

# École Riverview School

## February 2024

The Month of January has come and gone in the blink of an eye. Even though mild temperatures are with us, please keep an eye on the weather and dress accordingly. Boots are a good idea as the ground is wet, muddy and quickly becomes slippery! Our month of January was marked by a school-wide project aimed at noticing acts of kindness by exploring the notion of “filling buckets”. While reading the books: “Have You Filled a Bucket Today ?” by Carol McCloud and “How Full Is Your Bucket ?” by Tom Roth, staff and students engaged in noticing and reporting acts of kindness, writing and drawing them on paper hearts and stars to decorate the billboards near the office. We received nearly 1000 submissions. Research shows that the simple act of counting or listing acts of kindness, witnessed, initiated or received during a period of time has a significant positive impact on happiness.<sup>1</sup> Give it a try! Read these wonderful books and research papers and please, keep filling buckets.

The Month of February promises to be a busy month with many activities on the horizon so please consult our list of important dates. A reminder to grade 6 parents that Collège Churchill High School’s open house will take place on February 6th 2024 at 6:30PM.

Wishing you all health and wellness,

Cinzia Caputo - Principal

Stéphane Gautron - Directeur adjoint



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<sup>1</sup> For a description of the counting kindness intervention, see:

Otake K., Shimai S., Tanaka-Matsumi J., Otsui K., Fredrickson B.L. (2006) Happy people become happier through kindness: A counting Kindness intervention. *Journal of Happiness Studies*. Sept.7 (3):361-375

For research on the link between kindness and happiness, consider:

Nelson, S. K., Layous, K., Cole, S. W., & Lyubomirsky, S. (2016). Do unto others or treat yourself ? The effects of prosocial and self-focused behavior on psychological flourishing. *Emotion*, 16(6), 850–861

# 2023-2024 Dates to Remember

*Please note that some event dates are subject to change*

**FEBRUARY 2024**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 / Day 1	2 / Day 2 Non-Instructional	3
4	5 / Day 3	6 / Day 4	7 / Day 5	8 / Day 6	9 / Day 1	10
11	12 / Day 2	13 / Day 3	14 / Day 4	15 / Day 5	16 / Day 6	17
18	19 Louis Riel Day	20 / Day 1	21 / Day 2	22 / Day 3	23 / Day 4	24
25	26 / Day 5	27 / Day 6	28 / Day 1	29 / Day 2		

## February

- 1 Walk to school day
- 2 Non-instructional - No school
- 6 Grade 6 day @ Collège Churchill HS. + CCHS open house at 6:30PM
- 12 Pancake breakfast—more info to follow
- 19 Louis Riel Day
- 20 Festival du Voyageur celebrations
- 21 ERSPAC Meeting 6:30 – 8:00, MPR
- 22 Kinder Nursery Open House 6:30
- 28 Pink Shirt Day
- 29 Family Reading Day - more info to come
- \* Wednesdays - Pow Wow Circle

## March

- 12 Report cards go home
- 15 Non-instructional - No School – Student Led Conferences
- 20 ERSPAC Meeting 6:30 – 8:00, MPR
- 22 Last Day of School
- 25 - 29 Spring Break

## April

- 1 School reopens
- 17 ERSPAC Meeting 6:30 – 8:00, MPR
- 19 Non-instructional - No school
- 22 Bus Ridership AM

## May

- 6 Non-instructional - No school
- 15 ERSPAC Meeting 6:30 – 8:00, MPR
- 13 - 17 Mobile Vision Clinic
- 20 Victoria Day
- 31 ERSPAC Walk-A-Thon Fundraiser

## June

- 14 Non-instructional - No school
- 20 Rm 103 Year End Celebration
- 21 Rm 105 Year End Celebration
- 27 Reports go home
- 26 Grade 6 farewell
- 28 Last day of classes

# ÉCOLE RIVERVIEW SCHOOL PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

## FUNDRAISING

Each year École Riverview School Parents Advisory Council (ERSPAC) holds fundraisers in support of the school and students including staff appreciation, grade six graduation and sustainability.



## PURDY'S CHOCOLATES

Orders are now open for our next fundraiser, Purdy's Chocolates!

To place your order:

1. Go to our fundraising website:  
<https://fundraising.purdys.com/1921403-114888>
2. Enter your email address, click "Join Campaign"
3. Click "Shop online" and shop away!

**\*\*Orders close March 10, 2024\*\***

Pickup will be the week of March 18/24, just before Easter and spring break.

## WE'RE ON FACEBOOK

Join the "École Riverview School Families" Facebook page and never miss an update.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### VALENTINE'S FAMILY DANCE

ERSPAC is excited to present the ERS Valentine's Family Dance featuring alumni DJ KChedda!!

