



MINNEWASTA SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to the Minnewasta School Community! We look forward to an exciting year of learning with your child! We also hope to form a strong home and school relationship with you in order to help make your child's years in Minnewasta School nurturing, exciting, and fulfilling.

The first step towards entering school is to register your child for Kindergarten. We will start accepting registration forms on Friday, January 19. If you have any difficulties with the forms please feel free to contact Jenelle Strome at 204-822-4580 or jstrome@westernsd.mb.ca.

We also require a copy of a birth certificate, or other legal document with legal name and birthdate included when you submit the registration forms. If you are a permanent resident in Canada or have arrived to Canada with a student/visitor visa, we also require a copy of your child's document. Feel free to send a copy or photo of these document via e-mail to minnoff@westernsd.mb.ca or stop in at the school and we can copy it for you.

1. **To submit the registration form online:** [Online registration form](#)
2. **To download and/or print a complete registration package:** [download complete registration package](#)
**Please e-mail completed registration forms to minnoff@westernsd.mb.ca or drop them off at the school office. If you e-mail registration forms to the school, a reply e-mail will be sent within a day or two to let you know that we have received it.
3. **Paper copies:** will be available from the school office starting Friday, January 19.
4. **Request for Transportation:** [Request for Transportation](#).
**Only needs to be filled out if you require your child to take the bus and qualify for bus (rural students and those 1.6 km away from the school)
5. **School of Choice (SOC)/École Discovery Trails (EDT):** Any families that are requesting a school outside of their catchment area (with the exception of French Immersion) will need to fill out SOC forms. These are available on our school website under "Registration Information" or at the school office. **The completed registration package, identification & SOC forms need to be e-mailed or handed into the school within your catchment.**
**If you are requesting SOC for Minnewasta and live in EDT catchment or are registering for EDT, please submit forms to EDTOFF@westernsd.mb.ca or drop off at Western School Division office. SOC forms are due to the office by May 15, 2024. Decisions by school administration to accept/deny SOC will be made after May 15, 2024 and the school will be in contact with you about the decision.

Morning or Afternoon Kindergarten placements cannot be guaranteed. If you have a compelling reason to request morning or afternoon Kindergarten for your child, please provide a **written request with an explanation that you can attach to the registration form.** Likewise, please inform us as early as possible if you feel that your child will require any special accommodations at school. We will do our best to provide reasonable accommodations for such requests whenever possible.

We recommend that you make an appointment with an optometrist prior to the start of school to have your child's eyes checked, as the school does not offer vision screening. Please complete the "Eye See...Eye Learn" children's eye exam form and take it with you to that appointment. ([Eye See...Eye Learn Form](#))

In the spring, you will receive more information about our Kindergarten orientation process including an invitation to visit the school and complete a Kindergarten Readiness Assessment.

Once again, we extend a warm welcome to you and your child. We assure you that we will do our very best to provide your child with rich and rewarding educational experiences, and we look forward to having your family join our school community.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Geoff Sutton".

Geoff Sutton, Principal



Dear Parent/Guardian,

Upon entering Kindergarten, your child is due for his/her school entry immunizations. Immunization has saved more lives in Canada in the last 50 years than any other medical intervention. Immunizations help your immune system to recognize and fight bacteria and viruses that cause diseases.

Manitoba Health's recommended immunizations for children 4-6 years include the following:

- MMRV vaccine (Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Varicella)
- Tdap-IPV vaccine (Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis, Polio)

Immunizations in Manitoba are voluntary and only given with the consent of the parent or legal guardian.

These immunizations can be given free of charge by your family doctor or by a Public Health Nurse at the Child Health Clinics. The Child Health Clinics are located at Boundary Trails Health Centre. Please call 204-331-8841 if you wish to make an appointment.

The role of the Public Health Nurse in schools is to act as a resource linking schools to information and resources, provide school-based immunizations in designated grades as per Manitoba Health's schedule (<https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/div/schedules.html>), and follow-up on reportable communicable diseases.

Here are some resources you may find helpful as a parent:

- Manitoba Health's Communicable Disease Control website:
Find topics such as Lice, Mumps, Pertussis, Lyme Disease, and vaccination
<https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/index.html>
- Immunize Canada:
Up-to-date information on immunizations
<https://immunize.ca/>
- Caring for Kids:
Information for parents from the Canadian Paediatric Society
<https://www.caringforkids.cps.ca>
- The Attachment Network of Manitoba/Parenting resources:
10 things your school aged child wants you to know https://attachmentnetwork.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Child_English_HIGH.pdf

Please feel free to contact a local Public Health Nurse at **204-331-8841** if you have any concerns or for more information.

Sincerely,

Lisa Thiessen
Public Health Nurse