



# ÉCOLE ROBERT H. SMITH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

MARCH / MARS 2022



## PRINCIPAL'S GREETING

Welcome to March!

We are sure you are all happy to say goodbye to a very cold and very snowy February!

It has been a very full month at school, and it's hard to believe we are only weeks away from Spring Break. We have recently moved from Code Orange back to Code Yellow in our school and we continue to wait on news of what school will look like once more of the provincial restrictions are lifted later this month. We will be sure to notify you of any changes should there be any announcements. We continue to ask you to screen your children before sending them to school and to keep your children home if they are sick or displaying any COVID symptoms.

We celebrated our last day of "I Love to Read" month on Monday, Feb 28<sup>th</sup>. Students read daily during our D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything And Read) time. We had a few virtual guest readers over the month starting with Mayor Brian Bowman reading *Dogs Don't Eat Soup*, then Mme Powell reading *Ping* and just last Friday it was David Robertson, a local author of several books including *The Barren Grounds*, reading his own book titled *On the Trampoline*. The students enjoyed all the visits and asked great questions at the end of the presentations. There was a contest for students to attempt to match favorite books with the corresponding teacher. Thank you to all the students who took the time to give this a go. We were also tracking the number of minutes that we all read and we calculated that, as a whole, we exceeded our goal of reading over 200000 minutes. The actual total number of minutes read was 203204. Great job everyone!

We also celebrated Festival du Voyageur this month with a couple of virtual presentations, a dress like a voyageur day and some outdoor activities. Based on feedback from the students, the presentations were enjoyed by all and it was great to get outside and participate in activities.

Just a reminder that we are still accepting registrations for the 2022-2023 school year. If you have any friends or neighbours with children who will be 4 years old (for Nursery) or 5 years old (for Kindergarten) by Dec 31, 2022, please encourage them to check out our school website at <https://www.winnipegssd.ca/roberthsmith/page/12317/school-registration-information> for information regarding registration. We are also accepting registrations for grades 1-6, for both English and French Immersion.

Parent meetings are coming up on March 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> and they will be virtual again. The format will be tri-conferences so your child should be with you when you meet with the teacher. If you are not able to attend on either of those dates, please contact your child's teacher to make other arrangements. Please watch for a message regarding signing up for your meeting times via School Interview. Report cards will be sent home electronically on March 15<sup>th</sup>.

We thank you for your engagement in your child's learning.  
Adam Dyck and Sarah Arnold



### **ATTENTION DRIVERS:**

We continue to hear from parents regarding the dangerous situations around the school. We ask that everyone please respect all traffic rules and not stop in the middle of the streets to let your children out. It causes traffic to get backed up and puts the children in danger. We do have the Stop, Drop and Go Zone especially for this. If parents would please refrain from heading south on Ash and parking on that street, it would help the traffic flow better and the risk of an accident would be reduced. We realize that everyone is in a rush and that the cold weather, high snowbanks and the ruts in the roads has not made it easy but, if we are all respectful, we should be able to have all children arrive and depart safely.

And, speaking of safety, those high snowbanks are appealing to children for climbing and walking along. Please continue to remind your children to stay away from the snowbanks that run along the side of the roads as they could accidentally slide into the road and drivers may not have enough time to stop. Please watch out for children climbing the snowbanks when driving in residential areas.

OUR 2022 VOYAGEURS





**PHYS. ED. NEWS - C. Donato, Phys. Ed**

During the month of February our grade 1 to 3 students have been focused on developing their bouncing skills through a variety of games and activities.

Our grade 4 to 6 students have been developing their basketball knowledge and skills. Students learned about basketball through a variety of individual, small group, and whole group games and activities which aim to promote skill and strategy development.

Dribble tag was a popular game with many students, in this game students worked to protect their ball from other players in the game as they worked to steal it. The game allows for students to build dribbling skills and to work on strategy and technique to protect the ball as they move around the court. Students also focused on building knowledge of the basic rules of basketball as they played small-sided games (e.g., 2 vs. 2 or 3 vs. 3).

