

MARGARET PARK SCHOOL

SEVEN OAKS SCHOOL DIVISION

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The Seven Oaks School Division is a community of learners, every one of whom shares the responsibility to assist children in acquiring an education which will enable them to lead fulfilling lives.

Report to the Community



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Outdoor Education

We believe that authentic learning takes place beyond the four walls of a classroom. We take our students outdoors to explore, play and gain knowledge through experiences that connect them to the place where they live and it's history. Our students maintain gardens, visit Kildonan Park regularly and build outdoor play and learning spaces to share with their peers. Teachers have studied the rich history of our community, and plan to take their students to visit the many places near our school where they can begin to uncover how the land and different groups of people interact.



Safe & Caring Schools

Our students have within them the ability to solve problems in creative and meaningful ways. As educators, we provide language and model strategies to approach interpersonal challenges. When faced with a problem, students are empowered to find solutions with adult support. Our many clubs and activities, including our growing GSA, offer students opportunities to meet friends beyond their established peer groups, and to connect with others in ways that enhance their own sense of identity. We have a number of established routines and learning experiences that aim to communicate "You Belong Here".

Health & Nutrition

Our students start their day in healthy ways with the free breakfast program before school, and a movement/exercise activity called the Health Hustle after morning announcements. Fresh fruits and vegetables are available to students throughout the day. Adults and children both prepare food in our new community kitchen. Grade 5 Health Ambassadors educate their peers about healthy nutrition and fun ways to stay active. We strive to remove barriers to healthy eating and regular activity by making both a part of each school day. Our community came together for our So Active, So Healthy evening to explore the ways our outdoor spaces encourage healthy lifestyle experiences for the whole community.



Indigenous Education

We look to incorporate Indigenous perspectives into learning for all students in meaningful and ongoing ways. We have continued our partnerships with Elders, and brought in guests to share with our community. Our learning has connected to the land through outdoor experiences and daily treaty acknowledgments. We believe that language is vital in bringing forth Indigenous perspectives, and we continue to share a Cree Word of the Week. We hope to open opportunities for the broader community to learn and use Indigenous languages. Students and staff engage with the history of Canada and our local community, and use that knowledge to inform our commitment to the work of healing and reconciliation.

Literacy

Teachers at Margaret Park continue to collaborate to support students in becoming proficient readers and writers. We are committed to working with each individual to meet their needs as literacy learners, and to inform our practice as teachers of literacy. We partner with leaders in the field to ensure our ongoing growth as early years educators. We want our students to see themselves as readers and writers and to read and write with purpose.



Numeracy

We strive to offer students rich, classroom-based math programming that connects to ideas across the curriculum. Students are exposed to open-ended, deep-thinking problem solving, which allows them to select and apply multiple strategies, demonstrating depth in understanding of learned concepts in math. Teachers co-plan, co-teach and reflect together to create authentic experiences in numeracy for all learners.