NEWS FROM THE DEN

J.R. Reid School Newsletter

Issue: November 2026

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SCHOOL HOURS

08:50 am - Students Enter
09:00 am - Classes Begin
10:35 am - Morning Recess
11:45 am - 12:45 pm Lunch
12:45 pm - Students May Enter
02:20 pm - Afternoon Recess
03:35 pm - Dismissal

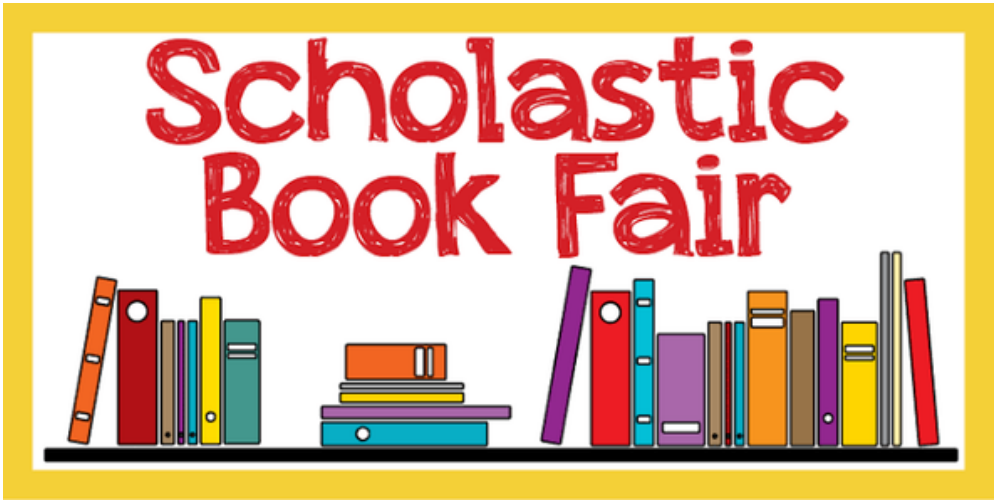
NOTIFY IF ABSENT:
Home Room Teacher
thiessen.bev@bsd.ca
jugganaikloo.jenna@bsd.ca
Call: 204-729-3957

Visit our school website for current information.
https://www.bsd.ca/jrreid

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J.R. Reid School Parent COUNCIL
Keeping you informed & connected!
Get involved - join us!

Chair: Samantha Smart
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SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR IS COMING!

Announcement from Administration

J.R. Reid will once again host a Scholastic Book Fair in the library from Nov 25-27. Students will get a chance to preview the fair on November 24th, and doors will open for sale on November 25th from 3:30- 4:30, November 26th from 3:30-4:30 and November 27th from 8:45 am – 3:00 pm. There will be a preview flyer sent home before hand, and don't forget all those fun school supplies, diaries, and cute toys! J.R. Reid receives a percentage of total sales that helps to build our library, and fill classrooms with books. You can also purchase a book for your child's classroom teacher!! We look forward to seeing everyone.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

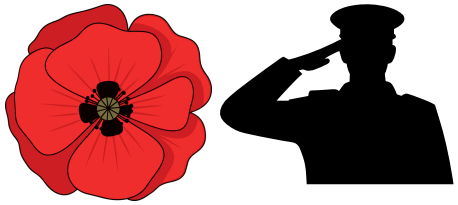
Announcement from Mrs. Sullivan

Parent Teacher Conferences are on November 27th. Please watch your emails early November for information about signing up for conferences. Report cards will be sent home on Wednesday November 25th.

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

Announcement from Administration

The J. R. Reid Remembrance Day Service will be held on November 9th from 10:45 – 11:45. Under the direction of our new music teacher Mrs. Loewen, J.R. Reid students will honour and remember all soldiers who have served and are currently serving our country. Parents are welcome to attend, please enter using the early years doors, no earlier than 10:30.



DATE: November 9th
DOORS OPEN: 10:30am
TIME: 10:45am – 11:45am



STRUCTURAL SUCCESS

Announcement from Mrs. Gallagher

Mrs. Gallagher's Grade ¾ class has been exploring materials, structures, shapes and designs in science. Using their new knowledge, students planned and designed a structure using recycled cardboard that needed to stand on it's own and hold some weight. Students built and tested their structure, made improvements, tested it out again and then reflected upon their design. And since it was right before Halloween, they decorated their structures Halloween themed! Amazing job everyone!