February 10th  
5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
Riverview CC (90 Ashland)



There'll be Door Prizes and Cash Canteen (pizza and snacks). Lots of fun for the whole family!

Tickets \$10, purchase online at Event Brite  
[tinyurl.com/ers-dance](https://tinyurl.com/ers-dance) or RVCC website

We're inviting Grade 6ers to volunteer. There are shifts available to help decorate, clean up and help at the door/canteen. Sign up for 1, 1-hr shift:  
<http://tinyurl.com/ERSFamilyDanceVolunteerSignUp>

**Note: Volunteers must still purchase a \$10 ticket to the dance. An ERSPAC representative will be present to supervise your Grade 6er on shift.**

### GLENLEA GREENHOUSES

If you're already dreaming of spring, orders will be open soon for plants and flowers from Glenlea Greenhouses. Pickup at the school. More info to come.

ERSPAC Meetings are a great way to become involved in our school community. With opportunities to join committees or fill roles (with different levels of time commitment), we encourage you to join us at our next meeting on February 21st to see what it's all about! See you there :)

## NEXT ERSPAC MEETING

Wednesday February 21st, 2024 | 6:30 p.m., Multi-Purpose Room



# Education for Sustainable Development Committee - É.R.S.

The ESD committee has big plans for “winter”!

**Polar Bear Club is official!** As soon as the cold weather comes around students with appropriate outdoor dress and permission from home will have the option to go outside. If your child wants the option to go out, the permission form is still open. Reach out to Mr. Jones @

[mjones@wsd1.org](mailto:mjones@wsd1.org)

## Walk to School Day

Thursday, February 1<sup>st</sup> is École Riverview School Walk to School day! Put on your ski pants, grab a reusable mug and walk to school. We`ll be serving hot chocolate or hot apple cider to any and all students who brave the “cold”. Live too far away to walk? Not a problem! Park the car a block away and enjoy a walk outside!

## Pancake Breakfast

This year’s pancake breakfast will be on Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. It will be at the Riverview Community Center. Students will walk to the club to enjoy a delicious pancake breakfast before walking back to school. This event is part of our Jack Frost Week! More information coming!

## Jack Frost Week

Every year the Green Action Centre holds a Jack Frost Week Challenge. To help your family get your hours outside we`ll be walking outside for pancake breakfast. Here is a link if you wish to sign up your family or group of friends with the Green Action Centre.

<https://greenactioncentre.ca/jackfrostchallenge/>







# Festival du Voyageur

**DRESS LIKE A VOYAGEUR WEEK!**

Tuesday, February 20	<p>Wear your voyageur shirt!</p> 
Wednesday, February 21	<p>Wear your voyageur tuque!</p> 
Thursday, February 22	<p>Wear your voyageur sash!</p> 
Friday, February 23	<p>Wear all your voyageur clothing!</p> 



# FEBRUARY EVENTS

**Feb. 9: Lego Swap**



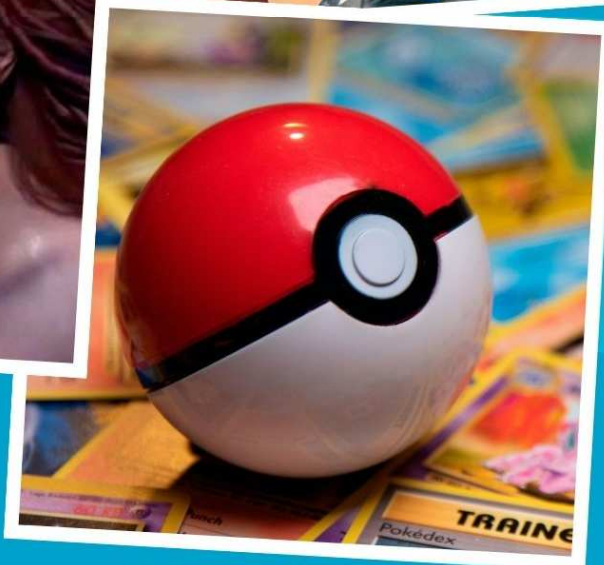
**Feb. 12: Spring Sports  
Registrations Open**



**Feb. 16:  
Little Mermaid  
Movie Night**



**March 22:  
Pokemon Night**



# Nursery / Kindergarten

## OPEN HOUSE



**Thursday, February 22nd**

**6:30 to 7:30 p.m.**

**École Riverview School**

**Kindergarten French Immersion Room 103**

**English Nursery/Kindergarten Room 105**

Please join us to learn about our English and French Immersion Nursery and Kindergarten programs for the 2024-2025 school year. There will be information about each program and an opportunity to tour the classrooms and meet the teachers.

