

Mallard School February Newsletter

We would like to start this month's newsletter with a big thank you to the Keystone Community Members.

- Thank you to all the parents who took time to come to the school over the past month to read to the early and middle years students in support of I Love to Read Month! The students enjoyed listening to the stories shared!
- Thank you to all the parents who were able to come in during progress conversations to meet with your child and hear about their learning. Thank you for being open to trying a new approach to progress conversations. It was a joy for us, the school staff, to see the students excited to share their learning and work with their parents.
- Thank you to Grace and Alvin who have made many afternoons, since mid-January, available to work with the middle and senior years students on sewing and woodworking. The students thoroughly enjoyed the hands on artistic experiences. We appreciate the immense amount of time and planning that went into the projects you worked with the students on!
- Thank you to Gilbert and Katherine for driving and supervising the students on our field trip earlier this month!

We, the school staff, appreciate all the support from all of the community members!

We have had an especially noteworthy event this month to make mention of:

On Thursday, February 8 the students in grades 5-12 participated in the Future Goals Winnipeg Jets Community Practice at the Bell MTS Place. Our students joined approximately 2000 other Manitoba students for the practice. We had the opportunity to watch the Jets players practice, as well as learn more about how science and math are used in hockey. After the practice, we went to the Forks to skate on the trails and play hockey. It was a memorable and enjoyable day for everyone who went! Thank you to the students for working hard to earn this field trip and for behaving well throughout the day! Please enjoy the pieces on the following pages; they were written by the middle years students about their favourite part of the field trip.



Sophie: My favourite part of our field trip to the Jets Hockey Scholar's practice was when we went to the Jets arena. It was cool to see the Jets players in real life! We each got a bag of three Timbits and we also got a juice box for free! When our juice box was done, we could go for some more. I had three. It had a good time.

Destiny: My favourite part of our field trip was the Jets practice because I saw my favourite player Hellebuyck. He is a good goalie. One game he did not let a single goal in the net the whole game. We had Timbits and apple juice. It was fun!

Lorna: My favourite part of our field trip was watching the Winnipeg Jets practicing. We all cheered really really loudly when the players came on the ice. Some of the players even threw pucks over the boards and lucky people caught them. At the Forks, Sophie, Denae, Gilbert, and I skated to the end of the trail and back, which is 10 kilometers there and back. It was exhausting and it looked like the trail went on forever.

Lyndon: When we were at the Forks I skated three or four kilometers. It was fun to skate. The boys also played hockey on the river. I saw an igloo on the river. It was a warming hut for people to sit in. Then Destiny, me, Megan, and Mrs. Demers went into a building. There were a lot of stores in this building. There was a mini donut store. There was a candy store. I bought some Pop Rock candy, Mentos candy and candy that was shaped like a banana. I also saw a bread store. On the way home I drank three cups of hot chocolate.

Tyler: On Thursday February 8, we went to the Jets to watch them practice. They did lots of drills to help them get better for the game. There were two thousand other students there (they threw pretzels and yogurt around). After that we went to the Forks to skate. We played hockey and I scored 2 or 3 goals. I went 8 kilometers on the trail by myself and saw lots of small warming huts.

Jairus: On Thursday February 8, 2018, the students of Mallard School went to watch the Winnipeg Jets practice in Winnipeg. The Future Goals program made it all possible with a little help from our teacher, Mrs. Demers. Tim Hortons gave us free Timbits and coffee. We saw Winnipeg Jets players like Mark Scheifele, Patrik Laine, Conner Hellebuyck, and Dustin Byfuglien! Mick E Moose was there and let us take selfies with him. At the end we had a special guest, Blake Wheeler. As we went out we got free posters (ft. Blake Wheeler and Conner Hellebuyck.) After that we went to the Forks to skate. I bought myself some mini doughnuts and root beer (yummy). In conclusion I had a good time, mainly because I got to see Mark Scheifele in person.

Travis: My favourite part of the field trip was going to the BellMTSPlace to watch the Winnipeg Jets practice. This was my first real time in my entire life seeing all the Winnipeg Jets players in reality. It was really neat watching the players do their drills. Getting three Timbits while watching them practice made this part of the field trip a whole lot better. In conclusion, going to the BellMTSPlace to watch the Winnipeg Jets practice was my favourite part of the field trip.

Denae: My best part of the field trip was when we went to the Forks skating. I liked skating on the trail especially with Sophie and Lorna. It was beautiful and calming. The sun was shining so it wasn't too hot and it wasn't too cold. We took many pictures and had lots of fun, and we almost died of tiredness. At one point I and Sophie were so tired that we were lying on the snow for ten minutes. But, in the end, it was all worth it.

I also liked going to watch the Jets practice because I could see the Jets players for the first time in real life. I enjoyed listening to the guest speaker, Blake Wheeler, captain of the Winnipeg Jets.

In conclusion, I did not have a best part, but the only thing I did not enjoy was how very extremely loud the other kids were.