



# CSI

SUMMER LEARNING PROGRAM

Community School Investigators  
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# CSI 2018 REPORT

# Program Overview

The Community School Investigators (CSI) Summer Learning Program is an enrichment program designed to combat summer learning loss and narrow the opportunity gap by providing five free weeks of quality summer programming in a safe and caring environment. CSI takes place at 13 sites with 14 schools in the Winnipeg School Division. This year, Dufferin and Pinkham became two separate sites and Niji Mahkwa and William Whyte were combined. Victoria Albert was also increased to 80 students.

Every day from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm, children take part in numerous activities designed to strengthen their math, reading, and writing skills, along with problem solving and language acquisition. Instructors deliver academic activities in the morning, and provide physical activity and cultural experiences in the afternoon. These experiences include field trips, guest artists, and sports and recreation activities. To ensure children make the most of the program, they are provided with daily, nutritious breakfasts and lunches prepared by a food coordinator at each site.



## Our Reach Across the City

- Champlain, David Livingstone, Dufferin, John M King, King Edward, Lord Selkirk, Machray, Norquay, Pinkham, Shaughnessy Park, Sister MacNamara, Victoria Albert, and William Whyte/Niji Mahkwa

### ***Bursary Update:***

Students who attend 80% (20/25 days) of the time during CSI are eligible for the \$400 Bright Futures bursary for post-secondary education. SEED Winnipeg (Supporting Employment and Economic Development) plays a key role in administering the bursaries. This includes helping families move the bursary into an RESP which leverages other educational grants. In 2018, 603 participants were eligible which represents 70% of the children who attended CSI (603/861).

# Goals & Results

***Goal #1: To engage children considered at risk of summer learning loss in enriching learning opportunities throughout the summer.***

Each morning children participated in hands-on numeracy, literacy and science activities geared to maintain or improve the skills they acquired during the school year.

Each afternoon, children participated in other enriching activities that included field trips, guest artists, community and recreational activities. Some of the activities the children participated in this past summer included:

- Assiniboine Park & Zoo
- Children's Museum
- Fit Kids, Healthy Kids
- Fort Whyte
- Equine Assisted Learning
- Jump Start Hour  
– Physical Literacy
- Kids Rights
- Swimming
- University of Winnipeg  
Science Day



***CSI parent – “My son liked the visit to the University of Winnipeg where he learned about chemistry and biology.”***

## **Goal #2: To improve educational outcomes for children living in poverty**

Each year the BGCW completes an internal evaluation of the CSI program. Instructors complete a pre and post test in Jumpmath and literacy with all the children who attend. Attendance records of the children are maintained. Survey data is gathered from the teacher coordinators, food coordinators, university students, and high school students. Parents and children complete a survey and submit comments on the program.

The following results were gathered through this evaluation process:

- 89% of students either maintained or improved their math skills
- 92% of students enjoyed using Jumpmath
- 94% of CSI participants who completed the pre and post-assessments in literacy maintained or improved their literacy skills
- 85% of the students indicated that they got to try something new at CSI
- 94% of parents believe CSI helped improve their child(ren)'s social skills

Teachers from the CSI schools continue to notice that the children who attended CSI in the summer have a much smoother transition back to school in September.



***CSI Instructor – “The students that attended regularly definitely grew, especially as writers! They showed more creativity and their handwriting improved. They also showed more stamina at reading over the summer!”***

***High School Student – “I felt both the academic and social development of the program was highly helpful. They were in a school environment which kept them involved and healthy.”***

***Team Leader – “I saw immense growth in a few of my students, not just in education, but socially and emotionally. We have seen a few students really come out of their shells and be more comfortable in group and school settings. One student appeared to overcome her fear that she would be bullied in a school setting, and was far more interested in the afternoon activities by the end of the summer, and required little to no encouragement to join in.”***

### ***Goal #3: To enhance the skills and employment experiences of local youth***

51 high school students were hired to work with the CSI program as teacher assistants and mentors to the children in the program. The students are hired from local high schools with 16 of the students being recruited and hired by CEDA.

In this role the students work directly with the children in the classroom they are assigned to, as well as help prepare materials and activities, mentor students through positive interactions, participate daily in the walking school bus, and work as part of the overall team.

48 junior volunteers helped with food preparation, on field trips and in the classroom. The junior volunteer program was created when it was discovered that young people who had graduated from CSI in grade 6 still wanted to be connected in some way to their "CSI Summer Family". Junior volunteers gain valuable work/life skills and many have graduated into paid summer positions to be High School Assistants and Classroom Instructors.



