



# Mitchell Elementary School

## School Community Report for 2022 2023

### About Us

393 Students  
Kindergarten to Grade 4

#### 22FTE Teaching Staff including:

Literacy Support  
Numeracy Support  
EAL  
Learning Support  
Counsellor  
Music  
Physical Education

#### Support Staff Includes:

School Admin Secretary  
School Secretary  
17 Educational Assistants  
Library Support Specialist  
Head Custodian & 2 Assistants

MES has a strong connection to our community & families. This connection and trust is highlighted in the support we receive in our fundraisers & learning partnerships. Together we support local, national and international agencies, providing students with unique experiences and the opportunity to contribute to society.

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To provide a safe, caring, and stimulating environment in which to learn and grow.

#### Priority #1: Social/Emotional Learning

- School wide connections and assemblies were back to in-person as we returned to community on numerous levels.
- Students were able to express themselves more in music this year and we celebrated great gains at our Christmas and Spring concerts.
- We continued with a split recess schedule allowing for fewer students on the playground at one time which resulted in fewer recess conflicts.
- Following the 4 B's and earning blue slips has continued to be important at MES. Prize draws and announcements recognized students' successes.
- MES teachers used the 4 B's plus one other SEL program in their classes. Programs include: Second Step, Zones of Regulation, Be Cool, Mind Up, Project 11, and Classroom Economy.

#### Priority #2: Literacy & Numeracy

- MES continued its work with our Numeracy and Literacy support specialists supporting entire classes with large group, small group, and individual instruction at their just right level.
- Support included professional development for teaching staff as well as collaboration around best practice math and literacy instruction.
- MES teachers furthered implementation of the Building Fact Fluency kits to support their numeracy instruction.
- MES staff used Teaching Sprints to collaborate on best teaching practices in the areas of Social/Emotional Learning, Literacy, and numeracy.
- MES continued to direct materials and staff resources as needed to enhance ELA and Math support. MES celebrates the learning gains in reading and math. Our data suggests extremely effective literacy and math programming.

#### Priority #3: Learning Partnerships

- MES continued its international Liberian learning partnership with Provision of Hope. Our students learned about the students that we sponsor in Liberia. We are once again grateful for the unwavering community support that we received, and we were able to continue sponsoring 16 children to attend school.
- The MES running club had an extremely successful season. 20 students participated at The Manitoba Marathon.
- MES students participated in Fall Fun Week, Winter Fun Day, Activity Day, Terry Fox Walk, and the MPI Bike Rodeo. Special thanks to our MMS Grade 7 & 8 friends for all the leadership and kindness shown.
- MES was pleased to continue our support of Southeast Helping Hands.
- Our Grade 4 students were finally able to get back and visit with community members and seniors at the Mitchell Community Centre.
- Our Grade 4 students visited MMS for orientation and to participate in their Makerspace as part of their transition to Grade 5.
- MES students went on Learning Trips to a variety of locations including Oak Hammock Marsh, Fort Whyte Alive, The Manitoba Museum, Tourond Creek Discovery Centre, Rosenthal Nature Park, Timber Trails Tree Farm, the Canada Life Centre, Steinbach Credit Union, Winnipeg Children's Museum, Blumenort Fire Station, Mennonite Heritage Village, and the Assiniboine Park Zoo.
- Finally, Parent Volunteers were back at MES to assist with Learning Trips, our PAC BBQ, and classroom events. Thank you parent and community volunteers!