

O.V. JEWITT COMMUNITY SCHOOL



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At O.V. Jewitt Community School, we collaborate to create a positive and inclusive school culture where every child feels valued, recognized and respected. We support all children in their learning, providing opportunities where they experience success and enjoyment.

ABORIGINAL PERSPECTIVES

- O Canada in Ojibway
- Cross Curricular Connections
- 7 Teachings
- Aboriginal literature
- Smudges
- Medicine Wheel
- Drumming
- Sharing Circles: self-esteem, friendship
- Treaty Education – Residential Schools, Classroom Treaties
- Human Rights Education
- Activities focusing on the Plains Cree people
- Visit to Divisional Circle Garden
- Videos: *Tee Pee Tales*, *Raven's Tales*
- Dot Art
- POW WOW Club

FIELD TRIPS

- Young Women's Conference
- Skilled Trades MB
- MTYP
- Siloam Mission
- Children's Museum
- Living Prairie Museum
- Assiniboine Park and Zoo
- Planetarium
- Science Centre
- Oak Hammock Marsh
- Aviation Museum
- Amaze in Corn
- Winnipeg Art Gallery
- Fort Whyte
- St. James Historical Society Museum
- Village
- Mariash Quarry
- St. Boniface Museum
- Fort Gibraltar
- Shaw Park: Goldeyes
- Lower Fort Garry

HEALTHY AND SUSTAINABLE LIVING

- Intramurals
- Interscholastic Sports
- Regular Phys. Ed. classes
- TAS: Fun & Fitness
- Fitness Programs
- Family Life
- Terry Fox Walk
- Winter Activity Days
- Classroom focus on fitness/movement breaks
- Middle Years Life Days
- Grade 3,3/4, 4 and 4/5 Dance Class
- Classroom discussions on nutrition/healthy snacks
- Grade 1 Learn to Skate
- Grade 4 Swimming Program
- Playscape & Outdoor Classroom
- Learning to Listen, Learning to Care
- Kids in the Know Program
- Fostering Healthy Relationships
- Mental Health Promotion
- Minds-up Program
- Friendship Groups
- Canteen: Focus on Healthy Food
- Day of Pink Walk
- WE Day: Local and Global Action
- Recycling/Composting
- Classroom Discussions: Human Rights, Social Justice
- Bullying Awareness Week
- Celebration of "Earth Week"
- Social Justice Club
- GSA Club
- Equine Program
- Pet Empathy (Humane Society)



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BUILDING A COMMUNITY OF LEARNERS



BAND PROGRAM



FAMILY CENTRE



A free community place for parents and families to play, learn and grow together. A variety of programs are offered throughout the year and focuses on supporting families with preschool children.



POW WOW CLUB

Our students engage in various activities and discussions around the history and rich culture, and contributions of Aboriginal people.

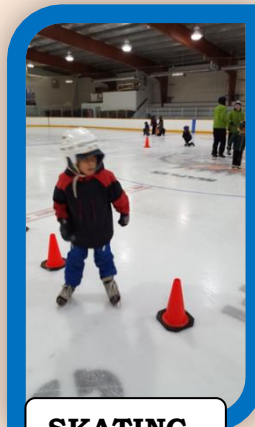
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INQUIRY



BUDDIES



SKATING



OVJ TRACK MEET



STUDENT LED ASSEMBLIES

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Gay Straight Alliance (GSA)

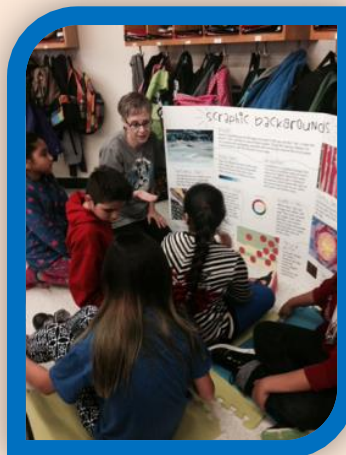
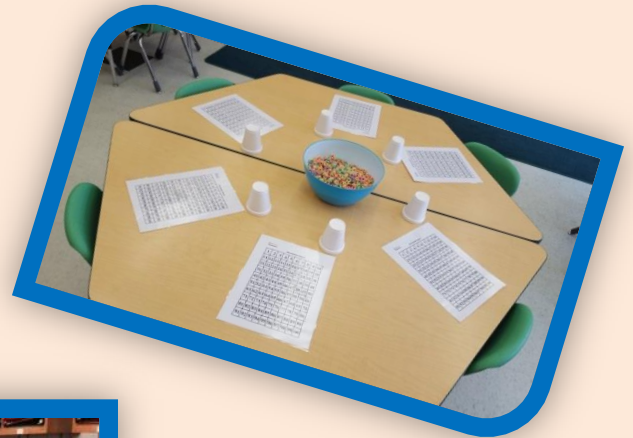
This is the first year that O.V.J has had a Gay Straight Alliance (GSA). The GSA welcomes Middle Year students from grades 6-8; however the group is primarily made up of grade 7 and 8 students. We meet twice a month during the lunch hour to discuss issues that concern the LGBT community and how we can make our school a more inclusive and caring setting for all students. This year GSA members organized the Day of Pink Challenge and Awareness Walk in addition to running three assemblies this year. The GSA members have proven to be true leaders in our school.

