mr. Hewitt, who will be moving on to Andrew Mynarski School in September. We are also sad to say goodbye to Ms. Yagilnicki (Ms. Y), who has accepted a job at Sargent Park School. We want to wish you both the best in your next role! Summer is right around the corner. Helen and I are both excited to see you again on the first day of school, which is Wednesday September 4th. Have a wonderful summer and see you soon!

Jeremy Midford

Principal

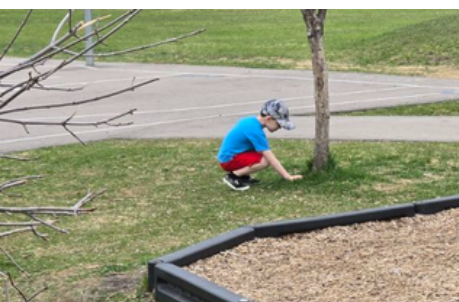
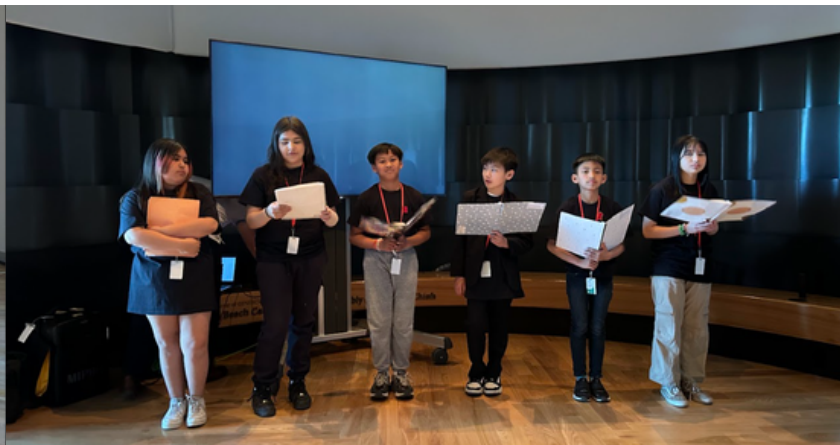
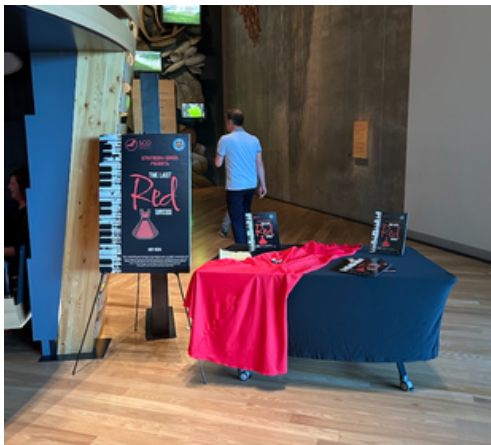
Helen Sabater-Fixe

Vice Principal

# MMIWG2S

This year, grade 5/6 classrooms at Strathcona School all learned about the issues surround Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls, and Two Spirited People. All classrooms wrote letters to their MLA Bernadette Smith, who visited the school and spoke to them about this important issue affecting our community, city, province, and country.

Room 15 students wrote some poetry on the subject, which eventually turned into a published book and a song. The final product became a music video to accompany the song, designed to raise awareness on the crisis of MMIWG2S. Students presented at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights, and were featured on CBC, and the WSD website and social media.



## LAND BASED LEARNING

Check out just a few examples of Land Based Learning happening at Strathcona!





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# CELEBRATION POW WOW

HONOURING THE LEARNING JOURNEY

**June 6, 2024**

Tec Voc High School Field

1555 Wall Street

Outdoor event – rain or shine

**OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY**

Master of Ceremonies:  
**Michael Esquash Sr.**

Host Drum:  
**Spirit Sands**

## EVENT SCHEDULE

- 9:00 am: Participant registration
- 10:30 am: Grand entry
- 11:30 am: Knowledge sharing sessions begin  
Honour Song Indigenous Excellence
- 1:45 pm: Closing ceremony

- **Students will be required to bring their own lunch**
- Bring your own chair/blanket/reusable water bottle
- Students may register on-site for a dancer honorarium if accompanied by a parent/guardian
- Invited drums only, all registered dancers will receive an honorarium

**Respectfully no community vendors**

**No food vendors on site**

For more information please call: Rob Riel at 204-775-0231

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**#WSDpowwow**



# STRATHCONA BEAR PRIDE CLUB

In honour of Pride Week, Strathcona School is bringing back the Pride Club for the month of June. Our club is voluntary, so look out for a permission slip to join. It happens Thursdays at lunch, and is facilitated by three of our amazing Strathcona teachers. This club is all about inclusion, embracing diversity, and having fun! Best of all, the club is open to everyone!

