

Weston School

Community Report

2019-2020

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School Mission Statement

We at Weston School aim to provide an environment that:

- Is safe, nurturing, and accepting
- Encourages parents to be partners in their children's education
- Recognizes the uniqueness of each child
- Creates a climate of respect for oneself, others, and the environment
- Strives to prepare children for the future and instills a lifelong love for learning



WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION



Weston School is a nursery to grade six elementary school in the Winnipeg School Division. We have a population of 220 students. There are 16 teaching staff and 10 educational assistant staff. This year, we had one Community Worker who provided support to parents and families in the family center program. There is a daily parent association supported lunch program. Weston School invites parents to come to our Parent Sharing Hour held once each month from 3:45 to 4:45 to learn more about how we can work together to support student success.

Achievements From 2019-2020

Instruction and Assessment

- Teachers are involving students in the assessment process; communicating task, intent and criteria, and providing descriptive feedback to move learning forward.
- Resource program supported small groups and planned programs for special needs students.
- Students used a variety of technologies on a daily and weekly basis to support their learning. Smart Boards, Chromebooks, iPads, and computers are used daily in all classrooms. iPad and Chromebook pods are shared by classrooms.
- DreamBox math was used by 4 classrooms at school and at home to augment the math curriculum.
- Early Years Math and Literacy were enhanced using Nursery Bags, Math Bags, Data from Home Reading and the Learning Pathway.
- Students with special needs were integrated into regular classrooms, with a focus on meeting their individual goals through differentiated instruction and support from E.A.'s. / Resource / Guidance / CSS clinicians.

Indigenous Education

- All teachers integrated Indigenous perspectives in all core subjects as well as Music and Phys. Ed.
- All teachers teach Treaty Education Programs including the history of Residential Schools using Divisional resources.
- Indigenous/multi-cultural diversity through music, dance, storytelling and drama.
- All classes completed at least one unit of inquiry that highlighted Indigenous perspectives.

Sustainable Development

- All students demonstrated a growing understanding of nature and our responsibility to the environment.
- Intermediate grade students participated in the ECO Green Team.
- School ECO Team looked after all plants and our fish.
- Grades 5 and 6 students explored themes about the environment, social justice, and economic issues.
- Healthy nutrition shared in Family Room/Breakfast for Learning.
- Cooking classes, celebration lunches took place in Family Room.
- All students had the opportunity to experience "Maker Space" challenges. Students used recycled materials to build and invent things meeting outcomes from the curricula in Science, Social Studies, Language Arts, Mathematics and Art.

Education for

Priorities for 2019-2020

- Strengthen instructional and assessment strategies for all students using all available resources including the infusion of information technology.
- Improve academic and behavior support services for students with special needs.
- Strengthen and enhance Education for Sustainable Development initiatives that address environment, social justice and economic issues worldwide.
- Integrate Indigenous perspectives in all content areas of learning.
- Further improve school attendance and graduation rates through exploration of additional programs and strategies



Priorities for 2020-2021

1. Students

To provide robust and comprehensive education, equitable access, diverse opportunity, and a supportive learning environment for all students to help them prepare for their journey with values of learning and social justice, and to be responsible community members.

2. Learning Outcomes

To further improve school attendance, achievements and graduation rates through the exploration of additional programs and strategies.

3. Addressing Barriers to Learning

To further develop initiatives and innovative approaches addressing individual student needs and accessibility requirements, mental health issues, childcare needs and nutrition needs.

4. Communications and Partnerships with Community

To further develop communications and partnerships with the community we serve, parents, families, government, businesses, health and social services agencies, Indigenous education, other community organizations, and our valued volunteers.

5. Sustainability

To strengthen and enhance sustainable development initiatives that address environmental, social and economic issues.

6. Employees

To increase the leadership capacity and competency within the school.

Parent and Community Involvement

Parents as partners in their children's learning and school success are an important part of our planning at Weston School. We appreciate the parents who have been involved in Parent Council and offered input and support as well as being volunteers at school. We had one Community Worker this year who provided programs for students and parents in our Family Center and provided a monthly calendar of events/activities/guest speakers and volunteer activities. We offered free childcare for our Parent Sharing Hour meetings. The Parent Association operates a daily lunch program and undertakes fundraising activities on behalf of the students; this year contributing to the purchase of trophies and awards for the Grade 6 Farewell Ceremony.

Facts at a Glance

- No. of Students - 220
- No. of Teachers - 16
- No. of support staff - 10
- Community Worker - 1
- Secretary - 1
- Parent Association Lunch Program
- Family Room
- Pediatric Dentistry Program
- Volunteer Program
- Basic French Program
- Honour Choir
- Running Club
- Volleyball & Baseball
- Inner City soccer League
- Intramural Sports Program
- I Love to Read - Larry Lion
- Patrol Program
- Talk To Me Program
- Literacy/Numeracy Focus
- Remembrance Day Service
- P.B.I.S. Program
- Healthy Schools Initiative
- Nutrition Program
- Breakfast for Learning
- Can U Program
- School wide snack Initiative
- SMART Board Technology
- Mindful Moments Initiative
- School Resource Officer
- Maker Space Challenges
- Flexible Seating Options
- Celebrate September events
- WRHA Pilot Healthy Nutrition
- Student Nurse Program

Trips/Performances

Note: All performances & field trips between March and June were cancelled as classes were suspended.

- M.T.Y.P. Performance
- Can U Program– Career Exploration
- Primary and Intermediate Dance Club
- Saturday & Wednesday Art Program /Quantum Program Art Gallery
- Volleyball/Soccer/Baseball/Ultimate Football
- Career Trek Program/Mini University Program
- ECO Green Team
- Children's Museum
- Santa's Workshop
- Pet Therapy Program
- Tim Horton Grade 6 Camp September 30 – October 2
- Cop Shop at St. Vital Centre – November