



600 Hoka Street
Winnipeg, MB R2C 2V1
Phone: 204.958.6412
Fax: 204.222.4829
Principal: C. Chartier

Westview School



School Hours

8:55	Entry Bell
10:15 – 10:30	Recess
11:45 – 12:15	Lunch Recess
12:15 – 12:45	Lunchtime
2:00 – 2:15	Recess
3:30	Dismissal

Principal's Message

Welcome back to another school year at Westview! We have had a great start to the year! A big welcome goes out to all our new staff members: Educational Assistants Ms. Hiebert, Ms. Keisman, Ms. Geladov; new teachers: Ms. De Jong, Ms. Evans and Mr. Hjartarson; and Academic Support Worker: Ms Pereira. I hope that your time at Westview will be enjoyable and productive!

The start of the new school year is a good time to get involved in school activities and try new things. I encourage all of our students to join the various clubs, intramurals, teams and committees that are offered at Westview. Getting involved in school activities is a great way to meet new friends and learn new skills.

I would also like to invite all of our parents/guardians to get involved at Westview. By volunteering your time in your child's classroom, Parent Advisory Council (PAC) or Parent Lunch Committee, you too can meet new friends and be more involved in your child's school life.

Thank you to all who were able to attend our Meet the Teacher night on September 12. I thought it was very well attended which always speaks to how well our school is supported from our parent community.

As your son/daughter settles into their new school routine, it's important that the conversation surrounding school expectations and safety be continued at home as well as in the classroom. Please remind your children to never leave the designated area on the schoolyard during recess. Working together, we can help keep our children safe.

We will be continuing our WE Care initiatives with students, promoting the "Three Be's" of Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be Responsible. We will also provide ongoing positive reinforcement with our students through "WE Care" tickets. Please take the time to talk to your child about the "Three Be's" and "WE Care".

I look forward to continuing to serve the students, staff and community of Westview for 2018-19.

Warm regards, C. Chartier

WESTVIEW SCHOOL

September/October
2018

PICK-UP AND DROP-OFF OF STUDENTS

When picking up and dropping off your child, please remain outside (unless it is raining or the temperatures drop below -26 degrees) and drop your child off at their designated doors. When picking up, please remain at the doors and have your child come to you so your child can become more independent when getting themselves ready for home.

Ms. Rempel (Kindergarten): Back entrance/Daycare doors

Ms. Crabb, Ms. Forsyth, Ms. Hepples/Ms. Evans/Ms. Tracey, Ms. Gordillo:
Ravelston entrance

Ms. De Jong, Mr. Hjartarson, Ms. Soroko, Ms. Cesmystruk: Rosseau entrance

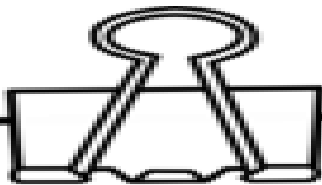
Also a reminder to those students who go home for lunch: when they return to school they are to come into the main school doors and quietly wait on the bench until the bell rings.



CONCERN PROTOCOL

River East Transcona School Division recognizes that, on occasion, concerns may arise. Students or parents/guardians of students may raise their concerns or appeal decisions as follows:

- a. The decision of a Teacher is first to be discussed with the Teacher. If the parties are unable to come up with an agreeable solution, this decision may be appealed to the Administrator.
- b. The decision of the Administrator may be appealed to the Superintendent.
- c. The decision of the Superintendent may be appealed to the Board of Trustees. A letter outlining the concerns should be sent to the Board of Trustees in care of the Board Chairperson.



Homework

As the new school year begins, it is also time to come back to establishing routines in and around the home. Though school work is important, it is also important for families to make room for play. As our lifestyles become increasingly sedentary, making room for play is becoming more important than ever.

