



NEWS FROM THE DEN

J.R. Reid School Newsletter

Issue: JUNE 2026

☎ 204-729-3955

📍 813 26th Street

☎ Absent Line:

✉ jrreid@bsd.ca

🌐 www.bsd.ca/jrreid

204-729-3957

and/or e-mail

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
call: 204-729-3957



<http://www.bsd.ca/jrreid>
Visit our school website for
current information.

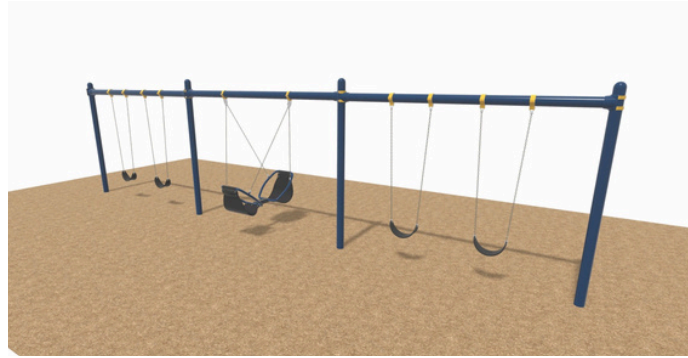
*This document is available in
other formats upon request.
E-mail: jrreid@bsd.ca*



Samantha Smart

samvanmeer216@gmail.com

Chair



TOOLS FOR INSTALL

Announcement from the Samantha S.

We are getting ready to install the new swing set and need your help to make it happen.

Thanks to our incredible parent volunteers stepping up to take on the installation, **we are saving an estimated \$18,406**. This is a huge contribution to our school, and we are so grateful for the time and effort being given.

If you have any of the following tools available to lend, we would greatly appreciate it: shovels (long, short spade, or square), sledgehammers, chipping pry bars, rakes, wheel barrows, carpenter squares, and levels.

If you are able to help with tools, please contact Samantha Smart (samvanmeer216@gmail.com). Collection of donated tools will be Sunday, June 31st a drop off location will be arranged.

FAREWELL

Announcement from Administration

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

Please join us:

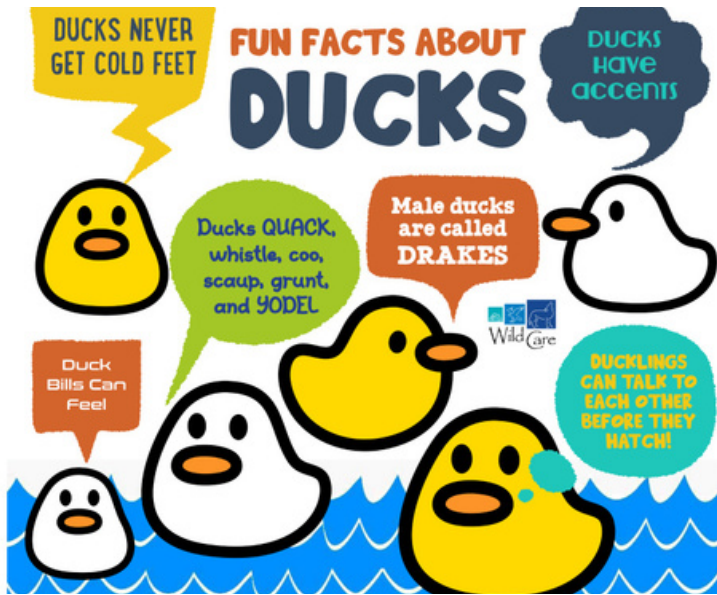
Grade 8 Farewell Event

Friday, June 26th

10:30am - 11:30am

We look forward to marking this special milestone together.





DUCK, DUCK, ?

Announcement from Ms. Waldner
 It must mean the end of the school year is near because we are patiently waiting for the ducks to hatch at J.R. Reid. This is our second year doing this. The ducklings will be hatching on June 1st and we have all been patiently waiting for their arrival. We have 13 eggs in the incubator. How many do you think will hatch? You'll have to wait and see!



<http://www.bsd.ca/jrreid>
 Visit our school website for current information.

This document is available in other formats upon request e-mail: jrreid@bsd.ca

FIREMAN'S RODEO

Announcement from Administration
 Afternoon of June 19th Grade 7 & 8 classes will participate in this fun outdoor event for students to learn some firefighting skills and try out firefighting equipment. There will be a Turnout Gear Relay, Rescue Drag Relay and a Bucket Brigade Relay.
 Please bring a change of clothes and ensure labelled.



FIREMAN'S ROAD SHOW

Announcement from Administration
 Afternoon of June 18th students Gr K to 6 will participate in Water Rescue and Water Fun! Go in Safety Trailer and Ambulance.

