

CLIFTON SCHOOL

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"Where the Eagles Soar"

May 2025 Newsletter



Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students,

As the trees begin to bud and the days grow warmer, I am delighted to share some important updates and highlights from our school community. This month is filled with activities, achievements, and opportunities for growth and learning.

Welcome to **Ms. Brittnee-lynn Wolfe** who will be our *Phys. Ed teacher* for the remainder of this school year. Ms. Wolfe brings with her years of experience, enthusiasm and energy. She is a welcome addition to our staff.

Recently, the WSD Indigenous Education news highlighted a few of our teachers for their work they have been doing with and on the land.

Grade 4/5 students at Clifton School along with their teacher, Summer-Lee Kuzyk and Indigenous Learning Support Teacher Sarah Luhowy, engage in nature-based literacy learning to understand and represent the **Haudenosaunee Thanksgiving Address**. This is part of Clifton School's journey in discovering and acknowledging the story of the land their school sits on.

The Grade 5/6 class with their teacher Mel Schultz have explored **what it means to engage in the process of writing a personal land acknowledgement**.

This year marks the 75th anniversary of our school and planning is well underway to commemorate this milestone. The celebration will take place over two dates. On **Thursday, May 29th from 6:00 to 7:30 PM** families are invited to join us for a **showcase of student performances** featuring singing and dancing, along with displays of student work highlighting play-based learning, nature-based learning, and school history. Students will be sharing their learning about the land that Clifton School is situated on, and have written their own Land Acknowledgement, either individually or as a class. The school will also be decorated through the decades, offering a nostalgic and engaging experience for families and guests.

In addition, on **SATURDAY May 30th from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm**, a special **event for Clifton Alumni is being planned**, giving former students a chance to wander the halls and revisit their youth. Much more information to come.

Thank you for your ongoing support and involvement in our school community. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Warm regards,

Ms. Leanne Chernetz
Acting Principal



EVERY DAY COUNTS

Students should feel JOY, LOVE, and RIGOUR at school — and that starts with your child attending every day!

Joy

Students need the support of a community that believes in their success.

Love

School offers a sense of belonging where children can express their true selves.

Rigour

Learning happens step by step. Missing days make it harder for your child to achieve excellence.

Did You Know?

Kids who attend school regularly build stronger life skills, develop positive habits, and feel more connected.

Let's work together to keep our kids learning, growing, and thriving!



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JOY
LOVE
RIGOUR
WSD.



WE NEED HOST FAMILIES



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Ready for a cultural adventure?

We are looking for families to host international students in
Grades 9-12 for the upcoming school year 2025-2026!

OPPORTUNITY TO:

- \$1,000 monthly stipend
- Learn about a new culture
- 24/7 Support
- Lifelong friendships

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wsdinternational.ca



204-789-8086



homestays@wsd1.org



Nursery/Kindergarten Rm. 10 AM

I cannot believe how fast April flew by! We are in the month of May which means only two more months of school! Where did this year go?!

The students worked very hard this past month exploring and learning about Robots and Springtime! Our robot creations using different materials turned out amazing!

We read many stories and poems about Spring. We also spent time learning many letter sounds and practicing printing in our printing books.

In May, we will be continuing to explore our *cuisine rods* in our Math learning as well as learning about breaking apart numbers into parts.

We are going on a field trip to *Morning Sound Farm* this month! The students are very excited to see real farm animals! In class, we will be learning about different farm animals. This will include many learning activities in Language Arts, Math, Science and Visual Arts.

Enjoy the time spent outdoors!

Mrs. Lagadi



Nursery/Kindergarten Rm. 10 PM

April Highlights & May Adventures

We've had a wonderful month of learning and growing! Throughout April, we focused on the letter's 'E' and 'S', along with the digraphs 'sh' and 'th'. Students participated in engaging whole-group games that challenged them to quickly identify beginning, middle, and ending sounds in words — all while testing their quick reflexes! In addition to our phonics fun, students have been practicing writing their last names daily and showing fantastic progress.

We also introduced sequencing through the beloved story *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*. This classic book inspired both wonderful writing and beautiful collaborative art projects, influenced by the vibrant style of author and illustrator Eric Carle.

Looking Ahead:

May is shaping up to be a very exciting month! Students are eagerly counting down the days until our *field trip to Morning Sound Farm*, which promises to be a fun-filled and memorable experience.

