

RIVER ELM SCHOOL COMMUNITY REPORT 2025-2026



NEW THIS YEAR

This year brought exciting developments to River Elm School:

- **Communication Boards** were installed on the playground and in the courtyard, removing barriers to communication for all students
- **Community Volunteering:** River Elm students volunteered at Winnipeg Harvest, giving back to our community
- **CSI Summer Learning Program** launched its first year at River Elm School
- **Music Therapy Program:** Several students engaged in our new music therapy initiative
- **Traffic Calming Mural:** River Elm students contributed artistic ideas for the mural on Talbot Avenue
- **No More Fees:** Beginning September 2025, River Elm families no longer pay school lunch or school supply fees!

BSSIP PROGRAMMING

Our cultural programming connected families to Indigenous traditions and community:

- Visits from our divisional Kookum throughout the year
- Tobacco, sage, and cedar picking
- Traditional beading and sewing workshops
- Moccasin making
- Family fishing trip
- Full Moon ceremonies
- Women's Hand Drum Group
- Men's Supper Group
- Cree and Ojibwe language classes

FAMILY PROGRAMMING & SUPPORT

We strengthened family engagement through diverse programming:

- Wee Readers
- Families in the Kitchen
- Family Pumpkin Carving Night
- Adult Painting Class
- Volunteer Orientation
- Family Valentine's Night
- Earth Day Family Evening
- WPS Tech Talk for Families
- Koats for Kids

ARTS

Students explored creativity through music and performance:

- Primary Winter Concert
- Intermediate Spring Concert
- Violin and fiddling for intermediate students
- Ukulele Club

SPORTS & PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

Our students stayed active with numerous opportunities:

- Open gym daily
- Lunchtime soccer
- Inner City Basketball League
- Fit Kids Club
- Fit Run
- Ultimate Football
- Soccer and Volleyball programs
- River Elm World Cup
- Second Annual Summer Fun Day

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES & LEADERSHIP

Students developed skills and leadership through:

- Beading Club
- Sewing Club
- Ukulele/Fiddling Group
- Grade 6 Leaders
- Mini Makers
- Bookworms
- Connecting to the Earth Club

ACADEMIC PROGRESS

Mathematics

Students continued to strengthen their understanding of number sense and working with fractions, developing the ability to think flexibly about numbers and problem solving.

Literacy

Through our use of literacy screening tools, direct phonics instruction, and extra literacy support for students who required it, we now have fewer students who are considered "at risk" and an increase in the number of students who are confident readers.

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2026-2027

We will continue building on our success with the same literacy and numeracy goals, ensuring every River Elm student has the support they need to thrive.