Please take the time to follow the link below and read the article on ways to help make room for play. You can find this information and more at <https://www.participaction.com/en-ca;https://www.participaction.com/sites/default/files/downloads/Participaction%20-%20MakeRoomForPlay-ToolsResourcesPresentation.pdf>

PBIS

Here at Westview School, we have had a Positive Behavioural Interventions and Supports (PBIS) system in place for several years. PBIS is a school-wide system designed to teach and reinforce expected behaviours within the school building and help students grow academically, socially and emotionally. Research shows that PBIS is effective in reducing classroom disruptions and increasing positive behaviours; over time, our school data has shown this to be true. Our school-wide behavioural expectations are displayed in every classroom as well as in the halls. The expectations are clearly defined in each of the common areas throughout the school: hallway, washrooms, classrooms and playground. **Be Safe, Be Responsible, and Be Respectful** are the important tenets in our building.

The next time you are at Westview, take a moment to read the behavioural expectations that are posted around the school and in your child's classroom. As parents, you can incorporate PBIS at home by teaching your children your house rules and establishing clear routines for your children.

Ms. Pretula

Allergies

We would like to remind parents and guardians that all RETSD schools are nut-free and scent-free due to allergies; we want to make sure that all of our staff and students with allergies are as safe as possible when they are at school. Please do not send any items to school that may contain nuts or traces of nuts, or have a heavy scent.



LOST & FOUND

We are only into October and we already have many items in our lost and found bins by the music room. **Please write your child's first name and initial on the tags of their clothing as well as the inside of their shoes** so we can make sure their lost items can be returned to them, and remind your child to check the lost and found bins for any missing items.



DID YOU KNOW WE HAVE A 24 HOUR CALL-IN LINE?

To ensure your child's best protection, please call the school to advise when he/she will not attend. If your child is absent and we do not hear from you, the secretary will call you at home or work; however, it is quicker and more efficient for the parent to contact the school. For your convenience, Westview School has an answering machine on which you can leave a message before/after school hours. **Please call 204-958-6412 any time.**



News from Room 5

English Language Arts

We have hopped right into reading, writing, and speaking here in Room 5. Students are working in spelling groups to study word parts and patterns to increase their proficiency as writers. Along with daily silent reading, students are taking part in a school-wide guided reading program. We do weekly quick writes and picture writes, as well as writing every day to increase our skills in the arts. We wrote a letter to ourselves filled with our hopes and wishes for the year that we will get back in June!



Math

Our focus in math this year is number sense. We have been doing number talks, estimation challenges, and learning plenty of math games to help us accomplish this. Students had their first taste of math stations where they did Math with Teacher, Math with Me, Math with Technology, and Math with Friends. To increase our mental math and math fact fluency, students have been set up with Prodigy and Sumdog accounts... they can even play at home!

Science/Social Studies

Our first unit in Social Studies began with studying the First Peoples of Canada and learning about their housing, diet, culture, and way of life. This was also our first of many opportunities to engage in group work. In Science, we are just beginning our unit on Properties Of Substances and Changes In Substances. We are working on distinguishing between chemical and physical changes. We did a Coke and mentos experiment and even got to taste a delicious, explosive physical change!



Grade 5 Leadership Opportunities

Room 5's Grade 5 leaders are taking full advantage of the opportunities they have been given: many students have signed up for Cross-Country and Flag Football to keep physically active, volunteered as Student Secretaries or Moo Crew members, and we even had students offer to help our Kindergarten friends get ready for recesses. I cannot wait to see what is in store for these ambitious Grade 5's!

Ms. De Jong

News from the Gym

During lunch hours in September, many of Westview's Grade 3 to 5 students were out training in preparation for the River East Transcona Divisional Cross-Country races which were held on October 2nd and 3rd. Due to the overwhelming number of students involved in this event across the division, it was necessary to hold the races over a two-day period. Forty-two Westview students took part in the races at Bird's Hill Park where 12 other schools were in attendance. With over 900 kids, our students performed extremely well, many placing in the top 30 in their race! It was wonderful to see that so many students are already getting involved in the extracurricular program and are choosing to participate in active healthy activities and the year is just beginning!