LITERACY

Supporting children in developing as readers, writers, speakers, listeners and problem solvers is an important aspect of our work every day. Teacher conferences, literature circles, novel studies, poetry, story writing, drama, puppet plays, classroom book publishing, celebrating "I Love to Read" week and providing rich and varied literature are all important strategies in reaching this goal.

NUMERACY

At O.V.Jewitt we help our children gain the confidence and skill to use numbers and mathematical approaches at school, home and in everyday life. Focussing on number sense, hands-on math workshops using a variety of manipulative materials, building cross-curricular connections between math and other subject areas and focussing on problem solving are all important strategies in reaching this goal.



ARTISTS IN THE SCHOOL

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STUDENT LEADERSHIP

We are always looking for ways to encourage students to get involved through planning, organizing and helping out.

- Street Patrols/Kindergarten Patrols
- Buddy Reading, Buddy iPads, Buddy Skating
- Pickle sales
- Student/Classroom initiatives: Sam's Christmas, "Koats for Kids," United Way, Siloam Mission, Red Cross, WE Day: Support to local and global actions
 - Fundraising to support those affected by natural disasters
 - Earth Week
 - Community Clean-up
- Recycling (Grade 4 classrooms) and Composting (Grade 6 classrooms)
- Phys. Ed. Leadership
- School-wide Bullying Awareness
- Girlz Jam
- Make your Move
- Unite to Change Conference
- Ongoing classroom learning around social justice

Encouraging student leadership at the school, community and global level is an ongoing process.



ROOTS OF EMPATHY

Roots of Empathy (ROE) is a classroom based program for students which focuses on building capacity for caring and compassionate citizenship and parenting. Through regular classroom visits with a mother and baby, children develop social emotional awareness and increasing empathy. We had one family participate this year.

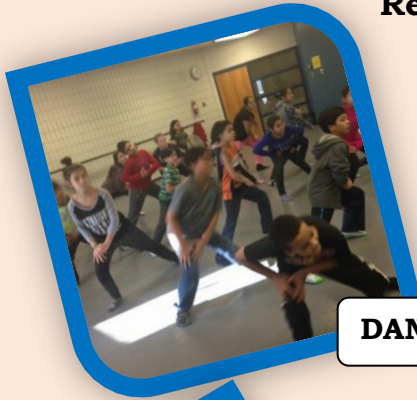
LEARNING THROUGH THE ARTS

Learning through the arts provides multiple ways for children to engage and develop their understanding and make sense of the world.

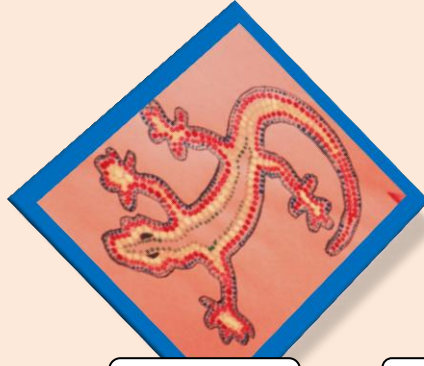


VISUAL ART

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DANCE



DOT ART



ART



MUSIC

SOCIAL JUSTICE CLUB

O.V. Jewitt's Social Justice Club is a dedicated group of approximately 15 grade six and seven students motivated to creating positive changes in the world. This year's group focused on raising awareness of poverty in Winnipeg, and raising awareness of a basic human right across the globe; the right to access clean water sources. The group held a quarter drive, a bake sale, and a few freezie sales. All money raised was donated to The Siloam Mission, as well as The Water Project, a non-profit organization committed to providing clean water resources through well-building.

STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

We believe in creating and maintaining positive and healthy teaching and learning environments for everyone in the school. We strive to offer learning opportunities that engage our teachers' creative and reflective capacities to strengthen their practice which will in turn enhance the learning outcomes for all children. Some of the highlights were:

- K-5 Teacher Talk: Literacy and Numeracy Focus
- Early and Middle Years Educational Leaves: Aboriginal Perspectives: Cross Curricular Connections and Teachings
- Individual Teacher Professional Development – e.g. Basic French, Writing Workshop, Storytelling and Indigenous Practice and Teachings, Literacy workshops/seminars, Early/Middle Years Numeracy, Math Problem Solving, Kindergarten Education Leave, Dr. Gordon Neufeld (sessions on anxiety and social-emotional development of children).
- Collaborative Team Building
- PD on Project Wild
- SAGE Conferences
- Explore and Experiment with the work of Author/Illustrator Lois Ehlert
- Exploring the Learning Carpet
- Conferring with Young Writers
- Reading in the Middle Years
- The Science of Co-regulating through Arts
- Math workshop for Early and Middle years.