

William Whyte Community School

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*Where students
Believe, Dream, Dare,*



To be the best they can be

Out of respect for the Indigenous people of Manitoba, we at William Whyte Community School and the Winnipeg School Division recognize that the school we attend resides on Treaty 1 land, known as First Nations Territory, as well as the homeland of the Red River Métis.

JANUARY 2023 NEWSLETTER

Message from the Principal and Vice Principal

Happy New Year! We hope that you have had some time over the school break to connect with family and friends. Thank you for all the support that you showed us in the first four months of the year. We have so much to look forward to at William Whyte Community School.

We have some staffing updates that take effect in January. First, we welcome back **Ms. Madden** to Room 213. Most of the class will know Ms. Madden from last year, and she will be quick to get to know newer students. We wish Ms. Louis good fortune in her future endeavors and thank her for her work with our grade 5-6 students. **Ms. Cook** has been given a new role in the school as Literacy Support Teacher. She will be working with classrooms in grades 3 – 8 to help students catch up in their reading and writing achievement. All of our students know Ms. Cloutier as our Art / Literacy teacher, but is now moving into a grade 1-2 classroom position in Room 209. Ms. Cloutier is an experienced teacher and knows the students well. **Ms. Cobb** will be taking over for Ms. Cloutier, teaching visual arts and providing support for Read to Me in Grades 1 - 3. Ms. Cobb has a rich background in the arts. Welcome to our school community!

The new year is a great time to reflect on and set new goals. Students, start the year off right and make sure you're on track for a positive 2023. First, resolve to do your best every day. It's not enough to have good intentions—you need to give it your all. Second, make sure that you come to school every day. Every class counts, so don't miss out on any opportunity to learn. These habits will help keep you on the right path for success. Good luck in 2023!



Mrs. W. Verbong
Principal

Mr. W. Nickerson
Vice-Principal

Parent Room Calendar

Happy New Year from the Parent Room. Just a reminder that if kids need winter wear, the parent room has a supply of mitts and hats. Don't forget, too, that if you find yourself in a pinch and need a hamper to tie you over, contact Bonnie or Patricia.

There's a Bingo held every second Thursday in the afternoon starting in the New Year. The prizes are food and household items. We will also host crafting every second Friday in the afternoon. Coming up are new evening programs, such as beading, a literacy program for parents, and a babysitting course for students.

January 2023				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	3 CHRISTIMAS BREAK	4	5 Room Closed	6 Beading 1:30 PM
9 Room closed	10 Food Security at 830 am Room Closed All Day	11	12 BINGO at 1:30 PM Room Closed PM	13 CRAFT- Respect or Buffalo painting 1:30 PM
16 Room closed	17 Parent advisory meeting At 9:30 am	18 Literacy – Frontier Collage @ 9:30 am Snack and door Prize	19 Room Closed ALL DAY Prepping hampers	20 No Classes Non-Instructional day
23 Room closed	24 Food Security 8:30 am Room Closed AM-PM	25 Literacy – Frontier College @ 9:30 am Snack and door Prize	26 BINGO at 1:30 AM Room Closed PM	27 CRAFT- Respect and buffalo painting at 1:30 or beading Room closed PM
30 Room closed	31 Coffee Club @ 9 am Health Nurse Anxiety and Nutrition			

Physical Education Update – Mr. Smith

During the month of January, students will learn how to snowshoe during their physical education class. WSD will be providing snowshoes and cross-country ski sets in 2-week blocks. More details to come. Here's what's happening in the gym:



K-2	Gr 3-6	Gr. 7/8
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stations and target type activities Collaborative learning Manipulative skills Overhand and underhand throwing, bouncing, catching and kicking Snowshoeing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Territory and invasion games Floor hockey Unit – ball control, passing and shooting, 4 vs. 4 ball hockey tournaments Intro to basketball fundamentals followed by small-sided basketball games 3 on 3 tournament Snowshoeing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Floor hockey Unit – ball control, passing and shooting, 4 vs. 4 ball hockey tournaments Intro to basketball and game play fundamentals followed by small-sided basketball games 3 on 3 tournament Snowshoeing

Soccer Schedule

The William Whyte Wings will be participating in the Inner City Soccer League. The games run between January and April, 2023. Mr. Smith will select students from grades 5 and 6 to form teams for the four games.

All games will be played at the University of Winnipeg Axworthy Health and RecPlex. The games take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 12:00 – 1:00 PM. Our teams are scheduled to play four games.

Our teams will be co-ed (boys and girls will play together). All players will be provided with school team jerseys uniforms including socks and shin pads.

