

# River Elm School Newsletter September 2025

Phone 204-667-9006

**WELCOME BACK!**

## *Principal's Message...*

Dear River Elm Families,

Welcome back to a brand new school year at River Elm School! We are so excited to see our students, families, and staff returning with energy and enthusiasm for the year ahead. A special welcome is extended to our new families joining the Roadrunner community for the first time—we are thrilled to have you with us.

This year, we are pleased to welcome two new staff members to our teaching team:

- **Mr. Ira Fabian**, who will be teaching Grade 3/4
- **Mr. Wageh Masoud**, who will be teaching Grade 4/5

We know they will bring fresh ideas, dedication, and a passion for student learning, and we are excited to have them as part of our River Elm family.

A reminder to parents about our **Lunch Program**: this program is available for students whose parents are working or attending school during the day. We kindly ask families to make alternate arrangements for lunch supervision whenever possible, as this program is intended to support families with these specific needs.



## *Principal's Message Con't...*

We are also happy to share that this year, **families will not be charged school supply fees**. Classrooms have been allocated funds to ensure all students have the supplies they need to succeed—one less thing for families to worry about as we begin the year.

The start of the school year is always an exciting time filled with possibility, new friendships, and opportunities for growth. Together, let's make this a year filled with learning, kindness, and success for all of our Roadrunners.

Warm regards,

Marla Tran  
Principal

## *Daily Smudge on the Playground*

Starting this week, we'll be offering a daily Smudge at 3:25 pm on our playground all families are welcome to join.

This practice follows the Province of Manitoba *Mamahtawiswin* teachings, and it's a way for us to come together, ground ourselves, and close the day in a good way. We'd love to see you there.



## *Breakfast, Snack & Lunch*

### **BREAKFAST PROGRAM**

Served daily for all students (Grades 1-6).

#### **SIT DOWN BREAKFAST 8:15am-8:45am**

Students are to come into the school at the gym/playground doors.

#### **BREAKFAST TO GO 8:45am-9:15am**

Students can stop by the kitchen window to pick up a morning snack on their way to class.

### **SNACK PROGRAM**

All students will be offered a healthy snack daily at AM and PM recess time.

### **LUNCH PROGRAM**

Students who stay for lunch program are expected to follow our three school expectations. Our goal is to provide a safe, respectful and inclusive environment where all students can enjoy their lunch and recess time.

This school year, all students staying for lunch program will eat their lunch from 12:00-12:30 and then go outside for recess from 12:30-12:55.

We will be offering **whole school lunches** to all students once a month starting in October! More information will be sent home via School Messenger closer to the date.

# FAMILY ROOM PROGRAMMING

SEPTEMBER  
2025

## PARENT/CAREGIVER WORKSHOPS

**Adult Painting Class**  
**September 11**  
**(1:00-3:30 PM)**

Supplies & Snacks provided.

**Volunteer Orientation**  
**September 18**  
**(9:00-11:30 AM)**

Drop in to become a school volunteer!

If you are interested in helping in your child's classroom, going on a fieldtrip or helping out at breakfast, come get your forms done so you will be good to go. Snacks provided.

**Families in the Kitchen**  
**September 26**  
**(9:00-11:30 AM)**

Come cook with us!  
Supplies provided.

## CHILDREN AGES 0-5 YEARS OLD and their caregiver

**Wee Readers**

**September 9 @ 9:15 AM**

Come join us for a story and a snack!

## In September Dates TBA

-Welcome to School (evening event for Nursery/Kindergarten families)

-Tobacco Picking @ Aurora Farms (daytime program for caregivers and little ones)

## Please RSVP

Ms. Campbell-Pereira  
cacampbell@wsd1.org or by  
calling the school 204-667-9006



# BSSIP- BUILDING STUDENT SUCCESS WITH INDIGENOUS PARENTS



Starting in OCTOBER:  
Women's Hand Drum Group  
Men's Drum Group  
Beading & Sewing



THIS YEAR:  
Ojibwae Language Classes  
Jigging Classes



SPECIAL EVENT:  
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24  
FAMILY FISHING DAY  
Bussing, lunch and supplies  
provided.

## Special Event:

**Friday, October 24 (9:15-2:30 PM)**

The students have no school, so let's go **fishing!**

**This is a family event.**

Beginner to advanced -all welcome.

Bussing, lunch and supplies provided.

If your family would like to attend, please contact Ms. Campbell at the school ([cacampbell@wsd1.org](mailto:cacampbell@wsd1.org) or 204-667-9006).

## Mamàhtawisiwin: 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.

*Mamàhtawisiwin: The Wonder We Are Born With, will foster a sense of belonging in all learners so that they feel they can succeed, take responsibility, find their purpose in life, and achieve The Good Life/Mino-pimatisiwin (Ininew)/ Mino Bimaadiziwin (Anishinabemowin)/honso aynai (Dene)/tokatakiya wichoni washte (Dakota)/minopimatitheewin (Anisininimowin)/ (Inuktitut)/Miyo-pimatishiwin (Michif).*

## *Parent/Guardian Information...*

### **River Elm School Staff - 2025/26**

#### **Principal**

M. Tran

#### **Secretary**

B. Morrison - Head Secretary

#### **Teachers**

J. Roberston, N/K

T. Brown, Grade 1 AM

V. Dayanghirang, Grade 1 PM

K. Wilcox, Grade 1/2

C. Melvin, Grade 2/3

B. Popel, Grade 2/3

A. Forde, Grade 3/4

I. Fabian, Grade 3/4

W. Masoud, Grade 4/5

W. Henry, Grade 4/5

C. Spencer, Grade 5/6

D. Beniston, Grade 5/6

N. Enns, Music

T. Evason, Phys. Ed

B. Vezina, Land Based Learning/Climate Action

K. Dueck, Learning Support Teacher

C. Harrison, Learning Support Teacher

A. Opalko, Learning Support Teacher

K. Havelka, Learning Support Teacher

#### **Educational Assistants**

L. Tonnellier

T. Mandarino

J. Feschuk

I. Sejdi

C. Akhorne-Klien

R. Akindahunsi

E. Akpali

A. Da Silva

P. Goodwin

S. Gill

B. Jacobs

K. Kahlon

S. Obayopo

A. Sidhu

K. Sidhu

A. King (Talk to Me)

#### **Community Support Worker**

C. Campbell-Pereira

#### **Library Technician**

C. Hickson

#### **Nutrition**

N. Boulter

L. Thompson

#### **Custodial Staff**

R. Rea (Head Custodian)

S. Higgins (Night Custodian)

# September 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 	3 	4	5 Back to School & PBIS Assembly	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15  Terry Fox Assembly	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 School PD 	23	24 Gr.6 Immunization AM	25	26 Terry Fox Walk 9:15 am	27
28	29 Pancake Breakfast Orange Shirt Day	30 No School National Day for Truth and Reconciliation				