

École J. B. Mitchell School

Community Report 2021-2022

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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 360 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, 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 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!

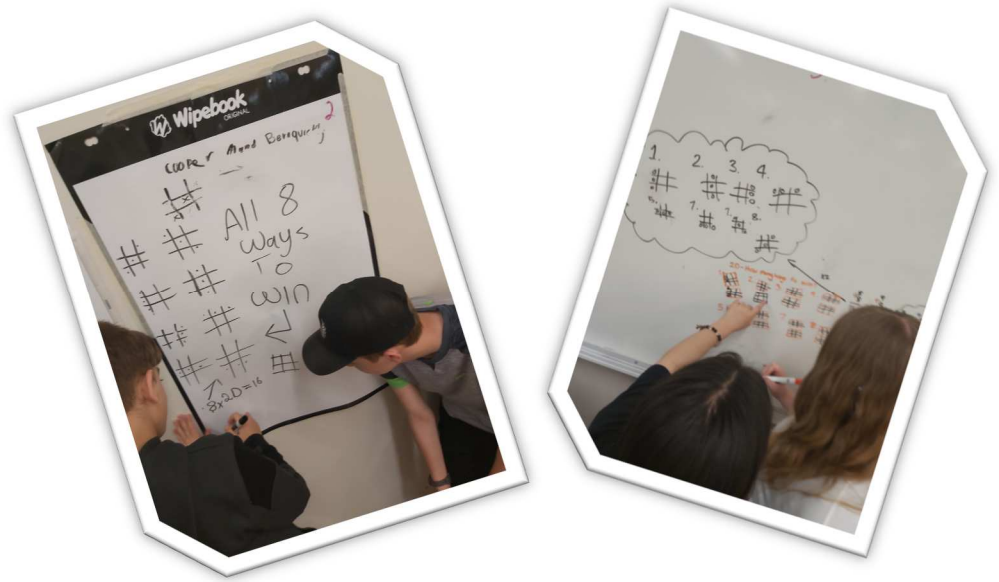
Here are some of our highlights:

- Artist in Residency with local artist Liza Isakov- locker murals designed & painted by student body
- Know Your Zone! Self-Regulation strategies and personal tool kits were well used and visible this year!
- Active Student Leadership teams (Patrols & Global Kidizens)
- Grade 4-6 Intramurals
- Grade 2/3 Games Club
- Festival du Voyageur/French Week and Pancake Breakfast
- Winter Fun Day & Summer Fun Day (Field Day)
- I Love To Read Activities with literacy-themed Spirit Week
- Terry Fox Run- Students raised awareness and funds for cancer research.
- Orange Shirt Day – raised awareness and deepened understandings of Truth & Reconciliation.
- Pink Shirt Day – focus on kindness and anti-bullying initiatives
- Earth Day Celebrations with Green-Action
- Walk-a-thon to raise awareness and funds for Ukraine
- Some Classroom outings and field trips were held virtually this year such as, the Canadian Museum of History, University of Toronto, National Gallery of Canada, Kids Code Jeunesse, Manitoba Museum, Canadian Human Rights Museum, Parks Manitoba & Red River Heritage Fair (to name but a few)
- Outings off school grounds returned this year with students exploring numerous locations such as, Fort Whyte, Manitou, Lilac Resort, Art Gallery, Assiniboia Indian Residential School (Ted Fontaine), Oak Hammock Marsh, Mariash Quarry & Fort Gibraltar
- In-person Grade 6 Farewell
- In-person Kindergarten Farewell



School Priorities 2021-2022

- Strengthen literacy programming in English and French Language Arts with a focus on reading comprehension strategies
- Strengthen writing skills with a focus on the 6 traits and the spiraled teaching of diverse forms of writing
- Strengthen math skills with a focus on mental math strategies & strengthen student ability to explain their thinking and learning
- Supporting students in extending their use of self-regulation strategies to include activities that occur beyond the classroom such as during recess and on field trips
- Use an inquiry approach to provide authentic, hands-on experiences for students to create, collaborate, communicate and think critically
- Embed available technology, laptops, iPads, Chromebooks into classroom instruction to support learning



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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 September 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 were altered to meet COVID mandates/restrictions and some events were put on hold until next year. We look forward to resuming the many positive experiences JBM PAC supports and to welcoming our many parent, grandparent and community volunteers, we look forward to the day when we can welcome you all back. Here are some 2021-2022 highlights:

- Artist in Residency with local artist Liza Isakov
- 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 5 Camp
- Grade 6 Camp
- Lilac Field Trip -Patrol Appreciation
- Running Club
- MTYP –Theatre Productions *(Paused due to COVID but pre-booked for 2022/23)*
- Huggins & Wolff Memorial Garden
- Robotics with Grade 5 & 6 Students
- 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.