***Registration opens (online) at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, February 26th.***



## **NURSERY/ KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

Nursery and Kindergarten Registration for the 2024-2025 School Year begins on Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. (online only). All required documents must be submitted (emailed) along with a completed “Student Application for Registration Form” (fillable PDF), which can be found on the École Riverview School website. Priority of class preference (morning or afternoon) will be given on a first come, first served basis.

<b>PROGRAM OPTIONS</b>	<b>BIRTH YEAR</b>
ENGLISH Nursery (morning)	2020
ENGLISH Nursery (afternoon)	2020
ENGLISH Kindergarten (morning)	2019
ENGLISH Kindergarten (afternoon)	2019
FRENCH IMMERSION Kindergarten (morning)	2019
FRENCH IMMERSION Kindergarten (afternoon)	2019

\*please note that English Nursery and English Kindergarten are a combined class.

To ensure that your registration is complete, please email all required documents to [riverview@wsd1.org](mailto:riverview@wsd1.org), beginning at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup> (no earlier!). Please make the subject line of your email “2024-25 Registration” with the registering student’s last name.

Within the email, please specify your program preference.



## Please submit the following documents to complete your registration:

- ✓ **Student Application for Registration Form** (found on the Ecole Riverview School website). It is a fillable PDF form that you can download and submit in your email.
- ✓ **Nursery Letter 2024-2025** Nursery students ONLY! (fillable PDF form found on website that you can download and submit in your email)
- ✓ **Student's Birth Certificate or Passport** (scanned or good quality photo)
- ✓ **Manitoba Health Card** (scanned or good quality photo)
- ✓ **Proof of Address** (must be either a tax assessment or rental/lease agreement – scanned or good quality photo)

Registration is not considered complete unless ALL required documents are submitted. **Please attach all documents within the same email.** If a program fills and we are not able to grant your time preference (morning or afternoon), you will be notified about the options available.

Please email ALL documents to [riverview@wsd1.org](mailto:riverview@wsd1.org), on Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 8:00 a.m.  
**Early applications will not be accepted.**

You will receive confirmation of your registration via email.



Hello École Riverview Families!

We are currently looking to fill multiple daily supervisor positions. Volunteers are also welcome! This is an excellent way to get involved and get to know the kids and our school!

Please contact us to get involved and join our team!

### **IMPORTANT REMINDERS:**

If your child has permission to leave the school during the lunch hour, you must email the LP Director at [directorerslp@gmail.com](mailto:directorerslp@gmail.com) before 11 am, and your child must sign out in the LP office with Ms. Jenn before leaving the school.

**ALLERGIES:** All NUTS, FISH or SEAFOOD of any kind, and BANANAS are NOT PERMITTED in the Lunch Program.

**RECESS:** Please ensure your student is appropriately dressed for the weather. We are outside for 25 mins, and we want to make sure our students stay warm and dry!

### **CONTACT US:**

For daily attendance or questions, please email the Lunch Program Director at : [directorerslp@gmail.com](mailto:directorerslp@gmail.com)

For registration info, financial matters, food donations, employment and/or volunteer opportunities, and general LP operations, please email : [riverviewlunchprogram@gmail.com](mailto:riverviewlunchprogram@gmail.com).



# Take Your Child to the Library Days

## February 2024

*Visit the library during February to enjoy a performance for children and their families. 45 minutes. Registration required.*

### **The Magic of Ryan Price**

**St. James-Assiniboia Library**

Thursday, February 1: 6:30 p.m.

### **Harvey Smith Library**

Thursday, February 8: 6:30 p.m.

### **Sir William Stephenson Library**

Wednesday, February 21: 6:30 p.m.

### **James Culleton**

**Osborne Library**

Saturday, February 3: 10:30 a.m.

### **West Kildonan Library**

Saturday, February 3: 2 p.m.

### **Munroe Library**

Saturday, February 10: 2 p.m.

### **Bill and Helen Norrie Library**

Saturday, February 17: 2 p.m.

### **TiBert et Douzie (en français)**

**Bibliothèque de Saint-Boniface**

Le samedi 10 février à 14 h 00

### **Aaron Burnett**

**Windsor Park Library**

Saturday, February 10: 2 p.m.

### **St. Vital Library**

Saturday, February 17: 2 p.m.

### **Louis Riel Library**

Saturday, February 24: 10:30 a.m.

### **Charleswood Library**

Saturday, February 24: 2 p.m.

### **Read by Queens**

**Pembina Trails Library**

Saturday, February 10: 2 p.m.

### **Transcona Library**

Saturday, February 24: 10:30 a.m.

### **Brian Clyne**

**St. John's Library**

Saturday, February 17: 2 p.m.

### **Millennium Library**

Saturday, February 24: 2 p.m.