Celebrating Our Speech Competition Stars!
CONGRATULATIONS!
 Ryan won in the grade 5/6 division with Greyson as runner up!
 Riya won grade in the 7/8 division with Sab as runner up!

Ryan
 "Stop the Overuse"

Riya
 "Overthinking"

J.R. Reid School



CELEBRATING OUR
 TALENTED YOUNG
 SPEAKERS

BU SCHOOL OF MUSIC

Announcement from Ms. Simpson

Ten students from grades 5 and 6 got to spend a day at the Brandon University School of Music on May 1st with Ms. Simpson. They had an intense day of music learning with guest music teachers from Winnipeg. With other students from Brandon and rural areas, they took part in playing instruments, singing, and moving to music. The day finished with a short performance for families. Our students did a wonderful job of representing J.R. Reid School and made many musical memories!



RACQUETBALL CANADA

Announcement from Parent Council

We are proud to congratulate this outstanding student on her incredible performance at the National Racquetball Championships in Burlington, Ontario! Representing Team Manitoba Juniors, Emma S. (left) earned a gold medal in the Women's Singles B Division and, alongside her partner, secured a silver medal in the U18 Girls Doubles category. Her dedication, skill, and sportsmanship are truly commendable—an amazing achievement on the national stage!

LOOKING AHEAD

Announcement from Samantha S.

We have achieved our major fundraising goal and the swing set is to be installed June 3rd. We are celebrating by hosting a ribbon cutting June 22nd over the lunch hour. All Families are welcome to join.

Looking ahead into the fall of the 2026/27 school year, the Parent Advisory Council is excited to focus fundraising initiatives on classroom-based fundraising to help cover additional expenses such as field trips, educational opportunities, and other classroom needs.

We are a volunteer committee and currently seeking a Secretary to join our team. We will also have an opportunity to shadow our Fundraising Coordinator for anyone interested in learning more about how our fundraising works; please contact samvanmeer216@gmail.com.

We look forward to continuing to work together to support our students and make a positive impact on their learning experience.

“They may forget what you said but they will never forget how you made them feel.”

— Carl W. Buehner

WITH GRATITUDE, A WARM FAREWELL

Announcement from Mrs. Sullivan

J.R.Reid is a wonderful place to work, but we realize that sometimes change is good for everyone, and so with much regret we are saying farewell to teachers: Mrs. Marilyn Gustafson (Gr. 1), Ms. Jennifer Lewis (Gr. 7/8), Mrs. Kelsey Simpson (Music), and Mrs Kelly Makkituq (CIC); EAs: Aisha Ogunleye, Jesse Grambo and Kirby Campbell; and lastly our school administrative assistant Sylvie Konkin.

Mrs. Gustafson has been at J.R.Reid for 20 years. She began as a Resource Teacher and has spent time as a Reading Recovery Teacher and Literacy Support, but most of her time has been spent teaching Grade 1. She states "The students, the families and the staff have all been amazing at J.R.Reid." We wish her all the best as she transitions to a new role supporting literacy for Brandon School Division.

Ms. Lewis's dedication, care, and love of learning will be deeply missed during her time away next year. We hope this time brings you rest, renewal and new experiences. We look forward to welcoming you back when the time comes.

Mrs. Simpson joined us as a music teacher in the fall of 2025. She is moving on to a full-time music role at Waverly, and their gain is definitely J.R.Reid's loss. Mrs. Simpson brought a lot of energy to our music program and directed a masterful holiday concert in December. We wish her all the best.

Mrs. Makkituq also joined our staff in the fall of 2025. In her role as CIC she supported the professional learning of our teachers. Students in some classes got to listen to her stories about living in Northern Canada as she shared presentations and artifacts from her time in the north. She is returning full-time to Riverview and we wish her all the best.

Unfortunately we will be saying good-bye for now to three of our educational assistants, Aisha Ogunleye, Jesse Grambo and Kirby Campbell. We are thankful for all the support they have given our students and we wish them well, and hope they may return to J.R. Reid one day.

And finally, we are saying goodbye to Mrs. Sylvie Konkin. It is always "A GREAT DAY AT J.R. REID" and while we understand that change is good, we are surely going to miss her.

NEW BEGINNINGS

announcement from Mrs. Sullivan

With change comes new beginnings. We are excited to welcome Katie Kerkowich, who will be teaching Grade 7/8. She is joining us after many years at Earl Oxford and we are excited for what she has to offer for J.R.Reid.

Also joining us in Grade 1 is Dana Curtis. Mrs. Curtis has been teaching at Kirkaldy this past

NEW BEGINNINGS CON'T

Announcement from Mrs. Sullivan


year and we are happy to welcome her to J.R. Reid.

