

# Lord Nelson School

## Community Report

### 2024 - 2025

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#### 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.

#### Joy, Love and Rigour

**Joy** – Creating a sense of community.

**Love** – Supporting a sense of belonging.

**Rigour** – Preparing learners for excellence.

#### Our Mission Statement

Lord Nelson School promotes a healthy, caring and inclusive school culture where high levels of achievement occur within a positive school environment. We believe that everyone has the right to be treated with dignity and respect in a safe, caring and inclusive environment. The standard of behavior shall apply to all members of the community including students, staff, parents/guardians, board members, volunteers and visitors.



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## About our school

Lord Nelson School is a Nursery to Grade 6 school in the North End of Winnipeg with a population of approximately 365 students. Lord Nelson has a positive school culture where students have a clear understanding of how to be respectful, be safe and be the best they can be, which is embedded in our practices. A safe and nurturing school, Lord Nelson strengthens student achievement through inclusive classroom practices, developing responsible social behaviour and global citizenship, building community through whole school activities, and supporting the integration of Education for Sustainable Development and Indigenous perspectives in all curricular areas.

Families at Lord Nelson are supported by a Community Support Worker, an active Parent Advisory Council. A Lunch Program is available for students, supported and organized between the Winnipeg School Division and the Parent Advisory Council. The school has a Family Centre where many activities, parenting and pre-school programs are offered. Lord Nelson also offers before, after and Nursery/Kinder Care through the YMCA-YWCA that is housed in the school.

Lord Nelson is a Lighthouse Funded school that offers a multitude of intra-mural and before/after school clubs that focus on academics, healthy lifestyles, sport activities, technology, culture and the Arts.

The school priorities include continuing to build collective efficacy to support all learners with oral language, comprehension and communication in all curricular areas. Additionally, we prioritize supporting our students' mental health, continuing to work on inclusive practices and infusing Indigenous Education.

# Highlights 2024 - 2025

- Lord Nelson hired a Food Coordinator this year with support from the province. The province passed Nello's Law whose aim is to provide healthy foods in schools for ALL children in Manitoba. This school year, LNS was fortunate to once again receive grants from Child Nutrition Council. We were able to provide a healthy snack to all students in grade 1-6 every Tuesday and Thursday morning. These monies have made a significant difference in the lives of our children. Lord Nelson students are fed every day, and they are thriving.
- The Lord Nelson continued our partnership with the province and received Lighthouse funding for the year. Lighthouse provides incredible after school opportunities for our students. Many staff members work tirelessly after school hours to engage and enlighten students with clubs such as; Filipino Heritage, Chess, Drama, STEAM, Dance, Empowerment and Art. Without this program, we would not be able to give our students these experiences.
- There were many events throughout the year. A few were, participating in Halloween Howl (some of our grade 3's went to visit Fred Douglas Lodge in their costumes), Terry Fox Run, Community Clean Up, WSD STEAM Fair and Festival Du Voyageur Day. We also had our Breakfast with Santa, and we enjoyed every opportunity that brought us together.
- I Love to Read Month - I love to Read Month brought many special activities. Students played bingo for prizes and played Primary and Intermediate Battle of the Books. The ultimate prize was an opportunity to pie a teacher! The lucky "winners" to receive a pie to the face were Mr. Pollok, Ms. Asmundson, Ms. Miladinovic and Mr. P. Once again Lord Nelson had Bomber "mania" and was lucky enough to receive a special visit from two Bomber players who came and read to our school as part of our football themed, I love to Read Month. Fun was had by all!
- The school found safe ways to host many of its large functions this year. Our annual Mental Wellness student conference, Health-A-Palooza, focused around strategies to focus our attention, regulate our emotions and help students be as healthy as they can be. We painted, slowed our breathes and made a healthy snack. Once again, we are thankful to Sisler High School for their continued partnership and fantastic dance moves.
- Our grade 6s went to Camp Manitou for the day. Our students had the best time and so did our supervising staff. Ms. Lee, Ms. Thompson, Ms. Gibbons, Ms. Brolly, Ms. Herkimer, Ms. Matharu, Ms. Studney and Mr. Ferreira. We would like to thank the Winnipeg School Division's Children's Heritage Fund for their support which allowed us to keep the cost incredibly low for our families. Camp is possible because our incredible staff gave their time up with family and loved ones so our kids could have this experience. We can never thank them enough. Our students had an incredible time.
- The Winnipeg School Division's Pow Wow was scheduled for June 5th. Unfortunately, we were unable to attend due to the air quality because of the wildfires. However, we were incredibly proud of our students in grade 4 (rooms 9 & 11) who celebrated National Indigenous History Month at our June 9<sup>th</sup> assembly. Students drummed, sang and shared their learning of Indigenous culture and how we are all connected. Bravo!
- We had our annual Community BBQ and Artfest at the end of the school year. We are so appreciative of our families that once again came out to support us. The art exhibition serves as a reminder of how incredibly creative our students are. Our staff are forever thankful for our community's support of our school.
- Sadly, we waved goodbye to our grade 6's. It's always hard to see them go, but we are so incredibly excited for their foray into the new phase of their lives. The world is theirs and we can hardly wait to see what they do!







## School Commitments for 2024-2025

We commit to hands on experiences, increasing student engagement and creating safe spaces of belonging by providing opportunities for students to have purpose, choice and voice.

We commit to implementing Indigenous Education across all areas of learning.

We commit to focusing on good citizenship building around Safe, Caring and Inclusive Schools.



# Parent and community involvement

At Lord Nelson School, we are proud to say that we have a half time Community Support Worker and a Parent Centre. Our Community Support Worker generally offers a range of programs in a busy and vibrant Parent Room

These include:

- **Tots N' Training**
- **Parent Support**
- **Nutrition Bingo**
- **Training and Networking**
- **Craft days**
- **Holiday celebrations**
- **Grade 6 Babysitting Course**
- **CanU**
- **Baby Resource Kits**
- **Food Security programming**
- **Koats for Kids**
- **Family Literacy Night**
- **Parent Wellness Day**
- **Winnipeg Harvest Breakfast/Snack Program**
- **Breakfast with Santa**
- **Community BBQ**
- **Girls Club**
- **SPIN Sports Programming**
- **Scrapbooking**
- **Watercolour painting**
- **Baby shower**
- **Art in the Kitchen**
- **Pajama Project**
- **Dental Clinic**
- **Girls Self Defense**
- **Positive Discipline**
- **Beading Circle**
- **Mobile Vision**

Lord Nelson looks forward to a school year with an open Parent Room and finding additional ways to connect with and support each member of our Lord Nelson Community. The Parent Room is in Room 20, next door to the office.

