



ÉCOLE CONSTABLE EDWARD FINNEY SCHOOL

DECEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER



Dear Finney Families,

As we reflect on the first term of the school year, it's hard to believe how quickly it has passed! November was a month filled with a variety of engaging activities and events, including vision screenings, several memorable field trips, the distribution of report cards, and productive parent-teacher conferences. We were also fortunate to come together for our Remembrance Day assembly, as well as the wonderful Grade 2 to 5 concerts, which showcased the talent of our students.

Additionally, we are incredibly grateful for your generosity during this season of giving. Thanks to your support, we were able to collect a significant amount of non-perishable food for our holiday hampers, which will benefit families in our community.

While this is a busy time of year, it is also filled with excitement and joy. We wish all of our Finney families a wonderful holiday season and the very best as we approach the New Year!

Warm regards,

Natalie Trudeau

Happy
Holidays!



IMPORTANT DATES

- **December 13**—Grade 5 Divisional Volleyball
- **December 20**—Last Day before Winter Break
- **Dec 23—Jan 3**—Winter Break—**NO SCHOOL**
- **January 6**—First Day after Winter Break (Day 5)
 - **January 31**— Divisional PD—**NO SCHOOL**
- **February 13**—Finney Family Festival Evening
- **February 14**—School PD Day—**NO SCHOOL**
- **February 17**—Louis Riel Day/Family Day—**NO SCHOOL**
- **February 20 & 21**—Grade 5 French Immersion Camp. Stay tuned for more information.



From Music:

What a fantastic time we had at Finney's concerts! The performances were a hit, and we couldn't be prouder of our students. Collaborating between the classroom and music room, the students brought their classroom learning to life, guiding the audience through a series of doors to 'Learn Everything' in the most musical way possible! We'd like to give a big thank you to everyone for your incredible support of our music program—it makes moments like these even more special!



Urgent – We need your help!

We need to keep your children safe! We have witnessed too many near-misses of accidents during drop off in the morning and pick up at the end of the day. Our patrols and staff members are trying to keep pedestrians safe, but the number of vehicles not obeying traffic signs makes it a very risky job. Patrols cannot see oncoming traffic when there are vehicles waiting in the no stopping zones. Our School Resource Officers through the Winnipeg Police Department have witnessed the same.

You can help!

- **Obey the traffic signs** including NO stopping zones and NO parking zones. Please allow time to park in an appropriate spot on a street and walk your younger child(ren) to the school.
- Our neighbours need to access their driveways at all times. Please **DO NOT block driveways**.
- If you have older children (grades 3 and up), please consider arranging with your child(ren) for drop-off and pick up away from the school. Many side streets have safe routes to walk a block or two to get to school and it would reduce the amount of traffic during those busy times.
- Our parking lot is for **staff only** from early morning into the evening.
- The drive-up lane between the school and parking lot should be used for **day care drop off ONLY**.



Winter Street Patrol



-26°C or warmer (including the wind chill)

Students are **outside**

Patrols are on regular duty **outside**

(8:15 to 8:30 and 2:55 to 3:05)



-27°C, -28°C, -29°C or -30°C (including the wind chill)

Students are **inside**

Patrols are on shortened duty **outside**

(8:20 to 8:25 and 3:00 to 3:05)



-31°C or colder (including the wind chill)

Students are **inside**

Patrols are **inside** supervising pod areas



News from Physical Education

Finney Falcons have been hard at work in the gym, court, and outdoors. At school, all students learned some basic moves in Bhangra dance from a local expert Bikram Lodha. For two days, students learned about the cultural significance of Bhangra dance followed by working on their rhythmic movement and sequences. Students and staff then used their skills at the Diwali celebration in school. Grades 4 and 5 will be having more dance opportunities in December with some Chilean dance instruction by our very own Ms. Tanya.

All grades have been developing their physical literacy skills by participating in a wide range of cooperative and competitive activities that foster a love for movement and wide range of movement skills. Some of the favourite activities this month have been pinball, floor hockey, climbing stations and tag games.

Eight teams of Grade 4 and 5 students represented Finney at the Divisional Handball Jamboree. These students showcased their learning and abilities of handball rules, defensive and offensive play all the while being fantastic teammates.



Currently, Grade 5 Volleyball club is in full swing. Students have been learning the basics of volleying, bumping, serving, and court positions to ready themselves for the next divisional tournament later in December.

Be on the lookout for more info regarding Grade 5 Basketball club and Ball Hockey intramurals coming soon!



