

École Riverview School

December 2024 Newsletter

<https://www.winnipegssd.ca/Riverview>

Dear École Riverview School Community,

As we approach the end of 2024, we have some bittersweet news to share with you.

It is with deep appreciation that we announce the retirement of **Lorna McLarty**, our beloved Inquiry Support Teacher. Lorna has been a dedicated member of our staff for many years, and her passion for nurturing curiosity and supporting our students' academic growth has made a lasting impact. Her contributions to our school and the meaningful relationships she has built with students and colleagues will be greatly missed. We wish Lorna all the best as she embarks on this exciting new chapter of her life.

We must also say goodbye to **Brittnee Wolfe**, our Phys. Ed Teacher, who has made the difficult decision to resign from her position. Brittnee's energy, enthusiasm, and commitment to promoting physical fitness and well-being have positively influenced many students. We are deeply grateful for her time with us and wish her success in her future endeavors.

Both Lorna and Brittnee have been invaluable members of our school community, and while we are saddened to see them go, we are excited for the new opportunities that lie ahead for them. Please join us in expressing our heartfelt gratitude for all they have contributed to our students and to the broader École Riverview School community.

Looking Back & Looking Ahead

Another beautiful month full of activities and learning is coming to an end, and we are already preparing for the last month of the year. The first report cards will be delivered soon, and learning goals were discussed during our recent parent-teacher-student conferences. Thank you to all who participated; it was wonderful to see so many of you in the school! It was also a joy to watch our students visit another school to engage in a fun sporting event.

Please take a moment to review the upcoming events and activities outlined in the following pages. We are excited for all that is still to come.

Winter Weather Reminder

We've been fortunate to enjoy mild temperatures, which have allowed for plenty of opportunities to explore the playground. Our students have been making the most of these areas to play, pretend, build, and share. However, as the winter season approaches, we would like to remind everyone to encourage their child to dress warmly and appropriately for the weather. Winter jackets, ski pants, boots, mitts, toques, and neck-warmers will help ensure your child stays warm and safe during recess.

Please also remind your child to keep the snow on the ground for safety reasons and to be cautious on slippery sections. Good winter boots are highly recommended!

We want to take this opportunity to wish our entire school community a restful and safe holiday season. This time of year gives us all a chance to reflect, recharge, and enjoy quality time with our loved ones. We hope that you are able to enjoy a well-deserved break, and that the new year brings happiness, health, and joy to each of you.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to our school. We are incredibly grateful for the strong sense of community here at École Riverview School, and we look forward to a successful and exciting 2025! Thank you for your continued involvement in our school community. On behalf of our team, we wish you a healthy and peaceful December!

Always learning,

Cinzia Caputo, Principal

Stéphane Gautron, Directeur adjoint

Warmest wishes for the holidays and beyond.



COLD WEATHER AND SEVERE WEATHER CONDITIONS

With December upon us, we would like to send a reminder to families to please make sure your child/ren are dressed appropriately to walk to and from school and for outdoor recesses. We will have indoor recess when the wind chill is at -28°C or below. Between -28°C and -34°C , patrols will do a **shortened duty**. At -35°C patrols will **not** go on duty. Also, in the event schools need to be closed due to severe weather conditions, announcements are made on all local radio and tv stations. The Division's website (www.winnipegdsd.ca) will also carry this message. We will be using "Environment Canada - Forks" as our source of weather information. We would also like to once again remind families of the parking restrictions surrounding the schools especially during pick-up and drop-off times.



OUTSTANDING STUDENT FEES

A reminder that student fees of \$40.00 were due September 27th. The teaching staff purchase school supplies out of pocket for the students during the summer months so parents don't have to.

Throughout the school year the fees are used to replenish notebooks, pencils, crayons, erasers etc which the students use and go through during the school year.

Emails for outstanding student fees have been sent out as a reminder that fees remain unpaid. If you have received these emails please take action and send in your student fees payment to the classroom teacher or e-transfer your child's student fees to riverview@wsd1.org and note the student's name in the memo.

Thank you for helping the teaching staff keep your children supplied with the working tools they need for success this school year.



