

RIVER ELM SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

March 2026

Phone 204-667-9006

Principal's Message...

Happy March, River Elm Families!

It's hard to believe we are already heading into spring, but it's a great time to look back on all the energy in our hallways lately. February was a fantastic "I Love to Read Month" and it was so much fun seeing our students dive into their books. From the excitement of our guest readers sharing their favorite stories to the Olympics activities in the gym that kept us all moving and learning. Thank you to everyone who planned this month full of fun and literacy and thanks to our volunteer extraordinaire, Derek Loewen for connecting us with some pretty cool guests!

Looking forward, we are getting ready for our Tri-Conferences. These meetings are such a meaningful part of the year because they bring students, caregivers, and teachers together as a team. It's a wonderful chance for our students to show off what they've been working on, celebrate their progress, and set some goals for the rest of the year. We truly value having you as partners in your child's learning journey, and we can't wait to see you all here at the school soon!

I would like to welcome all of our new families to River Elm. We have had 20 new students start at our school since winter break and are so happy to have more Roadrunners in our school community!

M. Tran

Principal



WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION

Parent / Guardian information...

Kindergarten and Nursery Registration For the 2026/2027 School Year

Registration for Nursery and Kindergarten in the Winnipeg School Division for the 2026/2027 school year is now open for catchment residents.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Children must be **4 years old** (born in 2022) by December 31, 2026 to attend **Nursery** (10 months, half days).
- Children must be **5 years old** (born in 2021) by December 31, 2026 to attend **Kindergarten** (10 months, half days).
- Children who are **6 years old** (born in 2020) by December 31, 2026 may register for **Grade 1** (full days) this fall.

If you, a friend, neighbour, or relative have a child who meets these age requirements, please register online at: www.winnipeg.ca/student-registration

If you have any questions, please call or visit the school office at **204-667-9006**.

Important Notes:

- Current students remaining at the same school do **not** need to re-register.
- Students moving to their designated Middle or Senior Years catchment school will be pre-registered based on their home address.
- Students transferring to a new school for French Immersion or division-wide programs must complete a **Student Intention Form** provided by their current school. These students will then be pre-registered.

School of Choice Applications

Students must be enrolled in their designated catchment school before applying to **Schools of Choice** within the Winnipeg School Division.

- Applications are reviewed by the division's Superintendents' Department.
- Submission of an application does **not** guarantee placement.
- Applications may be declined due to capacity limits.

Non-resident students living outside of division boundaries must complete a new student registration form before submitting a Schools of Choice application.

Important Dates

The Schools of Choice application window opens **April 6, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.** and closes **May 15, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.**

Registration Information for Families...

Required Documents to Register

Parents/guardians must provide the following:

Proof of Age

One of the following:

- Birth certificate
- Passport
- Citizenship card or certificate

Proof of Address (Two Required)

Provide **any two** of the following current documents:

- Utility bill (hydro, gas, or water)
- Cable TV, internet, or home phone bill
- Insurance policy (home, tenant, auto, or life)
- Mortgage statement
- Rental or lease agreement
- Deed
- Current purchase and sale agreement
- Property tax bill or notice of tax assessment

Additional Required Documents

- Manitoba Health Card or proof of medical coverage
- Medical documentation for students requiring additional support (if applicable)
- Child in Care Form (if applicable)
- Court orders related to custody (if applicable)

Additional Requirements for Students New to Canada

Families new to Canada must also provide:

Student Identification

- Birth certificate
- Passport

Parent Identification

- Passport

Proof of Student Status in Canada

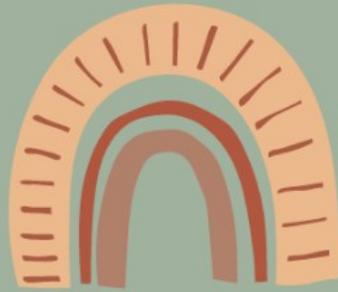
- Study permit
- Work permit
- Visitor visa

Proof of Parent Residency or Status

One of the following:

- Permanent Resident card
- Refugee status documentation
- Valid study permit with proof of enrolment
- Valid work permit with proof of employment

Land Based & Treaty Learning...



Land Based & Treaty Learning

with Miss Vezina

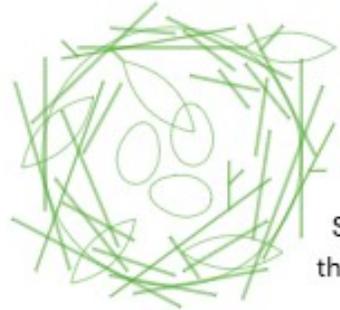


FEELINGS WHEEL



The emotion wheel worldwide helps people understand their feelings better and build emotional intelligence. I strongly suggest practicing together with your kiddos naming how you are feeling.

Library News...



Hello Road Runners!

Spring is on its way! **March** is going to be busy in the Library as we have so many Themes!

Mario Day – March 10

Pi Day – March 14

St. Patrick's Day – March 17

First Day of Spring – March 20

National Crayon Day – March 31

We will also be having a Spring Book Fair on March 19th and 20th.

