

# 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.

## SEPTEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

### Message from the Principal and Vice Principal

**Welcome back!** We are up and running and happy to see our students and staff settling back into the school routine and seeing all the smiling faces around the school. My name is Dan Keith, I am the new Principal at William Whyte and I am pleased to have Lindsey Trudeau returning as the Vice-Principal for the upcoming school year. It has been lovely to meet many parents who drop off/pick up their children from school, and we look forward to working with and learning from all of you in the coming years. Please feel free to stop by the office at any time to discuss your child and their experience at William Whyte, we are committed to a strong partnership between families and the school as we work to support every child that is part of the William Whyte community.

**Note about Before and After School.** Children will be welcomed into the school at 8:55 a.m. at their assigned entrance door. If your child arrives after 9:00 a.m. please bring them to the main entrance where they will be met by staff and taken to class.

#### Classroom Entrance Doors

- o Grades 3/4 and 7/8 - Line up outside front entrance by outdoor classroom
- o Grades 1/2, 2/3 and 5/6- Line up outside playground doors
- o *NIK* - Line up at Magnus Avenue entrance by wading pool
- After the school day we are not able to provide supervision. All students should go home unless they have other arrangements with their family.

Lindsey and I look forward to an amazing school year of growth and learning for every member of the William Whyte School Community! If you ever have any celebrations, questions, or concerns regarding your child and William Whyte please feel free to stop by the office, call us at the school, or send an email and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

Mr. Dan Keith  
Principal

Ms. Lindsey Trudeau  
Vice-Principal

## 2022-2023 William Whyte Staff

Position	Staff	Room	
Principal	Daniel Keith	Office	
Vice Principal	Lindsey Trudeau	Office	
Head Clerk	Amanda Burg	Office	
Clerk 2	Joverly Stewart	Office	
Head Custodian	John Kroeker	115	
Evening Custodian	Kuhdeep Bambrah	115	
Caretaker	Sunil Dhami	115	
Nursery/ Kindergarten	Allison Sawit	103	
Grade 1 – 5 ALC	Jacintha Anyadike	105	
Grade 1/2	Kerry Sweett	207	
Grade 1/2	Melanie Jones	208	
Grade 2/3	Corinne Cloutier	209	
Grade 3/4	Sarah Dyck	213	
Grade 3/4	Marisa Kost	201	
Grade 5/6	Fatima DeGagne	206	
Grade 5/6	Aaron Catellier	205	
Grade 7/8	Marnee Murray	101	
Grade 7/8	Jeanne Truthwaite	212	
N-8 Physical Education	Dillon Smith	Gym	
N-8 Arts / Literacy Support	Karen Cook	106	
STEAM Support	Sukhwant Ghattahode	102	
Inclusive Education Resource Teacher	Carlee Lewis	203	
Behaviour Support	Margret Henderson	204	
Reading Recovery /Lit. Support	Chris Klowak	202	
Talk To Me	Jan Fernandes	214A	
Community Support Worker	Bonnie Predenchuk	130	
Cultural Support Worker	Julie Halcro	211	
Clinical Support Services	Reading Clinician – Michelle Durand Speech & Language Pathologist – Cassidy Matthews Psychologist – Cassia Luther Rubin School Social Worker – Shelley Woods	210	
Education Assistants	Connie Chaban Dan West Brian Fitzgerald Gina Sorokowski	Joe Maksymowicz Anita Rondeau Leslie Irwin Suzanne Lamy Patricia Okolue Desiree Richard	Various Rooms
Crossing Guard	Mike Denyer	N/A	
Nutrition EA	Marina Young	130	

## Lunch Program News



At this point in the 2023-2024 school year, we are able to offer this program at no cost. Lunch program supervisors are non-teaching staff from the school.

Priority will be given to students in grades 1-6 who have parents/guardians/caregivers who are out of the home working, going to school, or attending programs over the lunch hour. Additionally, due to our limited supervision we ask that students who are **not** registered in lunch program do not return to the school until 12:55 PM at which time they will be met by their classroom teachers. Grade 7 and 8 students are not eligible for the lunch program. Children who are registered in the lunch program are asked to bring a peanut-free ready-to-eat lunch daily. Please provide utensils if needed. Microwaves are not available. **Registrations forms are available in the office, all students staying for lunch will need to register for the lunch program.**

## School Supplies

- For the 2023-2024 school year, we are asking families to contribute \$10.00 per student toward the purchase of school supplies. This money will be collected by the classroom teacher.
- 1 box of facial tissues
- 1 pair of indoor runners to be left at school
- 1 re-usable water bottle (labelled)
- 1 large backpack
- Extra pair of clothing in backpack (socks, shirt, pants, undergarments) (for Nursery and Kindergarten only)
- 1 binder 1 ½" in size (for grade 7 & 8 only)

# News from Physical Education

Highlights for this month!

September 15: Terry Fox Walk/ Run

- Students will receive teaching during phys. Ed class about who Terry Fox is, why we walk and why is it important to support his vision
- In the morning, students and staff will walk together in support of Terry Fox Foundation

Inner-city Soccer Program:

- Students in grade 5 and 6 will be given the opportunity to participate in the inner-city soccer league hosted at the University of Winnipeg

Physical Education Classes:

Welcome Back!