WWCS Inner City Soccer Schedule:

February 7, 2023	Fort Rouge vs. William Whyte
February 16, 2023	Mulvey1 vs. William Whyte
March 7, 2023	Isaac Brock vs. William Whyte
April 4, 2023	William Whyte vs. Fort Rouge



Thank You to Our Generous Benefactors!

<p>ReMAX/The Moore Group</p> <p>The generous staff at the Moore Group again put on a breakfast food drive at their office locations around the city. Our contact, Julia Allen, coordinated the support again this year. When the delivery was made just prior to the holiday break, we were able to assemble ten food hampers for families, and stock our breakfast program with staple supplies such as cereal, pancake mix, and oatmeal. These contributions make an important difference to our school community.</p>	
<p>The Pajama Project, Inc.</p> <p>Carmela Wade and her helpers at The Pajama Project, Inc. wrapped a new pair of pajamas for every child in the school. These gifts were delivered by Santa during spirit week. Many children wore them on the last day of school for movie morning. The Pajama Project has expanded their effort this year, providing 2600 pairs of pajamas to schools in Winnipeg. What a monumental achievement for six volunteers!</p>	
<p>David and Diane Johnston Family Foundation, Inc.</p> <p>The Johnston family are connected to the school's namesake, William Whyte, and have been generous partners. Most recently, the foundation is funding the purchase of appliances for our Nutrition Room renovation.</p>	
<p>Knockoutmortgages.com</p> <p>Rosa Bovino, Mortgage Agent at Knockoutmortgages, coordinated a donation from her company. They gave our school winter coats, ski pants, hats, and mitts. These clothing items were distributed by our community support workers to students. Thanks!</p>	
<p>Money Mart</p> <p>Tara Watkins, District Manager for Money Mart, Winnipeg South, graciously donated a number of winter coats. Given the frosty temperatures this past December, these coats were much appreciated and are in use!</p>	
<p>St. Luke's Zion Lutheran Church</p> <p>St. Luke's put together a collection of toques and mittens to warm those reddened ears and fingers during the Winnipeg winter.</p>	
<p>Audrey Glandford</p> <p>Audrey and her friends like to knit. They put together a huge shopping bag full of toques and mittens were both beautiful and functional. Audrey also happens to be Mr. Smith's grandma!</p>	

Hearing Screening



Hearing screening is taking place January 10 – 12. A trained education assistant will test the hearing of all students in Nursery to Grade 2. If you have concerns about your child's hearing ability, feel free to contact your child's teacher to request a screening. Trained professionals in our audiology department follow up on all students who fail the screening.

Welcome to Ms. Cobb

Hello! My name is Suzanne Cobb and I am so excited to be joining William Whyte as a Visual Arts and Literacy Support Teacher!

Art, reading, and teaching are three of my life's greatest gifts. I love to paint, collage, crochet, and make sculptures out of clay. Come by the art room anytime and you can ask me about my cat, Sally, or about my favorite Pokémon.

I'm looking forward to getting to know the wonderful students, staff, and families of William Whyte Community School in 2023.

Happy New Year!



Power Up



Power Up! is a mentoring program at William Whyte

Community School that is offered by Boys and Girls Club, Winnipeg. The program is designed for our students develop the skills, confidence and motivation needed to study effectively on their own and become lifelong learners. Power Up! believes all students can learn and actively contribute to their own education as well as the education of others.

A project facilitator will come to our school, organize the sessions and supervise both volunteers and teen mentors.



Calendar of Events – January 2023

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5 / Day 3	6/ Day 4	7
				Sharing Dance Starts Today 		
8	9/ Day 5	10/ Day 6	11/ Day 1	12/ Day 2	13/ Day 3	14
		Hearing Screening (January 10 -12)	Hearing Screening	Gr. 7 & 8 Trip to University of Manitoba Hockey Heroes 3:30pm-6pm		
15	16/ Day 4	17/ Day 5	18/ Day 6	19/ Day 1	20/ Day 2	21
	Power Up – 3:30pm -5pm in MPR		Power Up – 3:30pm -5pm in MPR	Gr. 7 & 8 Trip to the Aviation Museum Hockey Heroes 3:30pm-6pm	No School PD DAY 	
22	23/ Day 3	24/ Day 4	25/ Day 5	26/ Day 6	27/ Day 1	28
	Power Up – 3:30pm -5pm in MPR		Power Up – 3:30pm -5pm in MPR	Hockey Heroes 3:30pm-6pm		
29	30/ Day 2	31/ Day 3				
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Upcoming Dates

- Friday, February 3rd, No School – Professional Development Day
- Monday, February 20th, No School – Louis Riel Day
- Power Up! – Mondays and Wednesdays, 3:30 – 5:00 PM
- Hockey Heroes – Thursdays, 4:45 – 6:00 PM