

Grosvenor 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.

Grosvenor's Mission

Welcome to Grosvenor School family, where everyone is valued and loved. We work together to create a rigorous learning environment that is respectful, inclusive and collaborative. Our learners are engaged in critical and innovative thinking through the arts, inquiry and creative problem solving. With the building of strong leadership and communication skills, our students are developing as responsible and generous global citizens.



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About our school

Grosvenor is nestled in the Crescentwood community of Winnipeg. Built in 1922, Grosvenor has established itself as a Nursery-Grade 6 community of learners characterized by strong academic programming, environmental stewardship and its support of learning through the arts.

Grosvenor is home to 166 students, 11 teachers, 6 educational assistants/clerks. We have an Elementary Science Lab and have established STEAM programming (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Math). We are proud to be one of the few elementary schools in the province recognized as an "Eco- Globe" school at the Transformational Level for our work on environmental sustainability. Our resource teacher is a qualified Forest School Instructor. Part of our programming is taking students for seasonal visits to the forest; to notice and wonder. We use our visits as provocations to spark curiosity about the world around them and connect their questions and interests to the curriculum.

As we value the building of citizenship, our children have opportunities to mentor younger students. We like to tell people that we are a small school, but a big family! At Grosvenor School we celebrate the unique gifts of all students, and work in partnership with our families to build a strong learning community.

Highlights

Although the school year took many twists and turns due to the global pandemic, we stayed connected to each other and to our community. Here are some of our special initiatives and activities:

- Intentional Mindfulness teaching (K-6)
- Mud Day
- Winter Fun Day
- Spirit Week x2
- Dance Mondays
- Grade 6 Robotics- Manitoba Robotic Games
- Intentional teaching on positive self image, inclusion and sense of belonging
- Classrooms were given \$1000.00 for classroom libraries
- Honoured Orange T-Shirt Day and Day of Pink
- I love to Read school wide activities
- Monthly virtual assemblies
- Continued whole school initiative exploring growth mindset, making mistakes and embracing the struggle of learning
- Virtual Remembrance Day assembly
- Virtual Holiday Carolling video



Priorities for 2020-21

School priorities from the past school year

- Developing opportunities for teacher collaboration
- Outdoor Education/
Inquiry based learning/STEAM
- Exploring Mathematical Mindsets
- Mindfulness-
Mental well-being
- Growth Mindset



In addition to our Winnipeg School Division priorities as outlined in the 2016-2020 Strategic Plan, Grosvenor School has made the following priorities for the upcoming year.

- Professional Inquiry into High Impact Teaching Strategies
- Intentional system planning for teacher collaboration
- Develop professional learning opportunities to explore Multi-age Learning Communities
- Outdoor Education/Inquiry Based Learning
- Mindfulness/Growth Mindset/Creating Thinkers

Parent and community involvement

Something that characterizes our Grosvenor community is the commitment and engagement of our students. Our parent council, Grosvenor School Association (GSA) plays a vital role in the daily life in the school. From planning events to spearheading fundraising efforts, our parents are strong supporters of the learning and programming at Grosvenor.

Although Covid made it more difficult to invite families into the school, we found ways throughout the course of the year to volunteer their time in different ways. We had parents (and grandparents) virtually volunteer their time in classrooms, supporting learning through the teaching of a concept or sharing of their work life or simply, read aloud to the class. Parents also dream up themes for staff appreciation week and the Grade 6 Farewell, donate items for raffle baskets, run our fun lunches...the list goes on and on.

Here is a glimpse into the tremendous efforts of our GSA: (please note that some of these are pre-covid)

- Monthly meetings with a warm and welcoming atmosphere
- GSA run Before and After School Program (last year)
- GSA run Lunch Program
- September kick off: Meet the Teacher Potluck dinner (Virtual in 2020)
- Holiday sing- a long (a virtual video sent home in 2020)
- Financial support- Outdoor learning space, field trips/bussing, classroom technology /furniture
- Running fun lunches throughout the year
- Subsidizing of Grade 6 Winter Camp
- Requests for Children Heritage Donations to support the school with additional programming and resources

Our strong partnership supports our children in so many ways-
THANK YOU to our parents!!

