



# Isaac Brock School

Newsletter

December 2022

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Principal: C. Goring

Vice-Principal: N. De Luca

## Message from Administration

As we end another calendar year I would like to share two significant staffing updates that will support the entire school. We now have a school Guidance Counselor, Mr. Brett Banfield, who brings a number of years of experience having previously worked in River East Transcona School Division and for Manitoba First Nations Education Resource Centre. Mr. Darcy Henry will be joining the school as our Cultural Support Teacher. Mr. Henry will support our "One School" vision and the Cree and Ojibwe bilingual programs by supporting both students and staff in gaining a deeper understanding and appreciation of the knowledge and teaching Indigenous people have to offer our school, community and society as a whole. Lastly, after the winter break, we will be adding another teacher to support early years students, primarily in grade 2 whose learning has been affected by the impacts of COVID 19. This is a one-time opportunity from the Province of Manitoba and the Winnipeg School Division. Together, with our existing staff we will now be further enhanced to support students in a holistic manner to ensure they grow in all areas.

As we are transition from the pandemic and return to school as it was, we are once again hosting a Winter Concert. As our enrollment has increased significantly from Nursery, Kindergarten and Grades 1 to 3, it will be a concert for student up to grades 3/4 (Ms. Bryant's classroom). The Grade 9 Band will also be supporting the event. All other students will celebrate with our community in a Spring Concert. There will be 3 shows in an effort to accommodate all guests. We don't want to limit families, but there will be 263 students performing and the gymnasium's capacity is 450. Please attend either one of our 2 afternoon shows if possible as we will only have 1 evening show. Information about dates and start times are included in the newsletter and will be distributed through the school's Messenger system. It will be 3 great shows that celebrate our school community!

Our school once again was a successful applicant and has received just under \$80,000 through Manitoba's Teachers' Idea Fund. All grant applications were to focus on staff and student's wellness and innovative ideas to support learning. The objectives of our grant are around student and staff wellness. Through culturally relevant activities and "normalization" of Indigenous content and approaches, we hope to use traditional Indigenous methodology in concert with contemporary methods to support the mental health and well-being of the students and staff in our school. It is our belief that culturally responsive techniques and activities will not only support and stabilize mental health, student attendance and achievement but will also support the ongoing efforts of the school to address Reconciliation in Manitoba and Canada.

On behalf of all the staff I would like to wish all of our families a safe and joyful holiday season and the best in 2023!



WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION

# STEAM Challenges

Isaac Brock is on an exciting journey to engage students in STEAM learning (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math). The students have taken part in 3 School-wide Instant Challenges this year. This provides the opportunity for the students to practice using the 4 C's (Collaboration, Critical Thinking, Communication, and Creativity) while using the Design Process.

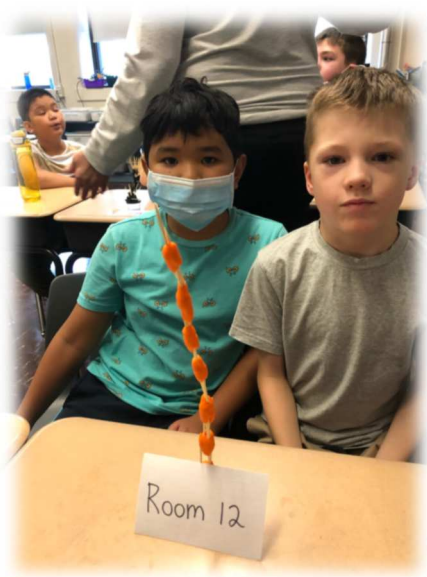
Here is a review of all the fun we've been having...

## School-Wide Instant Challenge #1: Toothpick Towers

It was a lot of fun challenging teams to build the tallest, freestanding tower out of playdough and toothpicks in only 13 minutes. The Primary classroom winner was Mrs. Neapew's Room 18. The Intermediate winner was Ms. Bryant's Room 12, and the Jr. High winner was Mrs. Spitula's Room 32!



Jr. High Winners



Intermediate Winners



Elementary Winners

## School-Wide Instant Challenge #2: Outdoor Art

This second school-wide challenge took us outside to enjoy our mild fall weather. Classes had to create beautiful works of art with only natural materials. The finished products were amazing! Each class that participated, voted on their school favourite. Room 2 won with their "LOVE" art. Room 23's "Peace" art and Room 5's Girl art both receive Honourable Mention as they tied for second place.





