

WILDCATS NEWSLETTER



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Principal's Message

As we close the 2023-2024 school year, I am filled with pride and gratitude for the incredible journey we have shared at John W. Gunn Middle School. This year has been marked by outstanding achievements, memorable events, and a strong sense of community.

Our students have shown remarkable dedication to their studies, and our teachers have gone above and beyond to create engaging and enriching learning experiences. From innovative design projects to creative writing assignments, the academic growth witnessed in every classroom has been impressive. Our literacy and numeracy initiatives have seen a surge in student participation, leading to a noticeable improvement across all grades.

The arts have flourished at John W. Gunn Middle School this year. Our students delivered stellar performances, showcasing tremendous talent. Students took pride in displaying their creative masterpieces, reflecting their hard work and artistic skills.

In sports, our students have demonstrated remarkable sportsmanship and athletic prowess. School teams all had unforgettable seasons, earning accolades in various tournaments and demonstrating their "Wildcat Pride" throughout the division. Their dedication and teamwork have made us incredibly proud.

This year, our staff engaged in significant professional development and collaborated extensively with other schools. These efforts have enriched our educational practices, bringing fresh perspectives and innovative techniques to our classrooms. Our teachers attended workshops and conferences, continually striving to enhance their skills and provide the best possible education for our students.

The support from our Parent Council has been invaluable. Their fundraising efforts have significantly enriched the school experience for our students. They have also provided thoughtful ideas on how to further improve our school environment, ensuring that John W. Gunn Middle School remains a welcoming and supportive place for everyone.

As we bid farewell to our departing students and staff, we extend our heartfelt best wishes for their future endeavors. We are also excited to welcome new staff members and many new students next year. With a projected enrollment of 600 students, we are gearing up for another exciting year filled with innovative programming and opportunities for growth.

Our plans for the 2024-2025 school year include expanding our extracurricular activities and continuing to build strong community ties. We are committed to providing a supportive and dynamic learning environment where every student can thrive.

As we break for the summer, I encourage all our students, staff, and families to take this time to relax, recharge, and enjoy moments with loved ones. Let's return in September with renewed energy and enthusiasm, ready to embark on another successful school year at John W. Gunn Middle School.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to our school community. Have a fantastic summer!

Warm regards,

Ryan Francis

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Moving? Already Moved?

If your contact information has changed,
don't forget to let us know!

Stay up to Date

Remember to check out the John W. Gunn website on a regular basis for updates and important school information.

ww.retsd.mb.ca/jwg

You can also follow us on



twitter.com/jwg_RETSD



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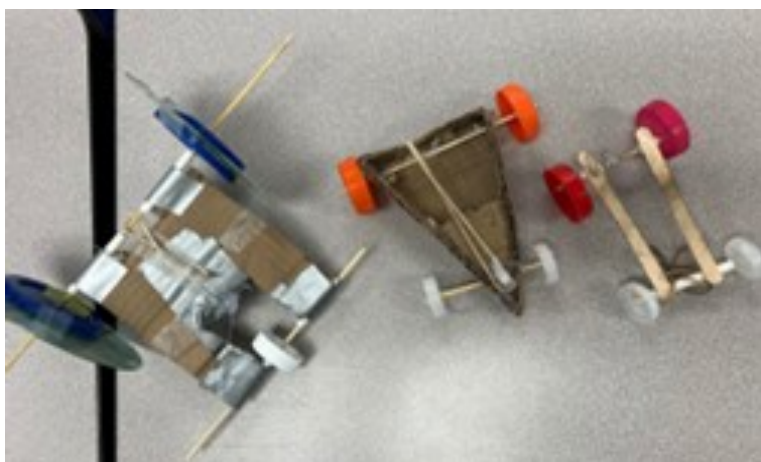


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JWG students participated in a STEAM Challenge in late May, Early June. The challenge was to build a car powered by nothing but a rubber band. The farther the car went, and the fewer materials used to build it, the higher their score was. Students had criteria to consider while designing and building their cars. They had to have an axle and a minimum of 2 wheels, the supplies which they built from were limited to straws, skewers, paper and cardboard. Their wheels could be made from any recycled or repurposed materials such as bottle caps or CDs. There were 3 different categories for students to compete in:

1. Top score, accomplished through furthest distance and least number of materials used.
2. Best Design, creativity and craftsmanship were considered.
3. Design Process, students were acknowledged for planning, researching, building, testing, adapting, and retesting their cars.