Ms. Spitula

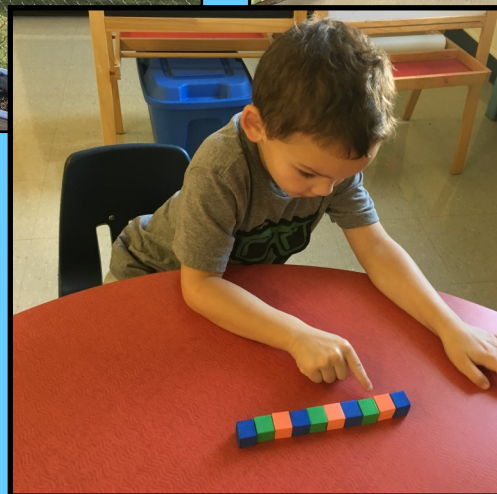


News from Kindergarten

Happy October! Kindergarten has been a big change for everyone this year. We are still adjusting to our full school days every other day. We are working on our classroom routines and expectations while starting to learn about numbers and trees. The kindergarteners are also working hard on their teamwork skills during centre time and small group activities. For science, each kindergarten class chose a tree around our school yard to observe throughout the school year. We will be watching them for changes as we move from season to season.

I am looking forward to seeing all of the growth that will happen within the kindergarten students this year!

Mrs. Rempel



News from Guidance

Roots of Empathy is a classroom program where an infant and their parent(s) visit elementary schools once a month to allow school children to observe the infant's development and emotions. This year our 'Roots Baby' is Armaan, born May 27, 2018 at 6:57 p.m. He was 6.9 lbs and 21¼ inches at birth. We welcome him and his mom Kristy to our school. They will be 'teaching' in Ms. Crabb's Grade 1 and 2 classroom this year.

Mrs. Pretula



Library News

We've had a great start to the new school year in the Library! Mrs. Maynard continues to handle most of the book exchange times and maintain our wonderful library collection on school days 2, 4, and 6, while, I, Mrs. Card, work with teachers and classes on special learning projects on days 1, 3, and 5. The library is a busy, wonderful place!

Last spring and again this fall, we were fortunate enough to be able to purchase new books for our library. We have added many new novel series, added to our graphic novel section, and purchased some lovely new picture books. The staff and students are readily enjoying all our new choices!

For those of you who may be fans of Jeff Kinney, author of Diary of a Wimpy Kid, he is coming to Winnipeg in November! There will be a large event the evening of November 8th and the ticket cost includes a copy of the brand new 13th book in the series! For more information and ticket purchase, go to McNally Robinson Bookseller's website.

We will once again be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair to coincide with our November student-led conferences. Please be sure to stop by the library and check out all the great books. A portion of the sale proceeds goes towards new books for our school from Scholastic—it's win-win!

As always, feel free to share what you (parents and students) are reading! Stop by or send me an email—I love to talk about books!

Happy Reading,
Mrs. Card



News from Room 4

Hello Westview families!

It's hard to believe that the first month of school has already passed us by! Our 'Wolf Pack' now consists of 25 very capable 'Can Do!' students who have already tackled tasks such as:

- following established classroom and school routines
- clearly understanding and being able to explain classroom expectations of participation and respect while working within our larger group
- effectively applying and utilizing inferencing skills in a wide variety of content areas in order to deepen conceptual understandings, along with an ability to explain why this works in our brains

And, if this isn't incredible enough, we have already completed our first integrated-subject design process investigation! If you haven't heard us talking about our Wolf Pack Detective Clan cooperative group 'Who Dunit' project, we'll be happy to explain the steps we took along the way.