**“A REMINDER THAT WE ARE A K.I.N.D. SCHOOL.
PLEASE BE RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE AND BE KIND ALWAYS”**

K. I. N. D

KEEP MY HANDS AND FEET TO MYSELF



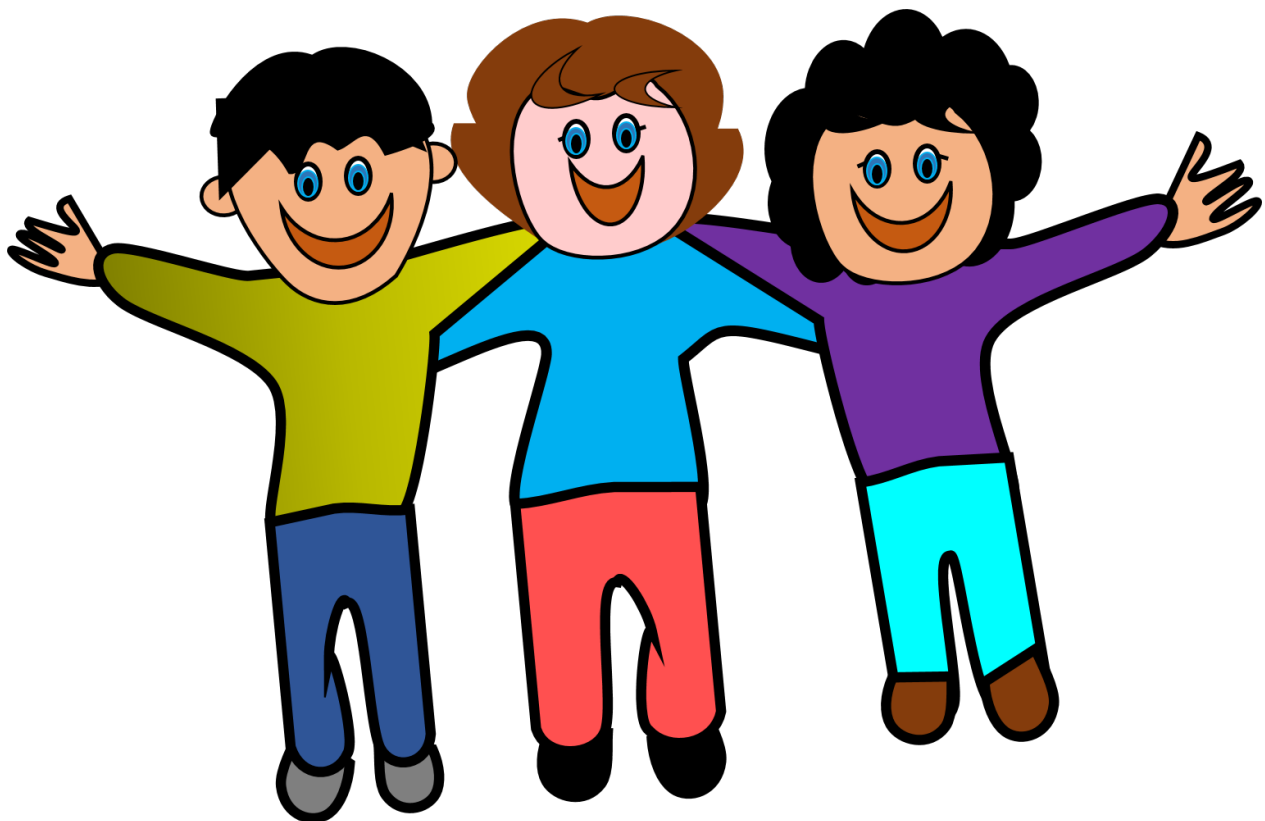
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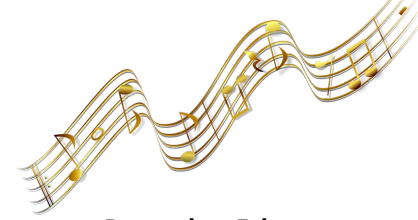


NOURISH MY MIND, BODY AND SOUL



DO MY BEST





December 5th

Our staff and students will have the opportunity to collect food for Winnipeg Harvest during the next two school weeks. Each day we will highlight one item on Harvest Manitoba's top ten most needed items list. Food is a basic necessity of life yet so many in our city go without on a daily basis. We encourage all to donate what you can. It is so important that we show love and caring to our neighbours.

Dec. 6th

Did you know that your family and friends can volunteer at Harvest Manitoba? There are jobs for people of all ages and abilities. You can volunteer for an hour, a day or on a regular basis.

