



O. V. Jewitt Community School

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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.



Letter from the Principals

Spring is finally here! As the ground thaws, we continue to think about our connections with Mother Earth and ways to take care of this place we call home.

Our Climate Action Leadership group has been planting seeds to share with our community. Students have been picking up garbage, composting their food and finding ways to re-purpose clothing. We have rescued healthy food to prevent it from going to the landfill. Nature buddies in Rooms 1 and 9 shared actionable ways to keep our schoolyard trees healthy and why this is important. Students in Portable 6 have been studying about environmental racism and examining what impact it has on various Indigenous communities across Canada and their ability to access clean water. Classrooms plan to receive vegetables and herbs from the Aki Centre and plant them in our garden boxes at the front of the school.

These are just a few examples of how staff and students are fostering a curiosity in their classrooms around these important issues and what our young students can do to make a difference. Climate change and its global impact are issues that we are exploring together.



Please join us for our **SPRING CELEBRATION OF LEARNING** on the evening of **Wednesday, May 24**. All are welcome to enjoy snapshots of the learning happening in the classrooms of O.V. Jewitt. Drop in between **4:00-6:00 PM** to celebrate the meaningful work done by our students each day. We look forward to seeing you!

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Connection...Current information...Upcoming events...Classroom highlights



As we enter the final few months of school at O.V. Jewitt, the Mino Pimatisiwin ("The Good Life") Indigenous Student Leadership group is also wrapping up its second year of events. Each month Indigenous students from Grades 7 & 8 at OVJ get together with Indigenous High School students from Maples Collegiate to help build connections and support transitions from Middle Years to Grade 9.

This year, we have been lucky enough to have time in the OVJ gym to play basketball, volleyball, dodgeball, and Indigenous sports; we have learned about Indigenous-focused courses and groups for students in high school; we have visited Maples to cook together and share a meal; and next month we will be attending the Aki Centre to learn to set up and take down the Divisional tipi!

Kichi milgwech - a big thank you - to Frank Halas, Ryan Cook, and all the students from Maples for making our times together so amazing!

DIVISIONAL DANCE DAY April 13, 2023—SOPAC

We celebrated our Annual Divisional Dance Day at SOPAC the morning of April 13th.

A group of 24 students from Grades 3 to 5 were accompanied by Mrs. Manpreet Grewal, Mrs. Raka Badhwar, Ms. Akanksha Jain and Ms. Kamaljit Gill to SOPAC. The students performed in two different groups with one being a pure Punjabi song and the other a fusion of English and Punjabi.

What a day it was! The Centre echoed with sounds of great music, cheers, applause and above all the movements of the dances put forward by students of OVJ and many other schools in Seven Oaks School Division! It was exciting to see dance performances from different cultures; it was equally interesting to note how the young students take pride in their culture and how the students, who would otherwise not have a chance to be involved, got an opportunity to try dances from different cultures!



STEAM CHALLENGE!

Grade 6 classes engage in a STEAM challenge where they must create a flotation device that can hold as much weight as possible. The first two photos show students from Room 15 planning out their design before constructing their device out of tin foil. The third picture shows students in Room 14 testing out their prototypes. Students measured their devices to determine if there is a relationship between mass, volume, and the amount of weight it can hold. The most successful flotation devices were displayed at STEAM Fest on April 28th.



OVJ Band

students have been busy! Following a great set at the Seven Oaks Jazz Festival, the Jazz Band performed *Pano* by Zack Tabudlo and *Hey Jude* by The Beatles in front of an enthusiastic OVJ staff and student audience at our school pep rally. This assembly sent our students into spring break on a high note, featuring presentations for a new club (Puzzle & Games Club), sharing of posters



and poetry, two musical performances from elementary students, acknowledgements of the many achievements of our student athletes, and the undeniable energy of our master of ceremonies, Mr. Morris. A few hours later, grade 8 band students enjoyed a fun evening dining at Johnny G's and experiencing a performance by the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra at the Centennial Concert Hall. Since the break, students have been - once again - working hard and pressing to learn new, more challenging songs for our upcoming in-house spring concert. The music happening inside the Band Room is sounding better all the time!

****[SPRING BAND CONCERT: TUESDAY MAY 30—6:30 PM @ OVJ](#)****





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



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ne of our grade 8 students, Jessica Togado, has created a beautiful dress all out of newspapers to compete in Take Pride Winnipeg's Eco Awareness Day and Fashion Fest 2023! She will be modelling her fabulous creation in a fashion show at Polo Park on Friday, May 5th.



OVJ PATROLS— Work hard, Play Hard!

A special thanks goes out to all our patrol leaders for their continued hard work in helping our community safely cross the streets. To celebrate all their hard work our patrols enjoyed a morning of bowling at Billy Mosienko Lanes. Most recently our patrol leaders had the opportunity to assist our students in our annual spring bus evacuation. Way to go patrols! Thank-you for all your hard work and dedication.



What's New in Physical Education Classes...

We have just wrapped up our focus on Team Handball for our grade 5 students and Badminton, and continue to emphasize daily active living and providing many opportunities for students to **be active in the gym, on teams, and in our fitness classes.** Let's also hope the weather continues to warm up so we can get some outdoor activities in!



CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR REMINDER:

Please ensure your child has a change of runners, as a lot of debris is coming into the gym from outdoors, which makes it unsafe. With the summer months approaching, flip flops and sandals are more common in class. To avoid injury and to keep our students safe, everyone must wear proper athletic shoes in order to participate safely in class. Also, a reminder to bring a change of clothing for class even if shorts and t-shirts are used during the day. Proper hygiene is important as the weather really heats up. Students should have a proper change of clothes and use deodorant to freshen up after class if needed. If deodorant is needed, feel free to ask



your physical education staff. Remember: no body sprays as the aerosols are hard to breathe and irritate many students.

ATHLETICS UPDATE:

The badminton season has been a huge success for the students. We have seen some amazing progress in the skill of our students, and it has really shown in our games with other schools. *A special thank you to all the coaches taking their time to work with our students.* Upcoming in Athletics at O.V. Jewitt is middle years and early years Track & Field, and early years (Grades 3 to 5) Cross Country. Letters will be coming home soon with more information on these events!

