

École Riverview School

November 2025 Newsletter

Hello ERS Families,

We are excited to invite you to our **Student-Led Conferences** on:

- **Thursday, November 20 – 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM**
- **Friday, November 21 – 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM**

Student-Led Conferences are a wonderful opportunity for students to **take the lead in sharing their learning journey** with you. During these conferences, students will reflect on their progress, showcase achievements, and set goals for future growth. This is a moment for your child to shine, demonstrating not only what they have learned but also their growing confidence and independence as learners.

Each time slot will include 4–6 families, and detailed instructions will be sent home on **November 10**.

We want to highlight that **Student-Led Conferences are for celebrating learning**. Direct conversations about your child's progress should **not** take place during this time.

Instead, we encourage **ongoing communication with your child's classroom teacher** throughout the school year. Please feel free to schedule a time to connect with the classroom teacher to ask questions, share insights, or discuss your child's growth.

Thank you for supporting your child as they prepare to lead their conference. Your encouragement, presence, and enthusiasm help make this a meaningful and empowering experience. Together, we celebrate the curiosity, effort, and achievements of our students!

What's going on around the school!

Ce qui se passe autour de l'école!

La maternelle

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Mme Brown

The students in French Immersion Kindergarten have been working hard on mastering their fine motor skills while creating fall/Halloween themed art projects.

In math, the students are working on identifying and extending patterns using seasonal manipulatives.

The students continue to expand their French vocabulary and are already able to identify many numbers, letters, colours and shapes in French. Bravo!



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Room 105 – Mrs. Galbraith

In October, students learned about patterns in movements, words, colours and shapes. We explored simple repeating patterns (Ex: AB, ABB, ABC) to build thinking and problem-solving skills and had fun making up our own patterns for our friends to copy.

We read many books about Thanksgiving, and we explored what it means to be thankful by coming up with a list of things that were important to us. We learned that many people have a tradition of serving turkey at Thanksgiving dinner, and we created pinecone turkeys with patterns on their tails to decorate our Thanksgiving dinner tables.



What's going on around the school!

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Room 106 – Mme Aulakh

October has been a fun and busy month in Grade 1! Students are exploring the five senses using pumpkins—we are touching, smelling, looking, and even listening as we learn how our senses help us discover the world around us. We also reflected on **Truth and Reconciliation Day** by making a class pledge to be kind and remember that every child matters.

Room 201 – M. Max

French: We combined vowels with consonants to build syllables. Then, we practiced reading in groups and independently. We established a connection with Mr. Jones' class for "reading buddies."

Science: In Social Studies, we talked about Indigenous peoples and completed a visual art activity for Orange Shirt Day. In Natural Sciences, we explored position and movement. We worked on French vocabulary for different positions of an object.

Math: We continued working with numbers: counting, mentally representing numbers up to 100, skip counting by 2s, 5s, and 10s, identifying even and odd numbers, and exploring patterns.

Health: We discussed the importance of having a clean environment.

English: We practiced the pronunciation of the letter "a" and its different sounds in words depending on the presence or absence of a final vowel "e."

Grade 2 - Max Thank you

What's going on around the school!

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Room 204 - Mrs. Warren

October in room 204

We have been watching the changing seasons this month and noticing the different weather. We keep track of the weather with a graph each school day. It is amazing how often it changes even within a day. We spent time exploring our feelings and what we are thankful for this month and are now thinking about the coming Halloween fun. We have used pattern blocks to make Halloween shapes, counted skeleton bones in art, created jack-o-lanterns and flying witches to go with our read aloud books. We are learning about the characters in stories and using describing words to make sentences about them. We have been looking for action words in sentences as well.

In math we have been skip counting by 2's and 5's, as well as practicing addition and subtraction skills. We are beginning a science inquiry to learn about owls.



Room 206 – M. Matt

Throughout the month of October, the students in Room 206 have been participating in Flashlight Reading Fridays!

Each Friday morning during our “Read to Self” time, students have the exciting opportunity to read in the dark — using their flashlights to light up their books.

Take a look at some highlights from our previous Flashlight Reading Fridays!



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Room 207 – Mme Arnold

Room 207 has been busy learning all about spiders! Students explored a spider's life cycle, habitat, and how spiders differ from insects. In math, they've been practicing addition and subtraction, strengthening their counting skills and number sense with two-digit numbers. In French, students are learning vowel sounds and the difference between "au" and "eau." This month, students also learned about gratitude and created a beautiful Thankful Tree to share what they are most thankful for.



