

# Clifton School Community Report 2022-2023

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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.**

## Facts at a Glance

# of Students:	141
# of Teachers:	11
# of Support Staff:	9



## About our school

Clifton School is a nurturing, welcoming inclusive Nursery to Grade 6 school. It has a population of approximately 140 students and 24 staff members. It is situated in the west end of Winnipeg with a culturally diverse population. Clifton's priorities include high academic achievement in numeracy and literacy. We work to support our student's mental health with a focus on Mindfulness.

Students' individual needs are acknowledged and supported in an inclusive learning environment. The staff at Clifton School empowers students to learn how to direct and understand their learning by including student voice and choice. Students are engaged in purposeful and meaningful learning and work together in a positive environment through flexible seating and differentiated instruction. The staff are committed to working together through collective efficacy to inspire students to reach goals and achieve academic success.

Clifton has a positive school culture where all students are learning how to be respectful, responsible and safe. These are the pillars of our Positive Behavioural Interventions and Support practices.

Parents support students and staff by helping to enrich their school experiences, actively running and supervising the lunch program, organizing many successful fundraising events, and continually engaging with an active Parent Advisory Council. We value our community partnerships that have been developed as well.



# Highlights

## Co-curricular Activities

Reinforce concepts taught in curricular areas, as well as help children discover and develop strengths and interests.

## Language Arts

Sessions with author Sonya Ballantyne  
Educational leave for teachers focusing on new ELA curriculum  
I love to Read month

## The Arts

Music Equals Rock Band  
Drumming sessions with Chris Scholl  
Drama sessions with Alissa Watson  
Virtual Winter Concert

## Athletics

Terry Fox Run  
Run Club  
Field Day  
Soccer Tournament

## Math and Science

Building Thinking Classrooms  
Dreambox  
STEM

## Digital

Use of See Saw and Google Classroom  
Chromebooks in all classrooms  
Internet safety presentations with WPS

## Leadership Development

Patrols  
Support of CanU program for students in Grades 5 and 6  
WASAC  
Leadership students

## Social and Emotional

Development of the Sensory Room  
Friendship Group  
Mindfulness  
Common Area Training (PBIS)  
Growth Mindset work in classrooms  
Outdoor Learning Day  
Wellness Week  
Truth and Reconciliation Commemoration Day  
Day of Pink  
WASAC Camp

## Other School Supports

Inclusion Support Services CSS Services  
Vision and Hearing Screening  
In-School Daycare Harstone Children's Center  
Partnership with University of Manitoba Nursing Students  
Collaboration with the Manitoba Conservatory of Music and the Arts  
Community partnership with Bird Construction



# Priorities for 2021-22

## Students

Continuation of developing student leaders  
Flexible seating for all students  
Continue to develop a sense of belonging to Clifton School community  
Recovery learning plans to support students due to suspension of school

## Learning Outcomes

Reading Recovery continued to support grade 1 early literacy program  
Using baseline data and incorporating best practices in teaching reading and writing  
School-wide focus on reading and writing using the optimal learning model  
Maximize student growth in numeracy through setting classroom routines in math that foster flexible thinking, problem-solving and modelling and communicating  
Continuation of extracurricular programs in music and physical education

## Addressing Barriers to Learning

Continue to implement the mindfulness curriculum in all classrooms, supported by resource team  
Common area training will take place throughout the school year  
Use of visuals in classrooms to support all learners

## Communications and partnerships with community

Continue to promote community connections through school initiatives such as welcome back BBQ, parent nights, volunteer program, concerts, assemblies, information nights  
Continue using school messenger to send the week at a glance and school activity updates

## Sustainability

School-wide recycling program  
Litter less lunch introduced by grade 4 student leaders  
Students caring for school plants  
Embracing Indigenous knowledges through a holistic approach

**Literacy Goal:** By the end of June 2023, all students at Clifton School will be meeting expectations in inferencing and synthesizing in reading and word choice and sentence fluency in writing. The teachers will be planning for whole group, small group and individual instruction using data from assessments as well as their professional observations. Specific strategies to be used are: demonstrating the purpose of the reading and writing task, creating questions that encourage the development of higher-order thinking and helping students to engage in metacognition by thinking and reflecting on their own learning and then setting their own learning goals.

**Numeracy Goal:** By the end of June 2023, all students will be meeting expectations in place value and estimation in math. Thinking Classrooms and Number Talks will be the school wide approach for the teaching of mathematics. Using "Contexts for Learning Mathematics" a classroom resource, student learning in math will be strengthened by providing them with rich, authentic experiences. Also, through the use of grade- appropriate manipulatives, math concepts the students are learning will go from abstract to concrete ideas. Students will be encouraged to use the program "Dream box" regularly.

**Safe and Caring Goal:** By the end of June 2023, students will be using proactive strategies to engage in learning and following school expectations (Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe). Students will learn techniques (mindfulness strategies) that calm their minds and bodies increasing their ability to stay engaged in their learning, helping them to stay on track academically and avoiding negative interactions with others. Students will also have an increased understanding and awareness of Indigenous ways of knowing and inclusive practices.



# Parent and community involvement

Parents play a vital role in our school. We have an active Parent Advisory Council who volunteer their time to help enrich our students' school experiences. They make invaluable contributions to our school. Some of the contributions include:

- Parent Council meetings
- Lunch Program
- Monthly newsletters
- Fundraisers for playground beautification
- Tri-conferences
- Welcome to Kindergarten Event

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