## STEAM Challenges Cont.

### School-Wide Instant Challenge #3: Dessert Debate

This was a performance-based challenge which means students got to use their acting skills and perform in small groups for their classrooms. Students were told to come up with a special dessert that should be served during the Winter Concert. They planned, practiced and performed their dessert of choice for their classmates. Class votes allowed students to pick one winning group per room. Everyone did a great job and had a lot of laughs!

Our Isaac Brock STEAM initiative will continue throughout the year, with a school-wide Instant Challenge happening each month! Jr. High STEAM Club has also begun in December, and the students who joined are super excited to tackle fun challenges with their peers during the lunch hour!



### Room 1 Fun

Room 1 has been learning about setting goals and coming up with creative ways to overcome challenges. We are also learning about the "Fab 4" and how it can be used to help with reading comprehension and build on personal writing skills. Lastly, Room 1 continues to go on weekly outdoor education trips (like to Omands Creek) where they are learning to grow an appreciation for nature and be outside in the elements. The students participated in a Winter Art Instant Challenge!



## Free Winter Jackets

Isaac Brock has received a donation of NEW coats from *Fedex Operation Warm* ranging in size from Adult Small to Adult XL and in a variety of colours. The smallest size fits roughly like a child's size 12. If you are interested in your child receiving a new coat, and they will fit the available sizes, please email or call the school to request one and we will fit your child with a coat. If you are interested in receiving a new coat for yourself or a family member, we can arrange that as well. They will be given out as first come first serve while quantities last!

## Elementary Phys. Ed. News

Please make sure your child has a pair of indoor shoes which can be left at school. Wet shoes and winter boots are not allowed in the gym.

A note will be sent home soon with more information regarding the Indoor Soccer League. A select group of grade 4/5/6 students will be playing games at the University of Winnipeg Soccer Complex in the new year. They will have a number of practices throughout December. Practices will be in the gym through the lunch hour.



## Music Notes from Ms. Jones!



Students are working hard learning their songs for the Christmas concert! The concert times are on Monday, December 12th @ 1:30PM and Tuesday, December 13th at 1:30PM and 6:00PM in the gym. The concert will include students from Rooms **5, 9, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18** and a special appearance from the **Grade 9 Band**. Students are asked to report to their homeroom at 5:30PM for the evening performance. They can wear anything festive, including scarves or light mittens/gloves! **Due to capacity limits, extended family is encouraged to come to either of the 1:30pm shows and parents/siblings to the 6:00 show.**

## Isaac Brock Spirit Week— December 15-21



**Dec. 15, Thursday: Elves Vs. Reindeer Vs. Polar Bears**

**Dec. 16, Friday: Pajama Day**

**Dec. 19, Monday: Holiday Sweater Day**

**Dec. 20, Tuesday: Twin Day**

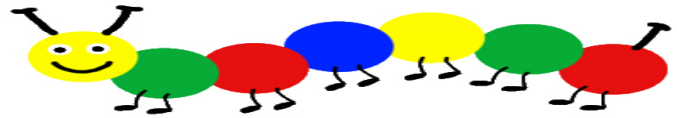
**Dec. 21, Wednesday: Tinsel Day**



**Holiday Deer-O-Grams  
are being sold from  
December 5-15th for  
\$1.00 each!**







Happy December!

The last few months seem to have just flown by and now we are entering the holiday season!

A huge thank you to all those who supported our first fundraiser of the 2022-2023 school year! We made over \$1100 in profits off the Peak of the Market Farm to School fundraiser. The total amount made from the Fundscrip fundraiser is still to be determined. We hope these fundraisers were helpful in making your holiday season a little easier. If you would like to volunteer to help sort veggies into orders during the day on December 15th or assist with order distribution after school, please contact us at the email below. Information about pick-up will be made closer to December 15th. Please watch for information on future fundraisers including a book fair planned for March!

Our next meeting will be January 18th, 2023. If you would like to attend, please reach out to the email listed below.