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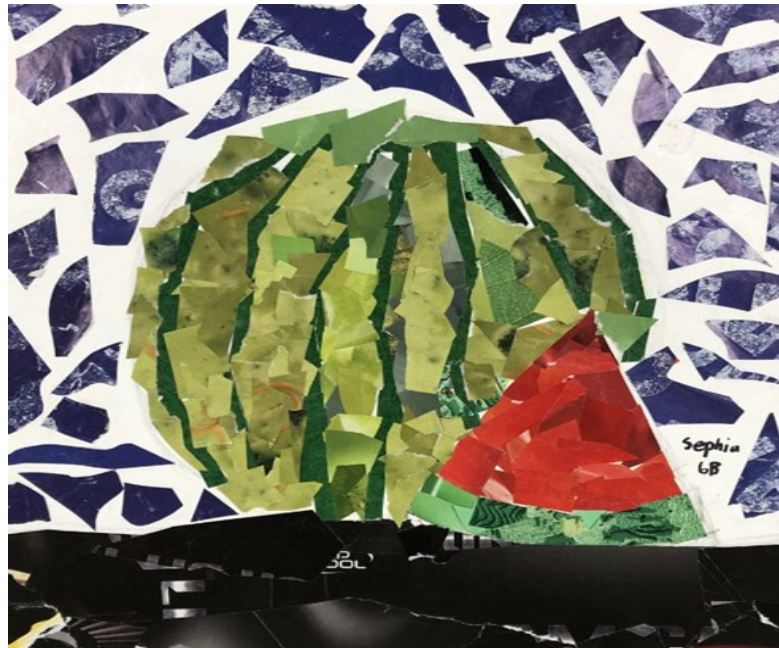
GRADE 6

When you think of Spring or Summer, what comes to mind? Maybe a beautiful sunset? Eating something seasonal? Or jumping on a trampoline? Artists in grade 6 brainstormed all sorts of ideas before selecting one and collaging it. There are many ways to collage. It's when many small pieces are put together to create an image. These artists used magazines with the focus being on colour.

Art



Kaylee B



Sephia M



Ruby W



Denise F



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GRADE 7

Artists in grade 7 worked in groups and made posters with a subject matter of their choosing. Each group member focused on patterns and specific colour combinations. The colouring is done with non-erasable materials like markers, gel pens, and pencil crayons---this focuses the user to go slowly to avoid unwanted marks. Any "mistakes" are then turned into masterpieces!

Art.