LITERACY IN THE CLASSROOM

Announcement from Mrs. Sullivan

“Manitoba’s amendment to The Public Schools Act requires universal early reading screening for students in early years with two screenings per year beginning fall of 2026.”

This fall at J.R. Reid we used a universal screener called DIBELs 8th (Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills) with Grades 1-4 students and those results will be reported on the November report card. In the Spring, we will redo the screener with K-3 students, and those results will be reported on the March report card. More information about DIBELS will be included in the report card.

At J.R. Reid, we were already planning a focused intervention plan to support our students and this past week we have started a literacy intervention program, which will run for the next 5 weeks. Students in Grades 1 -4 have been placed in small groups, with similar areas of development required. These students will be meeting for 30 minutes a day in these small groups with a teacher, or candidate teacher from BU to work on specific reading skills. This targeted intervention is partnering with 30 minutes of whole class work on specific skills to support reading progress. For more information, please feel free to reach out to either Mrs. Sullivan or Mrs. Biech.

It’s finally November. Mariah Carey and Michael Buble are defrosting as we speak.



CRISP TO COZY

Announcement from Administration

As we transition from fall to winter, some days may still feel mild or autumn-like; however, temperatures can change quickly, and students will continue to go outside for recess and outdoor activities.

Please ensure your child comes to school prepared for winter weather with a warm coat, hat, gloves or mittens, and appropriate footwear. Layering is strongly recommended, as it helps students stay warm outside while remaining comfortable once they return indoors. Being properly dressed helps keep students safe, comfortable, and able to enjoy their time outdoors, even when conditions are unpredictable.

Extra clothing—such as socks, underwear, mitts, and pants—is encouraged in case your child gets wet and needs to change.

We would also like to remind families that Mr. Luckins works hard to manage the snow and ice once it arrives but, melting and refreezing can create slippery surfaces at this time of year. Please use extra caution when walking on school grounds. Students should not slide or play on icy patches and should leave the sand in place, as it is there to improve safety for everyone.

LOST AND FOUND

Announcement from Administration

The random clothing fairy has visited J.R. Reid again, leaving behind a huge pile of unclaimed clothing items in the lost and found. Well, this is according to the students, who don’t claim what can only be THEIR clothing!!

Our LOST and FOUND will be on display during Parent Teacher interviews, where parents are welcome to look for lost items.

Unclaimed items will be donated.





VOLLEYBALL SEASON

Announcement from Coaches

After a successful Grade 4-6 Soccer Jamboree, and Grade 7-8 Golf Jamboree, the action has moved to the Jag’s Den for Grade 7 & 8 Volleyball. Mr. Richels is coaching a 7/8 Boys team, and Mrs. Waldner & Mrs. Sullivan are coaching a Grade 7&8 Girls team with help from teacher candidates, Miss Young, and Ms. Martens. The boys play on Tuesdays and Thursday, and the girls play on Monday and Wednesday. The season concludes at the end of November with Jamboree nights for both teams. Go Jags!

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Christmas FUNDRAISER

J.R. Reid School

ORDERS DUE NOVEMBER 3 | PICKUPS STARTING NOVEMBER 23

Contact: Kelsey Levandoski **Email:** kels.campbell@hotmail.ca **Call:** 204-724-4994



13" Winter Planter
$64.00 tax included



Indoor Planter
- GRINCH TREE -
$52.00 tax included



Indoor Planter
- POINSETTIA -
$44.00 tax included



6" Poinsettia
$22.00
tax included

Gift Cards
-
$25.00
$50.00

What we will need to know:

Name of the organization you are supporting
Name of the student or athlete you are supporting
Name of the person who will be picking up the order

ORDER ONLINE

livingstoneoutdoor.com/winter-fundraiser

Additional Information

Images are for representation, and may not be exactly as shown.

Item prices on paper forms are taxes included, whereas prices online are price plus tax.

Sizes listed above are pot size, you can expect approx. 30" height for Winter Planter and 10" for the Indoor Planters.

