



École Robert H. Smith School Community Report

2025 – 2026

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Our Priorities in Action 2025–2026 at a Glance

Our School

École Robert H. Smith School is a Nursery to Grade 6 learning community located in the heart of North River Heights and proudly serves students in both English and French Immersion programs. Guided by the Winnipeg School Division Strategic Plan, our work is grounded in the belief that every student deserves to experience belonging, meaningful learning opportunities and the support necessary to reach their full potential.

Throughout the 2025–2026 school year, our staff remained committed to creating inclusive learning environments that foster curiosity, independence, creativity and academic excellence. Our work was guided by the values of Joy, Love and Rigour, ensuring students experienced both high expectations and the care and support necessary to thrive.

Across every classroom, we continued to strengthen instructional practice, student well-being, family partnerships and authentic learning experiences while celebrating the unique strengths every learner brings to our school community.

Our Priorities in Action

Learning

Our Goal

Provide every learner with engaging, inclusive learning experiences that foster curiosity, independence, creativity and academic excellence.

Highlights

- Expanded the IDEAS (Innovation, Design, Exploration, Activity and Stations) initiative to provide authentic inquiry and hands-on learning opportunities.
- Students participated in the Historical Thinking Fair, strengthening research, critical thinking and communication skills.
- Grade 5 and 6 students demonstrated innovation and problem solving through the Simple Machines Project and WSD STEAM Fair.
- Seed Survivors programming connected science, sustainability and environmental stewardship.
- Festival du Voyageur and Concours d'art oratoire strengthened French language learning through authentic cultural experiences.
- School-wide literacy initiatives included I Love to Read Month, guest readers and classroom literacy celebrations.
- Continued collaboration with Winnipeg School Division Indigenous Education staff enriched learning across grade levels.

Impact

Students experienced increasingly authentic learning opportunities that promoted critical thinking, collaboration, creativity and student ownership of learning while supporting high expectations for every learner.



Planting a Three Sisters Garden



Seed Survivors



MathUp in French Immersion



Games



Home Teams

Belonging

Our Goal

Create a safe, caring and inclusive school community where every student feels known, valued and connected.

Highlights

- Continued strengthening inclusive classroom environments that support the success of every learner.
- Classroom learning focused on respectful relationships, collaboration and positive school culture.
- Students participated in numerous leadership opportunities throughout the school year.
- School-wide celebrations strengthened school spirit and community.
- Performing arts, athletics and clubs created multiple opportunities for students to discover their strengths and interests.

Impact

Students developed confidence, resilience and positive relationships while experiencing a strong sense of belonging within our school community.



Collaboration in IDEAS

Well-being

Our Goal

Support the physical, emotional and mental well-being of every learner while promoting healthy, active lifestyles.

Highlights

- Lunchtime intramurals for all grade groupings.
- Fall and Spring Cardio Club.
- WSD Fit Run participation.
- Volleyball, soccer and softball tournaments.
- Basketball Club.
- Speed Skating Club.
- Swimming Counts program for all Grade 4 students.
- New Circus Skills programming encouraged perseverance, confidence and physical literacy.
- New Polar Bear Club promoted outdoor learning and winter wellness.
- Classroom programming supported self-regulation and mindfulness.

Impact

Students developed resilience, teamwork, perseverance and confidence while participating in a wide variety of physical and wellness activities.



Circus Activities



Art on the Hill





Spirit and smiles at the Halloween Dance



Winter Concert



I Love to Read

Community

Our Goal

Build strong partnerships between school, families and the community to support student success and strengthen belonging.

Highlights

- Monthly Parent Council meetings supported school improvement and student learning.
- Parent representatives participated in French Language Advisory, South District Advisory and Inclusion Advisory meetings.
- Parent volunteers organized the Halloween Dance.
- New Holiday Regift Sale.
- Pancake Breakfast.
- StreetFest and Family Picnic.
- Fun Lunch volunteer program.
- Grade 6 Farewell celebrations.
- Parent volunteers supported numerous classroom field trips.
- Christmas Cheer Board campaign provided 35 holiday hampers for families.
- Lemonade Stand for Hope supported CancerCare Manitoba.
- New RHS Bike Bus promoted active transportation and community connection.

Impact

Families continued to play an essential role in supporting student learning and school life. Together, we strengthened the sense of community that makes École Robert H. Smith School a welcoming place for every family.



Holiday Hampers Ready for Delivery



The Bike Bus!



Cheering on the students-versus-staff volleyball game

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Voice & Governance

- Monthly Parent Council meetings driving school improvement and student learning.
- Parent representation across French Language Advisory, South District Advisory, and Inclusion Advisory meetings.



School Spirit & Connection

- Halloween Dance & New Holiday Regift Sale.
- Pancake Breakfast, StreetFest, and Family Picnic.
- Fun Lunch volunteer program.
- Grade 6 Farewell celebrations.
- Parent volunteer support for numerous classroom field trips.



Community Outreach & Wellness

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Student Learning Highlights

Our commitment to high-quality teaching and learning continued to provide students with authentic opportunities to develop the knowledge, skills and competencies needed for future success.

Academic Learning

- IDEAS inquiry programming
- Historical Thinking Fair
- MathUP
- WSD STEAM Fair
- Festival du Voyageur
- Concours d'art oratoire
- I Love to Read Month
- Seed Survivors
- Outdoor learning

Arts Education

Creative expression continued to play an important role in developing confidence, collaboration and student voice.

Highlights

- Modern Band instructional approach
- Lunch hour choir and music clubs
- Student bands
- Fifth Annual RHS StreetFest performances
- Winter Concert
- Spring Concert

Students developed confidence, creativity and collaboration while sharing their talents with families and the broader school community.



Indigenous Education

Guided by the Winnipeg School Division Strategic Plan and our commitment to Truth and Reconciliation, students engaged in authentic learning experiences that deepened understanding of Indigenous histories, cultures and ways of knowing.

Highlights

- Orange Shirt Day learning
- Daily Anishinaabemowin vocabulary and phrases
- Indigenous Education classes
- Outdoor learning experiences
- Learning with Grandmother Kristen McKay
- Three Sisters Garden
- Learning with WSD Métis Support Teacher Teresa Byrne

Impact

Students strengthened their understanding of Indigenous perspectives while building respectful relationships with the land, culture and community.

The RHS Ecosystem By the Numbers

Our People

309 students

33 staff members

15 classroom teachers



80% French Immersion enrolment

Our Community

100+ parent volunteers 


35 Christmas hampers 

Our Experience

5th Annual StreetFest

3 athletic seasons

2 major concerts

1 Bike Bus initiative 

Hundreds of student performances, competitions and leadership opportunities

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Looking Ahead

As we prepare for the 2026–2027 school year, we remain committed to continuous improvement and providing every student with opportunities to learn, belong and thrive. Our priorities will continue to include:

Strengthening Learning

- Continue implementing high-impact instructional practices.
- Expand authentic inquiry-based learning.
- Increase student ownership through assessment-capable learning.
- Continue supporting inclusive classrooms where every learner experiences success.

Strengthening Belonging

- Expand opportunities for student leadership and voice.
- Continue building positive relationships throughout the school community.
- Foster classrooms where every student feels welcomed, valued and included.

Strengthening Well-being

- Continue promoting healthy, active lifestyles.
- Expand opportunities for outdoor learning.
- Strengthen social-emotional learning and self-regulation.

Strengthening Community

- Continue strengthening partnerships with families.
- Increase opportunities for meaningful parent engagement.
- Expand community partnerships that enrich student learning.