



# NEWS FROM THE DEN

J.R. Reid School Newsletter

Issue: MAY 2026

## SCHOOL HOURS

8:50 am - Students Enter  
 9:00 am - Classes Begin  
 10:35 am - Morning Recess  
 11:45 am - 12:45 pm Lunch  
 12:45 pm - Students May Enter  
 2:20 pm - Afternoon Recess  
 3:35 pm - Dismissal

**NOTIFY IF ABSENT:**  
 home room teacher  
 Thiessen.bev@bsd.ca  
 Konkin.sylvie@bsd.ca  
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 Visit our school website for  
 current information.

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## 2026/27 LUNCH PRE-REGISTRATION

Announcement from the Lunch Program

Our Parent Council will continue to run the lunch program for the upcoming school year, serving students in Grades 1 through 6. The fee will remain \$30.00 per child, per month.

This year, registration will open earlier. Lunch program forms will be available at the beginning of May on the forms board near the front office. To secure your child's spot, please submit completed forms along with payment by Friday, June 19th to the yellow Parent Council box inside the school.

All completed registrations received by the deadline will be entered into a draw; one child will receive a **FREE lunch program from September to January.**

We are offering two payment options:

- 2 payments for September to January and February to June
- Full-year payment

*If these options do not work for your family, please reach out—we are happy to discuss alternative arrangements.*

Payment can be made by:

- **Cheque** (post-dated cheques are accepted)
- **E-transfer** to jrreidlunchprogram@gmail.com

We will also have a registration table set up outside the gymnasium doors on May 26th from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM, with forms available.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at jrreidlunchprogram@gmail.com.

## ROAD WORK AHEAD

Announcement from Administration



The City of Brandon has notified J.R. Reid that construction will continue on 26<sup>th</sup> Street beginning April 27th. Lane or full road closures may occur throughout the remainder of the work with traffic being diverted to one lane in either direction while work commences. Driveway access and parking could be restricted during closures. Back lanes will remain accessible from side streets and parking is permitted on side streets.

**PLEASE REFRAIN FROM USING THE STAFF PARKING LOT FOR STUDENT DROP OFF!! IT IS NOT BIG ENOUGH AND WE WANT EVERYONE TO BE SAFE.**

## FOR THE LOVE OF RUNNING

Announcement from Mrs. Dobrescu & Mrs. Hartman  
The cross country team has had a fantastic start this season! With 40 enthusiastic runners from Grades 4–8, the team has been practicing regularly during lunch to build endurance, teamwork, and a love of running. There will be 2 Division races in May held at the beautiful Riverbank Discovery Centre. We are proud of the commitment and sportsmanship demonstrated by every member of the team and look forward to more great practices and races.



## CITY SPEECH EVENT

Announcement from Suzanne S.  
Students from J.R. Reid will showcase their public speaking talent during the annual Middle Years Oratorical Event on Tuesday, May 5th. After honing their skills and presenting before their peers and school judges, our talented students have earned the opportunity to represent J.R. Reid at the upcoming city-wide competition. We are incredibly proud of all participants for their hard work and wish those moving forward the very best of luck: Riya B and Ryan K. Congratulations Sab S. and Greyson G. as the runner-up students.

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## PET FOOD DRIVE

Announcement from Ms. Waldner  
We are collecting food items for the month of May to be donated to the Brandon Humane Society at the end of the month. Students who bring in donations to Ms. Waldner's classroom are entered to win a kid's hoodie from the Brandon Humane Society.

Food Items including:

- Dry/Wet Cat Food
- Dry/Wet Dog Food

Please no toys, blankets or beds at this time.



## FREE FAMILY MEMBERSHIPS

Announcement from Ms. Banks  
We are excited to be in our first year as a "UR Strong School," helping students build healthy friendships and navigate peer conflict. Families can access a FREE lifetime parent subscription, offering videos, activities, and resources that align with our Friendology 101 curriculum. Watch the 8-session "Language of Friendship" series with your child or let them explore independently through self-guided videos. Visit [www.urstrong.com](http://www.urstrong.com) to learn more and sign up for a lifetime of valuable resources!

## ACHIEVEMENT SPOTLIGHT

Announcement from Parent Council

Congratulations Harlin S.; the Brandon Mighty Ducks spring team won the Portage Cup on April 5<sup>th</sup>. Way to go on winning the championship—your big saves were like something Connor Hellebuyck would be proud of!



## SAVE THE DATE

Announcement from Administration

Join us in celebrating our Grade 8's as they prepare to move on to their next chapter!

Please save the date:

**Grade 8 Farewell Event**

**Friday, June 26th**

**10:30am - 11:30am**

We look forward to marking this special milestone together.

Do you know a student who's shining bright beyond our school walls—maybe scoring goals, mastering music, volunteering, or creating something amazing? We'd love to celebrate their achievements! Send us a quick note or photo so we can spotlight these awesome kiddos in our next newsletter.

