

# École J. B. Mitchell 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

École J.B. Mitchell School is an inclusive environment highly committed to the academic and social growth of all learners. Located in River Heights, J.B. Mitchell houses a dual track English and French Immersion program. There are approximately 400 students who attend from nursery to grade 6. We benefit from a strong parent community group which supports our numerous school initiatives. An educational team of more than 40 staff maintains a strong focus on Literacy and Numeracy goals. Innovation, creativity, communication and opportunities to collaborate and think critically are embedded throughout the learning day. We remain firmly committed to Indigenous Education, social justice and reconciliation. The Administration is committed to maintaining professional learning communities that empower and build capacity among staff members.

J.B. Mitchell is a culturally diverse community which provides numerous learning opportunities today for its leaders of tomorrow.



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# Highlights

Despite many adjustments due to the COVID Pandemic and remote learning periods, there have been opportunities for enriching initiatives and activities. While some of our activities were cancelled, many were re-organized to suit the pandemic context. We've even had an opportunities to try new things and start some new traditions. Thank you to our community, students and staff for their incredible flexibility, creativity and support!

Here are some of our highlights:

- Virtual Artist in Residency with local artist Liza Isakov- to continue in Fall 2021
- Know Your Zone! Self-Regulation strategies and personal tool kits were well used and visible this year!
- Festival du Voyageur/French Week and Pancake Breakfast
- Winter Fun Day Activities that lasted the full week
- I Love To Read Activities with Dress Up as your Favorite Character Day and Dress For Success Day
- Terry Fox Run- Students raised awareness and funds for cancer research
- Classroom outings and field trips were held virtually this year. Students explored numerous locations including Fort Whyte, the Forks, Assiniboine Forest, Manitoba Museum, to name but a few
- Earth Day Celebrations with Green Action
- Virtual Everything from assemblies to Parent –Teacher Conferences
- Virtual Talent Show
- Grade 6 Farewell
- Kindergarten Farewell



## Priorities - 2020-2021

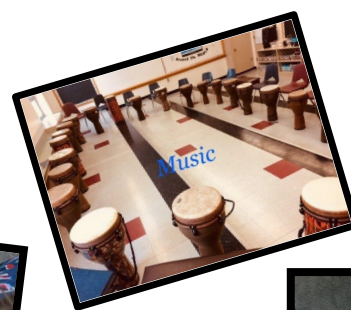
Upon the request from the Province, we have maintained a keen focus on Recovery Learning in the four core areas of Literacy Learning, Numeracy, Science and Social Studies. Students and their families have become proficient with a number of online platforms and virtual learning opportunities. Teachers have become proficient with congruent, live on-line instruction

### Literacy Learning:

We maintained a strong focus on decoding, comprehension and writing skills across remote and in-school learning settings. Students engaged in opportunities to learn in whole group and small group settings. Students were able to practice and demonstrate their understanding of reading and writing strategies by posting assignments to Seesaw or google classroom. Students engaged with a number of digital tools including Je lis, Je lis and Raz Kids.

### Numeracy Learning:

We maintained a focus on expanding and consolidating the use of math strategies and math vocabulary. Students engaged in remote and in-school learning opportunities that challenged them to use their knowledge and demonstrate their understanding.



## School Priorities 2021-2022

The remote learning period and the need for recovery learning were considered when establishing the School Priorities for the upcoming year. Due to the pandemic context, our Priorities for the upcoming school-year will be ongoing. The Priorities are aligned with the Winnipeg School Division goals as well as with the Literacy and Numeracy goals established by the Province.

- Continue to strengthen early literacy skills for Nursery and Kindergarten students with a focus on the instruction of phonological and phonemic awareness in both the English and French Immersion Programs. We are excited to announce a new initiative for our Kindergarten students in partnership with the Reading and Speech and language clinicians.
- Continue to strengthen literacy and language learning for English as Additional Language (EAL) Learners with a focus on vocabulary development, decoding and comprehension strategies.
- Improve students' performance in reading by strengthening their ability to effectively apply a variety of reading strategies, explain their understanding of text read and set their own goals for reading, in both the English and French Immersion Programs.
- Improve students' ability to communicate their mathematical thinking in a variety of ways beyond oral expression. Students in both the English and French Immersion Programs will make use of manipulatives, digital pictures, drawings and journals to communicate their mathematical strategies.
- Enhance students' ability to identify and understand their triggers and the triggers of others and to use their self-regulation strategies in a variety of situations beyond the classroom including on field trips, at recess and in the Lunch Program.
- Teachers will continue to implement a 6-week planning cycle in Literacy and Numeracy to assess and monitor student growth and to select timely learning targets based on individual student need.

# Parent and Community Involvement

École J.B. Mitchell School has an active and engaged Parent Advisory Council (PAC) that met virtually from October to June this year. Throughout this pandemic year, JBM PAC has offered a high level of support to students, staff and the community. Many events and activities have been cancelled or re-scheduled. We look forward to a time when we can resume the many positive experiences JBM PAC supports. While we have limited contact with our many parent, grandparent and community volunteers, we look forward to the day when we can welcome you all back.

Here are some 2020-2021 highlights:

- Artist in Residency with local artist Liza Isakov *(Paused due to COVID and will continue in the fall)*
- J.B. Mitchell Staff Appreciation *(Thank you JBM PAC and parents for your thoughtful gifts and kind words)*
- Glenlea Plant Fundraiser
- Fun Lunch –Sept – June *(Paused due to COVID. We hope to continue this well-loved tradition next year.)*
- French Week, Pancake Breakfast  
Winter Fun Day activities
- Grade 6 Camp Arnes *(Cancelled due to COVID. Funds are in place to continue when possible.)*
- Lilac Field Trip -Patrol and SAM's Appreciation *(Cancelled due to COVID. Funds are in place to continue this event when possible.)*
- Running Club *(Paused due to COVID)*
- MTYP –Theatre Productions *(Paused due to COVID)*
- Robotics *(Paused due to COVID)*
- Family Fun Night *(Paused due to COVID).*

Thank you to our families, our many volunteers and to our JBM Parent Council for your generous gift of time and for your ongoing support.

