

Isaac Brock School

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Message from Administration

I am pleased to share that our school has been granted \$75,000 through Manitoba's Teachers' Idea Fund. It is a five-year, \$25 million investment in the ideas and innovations of front-line teachers, staff, and school leaders from across our Manitoba.

The Teachers' Idea Fund Grant will support our One School Vision. Together, we want to build a one -school vision that focuses on relationships and unifies the Cree and Ojibwe bilingual programs with the rest of our culturally diverse school, and can include the Autism Program and Nursery students.

We want all classrooms and students to participate in cultural learning experiences, which encompass all of the diversity within our building. The grant monies will allow us to expedite our efforts around reconciliation and laying a strong foundation of community building. This will ensure our school, community, city and province is strong for generations to come. The majority of our students and staff are unaware of the rich cultures found within our school and that the traditions found in both the Cree and Ojibwe cultures are similar to those of all the cultures found in our school.

Many of our students and their families have excellent attendance and this needs to be celebrated. Some families are struggling with regular attendance or being late to class. Our school data gives us reason to develop strategies that focus on both celebrating attendance successes, improving student absenteeism and late arrivals to school.

Research indicates that missing more than 5 days of school each year, regardless of the cause, affects student academic performance and starts shaping attitudes about school. Therefore, we must realize that excused absences and unexcused absences have similar impact on student academic performance.

A school committee called Safety and Belonging, representing teachers from across all grade levels and subjects has been formed this year. One of the committee's goals is to use data to develop strategies and initiatives designed to celebrate, sustain and increase attendance and therefore academic performance over the school year.

The process will be as collaborative as possible and will involve consultation with students, parents, and staff. This will include gathering information by speaking to Classrooms, Student Council, Parent Council, Teachers and Educational Assistants.

In the near future, more information will be distributed for parents and guardians through letters, the school newsletter, our website and weekly emails. At any time, if you have feedback to provide please share it with our child's classroom teacher, our support staff, office staff, or contact Mrs. De Luca or myself.

-C. Goring



Physical Education News

As the weather gets colder, more students are wearing boots to school. Please make sure that your child has a pair of indoor running shoes that can be left at school. Running shoes are needed for all Phys. Ed classes.

The grade 5 and 6 soccer teams played hard at their tournaments last month. Both teams played against many other schools from within our division at Tec Voc High School. All the players showed great sportsmanship and played hard. way to go IB Soccer players!

-Ms. Reinhardt



Music Notes from Ms. Jones!

Students continue practicing music room expectations and routines in the music room.

Students are focusing on matching pitch, rhythms and notes on the musical staff through song, movement, body percussion (playing the rhythm on our body) and illustration.

Keep up the great work everyone!

-Ms. Jones



Room 17 Studies the Lifecycle of a Mealworm

They learned that there are four stages in the lifecycle. First, Mealworms begin as tiny eggs, then the eggs hatch. During the second stage, they are called larvae. During this cycle, they eat lots and shed its skin once or twice to make room for its bigger body. The students took great care in ensuring that their mealworm had fresh cornmeal, carrots and or potatoes. They researched that this is where they get their moisture and nutrients from. In the third stage, the pupal stage, the mealworm forms a shell around its body. Students noticed how inactive or sleepy their insect was and very respectfully changed its food without disturbing the change that was taken place because they knew that it was saving up its energy for its final cycle. The final stage occurred Friday when some of the students released three Darkling Beetles into the shrubs so that they were protected from predators. The approach to this study encouraged and supported students as they explored, questioned, observed, drew, wrote, labelled, shared ideas, materials and watched the development of a mealworm that they supported through their careful commitment to its survival. Thank you, scientists!

Ms. Melissa























Happy Fall!

We had our annual AGM and it was great to see some new faces! Congratulations to our elected members for the 2022-2023 school year!

Chair - Sindy Ackerman-Stratton
Vice Chair - Sashira Gafic
Secretary - Jenifer Donachuk
Treasurer - Kara Zerbin
Communications/Social Media - currently vacant

As a reminder, you do not need to be an elected member to attend our parent council meetings. All parents/guardians are welcome to attend as we discuss fundraisers for the school year, lunch program, provide parental input for the admin or the division, and more. Snack and childcare are provided. Please contact ibparentcouncil@gmail.com if you are interested in attending. Our next meeting will be November 16th at 630pm in the school library. We have some exciting things we are hoping to pull off this year and would love for you to be a part of it!

Please watch for information on our first parent council run fundraiser of the year! We are partnering with Peak of the Market and Fundscript to bring you veggies and gift cards all in time for the holiday season! Consider doing some of your holiday shopping with us! More details will be out for the end of October/early November!

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. Check out our Facebook page @isaacbrockparentcouncil for updates and other useful information!

Cheers!
Sindy A. Stratton
Parent Council Co-Chair

Meet Our Student Council!

President: Francis A.

Vice- President : Anthony G.

Co-Treasurers: Ava R. and Arecza T.

Secretary: Gabriel DC. Class Rep 23: Kyle J. Class Rep 24: Jrayden H. Class Rep 25: Jayden J. Class Rep 31: Charles S. Class Rep 32: Mikey M.

We are very excited for this upcoming year and stay tuned for more upcoming events and activities that our Student Council will be preparing!



November 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 Day 3	2 Day 4	3 Day 5	4 Day 6
	Twin Day	Wind back Wednesday 11:45- Gr. 5 Intramurals Gr. 9– Take Our Kids to Work Day	Jersey Day AM- Gr. 7/8 Shops	Pajama Day 11:45– Gr. 6 Intramurals PM– Gr. 9 Shops
7 Day 1	8 Day 2	9 Day 3	10 Day 4	11
	10:00-11- Room 6 Swimming @ Sherbrook Pool		10:50– Remembrance Day Ceremony 11:45– Student	Remembrance Day NO CLASSES
	11:45– Gr. 4 Intramurals		Council Mtg. 11:45- Gr. 5 Intramurals	FORGET
14 Day 5	15 Day 6	16 Day 1	17 Day 2	18 Day 3
AM– Gr. 7/8 Shops	10:00-11- Room 6 Swimming @ Sherbrook Pool 11:45- Gr. 6 Intramurals	Report Cards emailed home (unless paper copy requested)	11:45– Gr. 4 Intramurals 3:30-8:00 Tri-Conferences	Admin Day NO CLASSES NO SCHOOL Tri-Conferences
21 Day 4	22 Day 5	23 Day 6	24 Day 1	25 Day 2
11:45- Gr. 5 Intramurals	AM- Gr. 7/8 Shops 10:00-11- Room 6 Swimming @ Sherbrook Pool 6:30- Parent Countil Meeting	11:45– Gr. 6 Intramurals PM– Gr. 9 Shops		11:45– Gr. 4 Intramurals
28 Day 3	29 Day 4	30 Day 5	Coming up i	n December:
	InstantChallenge Dessert Debate 10:00-11- Room 6 Swimming 11:45- Gr. 5 Intramurals	AM– Gr. 7/8 Shops	♦ Mon,-Wed Dec ♦ Wed, Dec. 21– L ♦ Thurs, Dec. 22- V	SCHOOL (IBK ONLY) 19-21— Spirit Week ast Day of Classes Ved, Jan. 4— Winter Teak