On the first day of giving Riverview gave **canned fish and poultry**. Tuna, Salmon, Chicken or Turkey are always in demand.

Dec. 9th

Did you know that 1800 infants require emergency baby formula from Winnipeg Harvest each month.

On the second day of giving Riverview gave **Baby Food** and formula.

Dec. 10th

Did you know that 108 000 people receive help from Harvest Manitoba every month. If you think about that – that would be equivalent to filling the MTS Centre once with adults and once with children.

On the third day of giving Riverview gave **Canned Fruit and Vegetables**

Dec. 11th

Did you know that Harvest Manitoba has a 'Kids Who Care' program which recognizes youth in our community who have made an extraordinary effort to donate time, food and/or money to Winnipeg Harvest.

On the fourth day of giving Riverview gave **Canned Beans, Chili or Stew**

Dec. 12th

Did you know that at least half of the volunteers at Harvest Manitoba are people who need emergency food themselves and who work hard to give something back.

On the fifth day of giving Riverview gave **Peanut Butter**

Dec. 13th

Did you know that Harvest Manitoba has a 'grow a row' program. You can plant a little extra in your garden to donate to those in need.

On the sixth day of giving Riverview gave **Whole Grain Pasta/Whole Wheat Pasta**

Dec. 16th

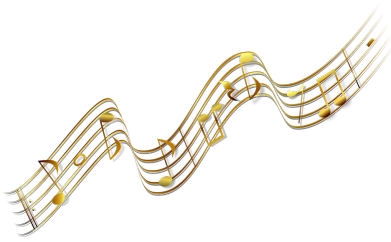
Did you know that Harvest Manitoba distributes over 9.2 million pounds of food through its warehouses.

On the seventh day of giving Riverview gave **Rice** - Brown, converted or parboiled

Dec. 17th

Did you know that 17 000 children receive food from Harvest Manitoba every month. Proper nutrition is so important to the development and health of children.

On the eighth day of giving Riverview gave **Canned Spaghetti Sauce or Tomatoes**



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Dec. 18th

Did you know that 1.9 million Canadians walked through the doors of a food bank in March this of this year needing help. Let's work together to help those needing assistance in our communities.

On the ninth day of giving Riverview gave **Cereal - High Fibre, non - sugar coated**

December 19th

Did you know that Harvest Manitoba does not receive operational funds from governments or the United Way. They rely on donations of food, time and money from the community.

On the tenth day of giving Riverview gave **Canned Soup -lentil, vegetable or pea soups** are the most nutritious.

December 20th

Today is the final day of our food drive. Thanks for your generous donations to Harvest Manitoba. Your kind donations will make a big difference in our community.

Riverview's '12 Days of Giving'

Our students will have the opportunity to share with the community with a food drive from Dec. 6th - Dec. 20th. Donations will be given to Harvest Manitoba. Please share what you can spare from the list of non-perishable food items.

10 Most Wanted Items

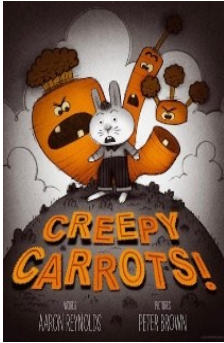
1. Canned Fish and poultry - Tuna, or Salmon (packed in water) Chicken or Turkey
2. Baby Food - jars of chicken, beef, vegetables or fruit, Formula with added iron
3. Canned Fruit and Vegetables (packed in own juice)
4. Canned Beans, chili, or Stew
5. Peanut Butter
6. Whole Grain Pasta/Whole Wheat Pasta
7. Rice - Brown, converted or parboiled
8. Canned Spaghetti Sauce or Tomatoes
9. Cereal - High Fibre, non - sugar coated
10. Canned Soup - lentil, pea, vegetables



What's going on around the school ?

Ce qui ce passe autour de l'école !

Room 103 - Mme Brown



In November, the Kindergarten students in Mme Brown's class had some fun playing pranks with the Grade 4 students in M. Jones' class. The book "Creepy Carrots" is a favourite for the kinder students and together we came up with a plan to leave our creepy carrots creations all over their classroom while they were out for recess. The students worked on their fine motor skills to design and build their creepy carrots and we also discussed how fun (and kind) pranks are a nice way to make people laugh. This was a completely student-led initiative and it really turned into a fun time all around!



