

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 380 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 Centre 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.

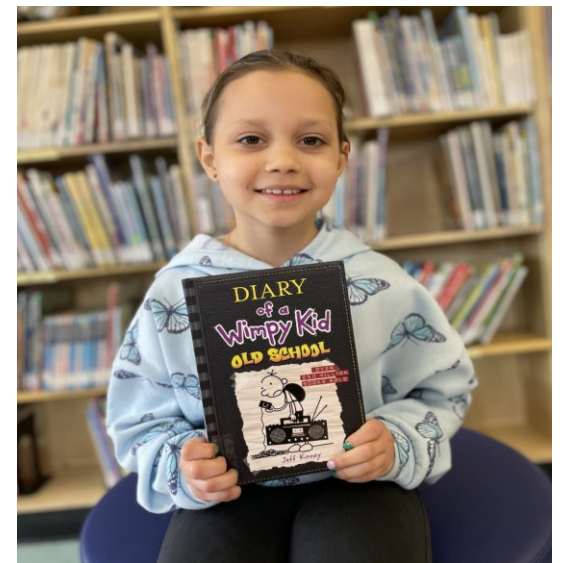
Lord Nelson is a Lighthouse Funded school that offers a multitude of intra-mural and before/after school clubs that focus on academics, healthy lifestyles, sport activities, technology, culture and the Arts.

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 2021 - 2022

- Thanks to the Chapters Indigo Love of Reading Grant, we completed year 3 of our 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, inclusive and diverse material for our students. In total, we received \$60,000 worth of new reading materials for LNS.
- 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 activities include daily LNS staff mystery readers. Staff and students created 20 puzzle pieces, each depicting a favourite book among students at LNS. Students were then able to guess how many books they knew from the puzzle pieces.
- We were privileged to work with a WSD Math Mentor Coach 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 and practice their oral language skills.
- 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 2022-23 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 continued investing in technology this school year. We were able to add 15 Chromebooks, 5 laptops and 5 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, *Fueling our Minds and Bodies* was a very successful partnership with True North Youth Foundation Project 11 and OMAZINIBIT'IEG: Indigenous Artist Collective. The day focused around strategies to focus our attention, regulate our emotions and help students be as healthy as they can be.
- We have a YMCA/YWCA Before and After School Program and a Nursery/Kindergarten Program that supports our families with childcare.
- In February 2022, LNS received grants from PC Children's Charity, Child Nutrition Council and Harvest Manitoba. With these grants we were able to provide a healthy breakfast/snack to all students in grade 1-6 every Tuesday and Thursday morning.





Priorities for 2022-2023

1. Building 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.
2. Monitoring and supporting our students (Safe and Caring Schools framework) and staff with access to mental health resources
3. Developing school wide belief statements in Literacy and Numeracy and cementing them into our practice



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/in school
- **Training and Networking** – online
- **Grow with Me! Parent/Child Literacy Program** - online
- **Craft days** - online
- **Holiday celebrations** - online
- **Grade 6 Babysitting Course** – in school
- **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 Breakfast/Snack Program** - in school
- **PAC -Healthy Hunger Lunches** - in school
- **Breakfast with Santa** – in school
- **Community BBQ**



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.

