

# Cecil Rhodes School

## Community Report

### 2020-2021

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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 individuals learning and working within Winnipeg School Division to be:  
**Engaged, Confident, Inspired, and Successful Learners.**

### Our Mission

Cecil Rhodes School seeks to provide a safe and positive environment that promotes respect, responsibility and healthy lifestyles.

It is a place where students, staff and community members are challenged to reach their full potential through rich and varied academic and interpersonal experiences



## About our school

Cecil Rhodes School is located in the Weston Neighbourhood of the Winnipeg School Division. Our population of approximately 530 Nursery to Grade 9 students reflects the cultural diversity of our city.

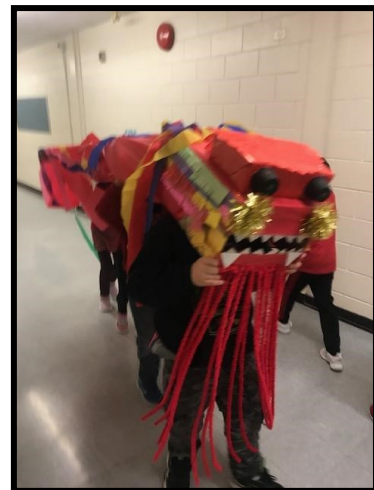
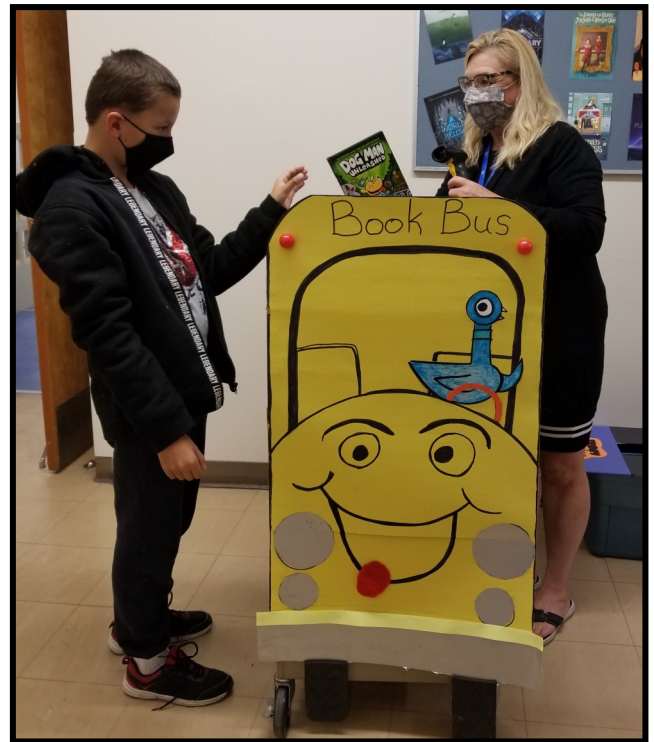
Cecil Rhodes School provides a positive school environment for children to grow and learn, academically, socially and emotionally.

Cecil Rhodes has a strong and varied academic program designed to meet the diverse learning needs of the children in our care. In addition to the regular program, we offer a grade 7-9 integrated Inclusion Support Program.

Activities such as sports, fine arts, drama, band, choir, technology, dance, and community service are offered to meet diverse student interests – something for everyone.

# Highlights

- Students in grades N-6 continued to learn in-class throughout the school year until going fully remote May 12.
- Students in grades 7 & 8 attended in-class learning in either the morning or afternoon & participated in remote learning when not in class until going fully remote May 12
- Students in grade 9 attended in-class learning on either odd or even school days and participated remotely on opposite days until going fully remote May 12.
- Technology was loaned to upwards of 170 families to assist with on-line and remote learning.
- A petition was launched to change the name of Cecil Rhodes School. Trustees voted to rename the school no later than September 2022
- Breakfast Program continued to feed more than 50 students a day throughout the pandemic.
- All elementary students were provided with snacks on a daily basis with support from Winnipeg Harvest
- On going renovations continue, with the installation of new windows & brick façade.
- "I Love to Read" activities
- "Cool To Be Kind" activities, in conjunction with the Winnipeg Police Association
- Student Government
- Newly installed electronically secured doors at both front and rear entrances of Cecil Rhodes School
- Mindfulness Moment Mondays
- When able, Cecil Rhodes School offered fresh produce donations to families within the community, provided via R.B. Russell School and Food Rescue
- Mobile Vision Clinic
- School Patrols
- Participated in Orange Shirt Day to recognize residential school survivors