We will also be getting ready to celebrate our school's 75th anniversary by learning all about Clifton School in the 1950s—it's going to be a special journey back in time!

Thank you for your continued support. We can't wait to see what May brings!

Mrs. Amanda Uskalo

↑ Baby Rabbit from Morning Sound Farm ↑



Taron's Robot

Mrs. Regier Room 7 Grade 1



Lila's Robot

This month, we are celebrating the incredible growth we have seen in our Grade 1 classroom community — both in our connection to the land and in our writing skills! Over the past several months, we have been working thoughtfully to build a **relationship with the land where our school is located**. Through our learning and experiences, students have successfully written both collective and individual land acknowledgements. We are so proud of the powerful, heartfelt words they have crafted. They are becoming such strong, confident writers!

With the arrival of the beautiful spring weather, we have been spending a lot of time outdoors — finding and observing living things, and planting seeds to grow alongside our learning. It has been a wonderful season of curiosity and discovery.

We are also very excited about Clifton School's upcoming 75th Celebration at the end of the month! We can't wait to share our land acknowledgements, stories, dances, and songs with our community. It will be a special opportunity to celebrate both the history of our school and the journeys we are on together.

Thank you for your continued support — we look forward to seeing you soon!

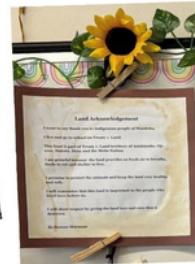
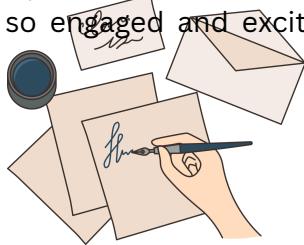




Room 9 Grades 2 and 3

April has been full of hands-on learning and creativity in Room 9! In Science, students have been exploring the **forces of magnets and static electricity**. We had a lot of fun experimenting with balloons, timing how long we could get them to stick to the wall using static charge! We also learned about how compasses work and why they always point north. In Writing, our focus has been on real-world connections — **students wrote friendly letters to their pen pals** and even started letters to their future selves! To help organize their ideas, we practiced using "word splashes," brainstorming lots of words and phrases before beginning a piece of writing. In Art, we celebrated spring by creating beautiful **Pysanky-inspired egg art** using pastel and watercolour paints. Students carefully wrote artist statements to describe their work and reflect on their artistic choices. In Math, we continued strengthening our multiplication skills using **cuisenaire rods** to model groups, and we've just started our exciting unit on fractions. Finally, in Social Studies, we are beginning to explore maps, learning how to recognize important features like symbols, legends, and compass roses. It's been wonderful to see students so engaged and excited about their learning!

Stacy Langille
Classroom Teacher



Room 4 Grades 3 and 4

Wow, the month of April flew by! Room 4 has been so engaged in a variety of learning activities that we hardly noticed the days passing. Even though it was a shorter month, we made the most of every moment through hands-on experiences and meaningful exploration. Our class has been buzzing with creativity and curiosity across all areas of learning—Art, Science, Math, Writing, Social Studies, and Nature-Based Education. Each student had the opportunity to shine, showcasing their talents and imaginative thinking. One of the highlights this month was our beautiful watercolor butterfly art, reflecting on our theme: **"Growing with Nature: A Season of Happiness."** To honor Earth Day, we created thoughtful posters expressing our respect and responsibilities as caretakers of Mother Earth, and we wrote our own **personal Land Acknowledgements to show gratitude for the land** we live and learn on. As we wrapped up our Science Unit on the states of matter, students presented their understanding of solids, liquids, and gases through detailed charts and creative dioramas—it was inspiring to watch their ideas take shape. Throughout the month, Room 4 students also enjoyed working in pairs and groups, tackling real-life math problems and participating in collaborative STEAM activities that strengthened their critical thinking, creativity, and teamwork. It's been a joyful and enriching month of growth and discovery in Room 4!



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Room 3 Grades 4 and 5

We just came back from an awesome spring break! We learned some more about parts whole boxes and connected the parts whole boxes to the **cuisenaire rods** so we can see it visually. For our math warm ups, we are doing mystery numbers made by room 3 students. Mystery number is where we use clues to narrow down to one specific number.

