

Cecil Rhodes School

Community Report

2019-2020

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Our Purpose

Winnipeg School Division provides a learning environment that fosters the growth of each student's potential and provides equitable opportunity to develop the knowledge, skills, and values necessary for meaningful participation in a global and diverse society.

Our Vision

Is for current and future individuals learning and working within Winnipeg School Division to be:
Engaged, Confident, Inspired, and Successful Learners.

Our Mission

Cecil Rhodes School seeks to provide a safe and positive environment that promotes respect, responsibility and healthy lifestyles.

It is a place where students, staff and community members are challenged to reach their full potential through rich and varied academic and interpersonal experiences



About our school

Cecil Rhodes School is located in the Weston Neighbourhood of the Winnipeg School Division. Our population of approximately 625 Nursery to Grade 9 students reflects the cultural diversity of our city.

Cecil Rhodes School provides a positive school environment for children to grow and learn, academically, socially and emotionally.

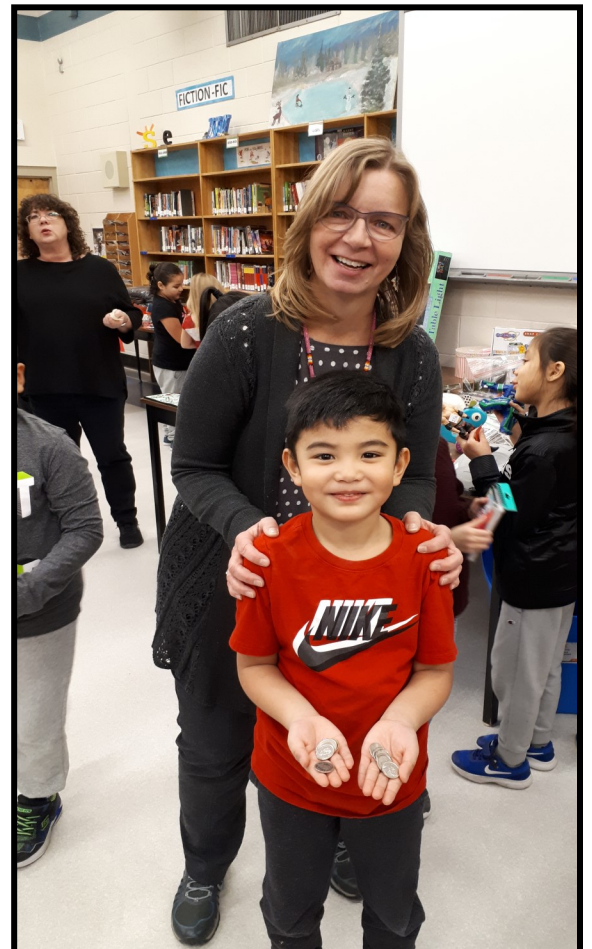
Cecil Rhodes has a strong and varied academic program designed to meet the diverse learning needs of the children in our care.

In addition to the regular program, we offer a grade 7-9 Off Campus Program and an integrated Inclusion Support Program.

Activities such as sports, fine arts, drama, band, choir, technology, dance, and community service are offered to meet diverse student interests – something for everyone.

