



# O. V. Jewitt Community School

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## November 2021 Newsletter

### Land Acknowledgement

We would like to acknowledge that O.V. Jewitt Community School is located on Treaty 1 land, the original lands of the Anishinaabe, Ininewak, Aniishinin, Dakota, and Dene peoples, and on the homeland of the Métis Nation. We respect the Treaties that were made on these territories, we acknowledge the harms and mistakes of the past, and we dedicate ourselves to move forward in partnership with Indigenous communities in a spirit of reconciliation and collaboration.



### Letter from the Principals

There are many good reasons for gathering together. We have been thoughtful about the ways we gather, with purpose and with safety in mind. Each classroom in our school is a cohort. We have tried to structure our gatherings to allow for great connections.

One of these gatherings was our first **Family-School Council** gathering. While we had a small turnout, the feedback was positive and productive. We are VERY excited to have our **FUN FRIDAY** treats in the month of December! The money raised from these treats will go towards family council initiatives that benefit your child and community. Our next family council meeting will be Thursday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:45 p.m. Mark that date in your calendar! We look forward to seeing you.

Health Canada approved vaccines for kids aged 5-11. Once eligible children under 12 are fully vaccinated, severe outcomes of Covid-19 will fall further and more opportunities to gather will open up for us. The greater the vaccine uptake, the fewer fatalities and hospitalizations. The science of that is clear. Stay tuned for consent forms! An immunization team will come out to O.V. Jewitt on December 10 and host a clinic.

Best wishes from all of us to you and your families during the holiday season!



2021 has been a stressful time for our community. The ongoing Covid-19 pandemic has taken a toll on the health and well-being of Winnipeggers. Please contact the school ([kim.crass@7oaks.org](mailto:kim.crass@7oaks.org)) if your child is in need of a gently used winter coat, hats, mitts, ski pants and/or boots. If you have gently used gear to donate, please also let us know.

### Composting Leadership

Composting is back up and running at OVJ. Thanks to Mr. Lopes and Mr. Clendenan for getting the student leadership team going on this school initiative! The classes have been doing a great job in organizing their lunch materials into compost, recycling and garbage. Throughout the division compost is collected and moved to the biovator at the division's Aki Centre. In the spring we will see the benefits of our compost program with some fresh soil and fertilizer for our garden boxes!



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**Great News!  
Covid19 In-School Immunization  
Clinic @ OVJ  
December 10, 2021  
Details to follow!**

**R**oom 5 writers read a book called, *The Snowy Day* by Ezra Jack Keats, after our big snowfall in November. The students were excited to share and talk about their experience of coming to school that day. Their art pieces imagine what the snowfall would have looked like at night....



In Room 8 we strive to create a kind and respectful classroom community. We have had many individual and group discussions about what kindness looks, sounds and feels like. We have ongoing conversations about respect with regards to the Medicine Wheel and Indigenous teachings - how do we respect ourselves, each other, our classroom/school, and Mother Earth.

We have been working on showing kindness in our classroom. Here are a few examples that the students came up with in their own words. This wall is ever evolving. Being kind and learning compassion is ever evolving, as is this wall. We are always revisiting what we "say" and how we "live" our words...





## Self Portrait Collages: Room 17

Students began this project by taking a full body picture of themselves. Using that picture, they sketched their major contour lines on the drawing paper. They were reminded that the more detailed they mapped out in this stage, the easier it will be when you start collaging magazine strips. Students focused on their features while paying close attention to the different shapes of shadows and highlights on their faces. Once their sketch was complete they began paging through magazines to find colors and textures that they collaged on top of their self-portrait drawing.



**Ms. Dubnicoff's class** has been spending a lot of time talking about What is Peace and Mindfulness. Students wrote poems about What is Peace and sponge-painted poppies for Remembrance Day. Students are using Thrival Kits, a classroom-based program to promote mental health for youth!

We are practicing and learning how to use mindfulness meditation, coping strategies and personal reflection to find peace within ourselves. These mental health activities will help students incorporate effective coping strategies into their daily lives, strengthen their self-esteem, and build greater empathy and understanding of one another.

**Our Bhangra Warriors** amazed the audience at the **Seven Oaks School Division 2021 Diwali Mela**, performing live from the Seven Oaks Performing Arts Centre. Congratulations to all our dancers – you did a fabulous job! Huge thanks to Ms. Sembhi and Ms. Grewal for teaching and supporting our dancers!



## Support Local – OVJ Community Student Entrepreneurs

Hello! We are OVJ grade 5 students Saira and Londyn. We have our own business called sljewelrywg. We started our business during COVID, in early June of this year and we have been very busy ever since. We visit craft markets in and around the city. You can see our booth at the Wilkes Center on Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> as well as the Transcona Country Club on Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>.

Our bracelets are made from semi-precious stones (lava beads, rose and strawberry quartz, white howlite, amethyst, green aventurine, tigers' eye, etc.). We also make key wristlets made of silicone beads. All orders can be personalized by choice of beads, spacers, charms, etc. Key wristlets are safe for your young ones and can be used as teethingers.

Our bracelets are perfect for yourself or to give as a gift for the holidays. They come beautifully packaged in a small reusable organza bag with a business card for you to share! Please visit our Instagram page @sljewelrywg. See something you like but want it in a different color or size? DM us and we can arrange an order just for you =) All of our orders are made with love and care.