Room 105 - Mrs. Galbraith

We look out of the window every day to do our weather report, and the whole class loved watching how the trees change from October to November. We read lots of books about how trees change from season to season and we were excited to learn that the leaves have an important job to do once they fall to the ground. The leaves provide warmth to animals and insects and provide the soil with valuable nutrients as they break down. We completed lots of beautiful fall inspired leaf art and completed lots of fall patterns in math.



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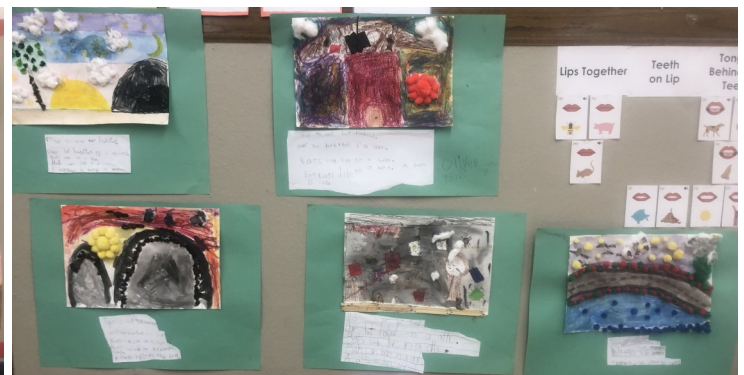
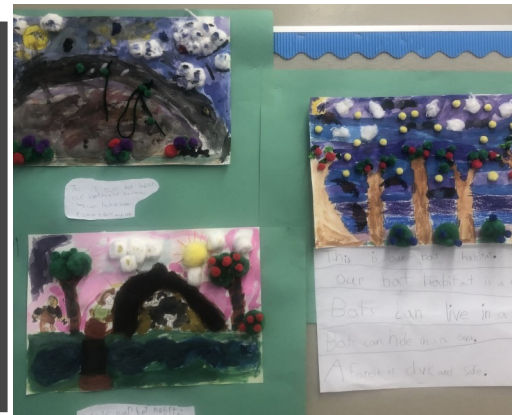
Room 201 - Mme Vermeulen

We have had a very busy November in room 201. The students completed their studies of bats and learned many new interesting facts about what bats eat, where they live and how mother bats find their babies. In math, they have been playing a variety of addition and subtraction dice games and they learned about addition and subtraction fact families. In French, we have been continuing to sing, listen to and respond to stories, work on alphabet sounds and we have started to locate sounds within words. Finally, in English Language Arts, we have been learning new sounds using the UFLI program and reading short, decodable texts. Students have been enjoying creating silly sentences each week. We are looking forward to making seasonal crafts and participating in various activities next month!



Room 207 - Mme Arnold

We have been learning to build 2 digit numbers using base ten blocks and to write numbers in the expanded notation. Students have begun learning 2 digit addition. In French, students have begun literacy centers reinforcing the sounds they are learning in class. They have continued learning about bats. Students created bat habitats as well as art pieces using warm colours.





We are pleased to announce that a crossing guard is now stationed at the intersection of Oakwood and Osborne to help ensure the safety of our students and community. The crossing guard will be on duty during the following times:



- Morning: 8:15 AM - 9:15 AM

- Midday: 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

(Please note that times may fluctuate slightly depending on need)

- Afternoon: 3:15 PM - 4:15 PM

Thank you for your cooperation in prioritizing safety during these busy times.

Dear Riverview Families & Community,

It is with a heavy heart that I am sharing with you and our students that I have made the decision to resign from the Winnipeg School Division and the position of Spécialiste en éducation physique at École Riverview School after almost 10 years.

I am grateful to have started my career here, growing alongside our students, staff and community. One of my favourite parts of being a Physical Education Specialist is the opportunity to work with the entire school. I have cherished hearing your children sharing stories with me about birthday parties, family gatherings, vacations, adventures, injuries, epic tooth pullings, and many more. Great daily reminders of all the wonder life brings through their eyes!

I am very grateful to have been a part of your child's educational journey.

Thank you for letting me be a part of your lives for all of these years.

Take good care.

Keep active #RaccoonPride
Brittnee Wolfe



Grade 3-6 Winter Concert – December 19, 2024

Our grades 3-6 students are looking forward to presenting our annual gift of entertainment on **Thursday, December 19th at 1:30 and 6:30 p.m.**

Each grade 3-6 **family** will receive 2 tickets to the afternoon *and* 2 tickets to the evening shows. Ticket limits are needed to adhere to gym capacity limits for the safety of the children. We will not be able to admit anyone without a ticket. Siblings in nursery-grade 2 will have the opportunity to view the show during the day.

