

# 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.

## MAY 2024 NEWSLETTER

### Message from Administration

Spring has sprung! We are thankful for the sunny weather which allows students to get outside and enjoy the outdoors a little bit more. Thank you to our students for all lending a hand with cleaning up our school community and showing some generosity with their time to ensure we have a clean and safe playground and surrounding area.

Students and staff at William Whyte honoured Pink Shirt day on April 10 by creating anti-bullying and kind statements on pink shirt cut outs that were put up around the school to help spread a sense of belonging for all our students and community members.

Once again, this year students in grade 3-8, including our grade 2/3 class, have been invited to the University of Winnipeg STEM day. Students will have a full day of Science Technology Engineering and Math activities led by the University of Winnipeg staff and students. There will be a wide range of activities for each grade such as: a chemistry magic show, animation workshops, dry-ice activities, DNA extractions, rocket launching, Minecraft coding, a robotics workshop and more. The early years classes will also have the opportunity to engage with STEM activity workshops that will be put on by the University of Manitoba here at the school. This fun-filled day will provide all learners the opportunity to demonstrate mastery of learning new skills.

Congratulations to all our grade 7/8 students who worked very hard creating science experiments and presenting them at this year's school Science Fair. Many wonderful projects were shared, we are very proud of ALL our students who displaying their independence with sharing their presentations. We would like to recognize the following projects who went and presented at the Winnipeg School Division, Angelina and Riz "What's Sproutin'" received an honourable mention. Thaehna and Kian "Which Bridge is Best?" received a Gold medal, and Issabella and Sindel "Absorption: Which Toilet Paper is the Best?" received a Bronze medal. Keep up the amazing work!

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

### WSD IS PREPARING SCHOOL BUILDINGS FOR A HEATWAVE

Winnipeg School Division has 79 schools, with some of the oldest school buildings in the Manitoba. The average age of WSD school buildings is 70 years old, with 16 buildings that are over 100 years old.



The cost to install and make all our facilities fully air conditioned is approximately

**\$130 Million**

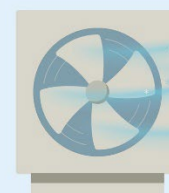
**32** fully air conditioned school buildings

**20** facilities with no air conditioning

**27** facilities partially air conditioned (i.e. air conditioning in new school additions or gymnasiums)



WSD includes air condition requests in our yearly 5-Year Capital Plan submissions to the Province.



WSD will continue to explore options to keep our students cool while in school, including:

- Running the ventilation systems early in the morning to cool school building
- Controlling outside air intake during the school day
- Schools with access to A/C in areas will be cycled through the space to cool down
- Reviewing health symptoms related to heat
- Minimizing using overhead lights
- Closing shades to block intense sunlight
- Taking cool-down breaks between lessons
- Avoiding excess movement during the hottest part of the day
- Switching off unused electronics that produce heat even in standby mode
- Encouraging students and staff to stay hydrated



# MAY 2024

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 / Day 5	2 / Day 6 See Spot Read with Ms. Lewis	3 / Day 1	4
5	6 / Day 2 <b>Non- Instructional / No classes</b>	7 / Day 3 Music Equals Keyboard - PM	8 / Day 4 STEM Day Gr. 3-8 Nutrition Bingo - 9:15 AM Diamond Art – PM Basket Ball Club 3:30 PM– 5 PM	9 / Day 5 Adult Paint – 9 AM See Spot Read with Ms. Lewis	10 / Day 6 Grandparent’s Tea 1:30 PM	11
12	13 / Day 1 Music Equals Fiddle – PM Ribbon Skirts – 9:15 AM Basket Ball Club 3:30 PM– 5 PM	14 / Day 2 Music Equals Keyboard – PM	15 / Day 3 Diamond Art – PM Basket Ball Club 3:30 PM– 5 PM Parent Advisory Group – 4 PM	16 / Day 4 Ribbon Skirts – PM See Spot Read with Ms. Lewis	17 / Day 5	18
19	20 Victoria Day SCHOOL CLOSED	21 / Day 6 Gr. 4 Swimming Counts 12PM – 2PM Music Equals Keyboard – PM	22 / Day 1 Diamond Art – PM Basket Ball Club 3:30 PM– 5 PM	23 / Day 2 See Spot Read with Ms. Lewis	24 / Day 3 Household Item Bingo 1:15 PM	25
26	27 / Day 4 Music Equals Fiddle – PM Basket Ball Club 3:30 PM– 5 PM	28 / Day 5 Gr. 4 Swimming Counts 12PM – 2PM Music Equals Keyboard – PM	29 / Day 6 Diamond Art – PM Rm 201 & Rm 213 Fort Whyte Trip Basket Ball Club 3:30 PM– 5 PM	30 / Day 1 Music Equals Concert – AM See Spot Read with Ms. Lewis	31 / Day 2	

## Upcoming Dates

- June 5<sup>th</sup> – Whole school Field Day
- June 6<sup>th</sup> – WSD Powwow
- June 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> – Gr. 5/6 Camp Stephen’s trip
- June 20<sup>th</sup> – Gr. 8 Farewell
- June 21<sup>st</sup> – Community BBQ Luncheon
- June 24<sup>th</sup> – Non-Instructional / No School
- June 25<sup>th</sup> – Report Cards go home
- June 26<sup>th</sup> – Nursery / Kindergarten Celebration
- June 28<sup>th</sup> – Last Day of School

## 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.

You will notice the Monthly Calendar is filling up. You are always welcome to attend any of our parent events, there is **no charge**. If you have questions please call Julie or Bonnie at the school, 204-589-4313.