What a sense of accomplishment and wonder we were able to build while deepening our understandings of pre-existing knowledge with newly-presented facts to solve a practical, real-world problem! We really proved what we can accomplish with a few good friends by our side while working in an organized way to reach a common goal. Not only did we solve the case of "Which driver caused the accident?" but we really learned to trust in each other, make, test and infer from observation and data collection, as well as interpret those findings using science, math, language arts and social studies.

Thanks for celebrating with us!
Ms. Cesmystruk

Stay & Play Program

Monday Mornings (children birth-5yrs)

Please come join us Monday mornings in Room 12 for Stay and Play! A free drop-in program between 9:15-11:15 am. We offer free play, craft, circle time and a snack, as well as fresh coffee for adults. This is a drop-in program so no registration is required.

Wednesday Afternoons (children birth-5yrs)

Also on Wednesday afternoons from 1:00-3:00 in Room 12, we will be hosting a themed-based drop-in program that will include free play, craft, circle time, snack and coffee. All Wednesday activities will have a number/math theme.



Westview Parent Council

Meetings

Parent Council's next meeting is **Tuesday, October 9 @ 7:00** in Library where we will be finalizing our Fundraising Plan for the year. If you have any suggestions or ideas and cannot come to the meeting, please forward them to the office or message us on Facebook.

Family Fun Event

We will be hosting a Halloween Dance on **Thursday, October 18 from 6:30-8:00 p.m.** Dress up and come dance the night away! Help us "Scare Hunger" by donating a non-perishable food item at the dance; each item donated will earn you an extra door prize ticket. Admission is \$5.00/family or \$2.00/person. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Proceeds from the dance will be used for the Grade 5 Farewell program.



Fall Free Finds will be available to our families on the night of the Dance. Free Finds is an event where families can choose seasonal items for FREE to help prepare them for the cold months ahead. We are currently accepting donations of any gently-used fall and winter clothing, outerwear, sporting gear, etc. All donations can be dropped off in the Parent Room beside the office.

Christmas Shop

The Christmas Shop has become an annual event where students can purchase a gift for 1-2 special people in their lives for \$2 and under per item and we ask that students not bring more than \$3. Students love the opportunity to pick out something special and gift wrap independently - it is a special experience for the students as well as the loved one receiving the gift. To ensure that there are lots of special items for our students to choose from, we are collecting donations of gently-used/new items. If you have anything you would like to donate, please drop them off at the school office. Suggested items: wrapping paper, tape, gift tags, decorative items, books, DVD's, toys, games, jewelry, household items, men's items... anything that would make a nice gift!



Fundraising

Our first fundraiser of the year has begun with Laura Secord Chocolates. All unsold chocolates and/or money are to be returned to the school by **Wednesday, October 10th**. Everyone needs a break from pumpkin pie over the holidays, so sell those yummy chocolates to all your friends and family! ☐ Just a reminder that for each box of chocolates sold and money returned, your family will be entered in a draw for a chance to win a "Surprise Prize"! The draw will be held at our School Halloween Assembly.



We want to hear from you

Twitter account @westviewpc OR visit us on Facebook

Volunteer Opportunities

We are looking for volunteers for our upcoming Special Lunch on **Friday, October 26** from (11:15 am - 12:00 pm). Please message us on Facebook or leave a message for us with the Office if you are interested or would like more information.

Popcorn Day

Popcorn Days are usually held on the first or second Friday of each month with our first one being **Friday, October 12th**. If your child would like a bag of popcorn, send \$1/bag first thing in the morning and they will receive it at lunch time. Kindergarten families, please note that October 12th is an even kindergarten day; odd-day kindergarten students can order their popcorn on Thursday and it will be ready for them on Monday. As full-day kindergarten is new for us also, we will try this system for October and will let you know if we will follow the same procedure for November or try something different. Thanks for your understanding!



Westview Parent Advisory Council

Emergency Procedures

Your son/daughter's safety is very important to us and we have policies and procedures in place at both the Divisional and school levels to support their safety. Our school division has been working with the Winnipeg Police Service, as well as referencing materials from the RCMP and Manitoba Education and Advanced Learning, in order to review and strengthen the procedures we have in place to protect students and staff in the event of a safety threat at school. We would like to share details of these procedures with you.