If you find that you do not need both tickets, we kindly ask that you return any unused tickets to the school office as soon as possible. This will allow us to redistribute tickets to other families who may need them.

We look forward to sharing the love of song with you.

École Riverview School hosted a successful Rhyme Time event on November 26, bringing together parents and toddlers for a fun-filled morning of rhymes, songs, and stories. This program is crucial in early education, laying the foundation for future academic success by exposing young children to language and literacy. The event also fostered connections among families in the community, allowing parents to share experiences and tips. The program featured sensory activities like hand motions, storytelling, and music to stimulate cognitive development. One favorite was the "Goldfish Song," where children mimicked goldfish swimming, enhancing motor skills and rhythmic movement. Rhyme Time not only promotes pre-literacy skills but also creates lasting bonds between families. It offers a joyful, engaging way to introduce young children to learning, building a strong foundation for a lifelong love of education. Parents and children alike eagerly look forward to the next event on Tuesday December 10th at 9:00-10:00.

Rhyme

Time



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École Riverview School

WANTED

At ÉRS, we always strive to create a supportive and engaging environment for our students, and we believe that parent involvement plays a vital role in achieving this goal. We are reaching out to ask for your support in a few key areas where your time and efforts would make a meaningful difference. Please consider volunteering for any of the following opportunities:

1. Library Book Shelving

We are in need of volunteers to help organize and shelve books in our school library. This is a great way to support our students and ensure that they have easy access to the resources they need for reading and learning. If you love books and have some time to spare, we'd love to have you!

When: Flexible scheduling during school hours

Time Commitment: 1-2 hours, as needed

2. Extended Health Break Supervision (1:00 - 2:00 PM)

As part of our commitment to student well-being, we are looking for volunteers to help supervise students during our extended health break from 1:00 to 2:00 PM. This additional supervision allows students to enjoy their meal and play break in a safe and supportive environment.

When: Monday through Friday, 1:00 - 2:00 PM

Time Commitment: 1 hour per day (or as often as you are able)

3. Pow Wow Circle Supervision (Wednesdays, 3:30 - 5:00 PM)

We are seeking volunteers to help supervise our Pow Wow Circle, which takes place every Wednesday from 3:30 to 5:00 PM. This time provides a space for students to engage in cultural activities, discussions, and teamwork. Your presence would be greatly appreciated in ensuring the smooth and enriching experience of all involved.

When: Wednesdays, 3:30 - 5:00 PM -January-May

Time Commitment: 1.5 hours per week

If you are interested in volunteering for any of the above opportunities, please reach out to the school office at 204-284-5983. We will be happy to provide more details and discuss how your involvement can fit into your schedule.

Thank you for considering giving your time to support our school community. We truly appreciate the dedication and energy that our parent volunteers bring to our school!



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Indigenous activities & education



PROGRAMS INCLUDE:

- Anishinaabe Language Class
 - Sharing Circles
 - Beading Class
 - Drum Group
 - Video Class
 - Art class
 - Regalia Making
 - Cultural Teachings
 - Traditional Cooking Classes
 - And More!
- Classes are open to families, youth and community members.
 - Programming runs from September through June!

CONTACT US FOR MORE INFORMATION:



@opikihiwawin



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Housing and I.D. Resource Event

December 10, 2024, 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Tec Voc High School
1555 Wall Street

Winnipeg School Division and End Homelessness Winnipeg are hosting events to help our community members get income and housing supports they qualify for.

Join us to receive on-site sign-up services and information on available resources for individuals and families.

To sign up for services you will need some ID such as:

- Manitoba Health Card
- Government Issued Photo ID
- Proof of Income/Option C
- Current Tenancy Agreement
- Direct Deposit/Banking Information
- EIA Budget Letter
- Proof of Status/Residency
- Completed Guarantor Form

If you are unsure of which documents you will need to bring, or if you require assistance in filling out forms please contact:

Kasia (Katarzyna) Guzzi
Community Support Program
Coordinator
kguzzi@wsd1.org
204-788-0203



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ERSPAC NEWS

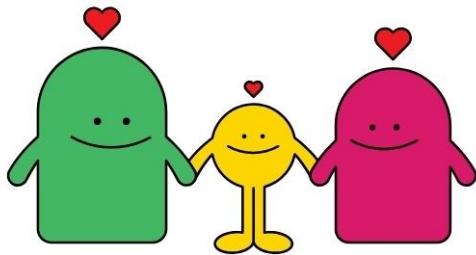
NEXT ERSAPC MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JAN 22 | 6:30 - 8:00 PM
IN PERSON, ERS LIBRARY (2ND FLOOR)

GRADE 6 BABYSITTING COURSE - SPRING 2025

ERSPAC is looking for a parent volunteer to coordinate Babysitting Courses for Grade 6ers in April and May.

