



Report to the Community

Our Mission Statement

“To provide a safe, welcoming, and academically supportive environment in which students, teachers, support staff and community work together. We respect students as unique individuals with different talents and aspirations for their roles in our rapidly changing world. WKC is committed to knowledge and inquiry, diversity, equity, inclusion, leadership, and advocacy. We strive to develop in our students the senses of self worth, social obligation and morality needed to become contributing members of society.

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Building for the Future

Through our academic pursuits and interactions with peers and educators, we continue to develop essential skills and foster a passion for lifelong learning. By emphasizing critical thinking, collaboration, and creativity, we have created an environment conducive to growth. As we look ahead, we stand ready to embrace the challenges and build on opportunities that lie before us, equipped with a strong foundation and a commitment to shaping a brighter tomorrow. Thank you to our community for your ongoing support in our journey towards continued success!

WK by the numbers

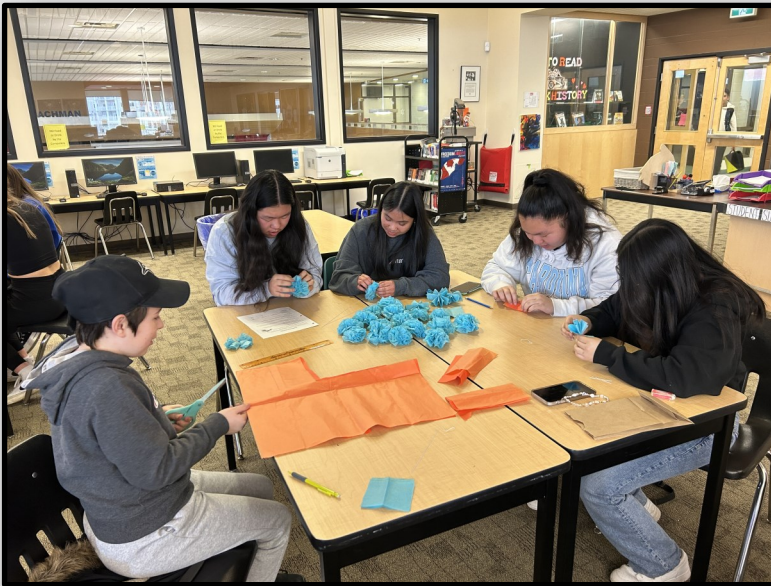
- ◆ 88 staff
- ◆ 823 students
- ◆ 201 Grade 9's
- ◆ 200 Grade 10's
- ◆ 235 Grade 11's
- ◆ 187 Grade 12's



Building Business Minds!

At West Kildonan our Business programs continue to be in high demand. This May, Ms. Martins' Business students, Abigail Bergagnini, Sean Menezes, and Daniella Butler competed in the Manitoba High School Case Competition in Brandon, Manitoba. The competition brings together high school students across the province and challenges them to prepare a presentation on their personal finance case over the course of a few hours. Working in groups of three, students then have 20 minutes to present their analysis to a judging panel comprised of representatives from the Manitoba business community.

Our students did an outstanding job and took home third place. They are looking forward to returning the following school year to continue to build on the skills and knowledge they acquired this year.



This year our **Grade 9 Business Innovations class** focused on several hands-on activities and projects to explore topics such as entrepreneurship, economics, business functions, and marketing. A few examples of things the students worked on include researching and celebrating entrepreneurs from different backgrounds, analyzing the way a business functions and participated in a production/management simulation activity, exploring Canada's economy and its environmental impact, and lastly looking at the Marketing Mix.

Students also learned about branding and conducted a "Name Brand vs. Store Brand" assignment. For this assignment, our class took a walk to our local Sobeys store and students chose a particular product to test whether the name brand or store brand version is better. They compared the price difference and taste. Students conducted a blind taste test to see which product would receive better results. Students then compiled their research into an infographic and presented it to the class. Surprisingly, most groups found the winner of the blind taste test to be the store brand over the name brand version.

To end our semester, students worked on a final project to create their own Food Truck business. Students developed their target markets, branding, logo design, product menu, promotional advertisement, as well as created a company website and designed a food truck. They presented their project to the class.

Cultural Credit

This year almost 60 students participated in Cultural Credit!
Our students met regularly, experiencing land-based learning
and cultural teachings all around the city and beyond.



How do we celebrate Education for Sustainable Development?

West Kildonan Carries For Our Watersheds!

The Caring For Our Watersheds Gala night was hosted on Earth Day, at Oak Hammock Marsh. Out of 180 proposals from over 250 students across Manitoba, West Kildonan Collegiate had 8 Wolverines make it to the Top 11 for their excellent action projects in sustainability.

On Earth Day, we found out how they placed, and we couldn't be more proud of all of them!

1st Place in Manitoba!

Project: It's Time for a Change: Plastics and Periods

Cassandra Calixto

Patricia Babao

Alyssa Fernandes

4th Place in Manitoba!

Project: Clean & Green

Sarah Ehmann

Makaya Braat

Ava Moldowan

Athena Giancola

7th Place in Manitoba!