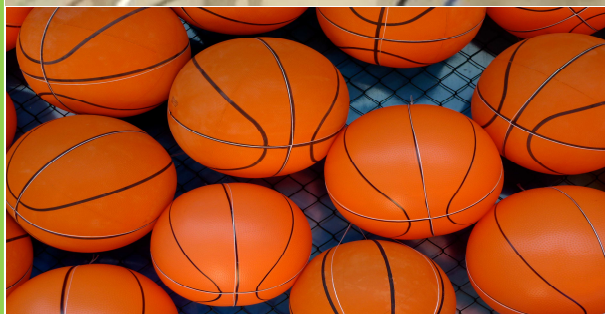
In addition to these skills, R.H.S. students explored Olympic events through Olympic themed relays. Our grade 5 and 6 students had the opportunity to participate in dodgeball and basketball intramurals throughout the month.

During the month of March, basketball intramurals will continue for grade 5 and 6 students. Prior to spring break there will be one more round of the popular dodgeball games intramurals for grade 5 and 6.

Extracurricular physical education programming can be found at

<https://goo.gl/Mqd42K>.

Keeping their eyes on the ball.  
Fun in Phys. Ed.





**RHS School  
Lost and Found**  
for the month of March

Please call 204-488-1137 to  
claim your item(s)

We try our best to get lost  
pieces back to the correct  
student if items are labeled.