# Highlights

## Celebrations for 2020-21

- We were highly successful in engaging students in remote learning and in class learning
- Students in elementary “looped” with their teachers to provide consistency and stability, especially needed during the pandemic
- Students became very comfortable and familiar with a variety of programs and technology so that they could easily learn from home, keeping a connection with peers and teachers
- Our entire school participated in an inquiry project to learn about our school name. Students, staff and out community took part in a survey. Parents and students were part of the committee to create the survey and report to the Board of Trustees
- Students becoming assessment capable learners, meaning they are able to describe what they know now, their goals for learning and how they will know when they have learned.



## Priorities for 2021-22

### Student Learning Outcomes

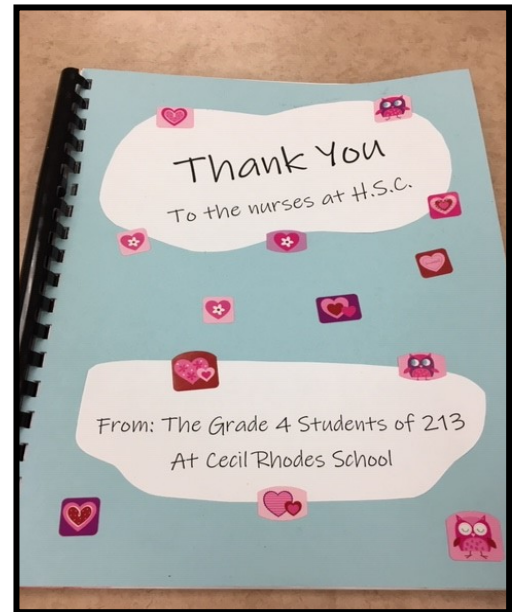
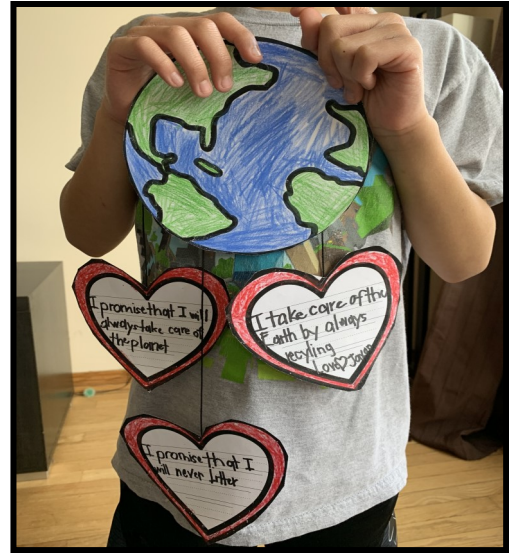
- We will increase critical thinking, student engagement and empowerment in learning, both in literacy and math
- We will significantly increase small and large group opportunities for student-to-student dialogue using technology when appropriate
- We will significantly increase the number of students who identify as assessment capable learners
- Main Academic Priority areas continue to be Reading, Writing and Mathematics
- Teachers will continue to use assessment practices to target gaps in learning and to close those gaps

### Addressing Barriers to Learning

- We will improve attendance through teaching practices that are intentional, engaging and empowering for students
- We will plan and implement reading and math interventions that address the impact of below grade level reading and writing ability on success in junior high content areas
- We will improve communication with families using a variety of methods of conveying school-related information
- We will improve in-school connections between our elementary and junior high students
- Providing technology to support remote learning for students
- Students in Nursery - Grade 8 will loop with teachers

# Parent and Community Involvement

- Parents and the community play a vital role in our school
- We have an active Parent Advisory Council
- Volunteers work in our classrooms, library, and on field trips
- Drive up Grade 9 Farewell Ceremonies and awards were supported by community members, the Winnipeg Foundation, Kiwanis, local elected officials, and the Board of Trustees of the WSD
- Community Cookery provided a feast for each classroom through the year with support from Winnipeg Harvest and parent volunteers
- Parent Run Lunch Program
- Variety Club Dental Program provided dental care for students
- Re-naming of Cecil Rhodes School
- Connected families to resources
- Staff made home visits to families
- Worked in conjunction with NorWest allowing "Playcation" packages to be sent home to students
- Holiday Hampers distributed to families



Thank you to our Parents and Community Members who provided ongoing support to our students.