***High School Student – “Wanting to be a teacher in the future, I feel like the staff and the teachers I worked with, influenced me a lot and gave me great ideas and really helped along the way giving me tips and lets me get hands on experience.”***

***Junior Volunteer – “I liked going on field trips with the kids and helping them with work.”***

**Goal #4: To provide opportunities for students from Faculties of Education to work with children in inner-city and other low income communities**

66 university students were hired to work as instructors with the CSI program this summer. The majority were from the Faculties of Education at the University of Winnipeg and the University of Manitoba. Five instructors were assigned to each site and six instructors worked at the Sister Mac and Victoria Albert site to accommodate the increased number of participants.

13 of the Instructors were designated as the Team Leader at each CSI site. In addition to their responsibilities as an instructor, the Team Leader acted as a facilitator and leader of the overall team.

Two university students, both former CSI Instructors, were hired to assist the Manager of Education Programs in the implementation, support, and administration of the program across all 13 sites.



**CSI Instructor – “This experience was priceless for me. I came in with hopes of a good teaching experience and I got that, but I also had the chance to form relationships and be part of the community, which was amazing!”**

**CSI Instructor – “I thoroughly enjoyed my time with CSI. I found the experience to be formative and inspiring.”**

# Jumpstart Games Day

On July 26, approximately 800 children, participants of CSI and CanU Winnipeg, were at Sinclair Park Community Centre for a day of fun activities.

Throughout the day children participated in activities led by Fit Kids Healthy Kids and volunteers. Activities included capture the flag, motion zone, mission impossible, inflatables, and a BBQ lunch prepared by the CSI Food Coordinators.

DJ Extreme, Tyler Vandale provided lively music that helped keep the energy going throughout the day. Children would often stop and make a request for a song to be played or just have fun dancing as they waited for the next activity.

Nick Curry, MLA of Kildonan started the event off by bringing greetings from the province to the children and leading them in a morning cheer.

A big thank you to Canadian Tire, Sport Chek, Mark's, Atmosphere, PartSource Winnipeg stores and all their volunteers for hosting another great Jumpstart Games Day!



***CSI student – “Best field-trip of the summer!!”***

***Team Leader – “Jumpstart day is my absolute favorite day of the summer. It is an amazing way to be active while also having the chance to interact with students from other schools in CSI.”***

# Roots & Shoots

This year each of the sites participated in a Roots & Shoots activity. Jane Goodall's Roots & Shoots program equips young people to become agents of community change. Each site received reusable water bottles to encourage everyone to not use plastic bottles. Some of the sites then kept track of how many plastic bottles they did not use throughout the summer. At one site they calculated that they prevented 214 water bottles being thrown away by using the reusable bottles.



# Geek Squad Academy

At our Sister MacNamara location, students had the opportunity to participate in Geek Squad Academy. This is a hands-on interactive program that brings tech and curriculum to local youth. Best Buy brought along the technology and staff to lead the program. Throughout the day CSI students learned about coding, 3-D design, and received Geek Squad Academy swag.





# Equine Assisted Learning

All 13 sites had the opportunity to take the grade 5's & 6's to Equine Assisted Learning. Students led horses through various exercises. These exercises were developed to encourage self-confidence through validated, hands-on experiences.



# Thank You!

## Donors

The CSI program is made possible by the following organizations who have committed funds to ensuring the success of this program.

- Centre for Aboriginal Human Resource Development
- C.E.D.A.
- Friends of CSI
- Government of Canada – Service Canada
- Graham C. Lount Family Foundation
- Kenny Family Foundation
- Jumpstart
- Province of Manitoba
  - Healthy Child & Bright Futures
  - Manitoba Education & Training
  - Urban Green Team
  - Arts Education Access Program
- Thomas Sill Foundation
- United Way of Winnipeg
- Winnipeg School Division
- And a host of individual donors

## Community Partners

- Assiniboine Credit Union
- CanU
- The City of Winnipeg's Community Recreation Department
- Equine Assisted Learning
- Fit Kids Healthy Kids
- Hot Sauce Dinner Committee
- Manitoba Youth in Care Network (VOICES)
- North Centennial Recreation and Leisure Facility
- Sinclair Park Community Centre
- S.E.E.D. Winnipeg Inc.
- Social Planning Council
- The University of Winnipeg
- The University of Manitoba
- Winnipeg Fire Department
- Winnipeg Police Service
- Winnipeg Public Library

## Volunteers

Thank you to the all the volunteers who gave generously of their time at events and at CSI sites in 2018. A total of 5,592 hours were contributed by 154 dedicated volunteers supporting children and youth so they can learn, play, grow and eat well!

