



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 17. If you have any difficulties with the forms please feel free to contact Jenelle Strome at 204-822-4580 or jstrome@westernsd.mb.ca.

All parents are reminded that we require the following documents when registering your child at school either online or in person:

- a birth certificate or other legal document with legal name and birthdate
- a copy of your child's permanent resident document or student/visitor visa document if you are new to Canada
- proof of address (utility bill, driver's license, rental agreement, etc.)

If you submit the registration forms online, 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 17
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)** 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, proof of address & SOC forms need to be e-mailed or handed into the school within your catchment.**

**SOC forms are due to the school office by May 15, 2025. Decisions by school administration to accept/deny SOC will be made after May 15, 2025 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. ([Eye See...Eye Learn](#))

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,



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 _____.

Please call _____ 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>

Please feel free to contact a local Public Health Nurse at the number listed above if you have any concerns or for more information.

Sincerely,

Public Health Nurses
Boundary Trails Health Centre