In Science, we are learning about weather and how it can affect people and animals. **In S.T.E.A.M, we have done coding, dioramas with coding and made homes for Teddy Pig that can withstand a fan to represent weather conditions.** We **also did coding with the Tale-bots** for example, **getting them through our diorama, explaining the water cycle** and making them a course to go through. We love learning with the Tale-bots and seeing them dance at the end!

For Clifton's 75th anniversary **we are practicing the MC hammer dance 'U can't touch this.'** Our theme is the 90's and we are going to be dressing up in 90's fashion. We are also **doing nature based learning with Ms. Sarah** to learn more about the land our school is on. Our class is writing personal land acknowledgments that include commitments and promises to take care of the land. **We are also writing letters** to our future selves so we can see if we achieved our dreams and to remember the moments in Grade 4/5 as a kid. Finally, we also started new books for our literature circles.

We are looking forward to seeing you at our 75th anniversary on May 29th to share our learning and celebrate.

Written by: **Joey and Graeson**



Room 6 Grades 5 and 6

Spring has arrived, and with it comes a burst of energy and excitement in our classroom! This month, students are exploring the wonders of **outer space**, **diving** into **measurement and geometry**, and continuing their creative contributions to the **75th anniversary celebrations of Clifton School**. It's been inspiring to see their enthusiasm as they learn and take pride in their school's rich history. We're also starting to feel the buzz of a big milestone—our **Grade 6 Farewell**, which will take place on **June 26th**. Planning is just beginning, and we can't wait to make it a meaningful and memorable send-off for our amazing Grade 6 students. Here's to a joyful and learning-filled May!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Schultz

It's a **6th**
GRADE
Thing





Music and Arts

Ms. Robinson



Nursery and Kindergarten has been working hard on learning the Hand Jive dance.

In Room 7, and Room 9 students have been using their music knowledge to find and clap various different rhythms.

The Grade 5's and 6's have been going back in time and learning 'choreo' from the '80s.

Room 3 are continuing with our superhero theme, they have been learning how to play the Batman theme song on the Boomwhackers.

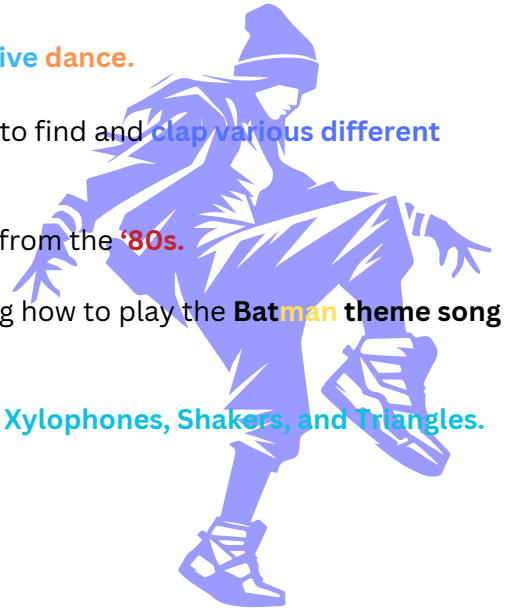
Students in Room 4 performed the "Alligator All Around" song using the Xylophones, Shakers, and Triangles.

Courteney Robinson (she/her)

Music

Clifton (204) 783-7792

Brock-Corydon School (204)488-4422



P.A.C. PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Join Our Parent Advisory Committee! Co-Chair and Treasurer Positions Open

Are you passionate about supporting our school community?
The Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) is looking for individuals to step into two important roles: Co-Chair and Treasurer. Your involvement will make a lasting impact on our school's programs, events, and initiatives that directly benefit our students.



Co-Chair

As Co-Chair, you will work closely with other PAC members to help lead meetings, plan events, and collaborate with school leadership. This is a fantastic opportunity to play an instrumental role in shaping our school's parent engagement activities and advocating for the needs of our students.

Treasurer

As Treasurer, you will be responsible for managing the PAC's finances, including tracking expenditures and providing regular financial updates. This position is key in ensuring transparency and effective use of funds raised for school projects and activities.

If you're interested in either position or want to learn more, please contact **Jo Ann Kushman** (PAC chair) at pac.cliftonschooll@gmail.com. We look forward to hearing from you!

Our final two PAC meetings of the school year will be held on **Wednesday, April 30 at 6:00 PM** and **Wednesday, May 28 at 6:00 PM**. All parents and guardians are welcome to attend - it's a great way to stay informed and get involved in school life. **Childcare will be provided.**

We hope to see you there!