Project: Controlling Purple Loosestrife

Tilia Madsen

Congratulations to all the winners!

We dedicated the month of April to Climate Change and Earth Day. We ended the month with a school-wide community clean-up.



West Kildonan came together for Mental Health



Fostering Scientific Minds at West Kildonan



This Grade 11 Biology class had the opportunity to explore what they were learning in class on a hands-on dissection. They explored the circulatory system by dissecting pig hearts and lungs and exploring how enzymes break down harmful substrates in our bodies. They achieved this with the use of fresh liver and hydrogen peroxide.

The West Kildonan Zoology Club experienced a highly active and successful year of immersive educational experiences. We engaged in two major events aimed at presenting the animals to the general public and hundreds of students. A well attended and incredibly successful **WKC Whatever (Craft and Vendor) Sale** was organized and held in April to provide support for the animals. The Petting Zoo and student ambassadors received overwhelmingly positive responses from all attendees. Arguably our biggest event since the inception of the club was the two-day **STEAMfest**. This event showcased students' innovative projects and allowed attendees to immerse themselves in a multidisciplinary experience encompassing science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics. The Zoology Club participated through an interactive and educational exhibit, showcasing the animals through a hands-on experience.



Celebrating our Artists



Another exciting year has come to an end and students in all grades were able to create unique pieces of art. Students worked on sculptures, painting, drawing and design work. West kildonan art students made choices, committed to their outcomes and practiced often. One highlight of the year was the completion of the Grade 11 Mask unit work, where we got superb works of art from all students. Another successful unit was the Grade 10 Painting unit, where students showcased their skill and developed subjects of their own. Check it out!



West Kildonan Collegiate Presents

*Through the Looking Glass
And What Alice Found There*

Adapted by Rosemary Nursey-Brady

Our Drama program at West Kildonan Collegiate continues to grow!



West Kildonan dancers displayed their talents in several competitions and two showcases!

The West K Concert Band and Jazz Band

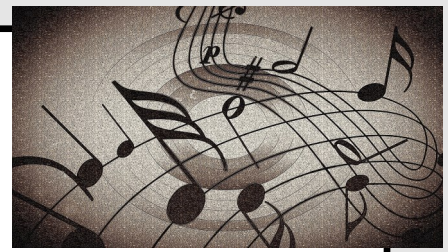
Our program as West Kildonan has had a fabulous year! We had 3 concert bands: grade 9, 10, and 11/12, as well as one large combined jazz band. The West K band students are a passionate and hard working group that has been an honour to work with! Here are some of our highlights:

- We had two **concerts** featuring all of our bands, one in December and one at the end of May, and both in our school gym. We welcomed our Family of Schools and Seven Oaks band teachers to sit in and play along during our mass band pieces, and at our Spring concert we welcomed some West K Alumni as well!
- Our **Grade 9 Band** performed at the Concert Band Festival at the Convention Centre in February and did a fabulous job with their two selections. They had an "on-stage" clinic right afterwards that gave them some great ideas for things to try with their music as well as highlighted their strengths.
- We also had two trips this year! The **Jazz Band** students had the opportunity to attend the Brandon Jazz Festival in March. They spent their time listening to other jazz bands and choirs from across the province, as well as going to hear professional musicians perform at an evening concert. After their own performance, they had a clinician work with them to help them improve and also celebrate what they were already doing well. They are already thinking about what songs they will play next Brandon Jazz!
- And as for our **Concert Bands**, students in grades 10-12 had the opportunity to travel to Edmonton to perform at the Cantando Music Festival along with our choir. They performed three songs on the Winspear Centre stage (the same stage that the Edmonton Symphony performs on), had a great clinic the day after with a music professor from BC, and attended two professional concerts in the evenings. And although we took a little longer to get home than anticipated (thanks to Mother Nature), it was an amazing and worthwhile trip. We look forward to see and hear what students can all do together this fall and beyond!



Choir at West K!

It has been so wonderful singing together at West Kildonan Collegiate this year. This year, we had **five different vocal ensembles**: 2 vocal Jazz groups, Grade 9/10 Concert Choir, Grade 11/12 Concert Choir, and an auditioned Chamber Choir. These groups work to develop foundational singing skills in the Concert Choirs, expand their understanding, and challenge their individual musicianship in Vocal Jazz and Chamber Choir. Through these ensembles students sing a diverse range of repertoire, gaining greater understanding of the broader choral community. We believe music is a wonderful tool to build bridges between people, help students find their own unique voices, develop collaboration, and serve as a great source of community for the students. Every singer has a place they belong!