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Room 208 – Mme Kondziela

The month of October has been very exciting here in grade 1. We are wrapping up learning the sounds of all the letters of the alphabet and are excited to move into some phonics. We have had a few exciting lessons while learning about the 5 senses which have included trying different drinks, trying to guess the sound, playing with glow sticks and smelling scratch and sniff stickers. Songs have been a huge hit in our classroom. We have loved listening to "le son on" and we even created our own song about fall! Check it out on youtube! <https://www.youtube.com/@MmeLianne> "c'est l'autumn"



Room 209 – Mrs. Dorman

The past month in Room 209 we have focused on Math groups, Reading groups, Writing workshop and Social Studies.

In math and reading groups, small student groups work together on similar tasks, such as subtracting large numbers or multiplication in math and reading to show understanding in print. Writing has focused on the process of rough drafting, revising and final copies. Our social studies unit is all about Canada! It's geography, regions and symbols.

In November we will be starting our Science unit on Habitats – should be fun!

Room 301 – M. Maciejewski

October was busy in room 301; here's what the students have been up to. In mathematics, they've been focusing on problem solving, especially where word problems require multiple steps and provide different degrees of information. In this context, they've applied knowledge related to integers and interpreting graphs and data. In ELA students have begun their first novel study, where we'll be reading *Fortunately, the Milk* by Neil Gaiman as a class. In French, students have continued verb study and worked on reading comprehension through news-article studies and discussions. In science, students have gotten to further explore electricity as we near the end of our unit. We've discussed circuits (series and parallel), and students have gotten to demonstrate their understanding with Snap Circuits. In Social Studies, we have discussed events related to the confederation of Canada and will proceed by discussing Canadian government leaders and indigenous leaders in the time after confederation. Finally, we are working on some ambitious art pieces to unveil before Halloween that draw inspiration from Italian Renaissance art.

Room 304 – M. Asselin

Hello from room 304! We have been working fiercely to finish our two major projects while, at the same time, getting ready with room 310 for the next assembly which will happen on November 4th. We haven't had a chance to be bored yet, but all of this will be completed in a couple of weeks, and we are looking forward to a little down time afterwards. The children have had a blast doing these projects and can't wait to show them to their parents during the meetings in November. The assembly will also be a whole lot of "Family" fun if everything works as it should, and all of the people are there. Feel free to show up that morning and see the kids in action.

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Room 307 – M. Jones

307 has been very busy learning about the human body and how to keep it healthy.

By following our guiding question, "If I eat an apple, how does the energy get to my muscles?" We've learned various organs in the body, how they work together to form systems and how the various body systems work together to help us grow and thrive!

Room 308 – Mr. Hawash

We are having a great start to the school year. We have a wonderful group of students.

Everyone is working well in class. We also welcomed two new students in October.

We have been reviewing math operations and working on large numbers and place value.

There is always something that can be done at home such as reading and studying spelling lists. Please sign your child's agenda regularly.

Thank you,
Y. Hawash

Room 309 – Mme Citieuh

We're keeping our learning momentum going!

In **French**, students are reading with enthusiasm, practicing how to break words into syllables, and working on their reading comprehension.

In **Math**, they are learning to describe numbers, represent them in different ways, and compare them.

In **Science**, we're continuing to explore the amazing world of magnets — did you know that not all metals are attracted to them?

In **Social Studies**, we've started learning about our beautiful province of Manitoba. Can you name all the provinces and their capitals together at home?

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Room 310 – Mr. Papineau

Hello everybody, October was a busy month, and your students have adapted well to our classroom routines. In math, we worked on daily activities such as problem solving, math drills, and multiplication and division in our more formal lessons. In spelling program, we've made progress with adding -ing suffixes and all students are showing growth. Science saw us learning about the Diversity of Living Things and creating art inspired by Andy Goldsworthy to enhance that learning; the attached photos are from our leaf collection expedition to Fisher Park. Students have been working on their writing and editing skills and are enjoying the second book from the MYRCA nominees list for 2025.