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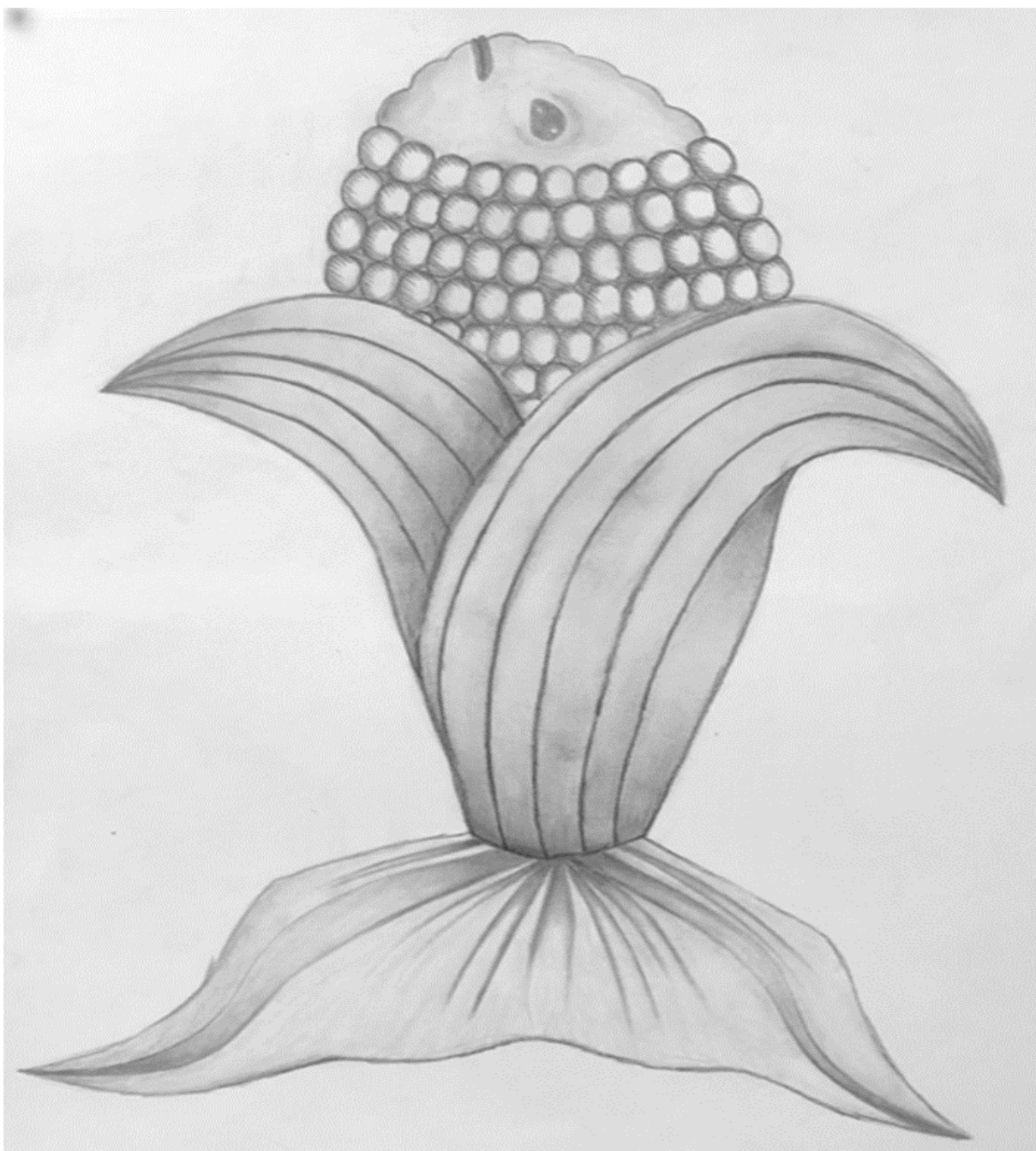
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GRADE 8

Using pencil, artists in grade 8 morphed two items to create a new, imagined piece. As you can see, Paytin made something very clever, while showcasing those beautiful drawing skills!

Art





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Over the winter, a group of three grade 8 students worked on building a new, modern designed bike rack for JWG. This rack adds spots for up to twelve bikes to lock up at school. Traveling to school actively has many benefits for both students and the community and we are happy to expand the bike storage infrastructure at the school. The rack was installed outside just in time for Bike Week and is currently being used daily.





JWG Culturama

At JWG we exploded in joy and celebration during our Culturama day! It was amazing all around. The talents of our students are remarkable.





