

Fort Rouge School

Community Report

2021-2022

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Our Mission

At Fort Rouge School, we are committed to providing a calm, inspiring, learning environment where we will all be caring citizens, creative problem solvers and empowered leaders.

Our Vision

- We believe that all children can learn.
- We believe that all children deserve to learn in beautiful, calm and respectful spaces.
- We believe that we are partners with our families and the community, working together to ensure the academic and social success of our students.
- We believe that together with families and the community, we can inspire, identify and nurture the strengths of each student.
- We believe that we must honour all individuals, learning from the experience and talents each brings to our school. We believe that we must help to prepare our students to be problem solvers, critical thinkers and leaders in our community.



About Our School

Located near the city's historic Forks area, Fort Rouge School is a beautiful Nursery to Grade 6 elementary school with a student body of about 135 students. Given our small size, we are truly a family. In keeping with the family philosophy, many of our classrooms are multi-age learning studios, where students learn together with other students who may be younger or older.

All our classrooms take full advantage of our surrounding community as an extension of our school. Students visit different sites, such as the Forks, or Upper Fort Garry, frequently and take regular community walks to enhance the learning that takes place in the classroom.

At Fort Rouge School, students engage in Physical Education classes, Music, Dance, Drama, and Art classes, and have access to a beautiful library and portable technology. We believe that students need to learn how to use technology and social media ethically and responsibly and we therefore focus on this throughout the year.

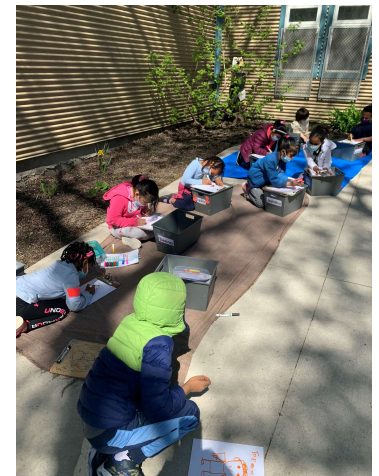
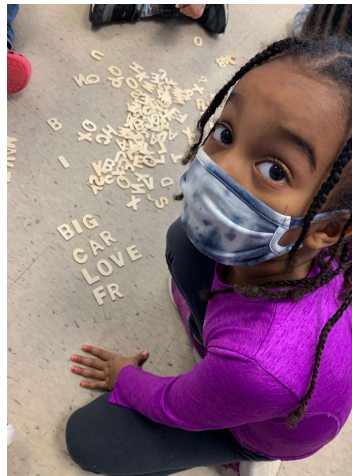
"Learners Today, Leaders Tomorrow!" Is our motto and students regularly hear the message "We are learners, we are leaders, and we are kind, everyday and everywhere."



WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION

Highlights

- Nursery classes – Half Day
- Kindergarten classes – Half Day and Full Day (ended in June 2022)
- Talk To Me Program (to support the Speech & Language of Nursery, Kindergarten, Grade 1 and 2 students)
- Grades 1 – 6 Multi-Aged Classrooms
- Inquiry Based Learning
- Outdoor Learning
- Reading Recovery Teacher
- Integrated Arts Teacher – Music, Dance, Drama and Visual Arts
- Adult Crossing Guards and Student Patrols
- Parent Advisory Council (PAC)
- PAC Lunch Program
- Breakfast and Snack Program
- Cool 2 Be Kind
- Maybrook Daycare (before, lunch, and after school care)
- Family Room with Community Support Worker
- Thrival Kits to Support Mental Health
- Technology in each classroom (Chromebooks and iPads)



Priorities for 2021-2022

Social Emotional Learning

We practice mindfulness every day and we know what it feels like to be calm. As we continue to attend school with COVID-19 protocols, students and staff support one another when we are feeling worried or sad. We teach students how to manage their own stress and practice self-regulation. Most of all, we teach students how to be kind to each other.

Literacy

Learning how to read and write in a fun, engaging way continues to be our priority. We in activities and events and make connections though what we are reading. We then are learning to get all our creative ideas on paper and write interesting participate stories.

Numeracy

Through stories and situations, we are learning how to communicate and use math vocabulary. In math, sometimes knowing how to get answers in different ways is important and sometimes, knowing the answers by heart makes thinking easy. We are learning the differences for this and why.

Nutrition

One of our biggest priorities is making sure we have fuel in our bodies so that we can learn. We have a robust nutrition program with healthy breakfasts and snacks offered to students every day. We also support families with food security. Throughout the month, we gather food from various agencies and offer it to families for free.



Priorities for 2022-2023

We will continue to focus on the same four goals:

Social-Emotional Learning

In addition to our daily Mindful Moments, we will continue with our other initiatives from this year. Our school-wide focus on Bullying, what it is, and how to deal with it, has helped many students be less stressed. Thrival Kits were also introduced from Grades 3-6, which will continue for next year.

Literacy

We will continue to concentrate on engaged reading and purposeful writing. Understanding what we read and learning new vocabulary words every day makes us better readers and writers. In everything we do, whether it is outside at play or inside watching a video about the solar system, we are always learning new vocabulary words and trying to understand the meaning.

Numeracy

We will continue our focus on problem solving and learning how to add, subtract, multiply, and divide. Knowing how to understand numbers and how to approach a situation is an important part of math. We need to know what and how to answer a question.

Nutrition

Thanks to the nutrition grants, we will be able to provide more nutritious meals every day to our students. This year, we plan to return to students being involved in the planning, preparing, and delivering Breakfast and Snack to the school.

A BIG thank you to the following charities for their generous donations to our Nutrition program, which includes Breakfast and Snack for all students every day:

- Winnipeg School Division
- Presidents' Choice Children's Charity
- Child Nutrition Council of Manitoba
- Breakfast Club of Canada



Parent and Community Involvement

We are very fortunate to have a full time Community Support Worker who has created a welcoming Family Room. Ms. Tammy Shone works to strengthen the home-school connection through programs, adult learning and school supports.

Here are the many programs and activities that are offered throughout the year:

- Handle With Care
- Portfolio Building
- Rhyme Time
- Video Story Time
- Little Learners Library
- February Book Draws
- Painting Classes
- Cooking Classes
- Little Food Explorers
- Food Security Program
- Winter Clothing Distribution
- Mobile Vision Care Clinic
- Meals 2 Go (formerly Breakfast 2 Go)
- Holiday Take and Make
- Parent Advisory Council
- Traditional Parenting
- Get Ready for Kindergarten Bags
- Multicultural Celebration
- First Aid Training
- Volunteer Program

In response to the limited access to grocery stores and high prices of food goods, we supported families with weekly potatoes, onions, and bread handouts. Every little bit goes a long way!

We have a Parent Advisory Council who meet monthly and supports the initiatives and priorities of the school.

We continue to have many of our parents graduate from different programs such as Job Works and take on positions as Educational Assistants and Adult Crossing Guards.

We are fortunate to be a part of a vibrant, diverse community. We know that there is much to learn from our community: its past, its present and its future. We try to discover the gifts and talents of our families as much as we can.