We have been creating and rehearsing with Room 304 our assembly presentation for November 4th, the topic being Responsibility. If you did not see the message on Seesaw about this but are learning about it just now, then there's still a chance to attend! The kids were very open minded, willing to take risks, and use drama to help assemble this lengthy presentation. It was a lot of work and patience, but we all enjoyed the effort and hope that the end result will be amazing!



Room 311 - Mme. Danis

There is certainly never a dull moment in 311! Students are learning to create equations to represent patterns in tables and working on their addition and subtraction strategies for mathematics. We are discovering just how wonderful, diverse and vast our country is in terms of geography. The month has been jam-packed with hands-on-learning in science. We made igneous rocks, mined chocolate chips in Cookie Land, created the rock cycle and then ate our projects. Overall, it was quite fulfilling!

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MUSIC NEWS – Mrs. Klassen

This month in music class our students have begun work with the Orff Instruments. Steady beat as an ensemble, improvisation and pattern layering have been the first goals. Work with the Orff instruments will continue in November.

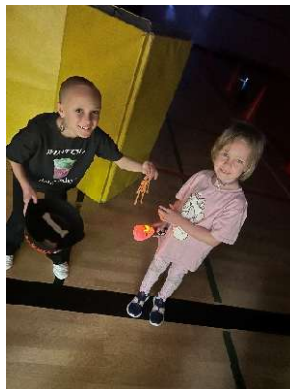
We have also begun preparing our Remembrance Day songs “Candle for Peace” and “Hymn to Freedom.” Our grades 5 & 6 extra-curricular choir will also be presenting a special selection at this service which will take place on November 10th at 10:00 a.m.

A wonderful group of 90 grades 3-6 students have completed our preliminary eight session term and are now doing auditions for casting of our May production of “Seussical the Musical.” It is exciting to see the awesome preparation the children are putting into their auditions and inspiring to see the courage the kids are exhibiting at their auditions.

Physical Education – Ms. Kearns

The gym has been a busy place this past month! Students have explored the sport of soccer and the main three skills of passing, shooting and dribbling. Primary classes played various lead up games to practice the skill of kicking. Grades 3-6 were introduced to game scenarios and discussed invasion game strategies like a give and go, marking a player and creating space on the field. Grade 5 + 6 students were invited to join a soccer club and play in a mini tournament at River Heights School. They played hard, were great sports and represented our school well! We ended the month with a review of throwing and catching using different objects like gator balls, scoops, and soft footballs. November will lead us into volleyball and triple ball season for grades 5 and 6. Primary grades will continue to develop their striking skills during lead-up net and wall games.

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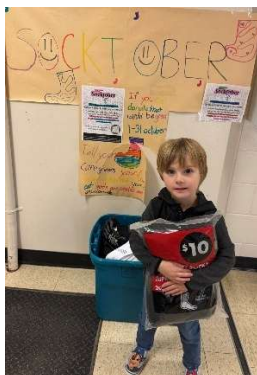
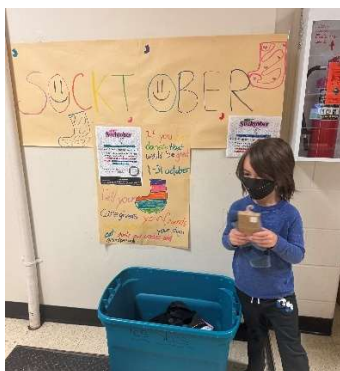




SOCKTOBER

Thank you to all families, staff and community members who donated socks for our Socktober fundraiser. We collected 274 pairs of socks for Main Street Project to hand out to Winnipeggers who are experiencing homelessness during the cold winter months. What an amazing way to get involved and make our city a better place. Bravo Riverview!!!

Mckenzie Kearns



Ultimate Ratons-laveurs/ Raccoons Manage to Hold Back the Snow AND Earn the Title of SPIRIT CHAMPIONS



CONGRATULATIONS/FÉLICITATIONS to our grade 5/6 École Riverview School Raccoons/Ratons-laveurs ULTIMATE team!!!

On Saturday, October 18th and Sunday, October 19th, for the 30th anniversary of the biggest and longest-running juniors' Ultimate tournament - Hold Back the Snow - our team hit the fields covered in dew, not in snow!

In mostly sunny and quite windy conditions, les Ratons-laveurs/Raccoons played and ran hard, learned a tonne, threw and caught the disc, and were super spirited!...Sooooo spirited that, once again, for the third year in a row, our team earned the honour of HBTS 2025 Middle School Division SPIRIT CHAMPIONS!!!