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ENERGY DRINKS AT SCHOOL

Announcement from Mrs. Sullivan

I have observed an increase in the number of students arriving in the mornings or bringing out at lunch various types of energy drinks, and so I wanted to dive into some research. Here is what I learned.

In all my readings, no one recommends energy drinks for children under 14 years of age and warns that the effects of energy drinks on all adolescents can be costly.

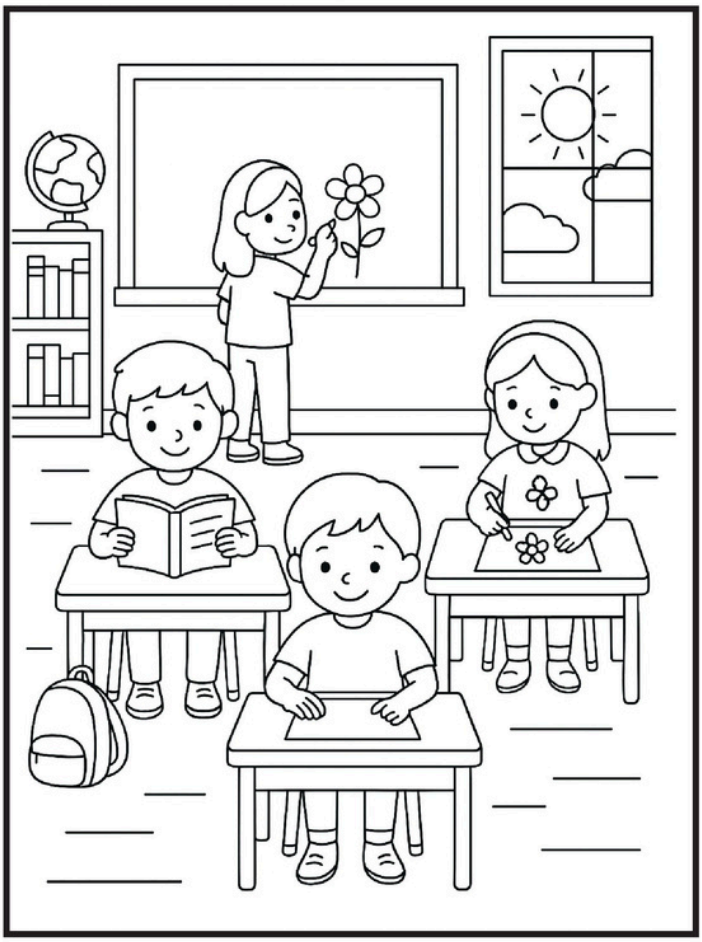
Energy drinks are a type of non-alcoholic psychoactive functional beverage containing stimulant compounds, usually caffeine and taurine. Some energy drinks have the content of 4-5 cans of cola. Children who drink even a small amount of energy drinks may suffer from anxiety, changes in their mood and loss of focus and attention. This may make it harder for them to learn at school and make friends. Our divisional nutrition guidelines restrict what we can offer to students for snacks, but does not dictate what students themselves bring, so all I am asking is for you to have all the information before sending an energy drink to school.

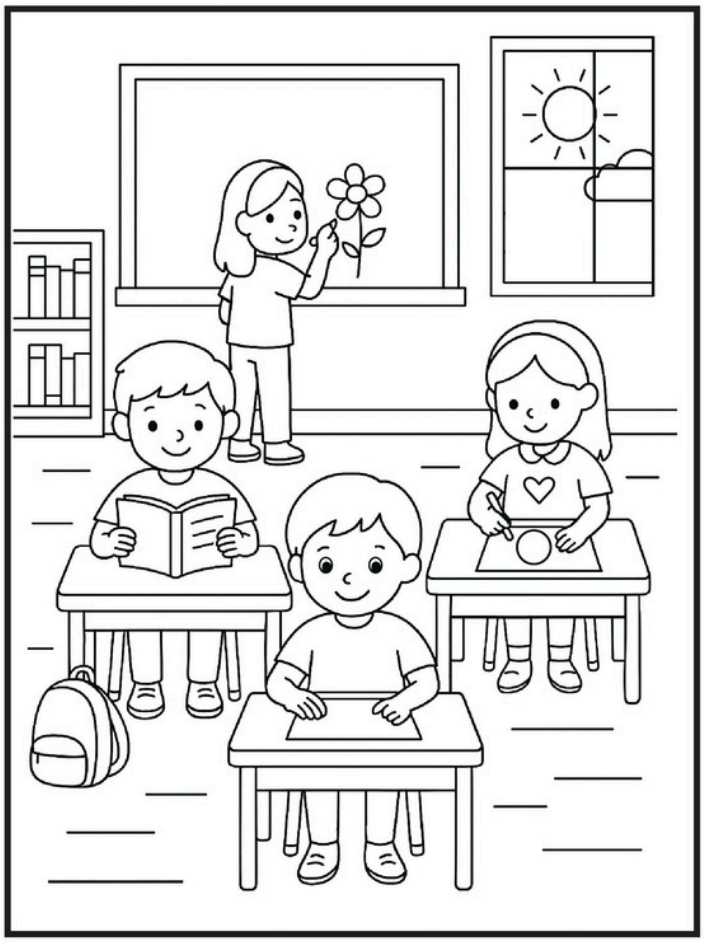
For more information, please visit the links below.