Highlights

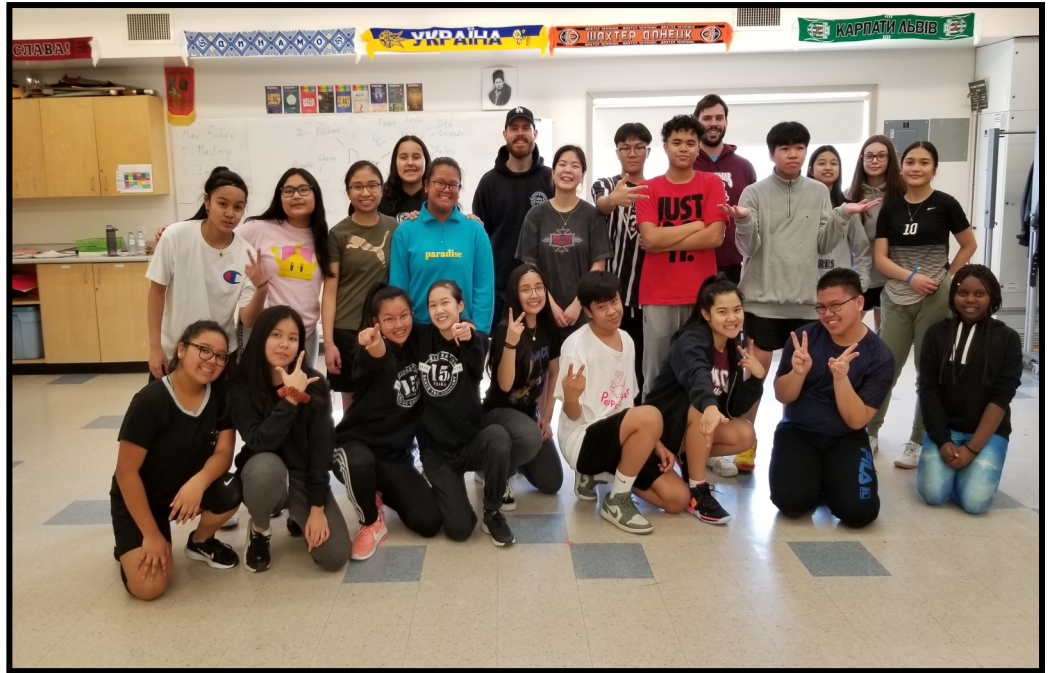
- Grade 9 Students joined their parents at work on Take Your Kid to Work Day
- Students participated in numerous extra-curricular sports programs, camping and skiing experiences
- The Holiday Store was a rewarding success as children and parents were able to buy donated items from the store before the winter break
- We had many students partake in sports teams, extra curricular activities and clubs. This includes gymnastics, intramurals, basketball, karaoke, crafts club, Video Club, GSL Alliance and much more
- Breakfast Program fed more than 90 students a day
- All elementary students were provided with snacks on a daily basis with support from Winnipeg Harvest
- Makerspace with monthly challenges
- Grade 4 students participated in the Swimming Counts Program
- Board Games Clubs for grades 1, 2 and 3
- Vermicomposting
- Grade 1-2 Choir won Mozart Shield Award for most outstanding K-3 choir.
- Pow Wow club established for grade 2 and 3 students
- "I Love to Read" activities
- "Cool To Be Kind" activities, in conjunction with the Winnipeg Police Association
- Student Government
- Newly installed electronically secured doors at both front and rear entrances of Cecil Rhodes School
- Mindfulness Moment Mondays
- Delivery of food hampers to more than 40 families, biweekly during the length of the pandemic, including over the summer months.



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Celebrations for 2019-20

- Highest achievement in grade 3 provincial assessments for math and reading in more than 10 years.
- Highest achievement in provincial assessment for grade 7 math in more than 10 years.
- Significantly improved achievement in WSD elementary assessments.
- Improved attendance and engagement in learning.
- Students becoming assessment capable learners, meaning they are able to describe what they know now, their goals for learning and how they will know when they have learned.
- Successful implementation of low enrolment class to support student in school re-entry.
- Successful implementation of intra-mural program.



Priorities for 2020-21

Student Learning Outcomes

- We will increase critical thinking, student engagement and empowerment in learning, both in literacy and math
- We will significantly increase small and large group opportunities for student-to-student dialogue and discourse
- We will significantly increase the number of students who identify as assessment capable learners
- Main Academic Priority areas continue to be Reading, Writing and Mathematics
- Teachers will continue to use assessment practices to target gaps in learning and to close those gaps

Addressing Barriers to Learning

- We will improve attendance through teaching practices that are intentional, engaging and empowering for students
- We will plan and implement reading and math interventions that address the impact of below grade level reading and writing ability on success in junior high content areas
- We will improve communication with families using a variety of methods of conveying school-related information
- We will improve in-school connections between our elementary and junior high students

Parent and Community Involvement

- Parents and the community play a vital role in our school
- We have an active Parent Advisory Council
- Volunteers work in our classrooms, library, and on field trips
- Parents support the school and their children through attendance at various times throughout the year
- Student-led Conferences were well attended by families
- Community Barbeque September 2019
- Remembrance Day Service
- Winter Concert
- Graduation Ceremonies and awards were supported by community members, the Winnipeg Foundation, Kiwanis, local elected officials, and the Board of Trustees of the WSD
- Community Cookery provided a feast for each classroom through the year with support from Winnipeg Harvest and parent volunteers
- Parent group activities on Thursday afternoons with Community Support Worker
- Parent Run Lunch Program
- Breakfast Program community volunteers
- Variety Club Dental Program provided dental care for students
- Active support and cheering squad for our various sports teams.
- Parent volunteers for field trips.
- Parent Thursdays in community classroom.

Thank you to our Parents and Community Members who provided ongoing support to our students.

