

# Children of the Earth High 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

"Where our Students' Spirits Soar"

Children of the Earth High School believes in the dignity, value and worth of each individual. We believe that the purpose of education is to provide a pathway through which each individual may realize self-respect, self-fulfillment and his/ her relevance in a dynamic society.

Children of the Earth is a small personal high school grades 9-12. Programs are semester run and focus on quality academics, language and culture.

For information about programming please visit:

<https://www.winnipegssd.ca/schools/childrenoftheearth//default.aspx>



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# Highlights

2019-2020 was a year full of opportunities for the Children of the Earth students, their families and the surrounding community.

A few of the highlights included:

- Visit from Manitoba Courts Assembly  
Manitoba Supreme Court Justice Diana Cameron and Honorable Justice Andromache Karakatsanis
- Grade 9 young women and young men's programs
- Cree and Ojibwe language classes
- Medical Careers Exploration Program
- Martin Family Initiative- Indigenous Youth Entrepreneurship Program
- Traditional ceremonies
  - Smudge
  - Weekly Pipe Ceremonies
  - Full Moon Ceremonies
  - Sweat lodge ceremonies
  - Drumming
- University of Manitoba Post-Secondary Club
- Tree of Life Programming
- Gay-Straight Alliance Club
- Math Night
- Family Circle
- Caring Club
- Weekly drop-in music programming
- Journey and Succeed Program
- Unity Day Assembly- promoting positive mental health through the arts
- COVID 19 Initiatives included developing both on line learning and delivery of work packages and hampers



## Priorities for 2019-20

Strengthen identity through teaching and practicing regular cultural teachings and Cree and Ojibwe languages.

Provide students with a small, comfortable environment that promotes academic excellence, social emotional supports and growth in learning. Encourage students to stay at Children of the Earth for 4 years.

Promote healthy living and positive mental health practices through cultural teachings and through teaching strategies.

Encourage graduation completion and post-secondary or career opportunities through programs such as the Journey and Succeed Program, Medical Careers Exploration Program and the Martin Family Business Program.



## Priorities for 2019-20

In a continued effort to support our learners the Children of the Earth staff have outline 6 priorities for 2019-2020:

- Improving graduation rates, student attendance and first attempt credit acquisition.
- Integrating Indigenous perspectives and teachings across curriculum to support cultural proficiency in our building.
- Supporting students to find their voice and to develop their individual gifts.
- Promoting and supporting mental health and wellness.
- Move to a more efficient place of communication between staff, with students and with their families.
- Ensuring that when learners leave Children of the Earth they have the skills, knowledge and values for what comes next.



# Parent and community involvement

Children of the Earth High School welcomes parents and the surrounding community to participate in numerous activities throughout the year.

Parents and guardians are encouraged to be actively involved in a variety of programs and activities held at the school. Our community support worker, Emily Richard has done an amazing job of ensuring that families know they are valued and welcome in our building.

Some of the highlights from this year include:

- Monthly Parent Council meetings
- Community engagement activities
- Monthly Nutrition Bingos
- Student/parent workshops, including Food Handler Training/Certification, CPR, and First Aid Training
- Community Feasts and pipe ceremonies
- Celebration of learning
- Weekly drumming and singing programming for students, staff, families, and community members
- Family Circle, a crafting and socializing group for parents, grandparents, and family members of our students
- Caring Club for parents, soon-to-be parents, and caregivers of babies and toddlers
- Family Math Night, in collaboration with our Grade 9 Math Teacher, Michelle Arnaud, and Math Support Teacher, Stephan Jantz

