



SUNRISE

SCHOOL DIVISION



2024 Report to Community



BOARD CHAIR

Message from Board of Trustees

On behalf of the Board of Trustees for Sunrise School Division I would like to say “thank you” to all of our staff for another wonderful year of creating learning opportunities for our students.

Our group of trustees had the opportunity this year to tour around to schools again. The interactions with students and staff during these tours was fabulous and a great learning opportunity for all of our trustees.

Congratulations to Superintendent Cathy Tymko on her retirement with Sunrise School Division. We were in good hands with her at the helm.

Congratulations to all the students for your hard work. Staff enjoy the summer.

Paul Magnan, Chair
Board of Trustees

SUPERINTENDENT

Sunrise Education Centre

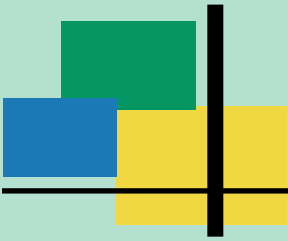


The 2023-2024 school year saw Sunrise continuing to be at the top of its game by providing outstanding learning experiences for students both in and out of the classroom. All the staff in this division are amazing people who put their heart and soul into the work they do for children and their families.

In October 2023, we were very fortunate to announce Mr. Trevor Reid as the next Superintendent of the division beginning April 1, 2024. It has been a pleasure to work alongside Trevor over the last three months of the school year. This has given us a more seamless transition with minimal impact to educational and operational matters.

Thank you to all staff, past and present, for making Sunrise School Division such a top-notch organization. I look forward to watching Trevor and his team move Sunrise ever forward,

Cathy Tymko,
Superintendent/CEO



Work of the Board . . .

Throughout the 2023-2024 school year, the Sunrise Board of Trustees has continued to work hard supporting students, staff and families. Here is some of the important operational and educational work that was undertaken this past year:

Construction and Capital Projects:

- Hazelridge School stair lift for the gymnasium was completed
- École Powerview School ventilators in the Industrial Arts lab upgraded
- Modular classrooms at ÉBEYS, OBE, and Dugald in use by students
- Building envelope replacement at SCI complete
- HVAC replacement at SCI ongoing
- Building envelope replacement at ÉESS complete
- SCI science lab renovations started and completed
- Fencing addition at École Dugald School to mirror housing development
- Oak Bank Elementary roof replacement complete

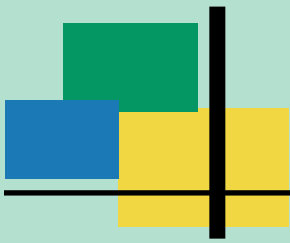


Communications with Public:

- Developed and approved the 2024-25 school division budget with input from staff and public
- Attended 3 Regional Municipal Forums in Pinawa, Pine Falls, and Lac du Bonnet
- Communicated timely weather closure information 5 times throughout the winter months
- Attended numerous school and community events throughout the school year



Back row (left to right): Robin Harris, Paul Magnan, Dustin Dent, Don Nichol
Front row (left to right): Donna Wilson, Alicia Smith, Malissa Rowan, Dianne Roeland, Lorraine Boitson



Work of the Board . . .

Governance:

- Received final approval from the courts for the Sunrise Education Foundation documentation
- Created an Ad Hoc Land Planning Committee to explore a new school in the Springfield area
- Successfully completed the Superintendent recruitment and hiring process
- Attended the Manitoba School Boards' Association (MSBA) learning sessions in November 2023
- Attended the MSBA AGM and professional development in March 2024
- Two trustees attended the Canadian School Boards' Association learning sessions in Toronto

Personnel:

- Hired Trevor Reid as the next Superintendent of Sunrise
- Hired Chris Gusberti as the Divisional Principal
- Hired Andrew Mead as the Principal of École Dugald School
- Hired Kelly Palmer as the bilingual Assistant Principal in Dugald
- Hired Patty Whatman as the Assistant Principal at OBE
- Hired Anna Langevin as the Principal at Richland Colony School
- Hired Lauralee Reimer as the Principal of Heartland Colony School
- Hired Matthew Bialek as the Finance Manager at the Business Centre



Highlights:



- Completed program reviews on Alternative Education and Physical Education
- Welcomed 11 schools to present educational work at Regular Board meetings
- Welcomed 6 operational department presentations at Board meetings
- Toured 6 schools and the Business Centre
- Co-hosted a Long Service and Retirement dinner together with our unions
- Attended various concerts, graduations, and events within our schools

Field Trips:

The Board of Trustees is responsible for approval of overnight and/or out-of-province travel by students. This past year saw field trip approvals for:

- 3 Language learning experiences for 3 schools
- 6 Music education performance for 3 schools
- 11 Outdoor learning excursions at 6 schools
- 5 Sports and athletics trips for 3 schools
- 3 International trip approvals for 2025
- 2 inter-provincial trip approvals for 2025
- A Whitemouth School trip to an experiential physics opportunity



Multiple opportunities for day trips also took place at all schools this past year.