We are also welcoming Hannah Olson as our Kindergarten teacher for the 2026-2027 school year. Miss Olson was most recently doing her final teaching practicum at J.R. Reid in the Kinder classroom and so we know the transition to teacher will be a smooth one for her. We are excited to have her on board!

Mrs. Biech is not leaving J.R. Reid she is filling in for Ms. Banks next year, along with some other out of classroom teaching roles.

Unfortunately at the time of printing we are still hiring for a music teacher and for a new administrative assistant, stay tuned for those announcements.

Summer BINGO

Read One Book	Take a nap	Go Swimming	Do a crossword	Take a walk in nature
Play one math game	Color or draw a picture	Play a sport	Read one book	Write a poem or story
Watch a movie based on a book	Play one board game		Do a puzzle	Eat an ice cream
Blow Bubbles	Do a word search	Take a nap	Watch a rain storm	Play at a playground
Play one card game	Take a walk in nature	Read one book	Color or draw a picture	Go Swimming



Riddle:
**What is the favorite
summer food for
ghosts?**

SPARKLING BLUEBERRY LEMONADE RECIPE

Announcement from the Lunch Program

Prep Time: 5 minutes

Total Time: 5 minutes

Servings: 4

Ingredients

- 3 cups cold sparkling water or club soda
- 1½ cups fresh blueberries
- ½ cup granulated sugar
- 3 medium lemons, peeled
- 1 tsp lemon zest
- 2 cups ice cubes

Instructions

- Add 1 cup of sparkling water, blueberries, lemons, lemon zest, and sweetener to blender.
- Run on Whole Juice cycle (or blend on a Medium to Medium-High speed for 50–60 seconds.)
- Strain through a fine mesh sieve into a pitcher to remove pulp (optional).
- Add the rest of the sparkling water to the blender and pulse a few times to combine.
- Add ice and blend briefly to chill, or pour over ice in glasses.
- Serve immediately, garnished with lemon slices if desired.



A GREAT DAY AT J.R. REID

After a wonderful 20 years at J. R. Reid School, filled with cherished memories, meaningful friendships, and countless special moments, I have decided it is time to begin a new chapter in my career. Throughout the years, I have had the privilege of working alongside so many incredible staff members who have become lifelong friends. The students have brought endless joy to my days, and I have always treasured the stories, laughter, and conversations we shared. Some of my favourite memories are the simple moments spent at the front doors, visiting with students while waiting for their parents to arrive. It has also been deeply rewarding to watch so many of our former students grow into successful adults and pursue meaningful careers of their own. This fall, I will be moving to Riverheights School, a place that is especially meaningful to me as it is in my catchment area and where my own children attended school. While I am excited for this next step and the opportunity to spend the next few years there before retirement, I will always carry with me the wonderful memories, friendships, and experiences from my time at J. R. Reid School. I am truly grateful to have been part of such a caring and supportive school community.

It will always be a Great Day at J.R. Reid!

-Sylvie Konkin,
Administrative Assistant



Riddle Answer:
I scream!



GRAND OPENING

**Join us in celebrating our new Swing Set
Freezies - Music - Bubbles**

June 22, 2026

11:45am to 12:45 pm

All Parents and Caregivers welcome

Thank you to J.R. Reid's family community and their commitment in donations which purchased the swing set this spring!

A special Thank you to UCT for the donation that tipped us over our goal; Cerebral Palsy Association of Manitoba's grant to purchase a buddy swing; and Keller Developments for their donation of heavy equipment for installation.



SWING SET UPDATE

Installation,
June 3rd!



June 2026



Volunteer Opportunities:

Hotdog Lunch - 4 Volunteers
11:00am - 12:00pm

Contact: Kelsey
kels.campbell@hotmail.ca

☎ 204-729-3955

✉ jrreid@bsd.ca

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Swing set Install	4	5	6
7 	8	9 Hotdog Order Forms Due 11:45am City Track & Field Gr 4-6 (qualifiers)	10 City Track & Field Gr 7-8 (qualifiers) ABC You Kindergarten 4:00pm 2026 Fall Students	11	12	13 
14	15	16	17	18 Fireman's Road Show Gr K-6	19 Fireman's Rodeo Gr 7 & 8 Lunch Pre-Register Due 2026/27	20
21	22 Hotdog Lunch Swing Set Grand Opening 12:00 - 1:00pm	23 Water Park Afternon Gr K-3	24 Play Day Gr K-3	25	26 Grade 8 Fairwell 10:30-11:30	27
28 	29 Last Day of School	30				

Lunch Program Pre-registration Due: Friday, June 19th