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## CLASSROOM RESEARCH PROJECT

Announcement from Mrs. Gustafson

As a class, the students gathered information about penguins from nonfiction literature and videos. They then wrote and illustrated their own nonfiction book, *All About Penguins*. This unit provided many opportunities for students to read, write, and develop critical thinking skills. The class also completed an author study on Canadian author and illustrator Barbara Reid and were amazed by her use of plasticine as an illustrating technique. Each student had the opportunity to create a penguin scene using plasticine, and the unit concluded with students writing a letter to Barbara Reid. The class is now eagerly waiting for a reply.




Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Block: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**DIRECTIONS:** Cut out the text boxes on the side.  
Glue them in the correct column below.

# Annual or Perennial Plants

ANNUALS	PERENNIALS


 Bloom right away and the entire season

Ex: Sunflower, poppies, basil, wheat, lettuce

These plants can live for several years

\_\_\_\_\_ plants regrow every year


\_\_\_\_\_ plants must be replaced every year

 Only the top position of the plant dies annually

Ex: Roses, daffodils, lilies, oregano, blue berries, apple tree

The whole plant dies annually

May not bloom first year

 These plants only live for one growing season

# “Why did the swing set get invited to the class party?”

Because it was the best at hanging out.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

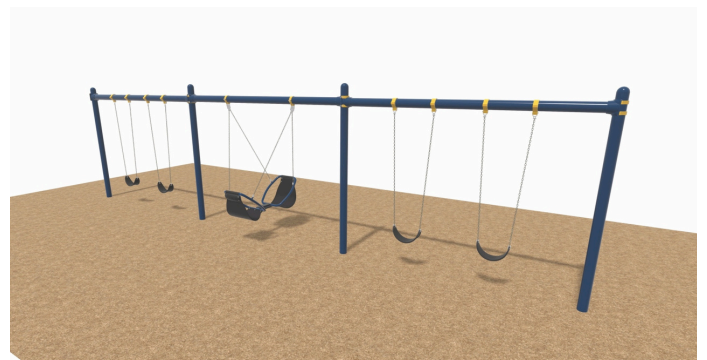
Announcement from Samantha S.  
Parent Advisory Council will be hosting its Annual General Meeting on May 20th, virtually 7-8pm. All parents and guardians are welcome.

We'd like to thank our outgoing Secretary, Erin G., for her dedicated volunteer work over the past years. Her thoughtful leadership, reliability and positive smile has made a lasting impression that will be missed.

The Secretary plays an important role by taking minutes at meetings and supporting communication between the council and the school community. The time commitment is approximately one evening per month, making it a flexible way to stay involved and support J.R. Reid. **The Secretary position is now open.** We welcome any interested parents to consider joining us in this role.

**We are also seeking a Fundraising Coordinator interested in shadowing our current coordinator** next year to learn the ropes before she steps down. This is a great opportunity to gain experience, build connections, and help guide future fundraising efforts at J.R. Reid.

For more information; please contact [samvanmeer216@gmail.com](mailto:samvanmeer216@gmail.com)



## SWING SET HAS BEEN ORDERED

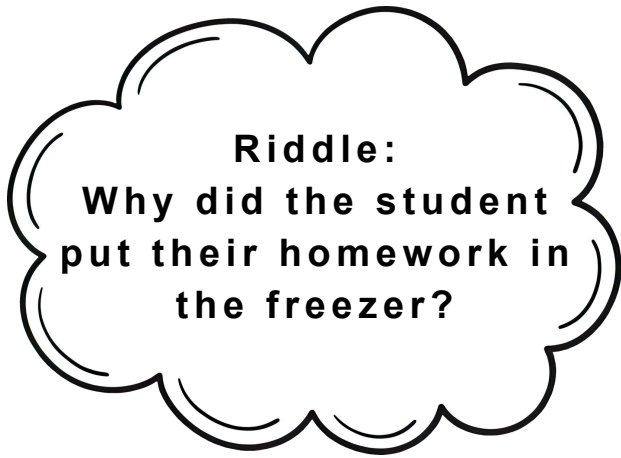
Announcement from Parent Council  
Parent Council is thrilled to announce that we've reached our fundraising goal and the new swing set has officially been ordered!

A huge thank you to our fundraising coordinator, Kelsey L., for her dedication to coordinate so many opportunities to achieve this goal and a special thank you to Kara P., who held the fundraising coordinator position for one year and helped keep our efforts on track. Thank you to outgoing chair Steven S. for coordinating the progress of our swing set throughout his volunteer term. To all the dedicated parents who helped make this dream a reality—your consistent contributions have made such a wonderful difference for our students.

