



O. V. Jewitt Community School

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September/October 2022 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, Anishinin, Dakota, and Dene peoples, and on the homeland of the Red River Métis. 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.

*A Land Acknowledgment is a simple, powerful way of showing respect. It is one step among many that we need to take towards correcting the stories and practices that erased Indigenous people's history and culture and toward inviting and honoring the truth. We hear this land acknowledgment in our school every morning. When we listen, we must be paying attention to the words being said and the message they carry. As people who live here on Treaty 1 land, we have responsibilities to the Earth and to each other. We say this land acknowledgment to show respect – *Manaji'idiwin* – to those responsibilities.*



Letter from the Principals

We have been so happy to welcome all of your children back to school! The month of September had us gathering together for our Fall Equinox to thank Aki (the Earth) and those who came before us. As part of our commitment to reconciliation, we came together to participate in a Friendship Round Dance as a way of honouring Indigenous ways of knowing and being here at O.V. Jewitt.

This September 30th, we marked the 2nd annual National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. We were humbled to have the Aboriginal School of Dance join us for an assembly for **Orange Shirt Day**. The day honours the children who never returned home, the Survivors of residential schools, as well as their families and communities. Our students have been participating in activities focused on teaching the history and impact of residential schools. As we start or deepen our learning journey, we recognize this work cannot be done in one day; it must be an ongoing commitment for education and action. We at O.V. Jewitt are up for that challenge.

Every Child Matters



"We have described for you a mountain. We have shown you the path to the top. We call upon you to do the climbing."

~ the Honourable Justice Murray Sinclair



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Introducing...

Brand new to our OVJ team this year (from left to right):

- Ms. Sara Jantzen (Grade 7/8)
- Mr. Benjamin Castillo (Library Tech)
- Ms. Naomi Dennie (Grade 1/2)

The Arabic Conversation Class will support newcomer Arabic speaking students to improve their mother language through fun activities, story-telling, and friendship building. Students will enjoy healthy snacks and refreshments. The program will be for students from Grades 1- Grade 8 at O.V. Jewitt School every Tuesday, starting October 4th from 4:30 to 5:30 pm . To register email areej.abunasrah@7oaks.org or call 204-697-5967



From ROOM 9...

Truth and Reconciliation is the day to honour the lost children and survivors of residential schools, their families and communities. Room 9 students took time to participate in conversations about the Orange Shirt Day by listening to the words of Elder Dan, engaging in book talks, sharing their personal reflections, and responding to the question "What does Orange Shirt Day mean to You?"

"Orange Shirt Day is a day to reflect on what happened in the past in residential schools. It is not a day to celebrate but a day to think how you can be an ally by listening, standing up and taking actions." ~ Gurveen

"It is a day to reflect on the past and a day to change the ways, so it does not happen again" ~ Dominic

"Orange Shirt day means that every child should be treated the same because they are kind, unique, beautiful and brave" ~ Asees

"Orange Shirt Day means that every child should be treated with kindness and respect" ~ Preet



O.V. Jewitt Patrols

The 2022-2023 School Patrol Team is up and running! A big thank you to our former patrols now in grade 6 who helped train the new group of grade 5s. Our new team has been working hard to keep students safe walking to and from school and have already had their first divisional outing to Deer Meadow Farms.



**DO YOU HAVE USED BATTERIES AND DRIED UP PENS AND MARKERS AT HOME?
DID YOU KNOW...WE COLLECT THEM AT SCHOOL FOR RECYCLING?**

Bring them to school, so we can keep them out of the landfill and so much more...

Recycling batteries keeps toxic and hazardous substances from the environment, prevents lithium fires in the landfill, reduces the need to extract new resources, and saves energy. Dried up markers and pens are re-purposed to make a variety of items such as benches, waste bins, asphalt, shingles, and more!

Check out this link for what you can and cannot put in your blue recycling bin at home:

[2019aptrrecycposter_en_fr\(winnipeg.ca\)](http://2019aptrrecycposter_en_fr(winnipeg.ca))

Go to www.winnipeg.ca/4Rdepot for a list of items you can drop off at the 4R recycling depots located in Winnipeg.



~ Your OVJ ESD Committee

OVJ BREAKFAST PROGRAM

We have had a great start to the year at our Breakfast Program. I am very excited to be back helping along with student leadership volunteers.

Our goal at O.V. Jewitt is for every child to have a healthy start to their day. Eating breakfast each morning boosts our energy and concentration!

At Breakfast Program, students can come into school at 8:30 a.m. to eat at no cost to families. We provide a healthy breakfast to any student. Please let us know if you have any questions. There is a sign-in book at the Room 13 door so there is no need to sign up ahead of time.

~ Mrs. Stannard



TERRY FOX WALK/RUN

This year's Terry Fox School Walk took place on October 7th, 2022. We had a brief assembly preceded by a walk around the community. Terry's examples of courage, humility, determination and perseverance continue to inspire us.

He is a Canadian hero!

SAVE THE DATE...

FOR OUR FIRST OVJ
FAMILY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, November 2, 2022

5:30 p.m.

More info to follow!

FROM ROOM 6...

The students in Room 6 have acknowledged **Orange Shirt Day** and the **Day for National Truth and Reconciliation** by engaging and making meaningful reflections through stories of residential school survivors. One of these read-alouds was "The Orange Shirt Story" by Phyllis Webstadd. The students responded with meaningful reflections of what it means for **every child to matter**. Room 6 students also learned the song lyrics to "300 sleeps" by Jen Whiffin and took action in our community by cleaning up the land, going on an **honour walk**, and collecting, painting and writing messages of hope, love and truth on rocks for our community. Room 6 students acknowledge that Truth and Reconciliation is about action to make Canada and our world a better place by learning more about Indigenous history, teachings, and our impact.



We love your children! But please drop them off NO EARLIER than 8:45 a.m. when staff are on duty! Thank you!



Dress your kids for the cold and rainy weather – outdoor play is valuable and fresh air is healthy! We believe in outdoor play and encourage students to enjoy their environment.

As the weather changes, please dress your child for the weather. Opening the doors to outdoor play in all kinds of weather allows children the opportunity to spark their curiosity, leading to wonder, exploration and learning. When children have the right clothing

for the season, it contributes to them having positive, rich outdoor play experiences that just can't happen indoors!