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Housing and I.D.

Resource Event

May 7, 2025, 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.

École Stanley Knowles School

2424 King Edward Street

Winnipeg School Division and End Homelessness Winnipeg are hosting events to help our community members get income and housing supports they qualify for.

Join us to receive on-site sign-up services and information on available resources for individuals and families.

To sign up for services you will need some ID such as:

- Manitoba Health Card
- Government Issued Photo ID
- Proof of Income/Option C
- Current Tenancy Agreement
- Direct Deposit/Banking Information
- EIA Budget Letter
- Proof of Status/Residency
- Completed Guarantor Form

If you are unsure of which documents you will need to bring, or if you require assistance in filling out forms please contact:

Kasia (Katarzyna) Guzzi
Community Support Program
Coordinator
kguzzi@wsd1.org
204-788-0203



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— KW STUDIOS —



Karis Wiebe
STUDIOS

SUMMER Choir Camp



PRICE
\$305

JULY 21-25, 2025

JUNIOR CHOIR AGES 8-12

JULY 28-AUGUST 1, 2025

SENIOR CHOIR AGES 13-18

9:30 AM - 2:30 PM BOTH WEEKS

445 NATHANIEL STREET, WPG, MB

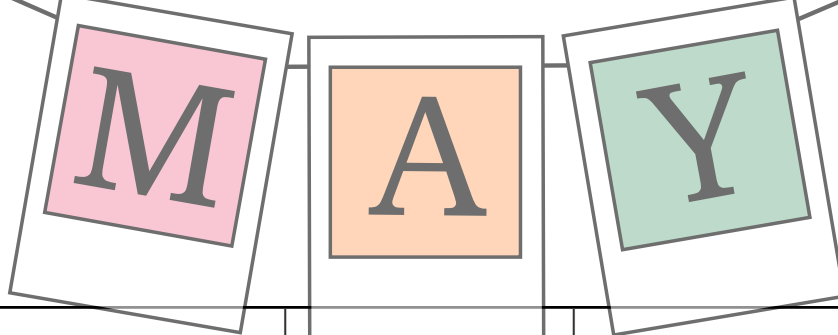
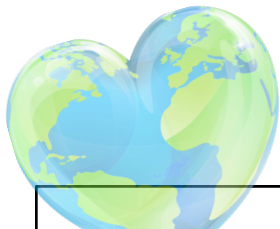
CALLING ALL SINGERS FOR A FUN WEEK OF

- *vocal training & technique*
- *fun games & activities*
- *making new friends*
- *performing in a final showcase!*

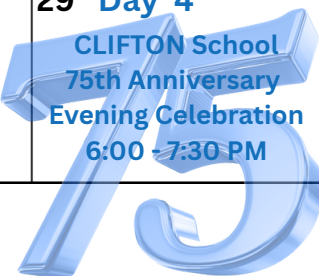
REGISTER NOW AT:

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p><i>it means providing that indescribable feeling of comfort, no matter the age of the child. It's being that person you call on that makes you feel better and doesn't even need to say anything</i></p> 			<p>1 Day 3</p> <p>APRIL SHOWERS Bring MAY FLOWERS</p>	<p>2 Day 4</p>
<p>5 Day 5</p> 	<p>6 Day 6</p>	<p>7 Day 1</p> <p>Housing and ID Resource Event</p> <p>École Stanley Knowles</p> <p>3:30 - 6:30 PM</p> <p>2425 King Edward St</p>	<p>8 Day 2</p>	<p>9 Day 3</p> <p>NO SCHOOL Non-Instructional Day</p>
<p>12 Day 4</p> <p><i>Mother's Day</i></p>	<p>13 Day 5</p>	<p>14 Day 6</p>	<p>15 Day 1</p> 	<p>16 Day 2</p>
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<p>26 Day 1</p>	<p>27 Day 2</p> 	<p>28 Day 3</p> <p>P.A.C. Meeting 6:00 PM</p>	<p>29 Day 4</p> <p>CLIFTON School 75th Anniversary Evening Celebration 6:00 - 7:30 PM</p>	<p>30 Day 5</p>



31 Saturday
75th Anniversary Celebration C
ALUMNI Event
Saturday May 31st from
11:00 - 2:00 PM
Everyone is Welcome !