

# Strathcona 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 people learning and working within Winnipeg School Division to be:

**Engaged, Confident, Inspired, and Successful Learners.**

#### School Vision

Strathcona School, a community that nurtures the full potential of every child.

#### School Mission

We are dedicated to creating an inclusive, welcoming and safe learning environment. We recognize the diversity of our students and provide equitable and culturally responsive programming.



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#### About our school

Strathcona School is a Nursery to Grade 6 elementary school located in the heart of Winnipeg's north-end. Our school has an enrolment of approximately 265 students, supported by 21 teachers, a Community Support Worker and 18 auxiliary staff members including educational assistants, clerks and custodians. Additionally, our school receives assistance from Clinical Support Services, which includes a Reading Clinician, Psychologist, Speech Language Pathologist and Social Worker.

We pride ourselves on creating an inclusive educational environment that fosters interactive, innovative and authentic learning experiences. Although the school year has looked very different due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we have continued to provide students with opportunities to achieve academic excellence, build upon their self-esteem and develop social responsibility, while following all public health restrictions. We offer experiences both in and out of the classroom, which promote tolerance and understanding, self-discipline and independence. Strathcona School fosters an environment where all children feel accepted, valued and individuality is celebrated.

We provide Music, Physical Education, Visual Art and an integration of technology throughout all subject areas. Our school has a wide range of extra-curricular activities such as Intramurals, Pow Wow Club and Family Fiddle Nights. We are a Jets Hockey Academy school, which is a play-based developmental program for students in upper elementary. Students are encouraged to take active roles in a variety of student leadership including patrols, peace-community groups and the Green Team.

## Highlights

- New School Logo – Strathcona Bears
- Orange Shirt Day
- Daily Mindfulness Practice
- Meet the Teacher
- Pink Shirt Day
- Virtual Guest Artist – Karen Cornelius
- Virtual Guest Readers – MLA, Audrey Gordon & author, David Robertson
- Virtual Fieldtrips
- Share the Magic Monthly Book Donations
- Virtual Tri-Conferences
- 100 Days of School Celebration
- Patrols
- Virtual Monthly Assemblies – Seven Teachings
- I Love to Read month
- Outdoor Physical Education
- May Math Mania month
- Greening of the School
- Food Hampers/Breakfast Bundles

We look forward to resuming many of our school events and activities when the global pandemic is over. This includes:

- Winnipeg Jets Hockey Academy (Grades 5&6)
- Family Fiddle Club
- Winter & Spring concerts
- Halloween parade
- Makerspace
- Community Peace Groups
- Field Trips
- School BBQ
- BOKS Canada Program
- Intramurals
- Soccer Tournament
- Student Council
- Community Pancake Breakfast
- Lighthouses After School Program
- Lunch Hour Clubs:
  - Magic
  - Drawing
  - Pow Wow
  - Green Team
  - Knitting
  - Coding
  - Minecraft Education





# Divisional Priorities for 2020-2021

## Students

Strengthen instructional and assessment strategies for all students using all available resources including the integration of technology.

## Learning Outcomes

Further improve school attendance and graduation rates through the exploration of additional programs and strategies.

## Addressing Barriers

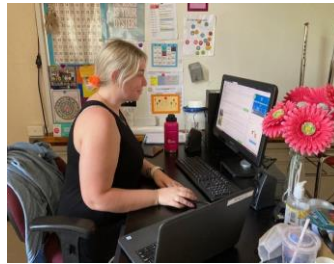
To further develop initiatives and innovative approaches addressing individual student needs and accessibility requirements, mental health issues, childcare needs, and nutritional needs.

## Sustainability

Strengthen and enhance sustainable development initiatives that address environmental, social and economic issues worldwide.

## Community

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



# Priorities for 2021-2022

## School Priorities in addition to Divisional Priorities:

### Recovery Learning

- To promote academic success and social-emotional well-being as students transition from remote learning to the classroom environment

### Literacy

- To improve student proficiency in writing independently to meet grade level expectations
- To increase student reading achievement to meet grade level expectations

### Mathematics

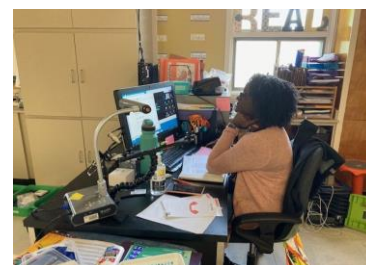
- To strengthen student numeracy skills to independently meet grade level expectations
- To focus on mental math strategies to develop a deeper understanding of mathematical concepts, vocabulary, creativity and problem-solving skills

### Safe & Caring

- To foster an increased awareness of student emotions and to strengthen their abilities to manage feelings and behaviours through self-regulation and mindfulness activities

### Equity & Diversity

- To promote culturally-responsive practices that recognize and incorporate the assets and strengths that students bring into the classroom, and ensuring that learning experiences, from curriculum to assessment, are relevant to all



# Parent and Community Involvement

Parents are involved and consulted in a number of school initiatives. While many of these activities have been put on hold as we continue to navigate the global pandemic, it is our hope that we will be able to resume the following events next year:

- School planning with the Community, Conversation and Coffee group (Parent Advisory Council)
- Celebration of Student Learning assemblies
- Participation in the Inner City Advisory Council
- Consultation in the divisional committee budget meetings
- Food Drive for Winnipeg Harvest
- Community volunteers to assist with classroom activities, go on fieldtrips and participate in school wide events (e.g., I Love to Read month)
- Day of Pink community walk
- Parents and community members attending our many celebrations, including our Winter Concert, annual pancake breakfast, Spring BBQ and grade 6 graduation
- Families attending weekly Rhyme Time session in the Nursery and Kindergarten classrooms
- Celebration of parent and community members volunteers at the annual recognition luncheon
- Strathcona's Community Support Worker provides resources and support to our families, including:
  - Support/advocacy to students and families
  - Home visits to strengthen school and community connection
  - Networking with other agencies to provide additional supports and referrals
  - Support with attendance, family concerns and other barriers to school attendance
  - Assistance with translators during tri-conferences
  - Koats for Kids
  - Vision, Hearing and Dental Screening