A big thank you to our Finney families who supported the Terry Fox fundraising initiative. Our community raised \$600 for cancer research! THANK YOU!!



French immersion students from Mme Herosian (2/3), Mme Self (4/5), Mme Harvey, (4/5) and M. Kouadio's (4/5) classes went to Landmark Cinemas to experience "Kina et Yuk", a French-language film about 2 arctic foxes. The program was offered through Cinémental. The students enjoyed a truly immersive outing and learned about animals from the North.

**NORTHWEST
BEAR CLAN PATROL INC.**

COMMUNITY PATROL

**WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 11, 2024**

**ELWICK COMMUNITY SCHOOL
30 MABERLEY ROAD, WINNIPEG MB**

**MUSTER TIME: 5:30-6PM
PATROL TIME: 6:00 PM**

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TEACHERS' PANEL 2024

Networking and career exploration for
Internationally Trained Educators

Learn and connect
with School staff how
to become a part of
the Canadian school
system.



December 14th , 2024

10am - 12:30pm

Maples Collegiate
1330 Jefferson Avenue

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(204) 697-5967



Sign Up



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2024 TANNIS M. RICHARDSON
Winter Concert

The Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra's Induction
to the Jerry Maslowsky Performing Arts Centre Hall of Fame

PHOTOS BY MATT DUBOFF & DAVID MOORE

MON DEC 16 6:30 PM
SEVEN OAKS PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE
711 JEFFERSON AVE
Tickets \$25 each available at:
www.7oaks.org/resources/soef

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B'nai Brith Presents...

DIVERSE MINDS

CREATIVE WRITING COMPETITION

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS!
Write and illustrate a children's book that tells a story of diversity and inclusion

THE WINNING BOOK WILL BE PUBLISHED
AND WILL RECEIVE A MONETARY PRIZE OF \$2,500
ALL 4 RUNNER-UPS WILL RECEIVE \$1,000 EACH

Deadline for entries is April 16, 2025!

3.6 M likes

diverseminds@bnaibrith.ca

diverse minds Calling all high school students in Canada!
Create a book for elementary school kids. Visit DiverseMinds.ca
for detailed submission information and guidelines

#onceinalifetime #championingdiversity

2025
**PRIME
MINISTER'S
AWARDS**

Nomination Deadline:
January 15, 2025
(11:59 PM Pacific
standard time)



**NOMINATE AN
EXCEPTIONAL
EDUCATOR
TODAY!**

- Teaching Excellence
- Teaching Excellence in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM)
- Excellence in Early Childhood Education

VISIT
CANADA.CA/PM-AWARDS
#PMAWARDS



Sarah Cote, 2024 Certificate of Excellence Recipient, Maniwaki, Quebec
Margaret Burke, 2024 Certificate of Excellence Recipient, Glace Bay, Nova Scotia

Free Drop Off Income Tax Service

February 17 – May 16 2025

Health and Social Services Unit 3-1050 Leila

Monday to Friday 8:30 – 4:30pm

Complete And Sign The **TAX INFORMATION SHEET**

Put In A Sealed Envelope With **YOUR TAX PAPERS AND RECEIPTS**

Tax filing
available from
years 2015– Now

BRING A ***COPY*** OF YOUR TAX PAPERS IF YOU WANT THEM BACK

Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP)

The CVITP is

A collaboration between the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) and community organizations. The community organizations host free tax preparation clinics and arrange for volunteers to prepare income tax and benefit returns for eligible individuals who have a modest income and a simple tax situation.



**People
helping
people**

Be Sure To Bring The Following:

1. Valid government photo id
2. T4, copy of last payroll
3. T4e, t5007 statement of employment insurance and other benefits
4. RC62 (universal childcare benefit statement)
6. Childcare Benefits and expenses
7. RRSP contributions
8. Medical receipts
9. Rent assist documents (receipts)

Family Income Eligibility

One Person \$40,000

Couple \$50,000

One Adult with Child \$45,000

You Are Not Eligible If You

- *Are Self Employed
- *Have Rental Income
- * Are Filing For a Deceased Person
- * Have More Than \$100,000 Foreign Property
- *Have more Than \$1000 Interest Income

Contactless Drop-off form for the
Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP)

Please fill out ONE (1) Sheet per Adult in your household who are getting their taxes done. Married or Common-Law couples MUST get their taxes done at the same time. If you have children, the person who receives the Canada Child Benefit must include them on their form.

Please Include any slips you may have received, Receipts for Rent, medical expenses or childcare or if you own, your property taxes for the tax year.

