

Isaac Brock 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.



About our school

Isaac Brock is a Nursery to Grade 9 school located in Minto in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada within the Winnipeg School Division. Our school has an enrollment of 348 students and includes an average of 25 teachers and 25 support staff. We offer three Winnipeg School Division programs including the Bilingual Cree and Ojibwe programs, a Learning Assistance Centre (Grades 7-9) and a Junior High Autism Program (Grades 7-9). There is a before and after school program located at Valour Community Centre available for students aged 4-12 years as well as a half-day program for our Nursery and Kindergarten students. Valour also offers a lunch program which is located at Isaac Brock.

Staff is committed to developing academic and social skills in an inclusive and culturally diverse environment. Students are supported through a Resource Program, Reading Recovery Program, EAL Program, Music, Physical Education, and STEAM Program. Students are provided with many opportunities to engage in extracurricular activities and develop leadership skills through our Patrol Program, Student Council, Green Team and Grade 9 Volunteer Program



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Highlights

At Isaac Brock School we emphasize participation and cooperation. We believe all students have opportunities to be involved at school.

Events

- Walk-a-thon
- Orange Shirt Day
- Remembrance Day
- Band Festival
- Grade 9 Farewell Parade
- Winter Concert
- Student-Led Assemblies
- I Love to Read month (guest readers/contests/activities)
- Open Gym
- MADD Canada (Gr.7-9)
- Talent Show
- Art Club
- Take Your Kids to Work Day
- Green Team
- Science Fair Club
- Grade 4 Swimming
- Spirit Week
- Student Council
- Bake Sales
- Junior High Dances
- Instant Challenges
- Career Symposium
- Lodge Room Feast
- Everybody has the Right
- Cross Country



Priorities for 2020-21

Students:

To provide robust and comprehensive education, equitable access, diverse opportunity, and a supportive learning environment for all students to help them prepare for their journey with values of learning and social justice, and to be responsible community members.

Learning Outcomes:

To further improve school attendance, achievements, and graduation rates through the exploration of additional programs and strategies.

Addressing Barriers to Learning:

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

Communications and Partnerships with Community:

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

Sustainability:

To strengthen and enhance sustainable development initiatives that address environmental, social, and economical issues.



Priorities for 2021-22

We will continue to focus on the existing priorities and incorporate some new initiatives to have greater impact on student learning.

- Re-open and utilize the STEAM (Science Technology Engineering Art Mathematics) Program across all grades
- Incorporate sharing circles within classrooms on an on-going basis
- Utilize Educational Assistants and Clinical Support Services clinicians to do some community and family outreach
- Offer a Parent Council run lunch program for students
- Provide opportunities for students to develop self-regulation strategies
- Implement strategies to target the Mental Health and well-being of our students
- Increase frequency of whole-school events to further build a sense of community and belonging
- Integrate strategies to increase student engagement
- Explore opportunities for all students to explore Indigenous traditions and culture

Parent and Community Involvement

The Isaac Brock Parent Council continues to be a busy and supportive group working for the school!

Due to Covid we were only able to hold one fundraiser this year. Thank you to all of the families and community members who purchased rain barrels from us!

We raised \$1000.00 from the sale. This money will be added to last year's fundraising efforts (due to the school being closed last year we were unable to write the school our usual end of year cheque). The Parent Council and the school have a few different ideas on what to use this money for so we will keep you posted. Everyone at Isaac Brock benefits from what the Parent Council and community provides.

We also put on a great staff appreciation week in March. This year we had to think outside the box as we could not cook and bake for the staff due to Covid. We decided to support local businesses instead and the staff was treated to bagels and cream cheese from Hudson Bagels, pizza from Wall Street Slice and danishes from Sleepy Owl bakery, as well as cookies and handmade soaps from JK Custom Cookies and It Makes Scents. The staff and teachers this year have gone above and beyond to help our children learn in a variety of ways. We look forward to future opportunities to let our staff know that we appreciate them for what they do.

Without the continued support of the students, staff, families and community members we would not be able to do what we do. In order to continue the support and fundraising, new people and fresh ideas are a necessity. We held our AGM on June 16th and we were happy to see some new faces! We held our elections for Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Social Media. I have stepped down as Chair and Sindy Ackerman-Stratton and Leanne Janzen have been elected as Co-Chairs. Our new Secretary is Jen Donachuk, Kara Zerbin is our Treasurer and Glenna Sanderson is our Social Media Director. Welcome to all of our new members!

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 21st, 2021. At this point the Parent Council is not sure if the meeting will be virtual or in person so stay tuned for further updates. If meetings aren't your thing, that's ok. There are lots of ways to help! Let us know and we will be sure to call you when we need volunteers to assist with a fundraiser or activity.

I would like to take this opportunity to say good bye and thank you. After 14 years on the Isaac Brock Parent Council my time there has come to an end. My youngest finished grade 9 and I will be moving on. I have made so many friends and learned so much from the people I have met through this Parent Council. I could not imagine a better group of people to work with over the years. I know that the members, new and old, will continue to do a fantastic job of helping the school! So thank you to all of the students, staff, community members and most of all to my fellow Parent Council members. It's been a great 14 years!

*All the best for a safe and sensational summer,
Liz Jackimec*