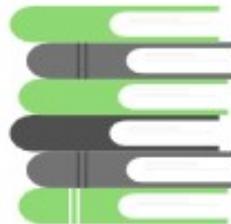
Keep your eyes peeled for



the posters coming out soon!

Happy Reading!

Ms. Candice



Scholastic Book Fair...



Scholastic Book Fair



The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to River Elm School this March! We're excited to partner with Scholastic to bring a great selection of books to our students and families.

When: March 19-20

Open during Student-Led Conferences

Where: The Library

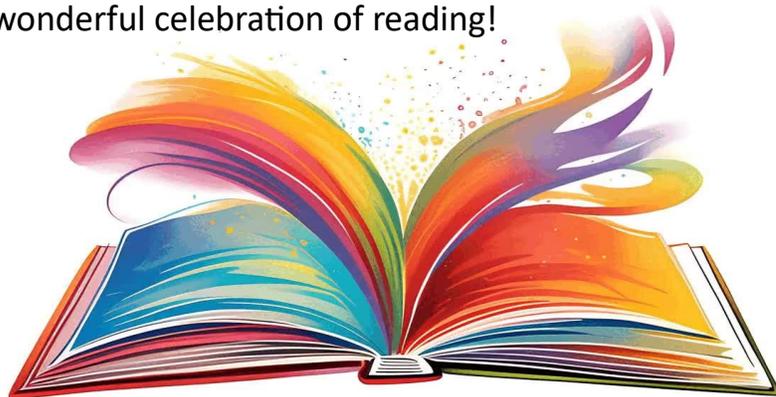
Families are invited to shop before or after Student Led Conferences. It's a great chance to celebrate your child's progress and pick out a new book to enjoy at home.

What You'll Find:

- Books for all grade levels
- Popular series and new releases
- Picture books, chapter books, and graphic novels
- Fun activity books and more

Every purchase helps support River Elm School by providing books and resources for our students. Payments can be made by cash, debit, or credit.

The Scholastic Book Fair only comes around a few times a year—don't miss this chance to stock up and support our school community. We hope to see you there and make this Book Fair a wonderful celebration of reading!



Parent/Guardian Information...

Reminder: Spring Forward, It's Daylight Saving Time!

On Sunday, March 8th, 2026 we will “march forward” into spring – hurray for more hours of sunlight and blooming flowers.



Parent Advisory Council Information...

PARENT COUNCIL

Parent Council will be meeting on March 16th at 2:00pm



Family Room Programming...



Family Room Programming

MARCH 2026

Parent/Caregiver Programs



CEDAR PICKING

Nurturing Our Roots - Field Trip

Tuesday March 17
Birds Hill Park
Bus pick up at River Elm 11:00 AM.
We will be back at River Elm by 2:50 PM.
Lunch & supplies provided.



HERB TALK

Workshop with Aurora Farms @ Dufferin School

Tuesday, March 24
Workshop starts @ 1:00 PM
Transportation TBA/Virtually

In Room 111

Painting Class
Tuesday, March 3
9:15-11:30 AM

Felt Succulent Making
Tuesday, March 10
9:15-11:30 AM

Broke No More
SEED Budgeting Workshop
Thursday, March 12
10:00-11:30 AM

**Supplies & snacks
are provided for all
programs.**

Little ones (0-5) are
welcome to come with
their adults.

Coming soon...

In April 2026

Earth Day (family night)
Beaded Plants (adult/day)
Felt Cactus (adult/day)
Division Kookum -Marsha visit (adult/day)

Please RSVP to Ms. Campbell cacampbell@wsd1.org or 204-667-9006

BSSIP Programming...

River Elm School

BSSIP NEWSLETTER



March 2026

Full Moon Ceremony

Tuesday, March 3

@ RB Russell

4:50 PM BUS PICK UP

Back at River Elm by 7:30 PM

*minimum # of participants required
Dinner & transportation provided.

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

Thursday, March 12

5:30-7:00 PM

In the school gym.
Dinner & childcare provided.

Beading & Sewing

March 5

5:30-7:30 PM

In the school gym.
Dinner & supplies provided.

Ojibwe Language Classes

Wednesdays:

March 4, 11, 18 and 25

4:30-6:00 PM

Dinner & supplies provided.

Mamahtawisiwin: 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.

Please RSVP to Ms. Campbell (cacampbell@wsd1.org or 204-667-9006)



MARCH 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 / Day 2	3 / Day 3	4 / Day 4	5 / Day 5	6 / Day 6	7
8	9 / Day 1	10 / Day 2	11 / Day 3	12 / Day 4	13 / Day 5	14
						
15	16 / Day 6	17 / Day 1	18 / Day 2	19 / Day 3	20 / Day 4	21
	PAC Meeting @ 2:00pm Daycare Closed		Whole School Lunch Report Cards Go Home	Student Led Conferences (After School Only)	 Student Led Conferences No Classes	
22	23 / Day 5	24 / Day 6	25 / Day 1	26 / Day 2	27 / Day 3	28
				9:15am Classroom Assembly	Last day of classes before Spring Break	
29	30	31				

SPRING BREAK—NO SCHOOL
MARCH 30 - APRIL 3
SCHOOL REOPENS ON MONDAY, APRIL 6