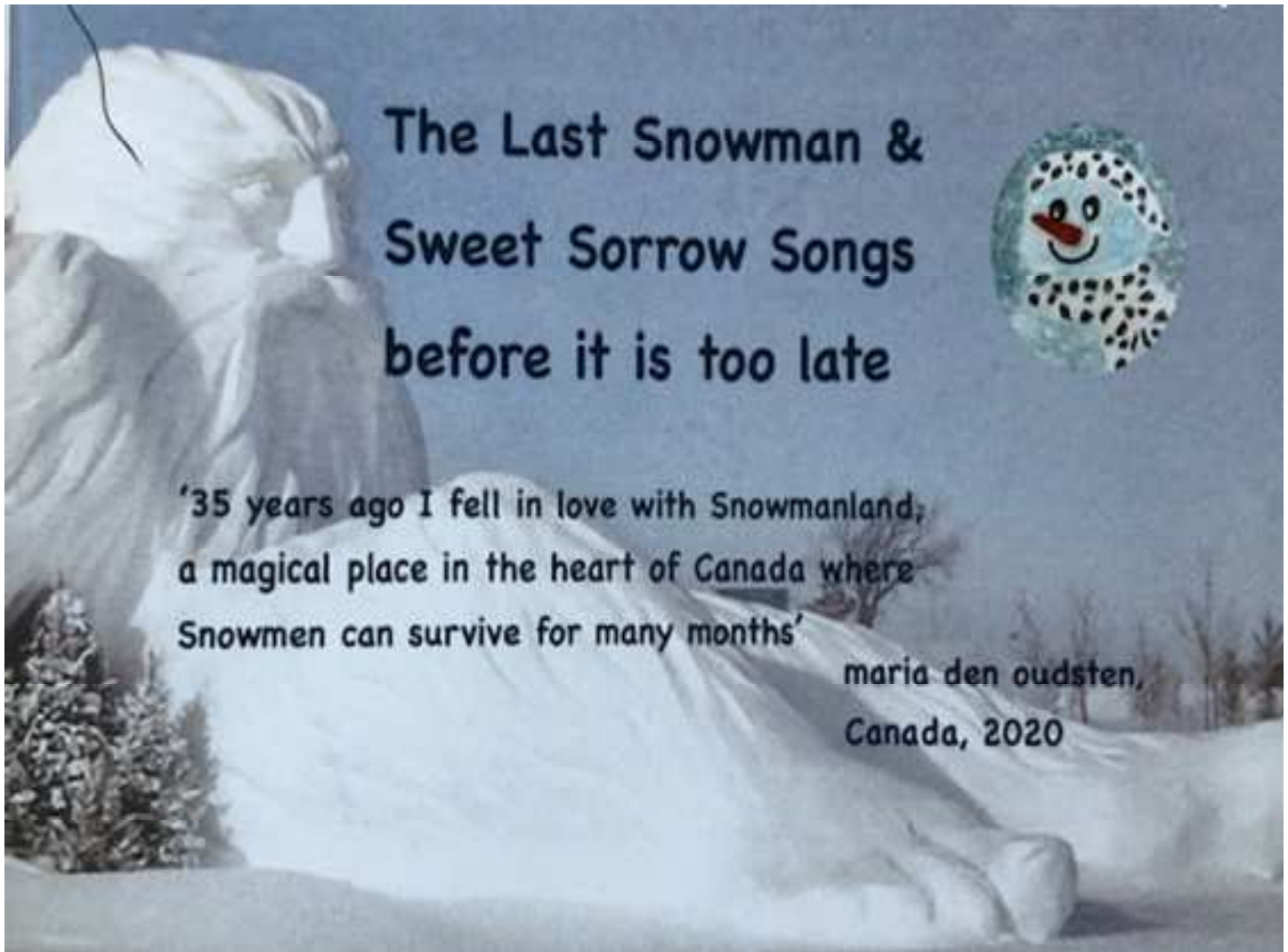
mabel's labels

Colourful, durable and fun labels  
for everything that leaves your house!





Enjoy some fun outside with all this beautiful snow!



## Last Snowman Winnipeg Contest

Starting Dec until March 21, 2022

***Let's make Winnipeg the  
Snowman Capital of the World!***

Build a snowman and submit your image on  
Facebook for a chance to win a cash prize.

[www.facebook.com/groups/lastsnowmanwinnipeg](https://www.facebook.com/groups/lastsnowmanwinnipeg)

Can also submit through email  
[lastsnowmanwinnipeg@gmail.com](mailto:lastsnowmanwinnipeg@gmail.com)



Read more information on this website  
<https://ronpaulgardencentre.com/last-snowman/>

## How to make a Snowman

### Step 1

Grab a bag and fill it with  
snow using a shovel till it's  
filled to the top



### Step 2

After you fill it to the top, grab  
the shovel and smooth the top.  
Leave it outside to freeze.


### Step 3

After it freezes, slip the bag off  
the snowman and then deco-  
rate it! Your snowman is then  
done! Enjoy!



### Note

You can also use a box to in-  
stead of the bag to create  
the snow body!

Winter eg

[www.winterpeg.org](http://www.winterpeg.org)  
[www.winnipegtrails.ca](http://www.winnipegtrails.ca)

## Parent Council Update: Message from Admin

### Parent Council Constitution Update:

Since last November, our parent council has been reviewing and updating its constitution due to concerns raised by parents who were seeking clarification on WSD policies and the process for parental involvement. In addition, as a result of recent revisions to WSD Policies, it was imperative to ensure that future parent council meetings would be in alignment with the requirements that have recently been updated by the WSD. The outcome is intended to support all parents to become involved in the parent council and school-based decision-making.

The constitution review is being facilitated through Brenda Lapointe, Board Liaison and Community Officer and is part of a larger WSD initiative to update all parent council constitutions in the Winnipeg School Division. The WSD and school admin teams recognize and are grateful for the exceptional work parent councils do and the positive impact it has on the schools they serve. The RHS parent council has a long history of supporting students and staff in our school and the evidence of their work is clear in many areas of the school such as the outdoor spaces our students enjoy and in the many events our students have enjoyed over the years and look forward to experiencing in the future. I am pleased to advise that we have had three meetings to date and are hopeful that we will be able to complete the process as soon as possible.

