



James Nisbet Community School

seeds of peace grow here

October 2024

Principal: **Martina Vergata** Vice-Principals: **Jennifer Lamoureux, Dina Drabyk**

Principal's Message

Important October Dates

To Our Nisbet Families,

September has passed so quickly with all of the excitement of beginning a new school year. We really enjoy seeing the smiling faces of family members and students arriving at school each day and meeting again at days end to head home.

Through this newsletter each month, we would like to share our learning and highlight a few important events and announcements of things happening at James Nisbet School and in our community.

As we head into October, we look forward to celebrating James Nisbet's 50th Birthday! We are happy to host a celebration this upcoming Wednesday, October 2nd. There will be food, time capsule tours, fun and games and more! Please come and join in the festivities!

Martina, Jen and Dina

Oct 2	James Nisbet's 50th Birthday Celebration
Oct 8	Professional Development–Divisional (No classes)
Oct 14	Thanksgiving Day (No school)
Oct 25	MTS PD Day (No classes)

REMINDER: PLEASE CALL THE SCHOOL PRIOR TO 9 AM AT 204-633-8870 IF YOUR CHILD WILL BE AWAY FROM SCHOOL—EACH DAY: If leaving a voicemail, please include your child's first name, last name, classroom teacher or classroom number, and the reason. Thank you.

Late Arrival

If your child arrives late to school, they must report to the office where they will sign-in at the reception area.

Morning Drop-Off and Pick Up

We have a designated Stop, Drop, and Go zone on Leamen Crescent that is supported by an EA. Please use this area as a safe spot for dropping off your child(ren) in the mornings.



Please do not drop off your children on Doubleday Drive. We have cars passing buses, with and without their Stop sign out, on Doubleday Drive. We want all of our children and families to arrive and leave school safely... thank you for your support with this.

Also, please refrain from entering the staff parking for drop off.



Orange Shirt Day Assembly

James Nisbet students and staff assembled to honour Residential School Survivors at our Orange Shirt Day assembly. Many students shared their learning about residential schools and truth and reconciliation. We ended with a beautiful community walk, filling the sidewalk with a sea of Orange!



Boozhoo! Aaniin! We are Prableen and Katanna from Ms Martens' Grade 6 class.

We would like to share our learning and efforts towards truth & reconciliation. We read books, listened to survivor's speak, and had class discussions.

We can only imagine what the children felt like at residential schools. Here are some words we thought of: lonely, sad, scared, confused, unsafe, unhappy, unfair, and unwanted.

In a sharing circle, our class came up with a list of how children should feel at school, such as: excited to come, like they belong, positive, encouraged, included, accepted, and respected.

We made posters to create awareness and drew pictures of Indigenous symbols. We painted rocks and then went on a community walk to hide them, so that when people find the rocks, they will remember the children. Seven students from our classroom found the courage to present at the orange shirt day assembly.





Nova Pride Wear

Through a generous donation from a former family, and the 7 Oaks School Division, we were able to supply a James Nisbet shirt to every student and staff to kick off the 2024-2025 school year!

Mindful Moments

At James Nisbet School, we are excited to announce the return of our Mindful Moments program, designed for students seeking peace and balance in their lives. This optional extracurricular activity, open to all ages, provides tools and strategies for living a calm and purposeful life.

Starting in October, the program will focus on engaging breathing exercises. Students will learn various techniques and facts about breathing to help them become the best version of themselves.

Join us for a moment of calm in your day with Mr. Greco!

Feel free to follow our Mindful Moments Instagram account at: [our.mindfulmoments](https://www.instagram.com/our.mindfulmoments)



Seven Oaks School Division is committed to supporting students, staff, and the community by ensuring safe, respectful, and purposeful learning environments.

[click here](#) to read more!

YOU ARE INVITED TO



JAMES NISBET SCHOOL'S

50TH BIRTHDAY!

OCTOBER 2ND, 2024

5:00 - 7:00 PM

James Nisbet School

70 Doubleday Drive