

Lord Nelson School

Community Report

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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.

Our Mission Statement

Lord Nelson School promotes a healthy, caring and inclusive school culture where high levels of achievement occur within a positive school environment. We believe that everyone has the right to be treated with dignity and respect in a safe, caring and inclusive environment. The standard of behavior shall apply to all members of the community including students, staff, parents/guardians, board members, volunteers and visitors.



About our school

Lord Nelson School is a Nursery to Grade 6 school in the North End of Winnipeg with a population of approximately 365 students. Lord Nelson has a positive school culture where students have a clear understanding of how to be respectful, be safe and be the best they can be, which is embedded in their PBIS practices (Positive Behaviour Intervention Support). A safe and nurturing school, Lord Nelson strengthens student achievement through inclusive classroom practices, Transforming the Teaching of Reading and Writing, developing responsible social behaviour and global citizenship, building community through whole school Family Group activities, and supporting the integration of Education for Sustainable Development and Indigenous perspectives in all curricular areas.

Families at Lord Nelson are supported by a Community Support Worker, an active Parent Advisory Council and a strong volunteer base. A Lunch Program is available for students, supported and organized by the Parent Advisory Council. The school has a Family Center where many activities, parenting and pre-school programs are offered. Lord Nelson also offers before, after and Nursery/Kinder Care through the YMCA-YWCA that is housed in the school.

Lord Nelson is a Lighthouse Funded school that offers a multitude of intra-mural and before/after school clubs that focus on academics, healthy lifestyles, sport activities, technology, culture and the Arts.

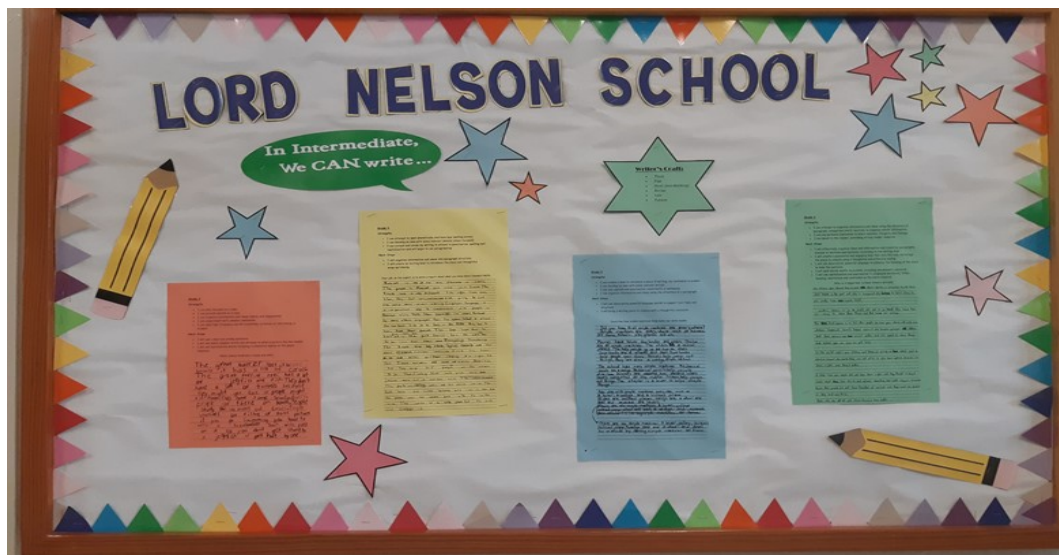
The school priorities include continuing to build collective efficacy to support all learners with oral language, comprehension and communication in ELA and Math. Additionally, we prioritize supporting our students' mental health, continuing to work on inclusive practices and infusing Indigenous Education.



