

# William Whyte Community School

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Where students  
Believe, Dream, Dare,



To be the best they can be

The students, staff, and communities of Winnipeg School Division are committed to truth and reconciliation through building relationships with Mother Earth, the original peoples of this land, and the stories that bring us together. We acknowledge the place in which we gather is on Treaty 1 territory, the homeland of the Red River Métis, and the ancestral lands of the Anishinaabe, Ininiwak, and Dakota Oyate peoples.

## DECEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

### Message from Administration

As we move into December our thoughts shift to two amazing functions that are coming up before the break. On December 7<sup>th</sup> we are hosting our annual Holiday Breakfast. All family members are welcome to the Holiday Breakfast that starts at 9:00 with last servings at 10:00. On December 14<sup>th</sup> we have our Winter concert to show off some of the work going on in classrooms. The concert starts at 5:30 and will end once all of our classes have had their moment in the spotlight!

A big thanks to our families that were able to attend the parent advisory group meeting on November 22nd, and to Julie and Bonnie for their hard work in making our meetings something we can all be proud of! At the meeting Lindsey and I asked the question: When a child leaves William Whyte, what should they know, what should they be able to do, and how should they be in the world? The parent input was incredible. I am paraphrasing, but responses included—the assertiveness to address unreasonable people and systems, perseverance, and valuing of diversity. What a powerful set of goals! Over the course of the year, we will continue to develop this vision together with students, staff, and families. Please join us December 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 for our next meeting. Pulled pork for dinner!

Behind the scenes Lindsey has been working hard to connect William Whyte with a consistent Grandmother and Grandfather to help authentically infuse more Indigenous learning into our classrooms. We are looking forward to our first visits in the next month. A huge thanks to the mothers that have come into the school and passed traditional knowledge to me, it is always an honour. Remember you are all always welcome and you are encouraged to call, or stop in to share celebrations and concerns.

Dan Keith  
Principal

Lindsey Trudeau  
Vice-Principal



Safe Arrival is the system the school uses to verify student attendance. It's easy to report your child's absence.

With SafeArrival, you are asked to report your child's absence in advance using any of these three convenient methods:

1. Using your mobile device, download and install the SchoolMessenger app from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store or from the links at <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca> ).
2. Use the SafeArrival website, <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca> . The first time you use the website, select Sign Up to create your account > Select Attendance > then Report an Absence.
3. Call the toll-free number **1-855-278-4513** to report an absence the automated phone system

### DRESSING UP FOR COLD WEATHER

**Thick sweater**  
With a hood to keep your head warm

**TIP:**  
Adding layers will help keep you warm as the temperature drops

**Winter Accessories**  
HAT  
For your head and ears  
SCARF  
For your neck and face  
GLOVES  
Insulated – water-proof would be ideal

**TIP:**  
During extreme cold, keep all skin covered and spend as little time as possible outside

**Winter boots**  
Water-proof footwear will keep your feet dry, with good grip for when walking on snowy or icy paths

**Light jacket**  
Wind-resistant would be ideal


**TIP:**  
For extra warmth, wear extra undergarments (like tights and thicker socks)

**Winter jacket**  
Thick outerwear to keep out wind and wet snow – longer length would be ideal

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# DECEMBER 2023

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Bold = Parent Focus</b></li> </ul>				<b>1 / Day 3</b> Hockey Heroes 2:00pm – 7:00pm	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>4 / Day 5</b> Ribbon skirt making 1pm at Keewatin Prairie Community School	<b>5 / Day 6</b> Hockey Heroes 3:30pm – 6:30pm	<b>6 / Day 1</b> Adult Craft Ornament Wreath STEAM CLUB 3:30pm – 6:00pm	<b>7 / Day 2</b> Christmas Breakfast 9am to 10:30am Parent & Child Literacy 1pm to 3:30pm	<b>8 / Day 3</b> BINGO at 9:15 am Parent Beading at 1:30pm	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>11 / Day 2</b> Ribbon skirt making 1pm at Keewatin Prairie Community School	<b>12 / Day 3</b> Bedtime Routine Visuals Creator Hockey Heroes 3:30pm – 6:30pm PAG Meeting at 5pm – 7:30pm	<b>13 / Day 4</b> Cooking with kids and parents 10 am to 11:30 am	<b>14 / Day 5</b> Winter Concert 5:30pm to 6:30pm	<b>15 / Day 6</b> Parent Beading at 1:30pm	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>18 / Day 1</b> Spirit Week Day 1: Backwards Day Ribbon skirt making 1pm at Keewatin Prairie Community School	<b>19 / Day 2</b> Spirit Week Day 2: Crazy Hair Day Hockey Heroes 3:30pm – 6:30pm	<b>20 / Day 3</b> Spirit Week Day 3: Sports Day Cooking with kids and parents 10 am to 11:30 am	<b>21 / Day 4</b> Spirit Week Day 4: Holiday Colour / Dress Like A Teacher Parent & Child Literacy 1pm to 3:30pm	<b>22 / Day 5</b> Spirit Week Day 5: PJ / Movie Day Parent Beading at 1:30pm	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b>			December 25th, 2023 to January 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2024 Winter Break School will reopen on January 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2024			

## Upcoming Dates

- January 8<sup>th</sup>: School Reopens
- January 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>: Hearing Screening
- January 16<sup>th</sup>: Gr 5/6 Soccer 11:30am to 1:15pm
- February 2<sup>nd</sup>: No School / Non-Instructional Day

## Community Connections

In the front entrance of the school you will see the Family Room News board. We are excited to be offering a number of amazing programs that are advertised in this space.

If you are interested in signing up for Ribbon Skirt, Shirt making or First Aid please put your name on the sign-up sheet so we can prepare the appropriate amount of materials.

You will notice the Monthly Calendar is filling up. You are always welcome to attend any of our parent events. If you have questions please call Julie or Bonnie at the school, 204-589-4313.