This year saw the return of many of our favourite community choral events. For the first time since 2019, we had singers participate in the **Choral Fest, Winnipeg Music Festival, and Brandon Jazz Festival**. At the Winnipeg Music Festival, the Senior Choir was awarded the Camerata Nova Bursary for best performance of early music, for our performance of "Il Est Bel et Bon". In April, we took 45 band and choir students to Edmonton to perform at the Cantando Festival. This festival is always a highlight, and the massed choir performance with 800 singers was one we will not forget! In May, Colla Voce (West Kildonan's Chamber Choir), was honoured to be invited to perform at the Manitoba Legislature for the Manitoba Music Educators' Association Music Month Concert. This prestigious event celebrates, and advocates for music education in Manitoba schools. All these performances, plus many school and divisional events has made it a busy year for the singers, but after years of limited singing, and interrupted plans, we are so happy to be busy once again!





Athletics at WK

This year, the Physical Ed. Department had students focus on opportunities to engage in a variety of activities that promoted physical fitness and overall well-being.

With the use of the new fitness room and the two full-size gymnasiums, students had ample space to explore different exercises and sports. The new fitness room provided state-of-the-art equipment for strength training, cardio workouts, and flexibility exercises! Students were able to customize their fitness routines based on their individual goals.



- The physical education classes incorporated innovative **technology** to enhance the learning experience. Through the use of our projector and sound system we were able to offer yoga, dance, and a variety of fitness work outs. This integration of technology not only made classes more engaging but also empowered students to take a more active role in their fitness journey.
- Our physical education department offered an impressive array of **24 teams** throughout the year. We are proud of the dedication, and commitment of our student athletes to create such a successful athletic program.
- Furthermore, the physical education department ensured that physical education is **accessible to all learners**. They developed inclusive strategies and used adaptive equipment to accommodate students of every ability, ensuring that everyone could participate and enjoy the benefits of activity.

Overall, the gymnasium played a central role in promoting physical fitness, teamwork, and personal growth for students. With the use of modern technology, a variety of activities, and a commitment to inclusivity, the physical education department aimed to create a dynamic and engaging environment where students could thrive and develop lifelong habits of health and wellness!

From the Physical Education Staff,
Have a safe and active summer!



OUTDOOR LEADERSHIP

West Kildonan Collegiate's grade 11 Outdoor Leadership elective class has been busy and active this term! We have had fun learning together through experiential learning! To date we have built quinzhees, been cross country skiing and snowshoeing, observed animals' tracks, passed the 'Swim to Survive' tests, been on nature walks while developing various journalling techniques, accomplished a knot tying unit and performed various fire-making techniques.

Additional topics covered were how to deal with environmental emergencies, basic survival kits, survival decision-making scenarios, water safety, rope rescue throws, how to react to the behaviours of wildlife, risk prevention and assessments.

Our course culminates in a 3-day, 2-night Canoe Trip to Seagrim Lake! All of the skills students have learned will be put to good use! You can see pictures of our adventures on the West Kildonan Collegiate Instagram page!



Extra-Curricular Clubs

The Asian Heritage Club



This year, the Asian Heritage Club held several events to build community and celebrate Asian culture. During the fall, students held meetings that discussed various topics surrounding the community. They went to a viewing of *Slumdog Millionaire* at the Cinematheque, a film that the students greatly enjoyed. Furthermore, during Asian Heritage Month, the club held Asian Heritage Week. The week consisted of a Cultural Movie Day, Games Day, Food Day, and a trip to the Canadian Museum for Human Rights to attend the Asian Youth Symposium. This year was a big learning experience for the Club!

GSA

The GSA attended and held several events this year. They watched the film *Knock at the Cabin*, which was about a gay couple and their love for their daughter. In February, GSA members attended the Courage Across Canada Tour to celebrate the International Day of Pink. During the event, the students witnessed performances by drag queen contestants from Canada's *Drag Race*. In April, we participated in the GSA Gathering at the Maples Collegiate. They joined breakout workshop sessions surrounding voguing, queer storytelling, and the art of drag. Finally, the GSA organized a Pride Walk and Pride Sale the day after Winnipeg's own Pride March. This year was very eventful for the GSA!



This year the **Black Student Union (BSU)** had many events and gatherings amongst the students in the school, but also with other BSUs in the division. We were fortunate enough as a group to get all the BSUs together to watch the premiere of Black Panther and Woman King. On both occasions the students engaged in discussions with all the educators in attendance, asking questions on how the movies were impactful or reflected in our community. The West Kildonan group constantly gathered on Fridays during lunch break to discuss meaningful topics and planning the next events for the group. During **Black History Month** we were able to go to City Hall and be part of the recognition by Mayor Scott Gillingham and other members of council. Here the students were able to engage in various conversations with prominent figures of our community, as well as council members. As a closing event, our BSU participated in the divisional “Black Excellence” Gala at the Maples Collegiate. We enjoyed a momentous evening with a great speaker and delicious food! It was an evening to remember for all of us!



Gaming Club

This year, the Gaming Club continued to grow. Several members continued their Dungeons and Dragons campaign, and one of the members, Eric Cure, even 3D printed a miniature dragon. Club leader Caris Pittman organized several board game sessions ranging from Binding of Isaac, Lost Ruins of Arnak, Wingspan, and more. Some members learned how to play Magic the Gathering for the first time. Students had a blast throughout the year!