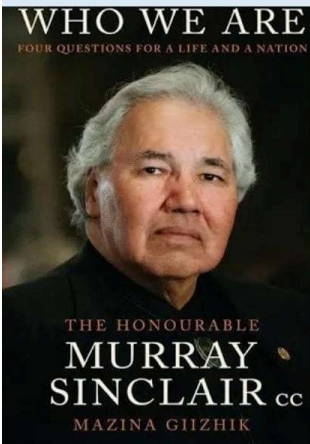
Coach Asselin, Coach Jones, and Coach Parker are so very proud, happy, and impressed by every player this fall - those who attended HBTS, as well as those who attended every - or almost every - practice leading up to the tournament.

BRAVO!!!

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Truth and Reconciliation in Our Learning Spaces



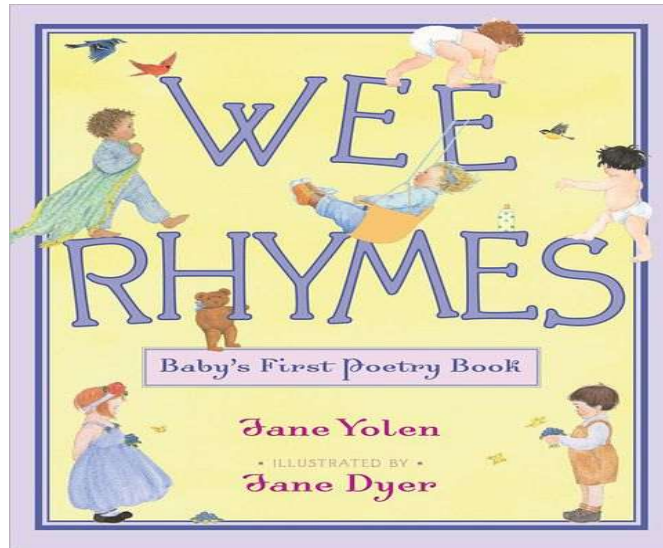
As Learning Support Teachers, we continue to engage with staff and students in meaningful conversations about truth and reconciliation, exploring how it lives within our daily teaching and learning. We recognize the profound role education plays in shaping understanding, empathy, and change.

The Honourable Justice Murray Sinclair, Mizanay Gheezhik-iban ("The One Who Speaks of Pictures in the Sky"), powerfully stated:

"Education got us into this mess, and education will get us out of it."

Through ongoing reflection, dialogue, and action, we strive to ensure that reconciliation is not a single event, but a continual part of how we learn, teach, and grow together.

—Enseignant(e)s de soutien/Learning Support Teachers



Join Us for Rhyme Time at École Riverview School!

Families with babies, toddlers, and preschoolers are invited to join us for Rhyme Time — a fun, interactive session filled with songs, rhymes, and laughter!

Rhyme Time is a wonderful way to support your child's language development while connecting with other families in our community. Come sing, move, and play as we celebrate the joy of early learning together.

 **Tuesday, November 18 9:00-10:00**
Thursday, December 18 9:00-10:00
 **École Riverview School — Library**

We look forward to seeing you and your little ones!

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Adult Small-5XL



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Adult S-2XL



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STICKERS - 2/\$5
3"



ATC Shorts
\$25
Youth S - XL



Lanyard
\$10



Cinch Bag
\$10

Orders for merch will remain open throughout the school year!

To receive items before the winter break,
the order deadline is

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 30

ERSPAC NEWS

NEXT ERSPEC MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOV 19 | 6:30 - 8:00 PM
VIRTUAL MEETING
(LINK WILL BE EMAILED 24 HRS BEFORE)

WE NEED AN UPDATE

This year, we are looking to update our École Riverview School Parent Advisory Council (ERSPAC) constitution.

This constitution establishes the framework and rules for the ERSPEC. It outlines the structure of the elected executive and standing committees, and details the specific functions and responsibilities of the council.

Email erspac@gmail.com if you want to support the executive in this endeavour!

WELCOME VICE-CHAIR

Hello Riverview families!
My name is John Klassen,
and I'm so happy to be
serving as the Vice Chair of
the ERSPEC this year. Our
family is proud to be part of
the Riverview community,
and our son is in Kindergarten.