CELEBRATING OUR LEARNING...

I Love to Read...Guest Readers

Schools in Sunrise invite many guest readers to visit during *I Love to Read* month in February. This year, schools welcomed Manitoba's Lieutenant-Governor, the Honourable Anita Neville, Manitoba's Premier, the Honourable Wab Kinew, local MLAs Wayne Ewasko and Bob Lagassé, local entertainer Al Simmons, as well as Sunrise trustees and divisional staff. Other notable guests through the year were Michael Redhead Champagne, artist Annie Bergen, and local radio host Ace Burpee to name but a few. Our students and staff love making connections with our community members so don't



hesitate to reach out if and when you want to come help out our schools.

Yes I Can! Award Winners

Every year the Manitoba Council for Exceptional Children holds the *Yes I Can!* Awards and they invite submissions from all over the province for students to receive awards. We are happy to be able to celebrate four students this year who received awards at the *Yes I Can!* Awards:



Jayla Strong from Hazelridge School
 Ronin Green from Springfield Middle School
 Ammar Ahmed from Springfield Middle School
 Wyatt Larson from Springfield Middle School

Manitoba Council for Exceptional Children Scholarship:
 Abbey Druzyk from École Powerview School

Congratulations to all five students. Sunrise is so very proud of your accomplishments.

Mental Health Days at Schools



Helping staff and students pick positive ways to improve their own mental health has been a focus in many of our schools this past year. Being able to identify the need, choosing possible strategies or people to help, and then putting the plan into practice has served a great number of students well. Our hope is to continue finding great ways to promote healthy choices and real connections.

New Faces in Schools for 2024-2025

The following staff are taking on new roles as school administrators or divisional support staff next year:

Andrew Mead	École Dugald Principal
Patty Whatman	OBE Assistant Principal
Kelly Palmer	École Dugald Assistant Principal
Anna Langevin	Richland Principal
Lauralee Reimer	Heartland Principal
Lorinda Bradley	Program Leader
Elana Spence	Program Leader
Jerrod Kusyk	Career Development Support

Welcome to all the new administrators and congrats to those who are taking on new challenges in different environments this coming school year.



Universal Nutrition Program on the Horizon

Sunrise has received \$364,000 from Manitoba Education for the Universally Accessible Nutrition Program (UANP). Our funding allotment has \$120,000 going to École Powerview School as an identified Community School and the remaining \$244,000 will be divided between the rest of the schools based on identified student need. Funding will be spent in one of three areas: food & beverage, staffing, and equipment. All schools were pleased with their allotments and are excited to use the funds to continue to meet the nutritional needs of their students during the 2024-25 school year.

Entertainment Galore

Thank you to all schools for a glorious year of concerts, productions, events, and entertainment. There are too many to list so bravo to all students and staff.



Students in Sunrise School Division will start the 2024-2025 school year beginning on Wednesday, September 4th 2024.

Looking forward to another amazing year.

Sunrise Calendar for 2024-2025

The PD Days for the 2024-2025 school year are:

Tuesday, September 3, 2024
Friday, October 18, 2024
Friday, October 25, 2024
Friday, November 22, 2024
Friday, December 6, 2024
Friday, February 3, 2025
Friday, March 21, 2025
Monday, April 21, 2025
Monday, May 12, 2025
Friday, June 27, 2025



Sunrise will have the last day of classes before holiday break on Friday, December 20 and will return to classes on Monday, January 6.

Spring Break this year is between
Monday, March 31 and Friday, April 4, 2025

Revised Teacher Evaluation Model



Thank you to Sunrise Teachers' Association and all their members for the dedication this past year working through the first year of our rotational evaluation model.

Administrators spent even more time observing class instruction, teachers networked even more frequently with one another, and the overall result was some very meaningful and focused time on the professional practice of teaching.

Thank you to all educators who work tirelessly to provide quality learning experiences to all Sunrise learners.

Powerview Added to the list of Community Schools

École Powerview School has been formally identified by Manitoba Education as a member school in the Community School Program. The Community School designation comes with \$80,000 for the hiring of a community support worker, \$120,000 for the Universally Accessible Nutrition Program, support for existing school programs and other possible initiatives to support home and school connections.



Ace Burpee Celebrates Birthday with Dugald

In October, École Dugald School hosted a birthday party for Ace Burpee! Ace Burpee is a local celebrity, humanitarian, and radio host of his own morning show on Virgin Radio Winnipeg. Last year, he came to École Dugald School as a keynote speaker at their Mental Health and Wellness Day. It was on that day he suggested meeting at the local Chicken Chef for lunch on his birthday and from there the idea continued to grow.