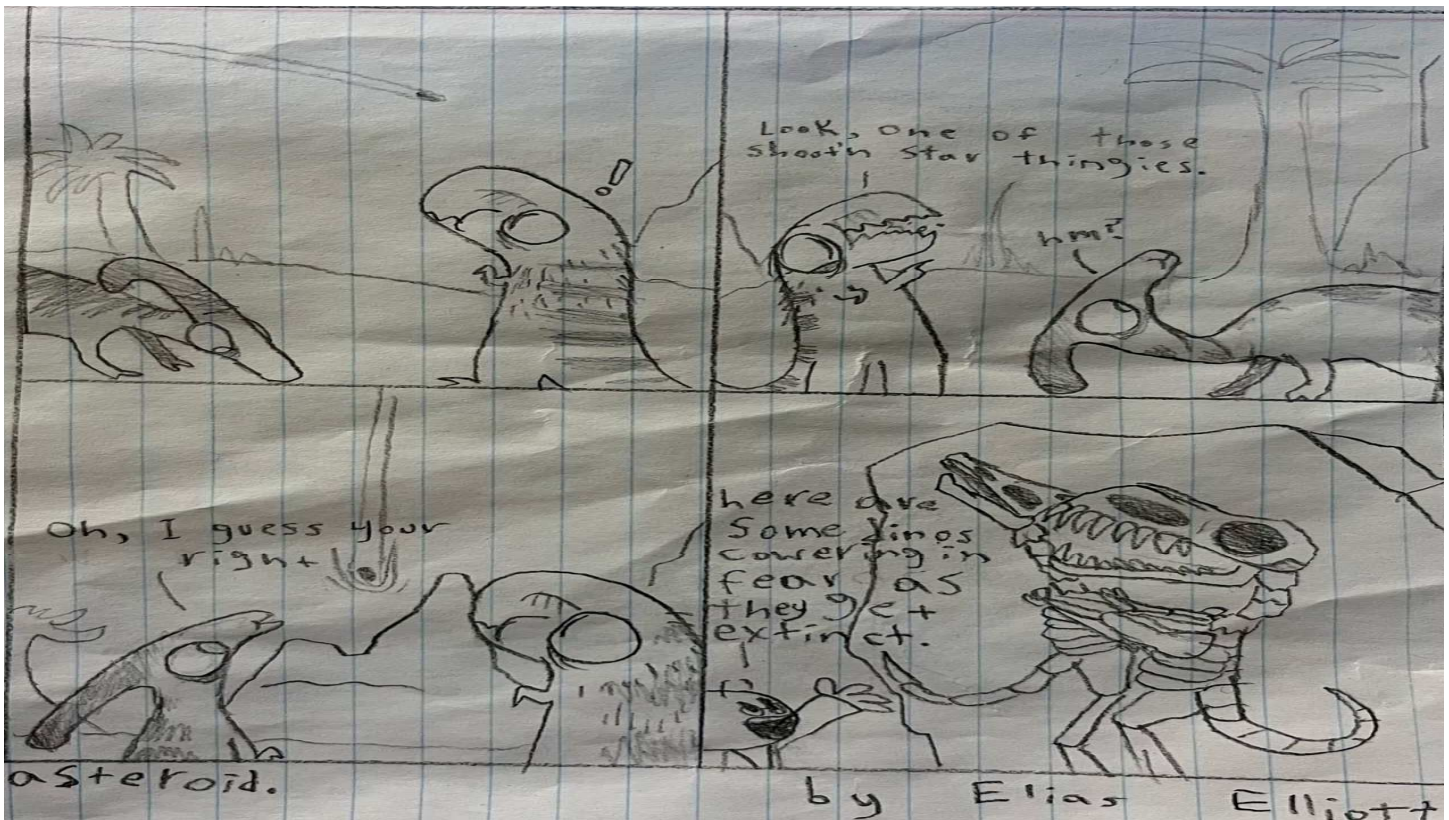
As always, please let us know if you have any questions or inquiries by email. Or maybe you would like to volunteer? Email [ibparentcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:ibparentcouncil@gmail.com). Check out our Facebook page [@isaacbrockparentcouncil](https://www.facebook.com/isaacbrockparentcouncil) for updates and other useful information!

From us to you and yours, whatever you celebrate this holiday season we wish you love, happiness and all the best as we head into 2023!

Cheers!

Sindy A. Stratton

Parent Council Co-Chair





# ISAAC BROCK

## Winter Wonderland CONCERT



*Featuring*  
SPECIAL APPEARANCE  
**GRADE 9 BAND**

### Nursery to Grade 4

Monday, Dec 12th - 1:30 PM

(Doors open at 1PM)

Tuesday, Dec 13th - 1:30 PM & 6:30 PM

(Doors open at 1PM & 5:30PM)

## Happy Holidays



FREE  
SNACKS!

BUS TOKENS  
FOR YOUTH!