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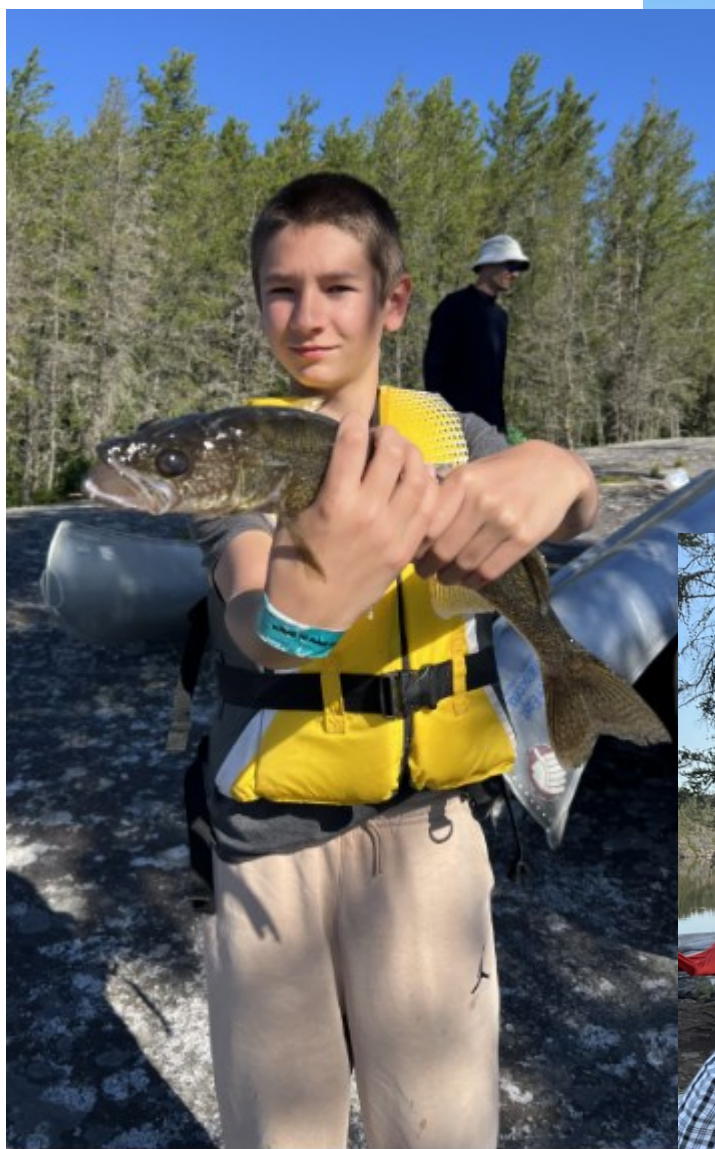
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Grade 8 Canoe Trip

Grade 8 canoe trippers had an amazing three days in the wilderness learning how to prepare and cook food, camp, fish, rescue canoes, appreciate and respect nature, and arguably most importantly how to live without their phones for three days. Most of them said this was the longest they've ever been without contact to "the outside world". It was amazing to watch them create their own fun swimming, playing games, and exploring. It always amazes me how much energy they have. I know they all made memories they will remember for years to come. - Mr. Patterson / Ms. Fischer





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Important Dates

June 28

Last Day of School

Early Dismissal

June 30

Report Cards

September 2

Labor Day

No School

September 3

Co-ordinated Day

No School

September 4

School Years Eve

First Day of Classes

September 30

Truth & Reconciliation

No School

October 1

Lifetouch Photos

October 14

Thanksgiving

No School



NOTICE TO GRADE 6 STUDENTS RE BUSING



Grade 6 students currently being transported by a RETSD school bus will not be eligible for free busing in Grade 7. According to the Manitoba Education Public Schools Act Regulation (M.R. 259/2006) Grade 7 to Grade 12 students living within the city limits are not eligible for school bus transportation. Fee-for-Service may be available. If you are considering this option, please submit a

Transportation Application – Fee-For-Service 2024-25 form. Forms are available from the school office or on the Transportation icon located on divisional home page at www.retsd.mb.ca.

Fee-For-Service applications must be submitted to the Transportation Department by **June 30th** of each school year. Applications received after June 30th will be reviewed on an individual basis.

*NOTICE - FEE-FOR-SERVICE BUSING



If Fee-For-Service transportation is required again for your student(s) for the upcoming school year, a 2024-25 application form must be submitted to the Transportation Department. Transportation Application – Fee-For-Service 2024-2025 forms are available from the school office or on the Transportation icon located on the divisional home page at www.retsd.mb.ca.