Highlights 2020 - 2021

- The Play Space is Here! With thanks to the Parent Advisory Committee, the City of Winnipeg, The Winnipeg Foundation and the Winnipeg School Division Lord Nelson School opened its new inclusive play space! The play space has an area for music, a communication board, large swings, and nature themed gross motor and seating space. This investment in the community has been well used and loved since opening. We trust this will continue for years to come!
- Thanks to the Chapters Indigo Love of Reading Grant, teachers were able to purchase great children's literature for their classrooms and the school library. Students were exposed to new ideas and experiences while having fun reading, writing and conversing about the books. The Chapters Indigo Grant has also supported an update of the school library, replacing well loved books and updating titles to high interest materials for our students.
- We are a writing school! Lord Nelson School students and staff focus on the Reading/Writing Connection to improve best practices in teaching and for students to make connections between reading and writing. Our students write for a real audience and with a real purpose. As a Transforming the Teaching of Reading and Writing school, we host teachers from other schools to share our learning about the effective ways of teaching writing.
- I Love to Read Month - I love to Read Month brought many special guest readers into Lord Nelson School, such as Councilor Vivian Santos, Councilor Markus Chambers, MLA Dijeet Brar, Officer Ryan Wolinski, and our very own Mr. Kreger! The format was changed to connect with people virtually, but many new books were read followed by many amazing questions and conversations.
- We were privileged to work with the PSS team this year in the area of high impact, high engagement math strategies. Teachers worked on finding ways to help students be confident in math and to be able to communicate their thinking in words through socially distant group work.
- Lord Nelson Teachers have been hard at work laying the groundwork for an amazing Maker Space/STEM room at Lord Nelson. Room 4 has been retrofitted with a sink and the school has invested in furniture and supplies. This space will provide many amazing opportunities for students to imagine, discover, create and communicate. This space will open to the students in the 2021-22 school year.
- Our Indigenous Perspectives Action Committee (IPAC) continued to strengthen our library and classroom resources by including Indigenous authors, cultural content and dual language books in Cree and Ojibway. Committee members also began offering the opportunity to smudge Tuesday mornings. We have seen steadily increasing participation from staff and students. The committee is thankful for the communities' support and participation in this valuable strategy for mindfulness and connecting to culture.
- Lord Nelson invested heavily in technology this school year. We were able to add 16 Chromebooks, 25 laptops and 10 iPads into classrooms.
- The school found safe ways to host many of its large functions this year. Our annual Mental Wellness student conference, Health-A-Palooza, Seeds of Self Care, was a very successful partnership with Fred Penner, Children of the Earth High School and Tec Voc High School. The day focused around strategies to take care of ourselves in times of stress.
- We have a YMCA/YWCA Before and After School Program and a Nursery/KinderCare Program that supports our families with childcare.
- In 2021-22 we look forward to bringing back many of the things that were cancelled this year, including the afterschool programming, school wide access to our Music and Phys Ed specialists and having parents and community members back in the school.





Priorities for 2021-2022

1. Students

Support increased school attendance by continuing to follow-up with phone calls, letters home and using our truancy officer so that our attendance rate improves for all learners.

2. Learning Outcome

Build collective efficacy to support all learners with oral language, comprehension and communication in language as sense-making, exploration and design, power and agency and systems.

Develop a school wide framework including consistent vocabulary for the instruction and assessment of numeracy that is connected Nursery through to grade 6 at Lord Nelson.

3. Addressing Barriers to Learning

Monitor and support our students' mental health (including anxiety levels) using the Safe and Caring Schools framework.



Parent and community involvement

At Lord Nelson School, we are proud to say that we have a half time Community Support Worker and a Parent Centre. Our Community Support Worker generally offers a range of programs in a busy and vibrant Parent Room. This year our Community Support Worker worked tirelessly to connect and support families through a mix of in person and online activities.

These include:

- **Tots N' Training** School Readiness Program - in school
- **Parent Support** - online/in school/parent pick up
- **Nutrition Bingo** - online
- **Training and Networking** – online
- **Grow with Me! Parent/Child Literacy Program** - online
- **Craft days** - online
- **Holiday celebrations** - online
- **Grade 6 Babysitting Course** - online
- **CanU** - online
- **Digital Media Literacy Workshop** - online
- **Playcation Preschool Literacy** - parent pick up
- **Baby Resource Kits** - online/parent pick up
- **Food Security programming** - parent pick up
- **Koats for Kids** - parent pick up
- **Family Literacy Day Game Make & Take** - online
- **My Tween and Me Parent/Child program** - online
- **Parent Wellness Day** - online
- **Winnipeg Harvest Meal/Snack Program** - in school
- **PAC -Healthy Hunger Lunches** - in school

Lord Nelson looks forward to a school year with an open Parent Room and finding additional ways to connect with and support each member of our Lord Nelson Community.