Upcoming meetings: All are invited to attend.

Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1:30 PM – Constitution Review Meeting\*

Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 PM – Constitution Review Meeting\*

Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM – Parent Council General Meeting\*\*

\*Should you wish to attend these meetings, please email Brenda Lapointe at [brlapointe@wsd1.org](mailto:brlapointe@wsd1.org) as soon as possible to request an invite and link to the meeting. All meetings occur on MS Teams and require one to be added to the Team prior to the meeting to attend as a guest.

\*\* Contingent on parent council constitution completion. If the constitution is completed, a vote to ratify will occur at this meeting. All parents are entitled to vote. If you would like to attend the parent council general meeting on March 15<sup>th</sup>, please email [secretary@roberthsmithpag.ca](mailto:secretary@roberthsmithpag.ca).

Once the constitution has been completed and approved, parent council will again resume activities.



Registration for all grades for the 2022-2023 school year are now underway. Students currently attending RHS are automatically registered for the following school year.

If you are aware of a scenario where your family will not be back at Ecole Robert H. Smith School next year, please let us know as soon as possible.

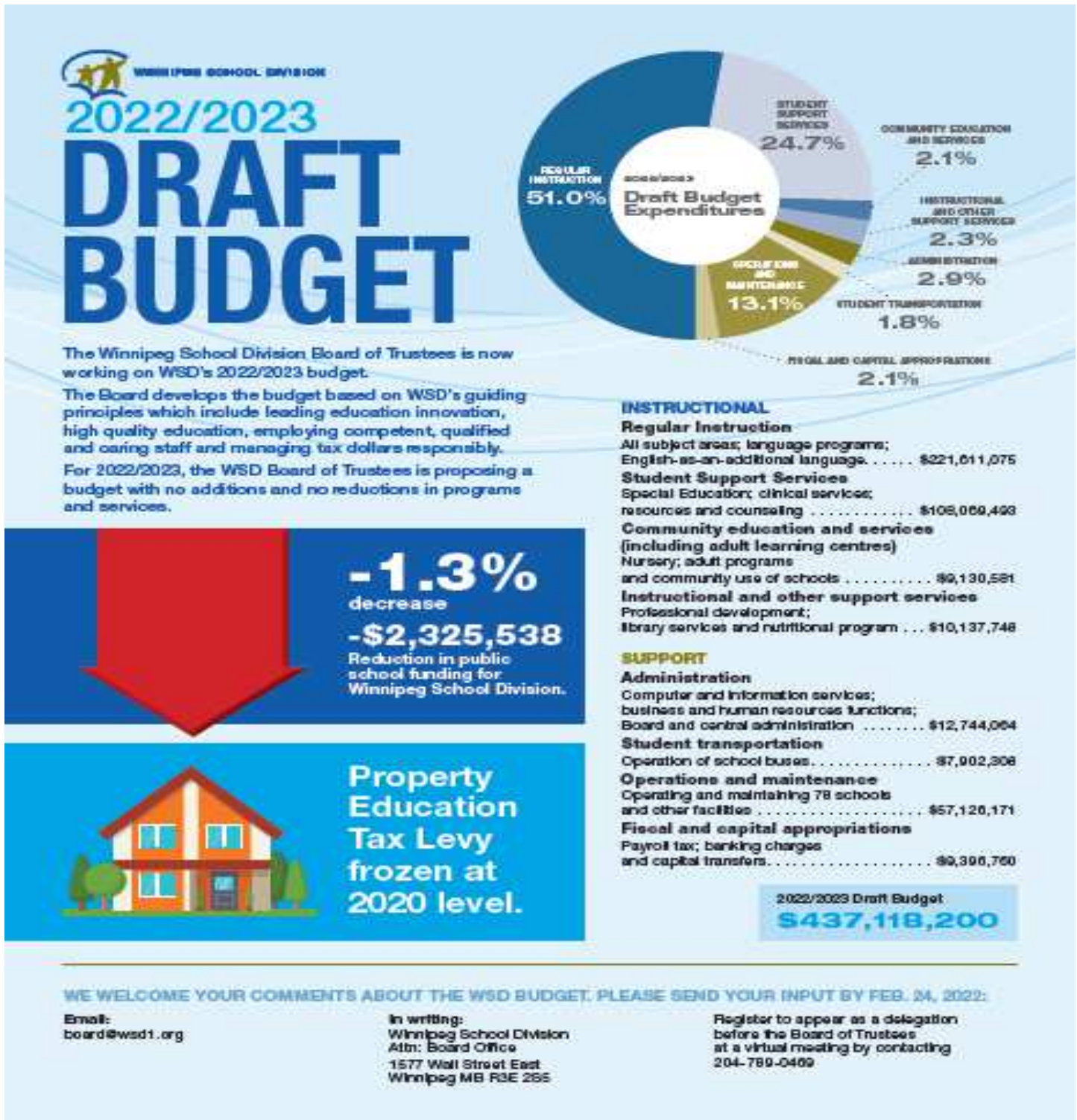
Plans for staffing and classroom complements are already underway; it is a tremendous help to know who will and won't be here next year.