As a thank you to Ace Burpee for his generosity to École Dugald School, more than \$3,500 in donations were collected for the Terry Fox Foundation.

Early Reading Interventions Change Lanes

A Divisional Literacy Committee has been formed to develop an action plan to ensure we are using research-based and proven literacy instructional practices in our classrooms. Reading instruction is a topic of significant conversation and debate across North America and the committee will identify, through current research, the instructional strategies that should be used in all our classrooms. Initially the committee will focus on the early years and foundational skills for learning to read.



Quality Staff Answer the Recruitment Call in Sunrise

Sunrise will be welcoming new staff to schools and sites thanks to a planned, purposeful, and timely recruitment drive in March, April, and May this year. The Human Resources team along with administrators and managers spent time posting positions, interviewing, doing reference checks and hiring a number of new faces for 2024-2025.

Sunrise School Division is ready for a brilliant year!

School Highlights

Anola School
Anthony Stanley, Principal
Kindergarten to Grade 8, 206 students

Students at Anola School enjoyed having Art classes in a dedicated art classroom this year. The middle years students also had the opportunity to experience their own online reading assessments which proved to be a highly engaging way to improve reading skills..



École Dugald School
Chris Gusberti, Principal
Angela Ward, Assistant Principal
Kindergarten to Grade 8, 502 students



Students at École Dugald School worked on improving their writing skills in the English and French languages. Displays of writing samples decorated the halls of the school so that students and staff could see and celebrate their progress throughout the year. A popular display showed common and amusing writing errors, challenging people to find the problem.

École Beausejour Early Years School
Michael Carter, Principal
Kaela Breitsprecher, Assistant Principal
Kindergarten to Grade 5, 486 students



At École Beausejour Early Years School the principals were pied! As a celebration to a week long challenge of “Being Caught Being Kind” students were awarded special “Being Kind” vouchers. Two lucky students’ names were drawn, and in front of the entire school community they pied the principals in the face.

Centennial School
David Ogren, Principal
Kindergarten to Grade 6, 175 students

Centennial School staff and students are always pleased and humbled by the number of community members who give their time to teach our students. There is a huge amount of knowledge out there and many people who are good at engaging our kids in learning and making their knowledge accessible to kids. We are fortunate for all these amazing and authentic learning partnerships.



School Highlights

Gillis School
Anthony Penner, Principal
Kindergarten to Grade 6, 204 students

In December, Gillis School students welcomed large crowds for both the matinée and evening performances of *Conversations with Santa* featuring the Kindergarten students followed by *Littlest Christmas Tree* performed by the grade 1 and 2 students and then finally *Lights, Cameras, Christmas!* starring the grade 3 through 6 students.



Oakbank Elementary School
Shana Rogers, Principal
Patty Whatman, Assistant Principal
Kindergarten to Grade 5, 546 students

This year at OBE there are 206 grade four and five student leaders who supported the younger students either in the classroom or on the school playground. These older students set good examples, helping the younger students with their lunches, role-modeling how to make new friends and play positively with others, and helped to solve problems on the playground.



École Edward Schreyer School
Lonnie Liske, Principal
Erica Massie, Assistant Principal
Jaymi Witzke, Assistant Principal
Grade 6 to Grade 12, 701 students

Students at École Edward Schreyer School showed improvements in specific learning outcomes because staff continued to use responsive teaching practices. Responsive teaching is designed to meet the needs of the students as informed by student and class profiles.



Lac du Bonnet Senior School
Kim Stevenson, Principal
Grade 7 to Grade 12, 181 students

LdBSS staff and students worked together to make alternatives to technology available during free time. This included board games, card games, puzzles, yoga, hiking, cooking, playing sports, and painting. They also worked to turn spaces in the school into places where students felt comfortable relaxing and socializing.



Hazelridge School
Bryna Demers, Principal
Kindergarten to Grade 5, 74 students

Students at Hazelridge School had many opportunities to take part in experiential learning in their classrooms, in the community, on fieldtrips, from guest presenters or in the great outdoors.



School Highlights

Springfield Middle School
Bob Welsh, Principal
Heather Bethune, Assistant Principal
Grade 6 to 8, 365 students

The SMS Masterchef Junior competition this year saw 225 students participating in choosing recipes and creating food dishes to meet the criteria of various themes. Staff judges tasted the culinary creations and the Check 3 TV student reporters and photographers documented the competition for all to enjoy.



Whitemouth School
Randal Bonneteau, Principal
Kindergarten to Grade 12, 186 students

Whitemouth School fosters strong partnerships with families and community members in many ways. Learning happens outside the classroom at local venues like Falcon Lake, Red Rock Lake, and the Whiteshell Provincial Park. Parents, alumni, elders, and knowledge-keepers come into the school to share their time, wisdom and support for the amazing school initiatives always underway.