ERSPAC has already confirmed the dates, the room and the facilitator for the course....we just need a Grade 6 parent to lead sign up of students.

Email erspac@gmail.com if you can take the lead on this activity for the neighbourhood!



GET IN TOUCH!

Reach out to ERSAPC with any questions or concerns at erspac@gmail.com



Connect with ERSAPC on Facebook

Join the group 'École Riverview Families' to stay up-to-date on school news!

SAVE THE DATES

ERSPAC is supporting the school with a few fun events and fundraisers. Mark your calendars!

Saturday, Feb 8, 2025, 5:30-8:30 pm
Valentine's Family Fundraiser Event @ Riverview Community Centre

*we are fundraising to send our Grade 5/6s to Camp Nutimik in June

Friday, Feb 21, 2025, 9:30-11:30 am
Pancake Breakfast
Festival du Voyageur Week @ Riverview Community Centre



FUNDRAISERS

MABEL'S LABELS

École Riverview School has an on-going fundraiser with Mabel's Labels. ERSAPC earns a commission on every sale.

Order online at mabelslabels.ca

- Select 'supporting a fundraiser'
- Type & select 'École Riverview School (Winnipeg)'
- Design your labels & place your order!

2024-2025

Dates to Remember

Please note that some event dates are subject to change

DECEMBER

- Dec. 6 Report Cards go home
- Dec. 19 Gr 3-6 Winter Concert
- Dec. 20 Last day of school -
School wide pajama day

Dec 23 - Jan 3 Winter Break

2025

JANUARY

- Jan. 6 School Reopens
- Jan. 22 ERSPAC Meeting 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. MPR
- Jan. 31 Non-Instructional day - No School

FEBRUARY

- TBD Gr 6 Visit to Churchill High School with lunch
- Feb. 17 Louis Riel Day - No School
- Feb. 18-21 Spirit Week**
- Feb. 19 ERSPAC Meeting 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. MPR
- TBD Nursery/Kindergarten Open House
- Feb. 21 Pancake Breakfast - Riverview C.C.
- Feb. 21 Festival du Voyageur Assembly p.m.
- Feb. 26 Nursery/Kindergarten Registrations begin

MARCH

- Mar. 11 Report Cards go home
- Mar. 12 Kindergarten Grad Photos/Spring Classroom Group Photo
- Mar. 13 Student Led Conferences 4:30 - 7:00 p.m.
- Mar. 14 Student Led Conferences -
Non-Instructional day
- Mar. 19 ERSPAC Meeting 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. MPR
- Mar. 28 Last Day of School
- Mar. 31 - Apr. 4 Spring Break**

APRIL

- Apr. 7 School reopens
- Apr. 10 Bus Ridership A.M.
- Apr. 11 Non-Instructional Day
- Apr. 18 Good Friday - No School
- Apr. 23 ERSPAC Meeting 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. MPR

MAY

- May 7 Mobile Vision Clinic
- May 9 Non-Instructional Day
- May 16 Gr 6 Immunizations A.M.
- May 19 Victoria Day - No School
- May 21 ERSPAC Meeting 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. MPR

JUNE

- June École Riverview School Art Show
- June 13 ÉRS Non-Instructional Day
- June 19 Rm 103 French Immersion
Kindergarten Year End Celebration
- June 20 Rm 105 English **Kindergarten Year End Celebration**
- June 25 Reports go home
- June 26 Grade 6 Farewell
- June 27 Last Day of School





December

2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Day 2	3 Day 3	4 Day 4	5 Day 5	6 Report Cards go home Day 6	7
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15	16 Day 6	17 Day 1	18 Day 2	19 Gr 3-6 Winter Concert Day 3	20 Pajama Day Day 4	21

WINTER BREAK

Wishing you all a wonderful break!

- From all the staff at École Riverview School