I've been volunteering in schools for about ten years, helping out as a coach, volunteer coordinator, events coordinator, finance committee member, and strategic planning chair. I really enjoy being involved and working with others to make school a safe, nurturing and welcoming place for everyone.

I'm excited to support our wonderful school – the staff, the admin, the students, and our amazing community – to help keep Riverview the special place that it is!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Staff Appreciation Potluck!
Friday Nov 21

Make your favourite dish for our ERS staff during the tri-conference, non-instructional day. ***Watch your email for the sign up list!***

Grade 6 Farewell

Looking for co-chairs to spearhead the planning of this fantastic event. A committee will support.

GET IN TOUCH!

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

Connect with ERSPEC on Facebook

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



Ecole Riverview School

FOOD & FUND DRIVE

in support of
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nourishing our communities



Top 10 Most Needed Items

1. Canned Fruit
2. Canned Soup/Stew
3. Canned Tuna
4. Canned Vegetables
5. Pasta
6. Pasta Sauce
7. Rice
8. Peanut Butter
9. Baby Formula/Food
10. Instant Oatmeal

Riverview's '12 Days of Giving'

Our students will have the opportunity to share with the community with a food drive from Dec.1st - Dec. 16th. Please share what you can spare from the list of non-perishable food items.



2025-2026 Dates to Remember

November 4 – Rm 304 & 310 Assembly w/families 9AM

November 10 - Remembrance Day Assembly 10 a.m.

November 10 – Picture Re-takes PM

November 11 - Remembrance Day – **School closed**

November 14 – Report cards go home

November 17-21 - Scholastic Book Fair

November 19 - ERSPAC Meeting 6:30 – 8:00

November 20 - Student-Led Conferences 4-7pm

November 21 – Student-Led Conferences - Non-Instructional - **No school**

December 2 – Rm 209 & 309 Assembly w/families 9AM

December 19 - Last day of School – pajama day

January 5 - School Reopens

January 6 - Rm 307 & 311 Assembly w/families 9AM

January 16 - Non-Instructional - **No School**

January 21 - ERSPAC Meeting 6:30 – 8:00

January 29 – Nursery/Kindergarten Open House

February 2 – Non-Instructional day – **No school**

February 3 – Rm 106 & 208 Assembly w/families 9AM

February TBD - Grade 6 Visit to Churchill High School

February 16 - Louis Riel Day – **School closed**

February TBD - Spirit Week

February 18 - ERSPAC Meeting 6:30 – 8:00

February 20 - Pancake Breakfast A.M. – RVCC

February 20 - Festival du Voyageur Assembly P.M.

March 3 – Rm 204 & 207 Assembly w/families 9AM

March 13 - Report cards go home

March 19 - Student Led Conferences 4:30 – 7:00 p.m.

March 20 – Student-Led Conferences - Non-Instructional - **No School**

March 25 - ERSPAC Meeting 6:30 – 8:00

March 27 - Last Day of School

April 6 - School reopens

April 7 – Rm 201 & 206 Assembly w/families 9AM

April 9 - Bus Ridership

April 10 - Non-Instructional - **No school**

April 21 – Kindergarten Grad/Classroom/staff group photos

April 22 - ERSPAC Meeting 6:30 – 8:00

May 6-7 – Seussical the Musical

May 8 - Non-Instructional - **No School**

May 12 – Rm 103 & 105 AM Assembly w/families 9AM

May 13 - Gr 6 Immunization AM

May 18 - Victoria Day – **School closed**

May 19 - Mobile Vision Clinic

May 20 - ERSPAC Meeting 6:30 – 8:00

May 22 - Volunteer Tea – 2:00 p.m., MPR

June 2 – Rm 103 & 105 PM Assembly w/families 2:15 PM

June 4 – ÉRS Annual Art Show – 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

June 9-11 – Grade 5/6 Camp

June 17 – ERSPAC Meeting 6:30 – 8:00

June 19 – Pow Wow Assembly 2:00 p.m.

June 22 - Rm 103 French Immersion Kindergarten Year End Celebration

June 22 - Rm 105 English Kindergarten Year End Celebration

June 25 – Grade 6 farewell 1 p.m.

June 26 – Bump Up Day
June 26 - Reports go home
June 29 - Non-Instructional - **No School**
June 30 - Last Day of School





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Scholastic Book Fair