### Adult Volunteers

- Samantha Perez
- Shawna Diallo
- Jenny Greig
- Pearl Kantimere
- Dave Whitman
- Kristen Dame
- Marifer Cal Ortiz
- Denise Cal Ortiz
- Alexandra Malkiewicz
- Rouwaeda Husein
- Disha Seghal
- Harjhnder Jamal
- Huda Arabo
- Jasmine Chegas
- Austin Andy
- Emberlynn Kosior
- Kailynn Kopychanski
- Catelyne Melliza
- Josh Farber
- Ron Del Moral
- Mia Laquiortiz
- John Paul Tibaldo
- Mayumi Martin
- Jordan Yabut
- David Oshilaia
- Way Klee
- Tapu Klee
- Arion Anderson
- Danny Troung
- Joshua Dare
- Isra Alshareh
- Riley Manalastas
- Ethan Khouv
- Alemayo Yirdaw
- Jayla Clarke
- Serenity Isfeld
- Maria Chartrand
- Shar Lay
- Guinevere Galvan
- Tk Kissu
- Aiden Bigelow
- Micah Humberstone
- Ivy Gatiwan
- Tina Greyeyes
- Natalie Catcheway
- Nelly Alex
- Deneilla Edwards-Gagne
- Chaney Umpherville
- Amos Alex
- Kismayo de Michael
- Chase Peters
- Kelvin Lam
- Nor Htoo Do
- Motassum Nihad
- Alex Khov
- Dail Camacuang
- Kieran Nay
- Erica Zhou
- Paw Lar Nay Sah
- Annabella Spence Dumond
- Whit Wah

### Junior Volunteers

- Shawn Inglis
- Czanel Siscar (Yosh)

### Group Volunteers

- Best Buy
- Jumpstart
- PWC
- BELL MTS

### **Teacher Coordinators**

- Nadine Nassar
- Mitch Ferriera
- Peter Espinola
- Kaylene Shumsky
- Diandra Etkin
- Alida Einarson
- Jonathan Burnham
- Tiffany Waskul
- Kelsey Fuller
- Allie Samson
- Christine Caligiuri
- Ryan DeJonckheere

### **Team Leaders**

- Devin Campbell
- Corbin Steinke
- Larysa Chimuk
- Alaina Smith
- Shawn Falconer
- Lee Aronovitch
- Matt Ramjiawan
- Ashley Groff
- Jacqueline Thomson
- Josh Lobo
- Chris Hansen
- Lisha Nay
- Kelsey Persowich

### **Instructors**

- Almaz Aschalew
- Ian Baptista
- Regina Barrameda
- Alida Eairnson
- Laura Ebbeling
- Mary Epko
- Ashely Hladun
- Michelle Koerner
- David La
- Justine Labossiere
- Sarissa Lloyd-Pawlowich
- Taylor Maida
- Hanna Napolitano
- Chelsea Pchajek
- Matt Ramjawan
- Katelin Rempel
- Amy Ross
- Alaina Smith
- Amelia Warkentin
- Alexander Neufeld
- Christine Cooper
- Sirman Seehra
- Jag Aggarwal
- Darashdeep Kambo
- Kevin Chau

- Hanna Tuckett
- Mary Kate Arenas
- Shania Neyron
- Alexandra Townsend
- Micah Doerksen
- Kira Kennedy
- Lindsay Hildbrand
- Grace Tablan
- Jamie Quirante
- Daniela Stahl
- Sabrina Zacharis
- Christian Scerbo
- Carter Lyscak
- Robin Wilson
- Carly Hildebrand-Dyck
- Gwendelyn (Gwen) Guenther
- Ashley Linski
- Madison Mislawchuk
- Daneille Comeau
- Tamara McKenzie
- Abbey Stoton
- Tim Miller
- Alex Bazin
- Tiana Beaudry
- Naomi Tsang
- Maye Nonato
- Jenelle Varis
- Karli Wishnowski
- Liam Marshall
- Safa Mian
- Dallas Murray
- Sabrina Zacharias
- Carter Lysack

### **High School Assistants**

- Emily Shemluk
- Tyrell Francis
- Erika Gatbonton
- Clara Bird
- Buna Bel
- Jeremiah Torres
- Nina Figurasin
- Autumn Moneyas-Summer
- Yassin Ahmed
- Helena Khouv
- Mackenzie McLeod
- Carmela Bianca Mayoralgo
- Samar Usman
- Monique McKeen
- Breauna Jasnikowski
- Sterling Motuz

- Annette Wiragiye
- Matthew Contois
- Samantha Gevers
- Rachel Launder
- Thairee-Deloris Jackson
- Taylor Catcheway
- Maria Elena Allen
- Jane Marie Cegayle
- Ryann Moar
- Nyamet Open Obeing
- Henok Temelso
- Ayan Muhmed
- Emmanuel Olugbodi
- Grayson Cranney
- Ruweyda Korane
- Makenna Munn
- Daija Torres
- Elizabeth Zhou
- Murtasia Adem

### **Food Coordinators**

- Audrey Sauler
- Imelda Fortaleza
- Xinyu Wu
- Crystal Dalke
- Mare Paulich
- Sheldon Dent
- Edelyn Mendoza
- Abbey Cluett
- Sunita Tyagi
- Helen Tieu
- Dolly Lacuata
- Faith Osarhemen
- Dan West

### **Volunteer Coordinator**

- Katrina Litz



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