## WSD Budget Feedback on the 2022/2023 Proposed Budget

The Winnipeg School Division Board of Trustees is now working on WSD's 2022/2023 budget. For 2022/2023, the WSD Board of Trustees is proposing a budget with no additions and no reductions in programs and services. You may submit your feedback February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022: Email: [board@wsd1.org](mailto:board@wsd1.org) or in writing: Winnipeg School Division Attn: Board Office 1577 Wall Street East Winnipeg MB R3E 2S5.

Link to WSD BUDGET: <https://www.winnipegssd.ca/page/12380>



**We are collecting  
empty toilet paper  
tubes for starting  
seeds for the  
gardens!**



**How many can we  
get by March 25?**





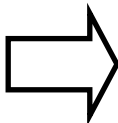






# MARCH/MARS 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>SAFE ARRIVAL</b> <a href="http://go.schoolmessenger.ca">http://go.schoolmessenger.ca</a> or 1-855-278-4513 Remember to call before 9:00 a.m. if your child is going to be late or away. Thank you!					<b>LOOKING AHEAD IN APRIL</b>	
					4th	School Re-Opens - School Day 6
					15th	Good Friday -No School
					22nd	Division Wide In-Service -No School
		<b>1</b> Day 5	<b>2</b> Day 6	<b>3</b> Day 1	<b>4</b> Day 2	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Day 3	<b>8</b> Day 4	<b>9</b> Day 5	<b>10</b> Day 6	<b>11</b> Day 1	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> Daylight Saving Time Begins/ Début de l'heure avancée Don't forget to set your clocks forward! 	<b>14</b> Day 2 Spring Photo Day	<b>15</b> Day 3 Report Cards Go Home via school messenger	<b>16</b> Day 4	<b>17</b> Day 5  Virtual Student CONFERENCES 4:30-8:00pm	<b>18</b> Day 6 VIRTUAL STUDENT CONFERENCES ALL DAY CLASSES CLOSED	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Day 1 	<b>22</b> Day 2	<b>23</b> Day 3	<b>24</b> Day 4	<b>25</b> Day 5 Last Day of Term NO EARLY DISMISSAL	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>		
<div> <div>←</div> <div>Spring Break</div> <div>→</div> </div>						

**TAKE OUR ADVICE - STAY OFF THE ICE!** As spring arrives and temperatures warm, ice will begin to melt on all open bodies of water, creating extremely dangerous situations. Falling into ice-cold water can be deadly. Be Water Safe this spring! Keep away from all ice-covered lakes, rivers, streams, creeks, ponds and ditches. Water Safe is a City of Winnipeg Safety Initiative.