Free. Phone, visit or go online at [winnipeg.ca/library](http://winnipeg.ca/library) to register.



Visit a library branch in the evenings and each Saturday in February for additional programming for the whole family and to sign up for a library card!

*Many thanks to the Friends of the Winnipeg Public Library for their support of family programming.*



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What's going on around the school !

Ce qui se passe autour de l'école !



The students from **Room 103** are always excited to see their grade 5/6 learning buddies! Once per school cycle, the students from **Room 301** visit our classroom to read and play literacy games with the French Immersion Kindergarten students. It has become a fun and educational routine that both classrooms look forward to!

**Room 201** been working on addition and subtraction to 20 in math as well as exploring various dice games. In ELA, we are working on creating short narrative stories using a beginning, middle and end format. We have also started a short book study using the chapter book Polar Bears Past Bedtime. In FLA, we have been working on using French more often in class as well as exploring many common sounds within words when we read short messages or text together. These sounds include: on, ou, oi, au, an/

**Room 208** has been learning about Mexican culture. We recently enjoyed delicious burritos and learned about the Mexican holiday "day of the dead". In math, we've been learning about two-digit and three-digit place value. In science, we have started to learn about the life cycle of a turtle and the amount of water different soil samples are able to absorb.

We're trying burritos and learning about the day of the dead, a holiday celebrated in Mexico.



**Room 304** has started the new year off with a wide range of learning. We, with some help from our reading buddies in **room 201**, began looking at fairy tales and how they can be different based in points of view or the author and their understanding of the story. We also continued our work with geometric shapes by measuring their perimeter, area and angles. This has been put to good use in our mini golf course that was displayed during the last week of January. Last but not least, Joseph and his team got their chance to teach for one of their two days. They realized that herding cats can be a tad challenging. I am curious to see what they will do to make the second day a little smoother.

This month, students in **room 311** will be participating in a French reading blitz and learn how to calculate perimeter and area. We will also explore the origins of our wonderful province and a few historical Manitobans.



# École Riverview School Pow Wow Circle

École Riverview School is inviting students to join an after school Pow Wow Circle. Pow Wow is a celebration of Indigenous culture and a gathering for the purpose of dancing, singing and honoring the traditions of the ancestors. Pow Wow Club is open to any student who is interested in learning about Indigenous culture and teachings through traditional dance. The Pow Wow Circle will run on Wednesdays from January-June (3:30-5:00).

For more information:

Ms. Nikky Jablonowski, N-K teacher.  
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204-284-5983

Cinzia Caputo, Principal.  
ccaputo@wsd1.org  
204-284-5983





# Do not Walk, Skate, or Play on Frozen Retention Ponds

Retention ponds are never safe to use for winter recreation activities. Ice conditions can change quickly without warning, and falling through the ice can be deadly. Remind your children to stay away from frozen retention ponds. Keep dogs on leashes when walking near a retention pond so they don't run onto the ice.



Do not walk, skate, or play on frozen retention ponds. Talk to your children about staying away from the ice.



Do not place hockey nets, benches, light structures, or any other items on a frozen retention pond. To report a structure or item on a retention pond, contact 311.



If you see someone on a retention pond, call 911.

Water from snowmelt or nearby water main breaks can drain into retention ponds. This water is often mixed with street salts, which can cause ice to melt and thin unevenly. This water enters retention ponds from underneath the ice, resulting in thinning of ice that can't be seen from the surface.

# COLD WEATHER AND SEVERE WEATHER CONDITIONS

With January upon us, we would like to send a reminder to families to please make sure we are dressed appropriately to walk to and from school and for outdoor recesses. We will have indoor recess when the wind chill is at  $-28^{\circ}\text{C}$  or below. **Between  $-28^{\circ}\text{C}$  and  $-34^{\circ}\text{C}$ , patrols will do a shortened duty. At  $-35^{\circ}\text{C}$  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.winnipeg.sd.ca](http://www.winnipeg.sd.ca)) will also carry this message. We will be using "Environment Canada -

## DRESSING UP FOR COLD WEATHER

### Thick sweater

With a hood to keep your head warm

#### TIP:

Adding layers will help keep you warm as the temperature drops



### Winter Accessories

#### HAT

For your head and ears

#### SCARF

For your neck and face

#### GLOVES

Insulated – water-proof would be ideal



#### TIP:

During extreme cold, keep all skin covered and spend as little time as possible outside

### Winter boots

Water-proof footwear will keep your feet dry, with good grip for when walking on snowy or icy paths



### Light jacket

Wind-resistant would be ideal



#### TIP:

For extra warmth, wear extra undergarments (like tights and thicker socks)

### Winter jacket

Thick outerwear to keep out wind and wet snow – longer length would be ideal

