

William Whyte Community School

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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.

OCTOBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

Message from the Principal and Vice Principal

We are in full swing here at William Whyte and every day is full of great learning. Lindsey and I want to take this opportunity to thank all the families that attended our Meet the Teacher evening, it was great to see so many students sharing their excitement around the things happening in their classes with families.

On September 29th the school honoured Canada's National Day for Truth and Reconciliation with a whole school assembly that featured current and former students of William Whyte sharing their gifts of dance, art, and traditional knowledge. The school was also fortunate to have Language Keeper Ellen Cook with us to share stories and a poem related to the impacts of the residential school system. The students were very engaged in the learning about the importance of the day and demonstrated their respect by following the PBIS structure. The importance of the work we are doing and engaging in with reconciliation is evident. We are invested in continuing this work with our students and community.

Thank you to the family members that have come into the school office to share their stories, celebrations, and concerns. You are all always welcome!

Mr. Dan Keith
Principal

Ms. Lindsey Trudeau
Vice-Principal

Parent Room News

Starting in October

- Bingo
- Parent Crafts
- Frontier College
- Hockey Heros
- Book Club

What's Coming Up

- Safe Talk – Pre-registration
- Diamond Art – Pre-registration
- Babysitting training for students

Visual Arts Update

October is a month of changes. Changes in weather and changes for the natural world. We call this moon ***pimahamowi-pîsim***, which means migrating moon. This is the time of year when animals prepare for the cold winter to come and Mother Earth dresses in her brightest colours for the last dance before the blanket of snow covers her. The leaves fall and the birds gather together and begin their journey south. Our Indigenous names for the 13 moons of the year are based on what is happening in nature. In some places, we call this moon ***tahwaki-pîsim*** or fall moon. In Cree, students have been learning songs in the language. **Niska, Niska, Piminaw** (Goose, Goose, Fly) is a song about the birds migrating. In the Cree Animal Song, students learn the names for animals like **mostos** (cow), **atim** (dog), and **sîsîp** (duck). The song **Ninêstosin** (I am tired) is a lullaby.



Ms. Karen Cook (she/her)
Visual Arts & Literacy Support Teacher



When children have difficulty with their eyesight, it effects their learning and social-emotional well-being

Since 2017, the Mobile Vision Care Clinic has been conducting eye exams for our students. Where needed, the clinic also helps to provide prescription eyeglasses.

This year the Mobile Vision Care Clinic will be coming to William Whyte between October 16 and 19.

Bus Ridership



In October, students will learn school bus safety. They will learn how to safely cross streets to get to the bus, how to safely get on and off the bus, and to how to be aware of danger zones and blind spots.

They also learn how to behave while on the school bus. When our students go on field trips, they will know how to ride the bus safely and respond to emergency situations.

Physical Education Update

The start to our school year has been very exciting, positive and fun while in the gym. Throughout the month of September, students have been working on all sorts of individual and dual games such as; low organized games, soccer, transport skills and cooperative activities.

Terry Fox Walk: On September 27th, our whole school took part in our annual Terry Fox walk. Students and staff walked around our school grounds in support of Terry Fox and his vision of finding a cure.

Grade 5 and 6 soccer: September 27th and 28th, Grade 5 and 6 soccer teams participated in an afternoon soccer tournament. Both teams did exceptionally well and did a great job representing William Whyte Community School.

Up next in the gym: Early years students will begin familiarizing themselves with manipulative skills (i.e., overhand/underhand throwing, catching and dribbling) during individual, partner or group activities.

Middle years classes will be wrapping up their soccer unit with in-house tournaments and then we will be moving into small sided games with nitro-ball and volleyball.

Thanks,

Mr. Smith



Voluntary Student Accident Insurance

Information regarding Voluntary Student Accident Insurance from Old Republic Insurance Company of Canada are now available. Those parents/guardians with an active email address will receive the information via School Messenger. Printed copies of the brochure are available through the school office.

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 No Classes Provincial Election Day	4	5	6 Nutrition Bingo @ 9am	7
8	9 School Closed 	10 Coffee Club @ 9am with WRHA	11 School Wide Bus Ridership  Immunization Clinic Gr. 6-8 	12 Frontier College @ 1:30pm – 3:30pm	13 Parent Crafts – Talking Sticks @ 1:30pm	14
15	16 	17 Hockey Heroes 3:30pm-6:30pm	18 Cooking with caregivers and students	19 Parent Halloween – Mason Jar craft @ 1:30pm	20 No School MTS PD Day 	21
22	23 Book Club 1:30pm	24 Hockey Heroes 3:30pm-6:30pm	25 Cooking with caregivers and students	26 Adult Paint Day @9am Frontier College @ 1:30pm – 3:30pm	27	28
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Upcoming Dates

- November 8th Picture re-takes
- November 10th Remembrance Day service
- November 14th Report Cards go home
- November 16th – 17th Tri-Conferences
- November 17th No School