In September, elementary classes will focus on developing the basic movement skills that will create a foundation for future physical activity.

As we move to middle years, our focus shifts to utilizing the basic movement skills acquired in lead-up games and sport related activities.

- Soccer
- Volleyball
- Basketball
- Badminton
- Floor hockey
- Ultimate football

William Whyte students will participate in a variety of activities, including individual or team sports and games, alternative pursuits, Indigenous games and fitness activities, scheduled on an ongoing basis throughout the school year.

# News from Art Room

Tansi, my name is Ms. Cook and I am the new Art teacher for William Whyte School. I am excited to learn and have fun in the art room, this year. For the beginning of the school year, we will be starting with some “getting to know you” projects, and then moving on to some Indigenous artist inspired work that will help us to commemorate The National Day of Truth and Reconciliation. This year, we will be exploring Indigenous Art styles, along with some textile work and learning about art from different parts of the world. We will also be learning some drawing techniques and all about the Elements of Art and Principles of Design. Most importantly, I hope that art class will be a place where learners can express themselves and understand that art is something that everyone can enjoy!

# Upcoming Events

## Meet the Teacher – Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023

Meet the teacher will be Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup> from 3:45pm to 5:45pm. Please come down and enjoy a snack with your child and let them show you their learning space.

Everyone in attendance will be entered into a draw for a gift basket. We ask all parents, if you have not done so already to please review and sign your child's Student Verification at that time.

## Picture Day – Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023

Here are some tips for the upcoming picture day:

- Wear bright and solid colours; these will emphasize your face and smile!
- Opting for long sleeves allows the face to stand out more in your photo.
- Pack a comb just in case of an emergency!
- If you normally wear glasses, feel free to keep them on! Our photographers are trained to reduce any apparent glare.

Remember to relax and have fun – today is your day!

## National Day for Truth & Reconciliation – Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023

In recognition of the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation on September 30<sup>th</sup>, we will be providing every student with an orange shirt and the opportunity to engage in Indigenous culture. Students will also learn more about the significance of the day and what the orange shirt represents. Following the whole school assembly, we invite our families to join us in a smudge ceremony and a hotdog lunch at 11:30 am.

RSVPs will be distributed by classroom teachers during meet the teacher to confirm food orders.



## Safe Arrival



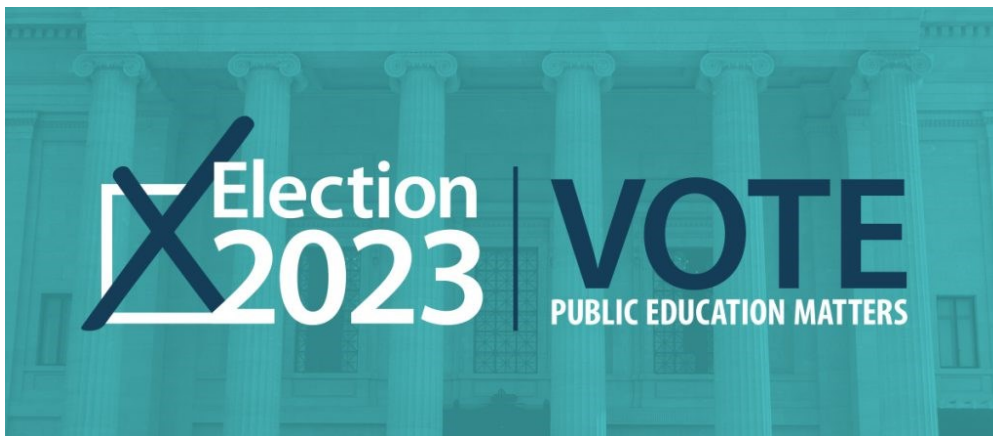
*Safe Arrival* is the system the school uses to verify student attendance. It's easy to report your child's absence.

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.

These options are available 24 hours/day, 7 days a week. Future absences can be reported at any time.

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WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION

# SEPTEMBER 2023

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4 <i>Labor Day No School</i>	5 / Day 1	6 / Day 2 First Day of School for Grade 1 - 8	7 / Day 3	8 / Day 4 <i>Gr. 7 &amp; 8 Shop</i>	9
10	11 / Day 5 First Day of School for N/K	12 / Day 6	13 / Day 1	14 / Day 2	15 / Day 3	16
17	18 / Day 4 <i>Gr. 7 &amp; 8 Shop</i>	19 / Day 5	20 / Day 6	21 / Day 1 Meet the Teacher	22 / Day 2 Picture Day	23
24	25 / Day 3	26 / Day 4 <i>Gr. 7 &amp; 8 Shop</i>	27 / Day 5 Terry Fox Walk	28 / Day 6 Gr. 7 & 8 St. John's Park	29 / Day 1 Truth and Reconciliation Acknowledgment	30 Orange Shirt Day

## Upcoming Dates

- Tuesday, October 3, 2023 – Election Day
- Wednesday, October 11, 2023 – Bus Ridership
- Monday, October 16, 2023 – Thursday, October 19, 2023 Mobile Vision
- Friday, October 20, 2023 – Non-Instructional Day MTS DAY
- Tuesday, October 31, 2023 – Halloween