



# RIVER ELM SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

December 2025  
Phone 204-667-9006

## *Principal's Message...*

Dear River Elm Families,

As we settle into the winter season, I want to remind everyone of the importance of helping our students stay warm during the school day. **Please be sure your child comes prepared with a winter coat, hat, mittens or gloves, and boots.** If you are in need of winter gear for your child, please contact Ms. Campbell at the school. **All students go outside every day, unless the temperature is below -27c,** and proper winter wear helps keep our students comfortable, safe, and having fun.

We are also excited to invite you to our **Winter Concert on December 10**, with performances at **1:30 p.m.** and **6:00 p.m.** Our students have been working hard, and we look forward to sharing a wonderful celebration of music and community with you. Please note that this concert is for the **downstairs classes only.**

As the holiday season approaches, I want to extend my warmest wishes to all of our River Elm families. May your holidays be filled with joy, rest, and time spent with those you love. Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

Wishing you a safe and happy holiday season,

Marla Tran



## *Library...*

Hello RoadRunners!

Thank You for your support of the Scholastic Book Fair! It was wonderful to see the excitement. We were able to keep \$625.00 of books for our library!

Keep your eyes peeled for books coming out, you might spot the newest issue of your favourite series.

Happy Reading,

Candice Hickson

Library Technician



## *Safe Arrival...*



SafeArrival is an absence management system that improves student safety and makes it easy for you to let the school know about your child's absence. You are asked to report your child's absence in advance whenever possible using one of these convenient methods:

- 1. SchoolMessenger app (free)**
- 2. Web and Mobile Web: [go.schoolmessenger.ca](http://go.schoolmessenger.ca)**
- 3. Toll-free Phone 1-855-278-4513**

If you don't report your child's absence in advance, the automated notification system will try to contact you (using the communication preferences if you have set them up in the SchoolMessenger app). This may include push notifications to the app, email, phone calls. You will be asked to provide the reason for your child's absence immediately. You may do so using the phone line, website or mobile app.

It is important to keep your telephone number updated with the school as well as your e-mail address. The SafeArrival system will send notices regarding your child's attendance. River Elm is now using an automated Broadcast system to update and remind families of pertinent school information. The Broadcasts will be sent via e-mail and potentially also an automated telephone message.

## School Events....

### SPIRIT WEEK

DECEMBER 15—Candy Cane Day (wear red and white)



DECEMBER 16—Holiday Headwear and Accessory Day



DECEMBER 17—Holiday Sweater/Shirt Day



DECEMBER 18—Grinch Day (wear green)



DECEMBER 19—PJ Day and Holiday Sing-a-long



### Lost and Found

The lost and found table at River Elm is overflowing with all sorts of items. Please ask your child to stop by the table located in the Linkway hall by the Gym.

All lost and found items that are not picked up may be donated by the end of December.



# Cold Weather Guidelines

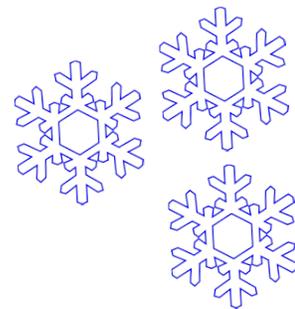
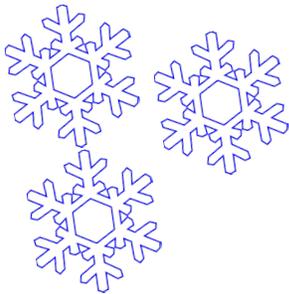
The decision to close a school in the Winnipeg School Division is made by our Superintendent.

## **Indoor Recess:**

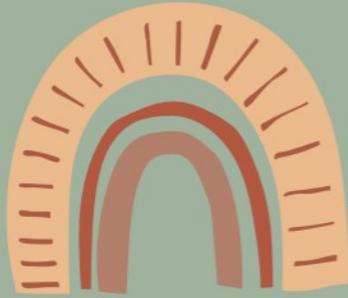
Students stay indoors for recess when the wind chill reaches –28 degrees Celsius according to Environment Canada’s temperature reading at the Forks.

