

This column is the ninth in a new series which will introduce Administrative Staff, Department Heads and Principals of schools within our division and hopefully inform the residents of the activities and curriculum taking place in the schools.

The principal of Princess Margaret School situated at 367 Hawthorne avenue in North Kildonan is Mr. John A. Melnyk.

Mr. Melnyk was born in Fraserwood, Manitoba, where he received his first ten years of schooling. Because there was no senior high school in this town he travelled by train every day to Teulon High School where he completed his Grade XI and Grade XII education.

Mr. Melnyk graduated from Manitoba Normal School and then proceeded to teach at Felsendorf School and Lilac School before coming to the East Kildonan area in 1954 when he was hired to teach at Prince Edward School.

From 1954 through to 1958 John taught students at Melrose Junior High School, Salisbury and Lord Wolseley elementary

schools. In the year 1958 he was appointed vice-principal of Munroe Junior High school where he served in this position until 1962 when he was appointed principal of Lord Wolseley School.



MR. J. A. MELNYK

He served as principal of Lord Wolseley School from 1962 to 1967 when he was transferred to Princess Margaret School where he has been principal since 1967.

Mr. Melnyk is married, a resident of East Kildonan with two children, one in

Grade X at Miles MacDonell Collegiate and the other in Grade VIII at Munroe Junior High School. Princess Margaret School Under principal John Melnyk Princess Margaret School has a staff of 22 teachers attended by 600 students from Kindergarten to Grade VI.

Since arriving at this school Mr. Melnyk has worked diligently to enlarge the library facilities from a one classroom library area to where there finally is a two classroom area remodelled into a first rate resource centre. In the past three years, the school has spent in excess of ten thousand dollars to purchase books and other non-print material.

During 1972 the librarian of this school will spend another three thousand dollars for materials which a third of this amount will be allocated for the purchase of film strips and other audio-visual aids. This school is very proud of their library facilities as they are considered to be one of the best equipped in the school division. At present the library has 7500 volumes for the use of their students.

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ST. JOHNS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

The regular monthly meeting of the St. John's Community Committee will be held on Thursday, April 20th, 1972, at 7:30 p.m. in the North Winnipeg Action Centre, 387 Dufferin Avenue, to consider the business of the Community.

Councillor S. Rebchuk,
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When asked about Princess Margaret School Mr. Melnyk replied, "Our school staff makes every attempt to see that every child receives a basic knowledge of skills, information and attitudes in every discipline.

Then with this basic background of skills, most pupils can progress to levels of achievement which are dictated by each child's individual ability. Students that have persistent academic difficulties at the primary level are channeled into continuing groups, that is, they complete three grades of schooling in four years."

It is interesting to note that students from this school have taken an active and leading role in music and physical education.

In my opinion the principal and staff of this school are providing an environment which will encourage children to learn through investigation and experimentation, at a rate appropriate to the capacity and interests of the student.

This column takes great pleasure in congratulating Mr. Melnyk and the staff of Princess Margaret School on an excellent house of learning.

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