It's so important to talk about Pride and Pride Week in schools, because it acknowledges that each person is unique, and provides a safe and inclusive school for everyone.

Lastly, stay tuned for Strathcona Bear Pride Gear, created in partnership with House of Local - which is a small business in Winnipeg. Our Pride inspired Strathcona Bear T-Shirts will be available to purchase in both adult and youth sizes in the very near future!







# IMPORTANT REMINDERS

## **Arrival at School**

***Supervision outdoors in the morning starts at 8:40 am.***

***At lunch, please bring students no earlier than 12:50 pm, as supervision is limited due to our lunch program.***

## **Student Pick Up: Important Info**

***Students will be walked outside with their teacher into their pick up and drop off line on the hard top. Parents/guardians and older siblings will pick up students from their designated line. **Please do not double park or stop along Alfred Avenue for pickup. Students will not be dismissed from their line to a parent in a vehicle. This is for safety! Please park, exit your vehicle, and pick up your child from their classroom line. Thank you for keeping everyone safe!*****

***Thank you for your continued support in making our entry and exit times safe for all of our Strathcona families!***

## STRATHCONA PARENT COUNCIL

***We would like to host a final Parent Advisory Council Meeting for the 2023-2024 School Year. All families are welcome! Please join us to talk about upcoming plans for the 2024-2025 school year!***

***Friday June 14th at 1:00 pm in the parent room. Just come to the front doors! Snacks and refreshments will be served.***



# INDIGENOUS STEAM CAMP

## 2024

WEEK 1: JULY 8 - 12 - GRADES 1-3 & 4-6

WEEK 2: JULY 15 - 19 - GRADES 1-3 & 4-6

WEEK 3: JULY 22 - 26 - GRADES 3-5 & 6-8

WEEK 4: JULY 29 - AUG 2 - GRADES 3-5 & 6-8

**CAMP INCLUDES:** INDIGENOUS CULTURALLY-BASED ACTIVITIES, SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS, ENGINEERING AND TECH ACTIVITIES, CODING, VIDEO PRODUCTION, 3D DESIGN AND PRINTING, GAMES AND MORE!

INDIGENOUS STEAM CAMP IS FREE AND OPEN TO ALL CHILDREN AND YOUTH  
ENTERING GRADES 1 TO 8 IN FALL 2024.

**Monday to Friday 9:00am - 3:30pm\***

\*Before care starting at 8:30am & after care until 4:15pm

To register go to:

**[bit.ly/3U8bMKT](https://form.jotform.com/wiichiicentre/steam-camp-2024) or**

**<https://form.jotform.com/wiichiicentre/steam-camp-2024>**



**For more info contact Julie at 204-258-2951 or [wiichii@uwinnipeg.ca](mailto:wiichii@uwinnipeg.ca)**

**Held at the Wii Chiiwaakanak Learning Centre**

**511 Ellice Ave | Winnipeg, MB | The University of Winnipeg**

# JUNE 2024

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3 Day 3  Light House 3:30—4:45 pm Grade 5-6  Soccer Club Grade 5-6	4 Day 4  Soccer Club Grade 3-4  Fit Run 9:30-12:00 Old Exhibition Grounds	5 Day 5  Soccer Club Grade 5-6	6 Day 6  WSD Pow Wow Rm. 13, 15, 19 & 21	7 Day 1  Soccer Club Grade 3-4
10 Day 2  No School Non-Instructional Day	11 Day 3  Field Day Soccer Club Grade 3-4	12 Day 4  Soccer Club Grade 5-6	13 Day 5  Field Trip to the Zoo Rm. 1, 3 & 4	14 Day 6  Soccer Club Grade 3-4  Parent Council Meeting @ 1pm
17 Day 1  Fun Park Grade 5-6	18 Day 2  Soccer Club Grade 3-4	19 Day 3  Camp Manitou Grade 5-6 Nature Playground Rm. 1, 3, 4 & 21	20 Day 4	21 Day 5  Soccer Club Grade 3-4
24 Day 6	25 Day 1	26 Day 2	27 Day 3  Grade 6 Farewell 1:30p.m.—GYM	28 Day 4  Last Day of School 11:30 am dismissal