Next step: **we invite volunteers with construction experience** to help install the swing set during the first week of June. If you're able to lend your skills, equipment and/or time, please contact:

Samantha Smart  
[samvanmeer216@gmail.com](mailto:samvanmeer216@gmail.com)

6 Qualified Volunteers Required  
Equipment list provided upon request



**Riddle:**  
**Why did the student  
put their homework in  
the freezer?**

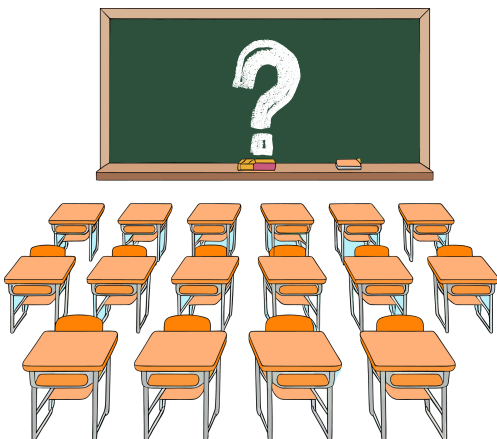


## **SAFETY STARTS WITH A QUICK CALL**

Announcement from Ms. Thiessen

As the weather warms and more students begin walking or biking to school, we kindly ask that you notify the school if your child will be absent. This helps us ensure the safety of all students by confirming they are either safely at school or at home with you. Please remember that calling the school to report an absence is very important. If you are aware of an absence in advance, you are welcome to call ahead, and we will make sure it is recorded in your child's attendance.

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## **SPIN TO WIN CONTEST**

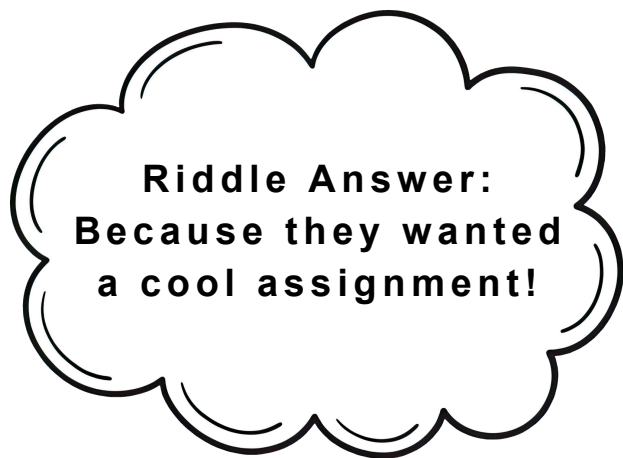
Announcement from Kelsey L.

Thank you to everyone who entered our Spin to Win fundraiser—the final prize pot has reached an exciting \$750! Thanks to the generosity of Parent Council, 70% of the proceeds will be shared among the top three teams, with prizes awarded as follows: 1st place – \$262.50, 2nd place – \$157.50, and 3rd place – \$105.

Each week, 20 names will be randomly eliminated, with updates shared every Friday.

Please note that updates will be emailed to J.R. Reid families only, so if you have team members outside our school community, be sure to keep them informed.

Good luck to all teams!



**Riddle Answer:**  
**Because they wanted  
a cool assignment!**



## Answer Key

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# TRACK & FIELD VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

OUR TRACK & FIELD MEETS CAN'T HAPPEN WITHOUT AMAZING VOLUNTEERS LIKE YOU!



TIMEKEEPING



EVENT ASSISTANCE



FIELD EVENT SUPPORT



AND MORE!



IF YOU CAN HELP, PLEASE CONTACT

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# OUR JOURNEY

Omani Unkitawapi | Nutr Voyaazh  
Kii-B'baamaadiziininan | Nininan Pimacihowin

**Celebrating Indigenous student success**

Wounspe kuwa woohiye oshkate

Join us as we celebrate First Nation, Métis and Inuit student achievement in education. Students will be honoured through ceremony and tradition.

8 a.m.  
9:30 a.m.  
11 a.m.  
12 to 3:30 p.m.

Pipe Ceremony  
Registration  
Grand Entry  
Powwow and Feast

**MAY 22** Riverbank Discovery Centre  
8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

[assiniboine.net/journey2026](http://assiniboine.net/journey2026)



In partnership with:



### SWING SET UPDATE

Anticipated Installation  
first week of June!



# MAY 2026



### Volunteer Opportunities:



Construction Volunteers  
- Swing Set Installation (June)  
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Teal up to support Military Kids  Spin to Win Update	2
3	4 Music Monday  Lunch Program Pre-Registration Forms available on school bulletin	5 City Oratorical Event Gr. 5-8 Lorne Watson Recital Hall Brandon University	6	7 Kinders to the Forest in the afternoon  	8 Spin to Win Update	9
10	11 BSD Board Meeting 7:30pm 1031 6 <sup>th</sup> Street	12 Music Festival  Gr. 8 Moosejaw, SK	13 Music Festival  Gr. 8 Moosejaw, SK	14 Music Festival  Gr. 8 Moosejaw, SK	15 Spin to Win Update	16
17	18 <b>Victoria Day NO SCHOOL</b>	19	20 <b>Parent Council Annual General Meeting</b> 7:00 pm - 8:00pm Virtual via Zoom	21 Spring & Gr 8 Farewell Pictures	22 Our Journey Celebration 545 Conservation Dr  Spin to Win Update	23
24	25 <b>PD Day NO SCHOOL</b> BSD Board Meeting 7:30pm 1031 6 <sup>th</sup> Street	26 Lunch Program outdoor Pre-registration open 3-6pm	27	28	29 JRR Track Meet (Volunteer Contact: Mr. Richels)  Spin to Win Update	30
31	Lunch Program Pre-registration Due: Friday, June 19th					