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Huddle

📍 SOUTH CENTRAL



July 2024

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
The Idea Mill and the Millenium Library are located at 251 Donald Street 🗺️	1 CLOSED	2 1-3 Intro to Idea Mill , Pronoun Button Making & Origami @ Millenium Library *SIGN UP REQUIRED* 5-8 Outreach Walk	3 4-5:30 Drop in Karaoke 🎵🎤 Bring your friends for songs and snacks!	4 2-4 Drop In Open Gym @ Churchill Highschool (Senior Gym, 510 Hay St.) EVERY THURSDAY IN JULY! 🏀🏈🏐	5 9-1 Sage Medicine Picking 📍 We will meet @ Huddle (17A St. Mary's Rd). *SIGN UP REQUIRED*	6 Please call us at 204-255-6497 or email hubfeedback@youville.ca to sign up for medicine picking 😊
7	8 4:30-6 Advisory Board Meeting 📄 *SIGN UP REQUIRED*	9 1-3 3D Printing 🖨️ @ Millenium Library *SIGN UP REQUIRED* 5-8 Outreach Walk	10 11-5 Drop In Tie-Dye 🌈 Bring a clothing item to tie-dye!	11 4-7 Youth-led wristlet beading workshop 🧵 *SIGN UP REQUIRED*	12 3:30-5:30 Dungeons and Dragons 🐉 Beginners welcome!	13
14	15 11-5 Free Lemonade Stand 🍋 Drop by and grab a refreshing lemonade!	16 1-3 Sound Recording 🎧 @ Millenium Library *SIGN UP REQUIRED* 5-8 Outreach Walk	17 11-5 Drop in Mini Flowerpot Painting Activity 🌸 Come decorate a pot!	18 2-4 Employment supports every Thursday 📄 Come build a resume and prep interviews!	19 3:30-5:30 Mario Kart Tournament 🎮 Drop In for games and prizes!	20
21	22 11-1 Lawn Games 🎯🌞 Come play giant Jenga, cornhole, and more!	23 1-3 Sticker Making @ Millenium Library *SIGN UP REQUIRED* 5-8 Outreach Walk	24 9-1 Sage Medicine Picking 📍 We will meet @ Huddle (17A St. Mary's Rd). *SIGN UP REQUIRED*	25 4-7 Youth-led wristlet beading workshop 🧵 *SIGN UP REQUIRED*	26 3:30-5:30 Dungeons and Dragons 🐉 Beginners welcome!	27
We have nurses available! Drop In & appointments for STI testing , birth control , and MORE! 🧑🏻	28 3-4 Mindfulness Monday Self-Led Journalling 📖 Visit the sensory room and do some journalling!	29 1-3 T-shirt Embroidery 🧵 @ Millenium Library *SIGN UP REQUIRED* 5-8 Outreach Walk	30 4-5:30 Juggling Class with T8 the Gr8 🤹 Come learn how to juggle! *SIGN UP REQUIRED*	31		To sign up for any activities you can phone us at 204-255-6497 or DM us on Instagram! 🌈

VOLUNTEEN

**VOLUNTEEN IS A WEEK-LONG
FREE SUMMER PROGRAM WITH
THE GOAL OF PROVIDING
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
AND EDUCATIONAL
EXPERIENCES FOR STUDENTS
ENTERING GRADES 7-12 IN
RETS!**

PROGRAM WEEKS:

**WEEK 1: JULY 2ND - 5TH
WEEK 2: JULY 8TH - 12TH
WEEK 3: JULY 15TH - 19TH
WEEK 4: JULY 22ND - 26TH
WEEK 5: JULY 29TH - AUG. 2ND
WEEK 6: AUGUST 6TH - 9TH**

**TO SIGN UP, VISIT OUR WEBSITE:
VOLUNTEEN.WIXSITE.COM/WINNIPEG
OR USE THE QR CODE.**



VOLUNTEER PLACEMENTS:

- SILOAM MISSION
- WINNIPEG HARVEST
- BINGO @ NURSING HOME
- FRINGE FESTIVAL
- WINNIPEG HUMANE SOCIETY
- ST. AMANT
- ...AND MORE!

**FOR ANY INQUIRIES PLEASE CONTACT ELIZABETH KEHLER
AT EKEHLER@RETS.MB.CA**

KIDS SUMMER CAMP

**Different weeks and
themes to choose
from!**

AGES 5-12



**Music & Art
July 2 to July 5**



**Circus Camp
July 8 to July 12**



**Old Western
July 15 to July 19**



**Fractured Fairytales
July 22 to July 26**



**Sports
July 29 to August 2**



**Journey Around the World
August 6 to August 9**



**Half Day Programming -Art
Projects and Experiments
August 6 to August 9**



Each week, campers will enjoy a day of a variety of fun activities, designed to encourage physical activity, creativity, and learning for all ages! Each week will differ from the others, so booking multiple camps will ensure unique activities every week.

**Register online!
www.retlife.ca
204-667-6193**

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