

# 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.

## JANUARY 2024 NEWSLETTER

### Message from Administration

Happy New Year and welcome back! We hope everyone had a restful and enjoyable break with lots of time to spend with loved ones. It was so great to see so many families attend the Winter Concert and show support for the students and staff who worked hard to put on a fantastic show! A big thank you to all the staff and students for their dedication and hard work in making sure the show was such a success.

The New Year is a great time to reflect on and set new goals. Many people take this time to set personal goals in the form of New Year's resolutions, but this is also an important time for students to set academic goals by reflecting on their first term learning and creating new learning plans with the support of their classroom teacher. Parents/caregivers are encouraged to talk to their child about their academic goals to help with this goal setting process. This is one of the key ways the school and a child's trusted adults can work together to improve learning.

Although December was mild and unlike Winnipeg's usual winter weather, it seems the colder weather has found us. It is important for children to get outside and enjoy the fresh air as much as safely possible. Dressing warmly for the cold weather will help students enjoy their outdoor time, if any families require assistance with accessing warm outdoor wear please contact either Julie or Bonnie here at the school.



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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# JANUARY 2024

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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December 25th, 2023 to January 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2024 <b>Winter Break</b> School will reopen on January 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2024						
7	8 / Day 1 School Re-Opens Music Equals - PM	9 / Day 2 Hearing Screening Music Equals - PM Hockey Heroes 3:30pm – 6:30pm Gr. 5/6 CanU 3:05pm – 8:05pm	10 / Day 3 Hearing Screening <b>Nutrition Bingo – PM</b> <b>Frontier College - 1:30 PM (snacks included)</b>	11 / Day 4 Hearing Screening Gr. 7/8 CanU 3:05pm – 8:15pm	12 / Day 5 <b>Beading - PM</b>	13
14	15 / Day 6 <b>Ribbons Skirts - PM</b>	16 / Day 1 Adult Craft – Rock Painting – AM Music Equals - PM Gr. 5/6 Soccer 11:30am – 1:15pm Hockey Heroes 3:30pm – 6:30pm Gr. 5/6 CanU 3:05pm – 8:05pm	17 / Day 2 Parent/Child Craft-Sensory Penguin-PM <b>Cooking with Kids – 1:30 PM</b> <b>PAC – 4 PM</b>	18 / Day 3 Gr. 7/8 CanU 3:05pm – 8:15pm	19 / Day 4 <b>Beading - PM</b>	20
21	22 / Day 5 <b>Ribbon Skirts - PM</b>	23 / Day 6 Bonnie & Julie Away – AM Music Equals - PM Hockey Heroes 3:30pm – 6:30pm Gr. 5/6 CanU 3:05pm – 8:05pm	24 / Day 1 <b>Diamond Art – PM</b> <b>Frontier College – 1:30 PM (snacks included)</b>	25 / Day 2 <b>Adult Paint - AM</b> Gr. 7/8 CanU 3:05pm – 8:15pm	26 / Day 3 <b>Beading - PM</b>	27
28	29 / Day 4 <b>Ribbon Skirts - PM</b>	30 / Day 5 Music Equals - PM Hockey Heroes 3:30pm – 6:30pm Gr. 5/6 CanU 3:05pm – 8:15pm	31 / Day 6 <b>Diamond Art – PM</b> <b>Cooking with Kids – 1:30 PM</b>		<b>BOLD = PARENT FOCUS</b>	

## Upcoming Dates

- February 2<sup>nd</sup> : No School / Non-Instructional Day
- February 19<sup>th</sup>: No School / School Closed
- February 26<sup>th</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 the parent craft: rock painting, or the family craft: penguin craft please put your name on the sign-up sheet.

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.