The following media outlets are contacted in the early morning to ask that they broadcast and/or post bus cancellation information:

CBC Radio	92 CITI FM	99.9 BOB FM	TSN 1290	QX 104 FM
CJOB Radio	KISS 102 FM	CKSB – French	94.3 The Drive	Virgin 103 FM
CTV News	Global TV	CityTV	CKJR Power 97	
winnipegfree-press.com	met-ronews.ca	winnipegsun.com		



## *Land Based and Treaty Learning...*



### *Land Based & Treaty Learning*

with Miss Vezina



#### **LEAVE YOUR LEAVES**

Leaf litter is one of the quiet engines of a healthy ecosystem. When leaves fall and break down, they form a protective layer on the forest or ground surface. This blanket keeps moisture in the soil, shields plant roots from temperature swings, and prevents erosion from wind and rain.

It also acts like slow-release fertilizer as leaves decompose, they return essential nutrients like nitrogen, phosphorus, and carbon back into the earth, feeding the next generation of plants.

That layer is also critical habitat. Countless insects, fungi, amphibians, and microorganisms live, feed, and reproduce in leaf litter. Many birds and small mammals rely on those insects as their food source, meaning the entire food web depends on that seemingly simple layer of fallen leaves.

Removing it whether in forests, yards, or parks breaks a natural cycle that has been supporting life for thousands of years.

# FAMILY ROOM NEWSLETTER

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## For Parents & Caregivers

### Painting Class

December 4  
9:00-11:30 AM

### Ornament Making

December 18  
9:00-11:30 AM

### Families in Kitchen

December 5 (9:15-11:30 AM)  
Space is limited, registration is required.

### Moccasin Making

December 3 & 10  
1:00-3:00 PM  
Pre-registration required.



## Special Class

### Fluffy Soap

December 16  
1:00-3:00 PM  
Fort Rouge School will be joining us virtually with Miss Morgan teaching us.  
Space is limited, registration is required.

### Nurturing Our Roots

December 8  
1:00-3:00 PM  
Miss Vezina will join us for bracelet making.  
Space is limited, registration is required.

## RSVP

Please register/RSVP to Ms. Campbell  
204-667-9006  
cacampbell@wsdl.org



# *Building Student Success with Indigenous Parents...*



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**BSSIP**

**Building Student Success with Indigenous Parents**



## **Winter Solstice Celebration**

**Thursday, December 11, 2025**

**5:30 PM-7:00 PM**

Please RSVP by December 7th.

### **Coming in January 2026:**

Beading & Sewing

Men's Supper Group

Women's Hand Drum

*Pancake Breakfast and Santa Photos...*

*Whole School*  
**PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

**Friday, December 12, 2025**  
**@ 9:15 AM**

**No regular Breakfast Program on this day.**



*Photos with*  
**SANTA**

All students will have the opportunity to have their photo taken with Santa on **December 12 (starting at 1:15 PM)**

Santa will take photos with our Nursery/Kindergarten (AM Class) at 11:00 AM



# December 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 / Day 2	2 / Day 3	3 / Day 4	4 / Day 5	5 / Day 6	6
7	8 / Day 1	9 / Day 2	10 / Day 3 <b>Winter Concert 6:00pm</b> (downstairs classes only)	11 / Day 4	12 / Day 5  Whole School Pancake Breakfast and Santa Photos	13
14	15 / Day 6 	16 / Day 1 	17 / Day 2 <b>Whole School Lunch</b> 	18 / Day 3 	19 / Day 4 <b>Sing Along Assembly PM</b> 	20
<b>SPIRIT WEEK !! December 15 - 19</b>						
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
<b>WINTER BREAK DECEMBER 22—JANUARY 2</b>						
28	29	30	31			

**SCHOOL REOPENS MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2026**