# **Principal Sparling School**

# Community Report July 2, 2025

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### **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.



**Learning the African Drums** 

## **About our school**

Principal Sparling School is a Nursery to Grade 6 Elementary School with 186 students. It is situated in a quiet neighborhood in the West End of Winnipeg. We provide all students with opportunities to achieve academic excellence and social responsibility in a safe, supportive, and challenging environment. We offer experiences, both in and out of the classroom to promote understanding, self-discipline, and independence. We ensure a setting where children are accepted with their varied abilities, strengths and backgrounds. We provide an environment that fosters and creates responsible, respectful, independent and caring citizens.

We offer Music, Physical Education and STEAM (2025-2026) to enhance everyday experiences for children. Our school offers a wide range of extra curricular activities such as volleyball, basketball, soccer, fit run and ultimate football. We also have a number of clubs with Games Club, ESD and Indigenous Drum Club.

Monthly newsletters are sent home electronically and are also posted to our website to keep the community informed about school events and highlights.

A Code of Conduct is in place at Principal Sparling School to ensure that students and staff are safe and treated with dignity and respect. Respect for self, others, and property,

### We Strive...

#### (Students)

...to provide robust and comprehensive education, equitable access, diverse opportunity, and a supportive learning environment for all students to help them prepare for their journey and values of learning and social justice, and to be responsible community members.

### (Learning Outcome)

...to further improve school attendance, achievements and graduation rates through the exploration of additional programs and strategies.

# (Addressing Barriers to Learning)

...to further develop initiatives and innovative approaches addressing individual student needs and accessibility requirements, mental health issues, childcare needs, and nutritional needs. This year, we made lunch program supervision free of charge, and PAC subsidized our field trips.

# Priorities for the next year – 2025 - 2026

At Principal Sparling School we believe it is important to focus on academic learning. We will align with WSD strategic plan and will use professional development days to solidify teacher learning in the areas of literacy and numeracy.

Our priorities for 2025 - 2026 school will be:

### 1. Academics:

### **ELA: Reading & Writing**

Reflects on and sets reading goals

Uses strategies during reading to make sense of texts

Demonstrates comprehension

#### Math

Predicts an element in a repeating pattern

Understanding that the equal symbol represents an equality of the term found on either side of the symbol

Understands that a given whole number may be represented in a variety of ways (to 100)

Uses various mental math strategies to determine answers to addition and subtraction questions

### 2. Indigenous Education

Moving forward in Reconciliation, we will continue to integrate and prioritize Indigenous perspectives in the classroom. The Turtle Garden will continue to be woven into teaching opportunities for classrooms. Our Indigenous Education Committee will continue to provide initiatives where all classrooms are involved. We assemble every month to learn about the "Calls to Action" where classes take turn to teach the school to one of the calls to action. We will continue to pick sage to enable us to smudge throughout the year and students will have the opportunity to learn songs through our drumming club.

#### 3. Attendance:

Regular school attendance is crucial for academic success, social-emotional development, and future opportunities. Consistent attendance allows students to build strong foundations in learning, develop essential life skills and form positive relationships with peers and teachers. We will endeavor to support students and families who are facing challenges to attend school regularly. We will encourage, strategize and plan new ways for children to attend regularly or more frequently. Everyone belongs at Principal Sparling School, and we need every student to be at school, on time, everyday.

# Highlights from this year – 2024-2025

Thank you to the entire Principal Sparling Community for collaborating and providing unique experiences for children.



**Drum Club** 



Family Bike Jam - Bike Week

## **Roadrunner Sports**

- > Fit Run
- > Intramurals
- > Soccer
- Field Day
- Volleyball
- Badminton
- Basketball
- Ultimate Football
- Baseball
- > Floor Hockey



Remembrance Day Ceremony



**Indoor Soccer Team** 

# Academics supporting school priorities

- Daily Physical Education
- Raz Kids
- Dream Box
- Learning Support Teachers
  Literacy and Numeracy Supports
- Team Teaching Classroom Approach
- Literacy and Numeracy Supports
- STEAM

- Daily Nutrition Program
- Truth and Reconciliation Day
- Terry Fox Day
- Spirit Week
- School Concerts
- Family Dance Night
- Family Movie Night
- ESD
- Drum Club
- Games Club