Safety procedures fall into two categories: **Hold and Secure, and Lockdown.**

Hold and Secure will be activated if there is a *potential threat outside the school*. In these situations, the police typically contact the school and direct the school to go into Hold and Secure. When there is no longer a threat outside the school building, the police inform us that we can resume regular activities.

If our school is in Hold and Secure, the following procedures will apply:

- All exterior doors will be locked.
- NO ENTRY signs will be placed on each door.
- No one will be permitted to leave or enter the school until school Administration announces that Hold and Secure is over.

Lockdown will be activated if there is a *potential threat inside the school building*. If the school is in Lockdown, the following procedures will apply:

- All students and staff will proceed to the nearest classroom or office.
- All doors to classrooms and offices will be locked and/or barricaded by the supervising adult.
- Students will be kept away from windows and doors and instructed to remain silent and still.
- No one will be permitted to leave the room until Lockdown is over.

Effective September 1, 2015, all schools in RETSD are required to hold at least two Lockdown and one Hold and Secure practice drills each school year. The purpose of the drills is to provide training for staff and students so everyone knows what to do in the event of a safety threat. Everyone in the school building will participate in these drills. Students, staff and parents will be informed in advance of these practice drills.

If your son/daughter arrives at school during a Hold and Secure or Lockdown procedure, he or she must proceed to the school evacuation site, sign in and remain there until directed otherwise by administration or police. [The evacuation site for Westview School is Ecole Regent Park.](#)

If you arrive at the school during a Hold and Secure or Lockdown, **DO NOT ATTEMPT TO ENTER THE SCHOOL**; instead, please proceed to the parent/guardian information site where divisional personnel will be available to assist you. **The parent information site for your son/daughter's school is Radisson School.**

If you hear about a serious emergency at your son/daughter's school through media reports or other means, **DO NOT PROCEED TO THE SCHOOL**—please proceed to the parent information site identified above.

Please **DO NOT CALL YOUR SON/DAUGHTER'S CELL PHONE** during an emergency, particularly in a Lockdown situation where it is critical to remain silent and still and not draw

attention from any threat makers that may be in the building.

If you would like more information about safety policies in RETSD, please visit www.retsd.mb.ca/YourRETSD/Policies and scroll to Section E: Support Services.

If you have any questions about the procedures described above, please feel free to contact the school.

The Facts of Lice

Please remember that lice occurs in all schools and can happen to anyone. In the event that your child has lice, it is imperative that you contact the school and inform us of the classroom that your child is in so we can send notes home with all the students in that classroom.

At the school level, we are doing our best to be proactive as well. When a lice note is sent home, we are asking you to please check your child's head.

Here is what to look for:



Lice Info to share with your child:

- Head lice are spread by head-to-head contact with someone who has lice
- Do not share things that are in direct contact with a person's hair such as combs, brushes, barrettes, ribbons, hats, scarves, helmets, towels, pillows, and coats.
- Children ages 5 to 12 get lice more easily because their heads often touch when they play together.

BATTERY RECYCLING

We have a battery recycling depot in our school office! Help save our landfills from batteries that won't break down by bringing in your used batteries for recycling!

Parking/Stopping

The loading zone on Ravelston is in effect 7 am—6 pm Monday through Friday all year long; there will be no parking/stopping on the side across from the loading zone for the same time period. The Parking Authority will be monitoring the new loading zone and will be ticketing people who are parking incorrectly. Further to that, Winnipeg now has electronic ticketing vehicles that need only drive down the street to automatically ticket people and send it in the mail.

We would also ask parents and guardians to please refrain from using the staff parking lot for picking up and dropping off children.



