

École J. B. Mitchell 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 people learning and working within Winnipeg School Division to be:

Engaged, Confident, Inspired, and Successful Learners.



About our school

École J.B. Mitchell School is an inclusive environment highly committed to the academic and social growth of all learners. Located in River Heights, J.B. Mitchell houses a dual track English and French Immersion program. There are approximately 430 students who attend from nursery to grade 6. We benefit from a strong parent community group which supports our numerous school initiatives. An educational team of more than 40 staff maintains a strong focus on Literacy and Numeracy goals. Innovation, creativity, communication and opportunities to collaborate and think critically are embedded throughout the learning day. We remain firmly committed to Indigenous Education, social justice and reconciliation. The Administration is committed to maintaining professional learning communities that empower and build capacity among staff members.

J.B. Mitchell is a culturally diverse community which provides numerous learning opportunities today for its leaders of tomorrow.

Highlights

Despite a three-month remote learning period, we had a year filled with many enriching and exciting initiatives and activities. Our elevator opened in September 2019 after a one-year construction phase. In December 2019, Take Pride Winnipeg recognized our students' effort during the Bag Up Manitoba campaign for collecting more than 15,000 plastic bags. In recognition of our efforts, Take Pride Manitoba donated an outdoor bench to our school made from recycled material. We hosted a Winnipeg Jets White-Out and welcomed Patrik Laine, Nikolaj Ehlers and Sami Niku as part of the Reading Takes Flight / I Love to Read Week.

Here are some other highlights:

- Student Leadership Opportunities with SAM's (School Area Monitors) and Safety Patrols
- Know Your Zone! Self-Regulation Initiative from Nursery to grade 6
- Meet The Staff Evening
- Welcome to Kindergarten Evening
- Festival du Voyageur/French Week N-6
- Winter Fun Day and Bannock Bake
- Traditional Dance workshops with La Troupe Jeunesse
- Winter Holiday Concerts N-6
- Honour Choir for grades 5-6
- Winnipeg Music Festival Performance by students
- Running Club and Bison Track Meet
- Intramurals
- Virtual Science Fair/Invent an Alien
- 4C's and Coding embedded in classrooms
- Speed Skating Races at Bell MTS Center
- Concours d'art oratoire/French speaking competition for French Immersion students grades 3-6
- I Love To Read Activities
- Global Kidizens
- Students raised awareness and funds for Terry Fox and Winnipeg Harvest
- Fun Lunches- monthly from Sept-Feb.
- Virtual Field Day on June 18
- Classroom outings and field trips to numerous locations including Fort Whyte, the Forks, Assiniboine Forest, Manitoba Museum, to name but a few.



Priorities - 2019-2020

Strengthen literacy programming in English and French Language Arts with a focus on reading comprehension strategies.

Strengthen writing skills with a focus on conventions, sentence fluency and word choice.

Strengthen math skills with a focus on mental math strategies and strengthen student ability to explain their thinking and learning

Teachers will implement a 6 week planning cycle in Literacy and Numeracy to assess and monitor student growth and to select learning targets based on individual student need.

Support students in extending their use of self-regulation strategies to include activities that occur beyond the classroom such as during recess and on field trips.

Use an Inquiry approach to provide authentic, hands-on experiences for students to create, collaborate, communicate and think critically.

Embed available technology, laptops, iPads, Chromebooks in classroom instruction to support learning in all subject areas.



School Priorities 2020-2021

The remote learning period and the need for recovery learning were considered when establishing the School Priorities for the upcoming year. The Priorities are aligned with the Winnipeg School Division goals as well as with the Literacy and Numeracy goals established by the Province.

- Continue to strengthen early literacy skills for Nursery and Kindergarten students with a focus on the instruction of phonological and phonemic awareness in both the English and French Immersion Programs.
- Continue to strengthen literacy and language learning for English as Additional Language (EAL) Learners with a focus on vocabulary development, decoding and comprehension strategies.
- Improve students' performance in reading by strengthening their ability to effectively apply a variety of reading strategies, explain their understanding of text read and set their own goals for reading, in both the English and French Immersion Programs.
- Improve students' ability to communicate their mathematical thinking in a variety of ways beyond oral expression. Students in both the English and French Immersion Programs will make use of manipulatives, digital pictures, drawings and journals to communicate their mathematical strategies.
- Enhance students' ability to identify and understand their triggers and the triggers of others and to use their self-regulation strategies in a variety of situations beyond the classroom including on field trips, at recess and in the Lunch Program.
- Teachers will continue to implement a 6-week planning cycle in Literacy and Numeracy to assess and monitor student growth and to select timely learning targets based on individual student need.

Parent and Community Involvement

The École J.B. Mitchell School community has an active and engaged Parent Advisory Council (PAC) that meets monthly during the school year. Throughout the year, they have supported many activities and experiences to enrich the school life of our students. We also benefit from many parent, grandparent and community volunteers who support us in many ways.

Here are some 2019-2020 highlights:

- Fun Lunch
- French Week and Winter Fun Day activities
- School Ground Enhancements
- iPads and Chromebooks
- Al Simmons Performance
- Gingerbread House Decorating Party
- Recycling & Composting
- Camps and Field Trips
- J.B. Mitchell Staff Appreciation

The École J.B. Mitchell School students, families and staff has had another wonderful year.

Thank you to our families, our many volunteers and to our JBM Parent Council for your generous gift of time and for your ongoing support.