École Powerview School
Chrissy Viznaugh, Principal
Mary-Jo Hovorka, Assistant Principal
Paul Schram, Assistant Principal
Kindergarten to Grade 12, 431 students



During the 2023-24 school year, ÉPS focused on building confidence and self-esteem in the students by spending time exploring, identifying, and celebrating their specific interests, passions, and talents. The grade 7 to 12 students also learned about goal setting and the productive struggle required to work towards and accomplish goals.

Springfield Collegiate Institute
Kevin Doell, Principal
Carol Blocker, Assistant Principal
Grade 9 to 12, 590 students



A group of 40 SCI students attended an artist discussion with Justine Proulx where she shared her story about the Woodland style of art which is employed in her painting style. The mural she painted and the furniture purchased have created a calming, relaxing, quiet, and popular space for students to study and relax while surrounded by the artwork.

School Highlights

Richland School

Robert Pankratz, Principal
Kindergarten to Grade 12, 38 students

During the month of February we celebrated "I Love to Read Month" by having visitors come to our school to read to the students. We also watched daily YouTube videos of Anthony Stanley reading children's books. He then came and read to the students in person at the end of the month.

Heartland School

Sylvia Evenson, Principal
Kindergarten to Grade 12, 39 students

Teambuilding activities continued to build student morale in the school. Students participated in small group games as they competed for points. K to 4 classes earned Marble Parties, while Reading Mysteries and Dojo Points motivated the grade 5 to 8 students to strive for their best this year. Teachers even hosted Pickle Ball Tournaments against students to keep a healthy level of competition going throughout the school.



Sunrise Adult Learning
Tannis Magnusson, Principal
450+ students

The Sunrise Adult Learning Centres had more than 60 students graduate this year. We offered more online courses than any other adult learning centre in Manitoba. Students at the Sunrise Adult Learning Centres completed more than 550 courses which helped contribute to another extremely successful year.



Grafton School

Elizabeth Redekopp, Principal
Kindergarten to Grade 12, 14 students

Students have participated in discussions about goal setting throughout the school year. Students have all identified areas that they would like to grow personally and have named strategies to assist them in working on meeting these goals.

Gross School

Kristin Balleny, Principal
Kindergarten to Grade 12, 31 students



Students improved their mental math skills by increasing their quick recall of facts and use of math strategies. Working together in cohorts helped to strengthen teamwork and critical thinking skills. Individual activities using productive struggle helped to strengthen independent thinking skills.

Springwell School

George Waldner, Principal
Kindergarten to Grade 12, 30 students

Students are progressing in their writing skills and are working towards a published book all about life on the colony. The timeline for completion of the book called *If You're Not From Brightsone...* is slated for the end of the 2024-25 school year.

Hofer School

Benjamin Hofer, Principal
Kindergarten to Grade 12, 44 students

Students have been given the opportunity to explore, choose, and utilize the manipulatives in their math tool kits which is helping them to persevere and solve problems independently.

MEDAL WINNERS

Sunrise Gold Medal Winners & Governor General's Medal Winners



Sunrise Gold Medal Winners Highest Grade 12 Average

Camryn Erika Nabe (Lac du Bonnet)
Dmytro Denysenko (École Powerview)
Claira Herle (Whitemouth)
Chloe Zirk (École Edward Schreyer)
Esther Gross (Gross School)
Angela Bartel (Springfield Collegiate)
Tanner Micheal Kleinsasser (Grafton School)
Kiara Waldner (Richland School)
Aleda Waldner (Springwell School)

Governor General's Medal Winners Highest Grade 11 & 12 Average

Camryn Erika Nabe (Lac du Bonnet)
Dmytro Denysenko (École Powerview)
Claira Herle (Whitemouth)
Chloe Zirk (École Edward Schreyer)
Esther Gross (Gross School)
Angela Bartel (Springfield Collegiate)
Tanner Micheal Kleinsasser (Grafton School)
Alannis Waldner (Richland School)
Aleda Waldner (Springwell School)



RETIREES

Available online June 28, 2024 <https://youtu.be/kLOckEKDBhU>

Robert Ball
Lisa Carriere
Allyson Coles-Sokal
Ardith Cook
Elaine Enns
Heather Hein
Eleanor Hladki
Heather Hyde
Brenda Kaptein
Renetta Komadowski
Karen Kost
Leanne Krukewich
Angela Lavallee
Karen Murkin
Christine Nikel

Lesia Palaschuk
Robert Pankratz
Marlene Prosser
Carol Rowe
John Schwartz
Brenda Severinsen
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