# Huddle

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## FREE ACCESS FAIR

**WHEN?** Friday, December 9, from 3 PM to 7 PM

**WHERE?** Huddle Ka Ni Kanichihk, 102–765 Main Street

**WHO?** Open to all youth and families

- ➔ Apply for a **Birth Certificate and Social Insurance Number** on the spot!
- ➔ Open a **bank account** and a **Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP)** on site (with a parent/guardian if under 18), **apply for the Canada Learning Bond**
- ➔ Get your **taxes filed for free** on the spot!
- ➔ Connect with **youth serving organizations** and **community resources**

### **COME PREPARED TO APPLY FOR ID AND FILE TAXES!**

VISIT OUR WEBSITE OR SCAN THE QR CODE FOR INFORMATION:



Get everything you need to apply for  
the **CANADA LEARNING BOND**,  
up to \$2000 of **FREE** money for school!

**LEARN MORE AT:**

[www.cfcstaxes.com/  
canada-learning-bond](http://www.cfcstaxes.com/canada-learning-bond)

Thank you to our partners!



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# Safety in South Valour

**Join us for a community conversation**

**Explore safety facts, feelings, beliefs & approaches**

*Followed by SVRA's Annual General Meeting*

**Sunday, December 4, 2022**  
**from 1:00 - 3:30 p.m.**

**Valour Community Centre**  
**Clifton Site - 1315 Strathcona St.**



**Remarks by:**

*Dagen Perrott, U of W researcher*

*Jesse Gair, West End community leader*

**Facilitation by:**

*Nanette McKay, Peacing It Together*



Learn more:

Questions/RSVP: [info@svrawinnipeg.org](mailto:info@svrawinnipeg.org)

**Light refreshments**  
**Child minding available**



**WEST  
END  
BIZ**







# West End *Christmas Miracle*



Join us from the comfort of your front yard  
for our 3rd annual Santa Claus parade!

*Santa is coming to the West End!*

**December 10th & 11th starting at 4pm**




Please join the *West End Christmas Miracle*  
Facebook group for the most up to date  
information on routes, contests and more!  
Be sure to follow *Santa Tracker Elf & West End Santa!*



\*\* Please note that every effort has been made to include as many families as possible. There will be changes made to the route from previous years to accommodate accessibility of the float as well as to ensure the safety of Mr. & Mrs. Claus. There will be suggestions for look-out points where Santa plans to slow down to say hi from his sleigh to those who ventured out to see him. This parade is brought to you by a small group of volunteers who only wish to bring happiness and good cheer to the West End. Please visit our social media for further information on the event. Thank you for your patience and understanding. \*\*



# December 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b><u>Looking ahead to January:</u></b> ♦ Thursday, Jan.5: Classes resume ♦ Tuesday, Jan. 17-Thurs, Jan 19: Kindergarten Hearing Screening ♦ Friday, Feb 3: NO CLASSES– Admin Day			1 Day 6	2 Day 1
			PM– Gr. 9 Shops 11:45– Gr. 4-6 Soccer 12:00– JH STEAM Club	<b>Admin Day</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b> (Isaac Brock Only) 
5 Day 2	6 Day 3	7 Day 4	8 Day 5	9 Day 6
11:45– Gr. 4-6 Soccer	10:00-11:00– Rm. 6 Swimming 11:45– JH Girls Soccer	11:45– Gr. 4-6 Soccer	AM– Gr. 7/8 Shops 11:45– JH Girls Soccer 12:00– JH STEAM Club	PM– Gr. 9 Shops
12 Day 1	13 Day 2	14 Day 3	15 Day 4	16 Day 5
11:45– JH Girls Soccer 12:00– JH STEAM Club <b>Winter Concert @ 1:30PM</b> (doors open 1PM)	10:00-11:00– Rm. 6 Swimming <b>Winter Concert 1:30 &amp; 6:00PM</b> (Doors open 1pm & 5:30pm)	11:45– JH Girls Soccer	<b>Elves Vs. Reindeer Vs. Polar Bears</b> 11:45– Gr. 4-6 Soccer	<b>Pajama Day</b> AM– Gr. 7/8 Shops 11:45– JH Girls Soccer
19 Day 6	20 Day 1	21 Day 2	22	23
<b>Holiday Sweater Day</b> 11:45– Gr. 4-6 Soccer 12:00– JH STEAM Club PM– Gr. 9 Shops	<b>Twin Day Gym Riot</b> 10:00-11:00– Rm.6 Swimming 11:45– JH Girls Soccer 12:00– JH STEAM Club	<b>Tinsel Day</b> Last day of Classes!! 6:30– Parent Council Meeting	<b>Winter Break Begins!</b> 	
26 Day 3	27	28	29	30

