



## *Principal's Message...*

Dear River Elm School Families,

As we head into February at River Elm School, we are excited to celebrate **I Love to Read Month** with a fun and engaging **Olympic Theme!** Throughout the month, students will participate in some fun activities, as well as have the opportunity to have some guest readers in the school.

We encourage families to support this celebration by making reading a part of your daily routine at home, whether it's sharing a bedtime story, visiting the library, or talking about what your child is reading. Together, we can help foster a lifelong love of literacy while cheering our students, as well as our Olympic athletes representing Canada!

As a reminder, please continue to send healthy lunches with your child each day. We ask that lunches have **NO pop or sugary drinks**. If you choose to order lunch from a delivery service, please ensure your **student's name is clearly labeled** on the lunch to help us avoid any mix-ups during distribution.

Also, there should be **NO NUTS** in your child's lunch.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support in keeping our students healthy, safe, and ready to learn.

Yours in Reading,

M. Tran



# Cold Weather Guidelines

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

## **Indoor Recess:**

Students stay indoors for recess when the wind chill reaches  $-27$  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	
winnipegfreepress.com	metronews.ca	winnipegsun.com		

## *Safe Arrival—Absence Reporting*

With SafeArrival, you are asked to report your child's absence in advance using any of these 3 convenient methods:

1. Using your mobile device, download and install the SchoolMessenger app from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store (or from the links at <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>). The first time you use the app, select Sign Up to create your account. Select Attendance then Report an Absence.
2. Use the SafeArrival website, <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>. The first time you use the website, select Sign Up to create your account. Select Attendance then Report an Absence.
3. Call the toll-free number 1-855-278-4513 to report an absence using the automated phone system.

These options are available 24 hours/day, 7 days a week. Future absences can be reported at any time.



February is  
**I Love to  
Read  
Month**

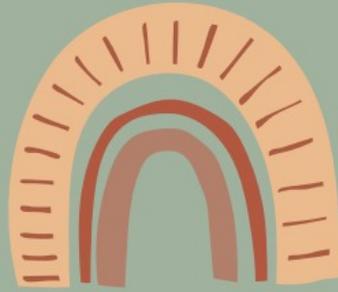
Our theme this year is:  
**Winter Olympics &  
Award-winning books**

Students will:

- read and write about winter Olympic sports
- read award winning books and discuss their opinion
- play Olympic sports in Gym for their “country’s” team
- listen to guest readers



# *Land Based & Treaty Learning...*



## *Land Based & Treaty Learning*

with Miss Vezina



### **EMOTIONAL REGULATION AT HOME**

In early childhood, the brain grows through human experiences: talking with others, moving their bodies, playing, feeling frustrated, getting help to calm down, feeling bored, and using imagination. These moments teach children how to manage big feelings, solve problems, and connect with others.

By limiting tech at home and supporting emotional regulation, we're giving children something powerful: the ability to understand themselves, manage challenges, and build healthy relationships skills that matter far beyond the classroom.

We have puzzles available for families to borrow, pop by Miss Vezina's office in Room 116.



# BSSIP Programming...

River Elm School

## BSSIP NEWSLETTER

Building Student Success with  
Indigenous Parents

February 2026

### Full Moon Ceremony

Monday, February 2  
@ RB Russell  
4:50 PM BUS PICK UP  
Transportation provided.

### Men's Supper Group & Women's Hand Drum

Thursday, February 12  
5:30 -7:00 PM  
In the school gym  
Dinner & childcare provided.

### Beading & Sewing

Thursdays: February 19 & 26  
5:30 -7:30 PM  
In the school gym.  
Dinner & supplies provided.

Evening  
Cree & Anishinaabe  
Language Classes

COMING SOON

Mamāhtawisiwin: The Wonder We Are Born With  
The goal of BSSIP is to increase the involvement of Indigenous parents in education. The funding has assisted schools in developing partnerships and programs with parents and the community which will contribute to the educational success of Indigenous students.

RSVP



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204-667-9006

# Family Room Programming...



## FAMILY ROOM PROGRAMMING

FEBRUARY 2026



### ADULT PROGRAMMING

#### ADULT PAINTING CLASS

Tuesday, February 3  
9:15 AM

#### NURTURING OUR ROOTS

Tuesday February 10  
1:00-3:00 PM

#### CRAFTY MORNING

Tuesday, February 17th  
9:15 -11:30 AM

#### SELF CARE & STRESS MANAGEMENT WITH KLINIC WORKSHOP

Tuesday, February 24  
10:00-11:30 AM

### FAMILY EVENT

**Valentine's  
Day  
FAMILY Night**  
**Thursday, February 5**  
**5:30-7:00 PM**



Please RSVP for all programming/events to  
Ms. Campbell  
([cacampbell@wsdl.org](mailto:cacampbell@wsdl.org) or 204-667-9006)

# HOW SICK IS TOO SICK FOR SCHOOL?

Cold and flu season is here.  
See our tips for parents and caregivers:



## KEEP ME HOME:

- Fever**  
(higher than 38°C or 100° F)
- Sore Throat**
- Persistent Cough**
- Strep Throat**
- Vomiting or Diarrhea**
- Abdominal Pain**  
(severe or long-lasting)
- Illness**  
(prevents from participating comfortably in activities)

## SEND ME TO SCHOOL:

- No Fever**  
(without fever-reducing medicine for 24 hours)
- Occasional Cough**  
(but no other symptoms)
- Strep Throat**  
(after 24 hours of treatment)
- No Vomiting or Diarrhea**  
(for 48 hours)



WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION



# February 2026

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 <b>Day 1</b>  Non-Instructional Day	3 <b>Day 2</b> ICBL Basketball @ 11:15  Leaders at Manitoba Harvest	4 <b>Day 3</b> <b>I Love to Read Kick-Off Assembly</b>  Leaders at Manitoba Harvest	5 <b>Day 4</b> Valentine's Family Night Event 5:30pm-7:00pm 	6 <b>Day 5</b>	7
8	9 <b>Day 6</b>	10 <b>Day 1</b>	11 <b>Day 2</b>	12 <b>Day 3</b>	13 <b>Day 4</b>	14 
15	16  <b>Louis Riel Day</b>	17 <b>Day 5</b>	18 <b>Day 6</b>	19 <b>Day 1</b>	20 <b>Day 2</b>  ICBL Basketball @ 11:15	21
22	23 <b>Day 3</b>	24 <b>Day 4</b>	25 <b>Day 5</b>  Whole School Lunch	26 <b>Day 6</b>  ICBL Basketball @ 11:15  <b>I Love to Read Wrap-Up Assembly</b>	27 <b>Day 1</b>  Winter Fun Day	28