We will be able to get any slips that have been sent to the CRA but will only file with the information we have been given. You must include everything for an accurate tax filing.

Taxes can be filed from 2014 – 2023. Please indicate if prior years are required.

WE CANNOT FILE IF:

You were self employed

Had rental income

Had Capital Gains

Filed for Bankruptcy in 2024

The person passed away in the year to be filed

If you have any questions, please email cvitp.ypn.mb@gmail.com

PLEASE NOTE: TAX DOCUMENTS ARE PICKED UP AND DONE WITHIN A WEEK OF DROP OFF AND WILL BE RETURNED TO THE DROP OFF LOCATION. **YOU MUST PICK THE DOCUMENTS UP WITHIN 2 WEEKS** OTHERWISE THEY WILL BE DESTROYED. TAX SLIPS CAN BE FOUND ONLINE WITH THE CRA OR BY CALLING 1 800 959 8281.

WE WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO CALL YOU BEFORE WE FILE YOUR TAXES, HOWEVER WILL FILE IF WE CANNOT REACH YOU.

IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION

YOUR NAME _____

DATE OF BIRTH (DD-MM-YYYY) _____

SOCIAL INSURANCE NUMBER _____

MARITAL STATUS ON DECEMBER 31, 2021 _____

CURRENT MAILING ADDRESS _____

CURRENT POSTAL CODE _____

CURRENT CITY _____

CONTACT PHONE NUMBER _____

EMAIL ADDRESS (FOR T1 SUMMARY) _____

(NOTE: WE WILL NOT BE PRINTING SUMMARIES, ONLY EMAILING IF REQUESTED)

WHAT WAS YOUR PROVINCE OF RESIDENCE ON DECEMBER 31, 2024 _____

DID YOU IMMIGRATE TO CANADA ANYTIME DURING 2024? (DD-MM) _____

ARE YOU A CANADIAN CITIZEN? YES or NO

IF YOU ARE A CANADIAN CITIZEN, DO YOU AUTHORIZE CRA TO SHARE YOUR INFORMATION WITH ELECTIONS CANADA? YES or NO

DEPENDANT INFORMATION

CHILD'S NAME _____

DATE OF BIRTH (DD-MM-YYYY) _____

CHILD'S SIN (If known) _____

ARE THEY ELIGIBLE FOR THE DISABILITY TAX CREDIT (must have received letter from the CRA) YES or NO

CHILD'S NAME _____

DATE OF BIRTH (DD-MM-YYYY) _____

CHILD'S SIN (If known) _____

ARE THEY ELIGIBLE FOR THE DISABILITY TAX CREDIT (must have received letter from the CRA) YES or NO

(PLEASE USE THE BACK FOR ADDITIONAL CHILDREN)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

DO YOU HAVE A T2201 DTC CERTIFICATE ON FILE WITH THE CRA? YES or NO

IF YOUR SPOUSE/PARTNER OR DEPENDENT QUALIFIES FOR THE DTC, WILL YOU BE CLAIMING THE CAREGIVER CREDIT? YES or NO

DO YOU QUALIFY FOR THE PROVINCIAL CAREGIVER CREDIT? YES or NO

DID YOU RENT IN 2024? YES or NO

HOW MUCH DID YOU PAY FOR THE YEAR? _____

DID YOU QUALIFY FOR RENT ASSIST? YES or NO (PLEASE INCLUDE SLIP IF SO)

DID YOU OWN YOUR HOME? YES or NO (PLEASE INCLUDE A COPY OF YOUR PROPERTY TAXES)

DID YOU HAVE ANY MEDICAL EXPENSES? YES or NO (PLEASE INCLUDE ANY RECEIPTS)

DID YOU HAVE ANY DONATIONS IN 2022? YES or NO (PLEASE INCLUDE ANY RECEIPTS)

DID YOU HAVE ANY CHILDCARE EXPENSES, ARTS EXPENSES OR SPORT EXPENSES FOR YOUR DEPENDENTS? YES or NO (PLEASE INCLUDE ANY RECEIPTS)

The Volunteers are able to get your slips directly from the CRA using Auto-fill my return. Any slip given to you that is reported to the CRA (T4, T4E, CPP, OAS. etc) will be pulled. This includes investment documents, however these can take longer to appear (Usually Late March, Early April) We will return all documents back to the 1050 Leila the Monday of the week after you drop them. It is your responsibility to pick them up. If you do not wish to leave your slips, please indicate this on the form. Otherwise, you must collect them within 2 weeks.