Your River East Transcona School Division Trustees

Ward 1

Colleen Carswell (chair)
204.222.1486
ccarswell@retsd.mb.ca

Jerry Sodomlak
204.999.1409
jsodomlak@retsd.mb.ca

Ward 2

John Toews
204.663.0475
jtoews@retsd.mb.ca

Rod Giesbrecht
204.661.5984
rgiesbrecht@retsd.mb.ca

Ward 3

Eva Prysizney
204.668.3501
eprysizney@retsd.mb.ca

Brianne Goertzen
204.955.6782
bgoertzen@retsd.mb.ca

Ward 4

Brian Olynik
204.661.6440
bolynik@retsd.mb.ca

Peter Kotyk
204.668.4181
pkoty@retsd.mb.ca

Ward 5

Michael West (vice-chair)
204.990.3228
mwest@retsd.mb.ca

For more information about the board of trustees, visit: www.retsd.mb.ca/yourretsd/BoardofTrustees



*RETSD is on Facebook and Twitter!
Like and follow us to stay up-to-date on what's
happening in the division.*



Important School Dates for 2018 - 2019

Oct. 5	RETSD Coordinated Day - no classes	Mar. 8	Popcorn Day
Oct. 8	No School - Thanksgiving	Mar. 11	Parent Portal open for Term 2 reports
Oct. 9	PAC meeting 7:00 pm	Mar. 12	PAC meeting 7:00 pm
Oct. 10	Early dismissal 2:45 pm	Mar. 14	Student-Led Conferences 5:00-8:00 pm
Oct. 11	Picture Day	Mar. 15	RETSD Coordinated Day – no classes
Oct. 12	Popcorn Day		Student-Led Conferences 9:00-11:30 am
Oct. 18	Family Dance	Mar. 22	Last day of school before Spring Break
Oct. 19	RETSD Coordinated Day- no classes		
Oct. 26	Special Lunch	Apr. 1	First day back after Spring Break, Day 1
		Apr. 9	PAC meeting 7:00 pm
Nov. 9	Popcorn Day	Apr. 10	Early dismissal 2:45 pm
Nov. 12	RETSD Coordinated Day - no classes	Apr. 12	Popcorn Day
Nov. 13	PAC meeting 7:00 pm	Apr. 18	Special Lunch
Nov. 15	Picture re-takes and Even Day K Pictures (pm)	Apr. 25	PAC Beach Dance
Nov. 21	Early dismissal 2:45 pm	Apr. 26	RETSD Coordinated Day – no school
Nov. 23	Special Lunch		
Nov. 26	Parent Portal open for Term 1 reports	May 8	Early dismissal 2:45 pm
Nov. 29	Student-Led Conferences 5:00-8:00 pm	May 10	Last Popcorn Day
Nov. 30	Regular classes AM, No School PM; Student-Led Conferences 1:00-3:30	May 14	PAC meeting 7:00 pm
		May 20	No School - Victoria Day
		May 25	Special Lunch
Dec. 11	PAC meeting 7:00 pm		
Dec. 18	Holiday concert 1:30 & 6:30 pm	June 7	No School – Westview in-service
Dec. 21	Last day before holiday break, early dismissal 2:30	June 12	Field Day
		June 27	Kindergarten Farewell 9:30 am Grade 5 Farewell 1:15 pm
Jan. 7	First day back after winter break, Day 1	June 28	Parent Portal open for Term 3 reports Last day of classes, early dismissal 2:30
Jan. 15	PAC meeting 7:00 pm		
Jan. 16	Early dismissal 2:45 pm		
Jan. 18	Popcorn Day		
Jan. 25	Special Lunch		
Jan. 31	Family Movie Night		
Feb. 1	Coordinated Day - no classes		
Feb. 8	Popcorn Day		
Feb. 12	PAC meeting 7:00 pm		
Feb. 15	Special Lunch		
Feb. 18	No School - Louis Riel Day		
Feb. 20	Early dismissal 2:45 pm		
Feb. 22	Regular classes AM, No school PM		