THE BASICS - Energy Drinks or visit: https://sharedhealthmb.ca/files/the-basics-energy-drinks.pdf

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE IN THE CLASSROOM

Try and find the 7 differences between the two scenes below.





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Answer Key: Missing cloud, missing globe, girl drawing a circle, boy has no socks, girl has heart on shirt, boys eyes, girl's eyebrows are missing

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, December 5th
Santa Fundraiser
10:30am to 12:00pm
$30 CASH
To pre-register e-mail:
s.smartphotography@gmail.com



- Craft Station
- Puzzle Table
- Gentle Music
- Western Manitoba Regional Library Story Corner
- Low pressure sittings with Santa

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Announcement from Samantha Smart

25th Street Safety Update: New crosswalk signage, no-parking zones, and a stop sign will soon be installed on 25th Street to improve pedestrian safety and traffic control behind the school. The no-parking areas will keep crossings and intersections more visible, while the new stop sign will require drivers to stop at the designated location. Please follow all posted signage once installations are complete.

We also want to thank our volunteers and parents for their involvement this year. It has been wonderful to see so many new faces getting involved, and your support makes a real difference for our school community. Our next event is the Hot Dog Lunch, and we are currently fundraising for classroom needs. Once we receive information from the school, we will announce the specific items and projects we plan to fund.

Firelane Update: A temporary fence is now up blocking the fire lane area. Brandon School Division will be reconstructing the space to create a safer, more secure play environment. Once complete, this work will benefit the playground with clear boundaries between the play area and vehicle access, and access to a cement pad for students to enjoy.

Our next meeting will be held on **November 18 at 7:00 p.m. at the school**. Parents are welcome to attend as members at large to listen, learn, and participate. If you would like to add an item to the agenda; have fundraising ideas for us to consider or have a concern and are unsure who to contact, please feel free to reach out to me, the Chair, and I will be happy to help direct you. (email: samvanmeer216@gmail.com).

Last year's raffle was such a huge success, we're bringing it back - and this is your chance to be part of it. Parent Council is looking for a business to donate a TV Why Donate? Great exposure for your business:

- Featured thank-you in our school newsletter
- Shout-out on our Parent Council social media pages
- Positive community goodwill in front of families at our biggest holiday event of the year

If you or a local business you know would like to donate a TV and get recognized while supporting our students, please contact Parent Council today. Thank you for helping us make the holidays bright for our kids!

Visit our school website for current information: https://www.bsd.ca/jrreid

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BRANDON UNIVERSITY TEACHER CANDIDATES

Announcement from Mrs. Sullivan

On October 19th, we welcomed 9 Candidate Teachers from BU here at J. R. Reid. Mr. Laugher is in his second year of education, and he is working with Mr. Boyce in the Grade 7/8 classroom. Our other 8 candidates are: Miss Gray, Miss Young, Miss Masooma, Mrs. Deacon, Miss Liaqat, Ms. Martens, Ms. Palmer-Rhoden, Miss Sinclair. These candidates are in their first placement, and instead of being in just one classroom they are participating in a pilot project in which they have been scheduled in various classrooms and are supporting students in various ways. They are doing some one-to-one work, they are leading whole class activities, they are leading small literacy groups and heading outside for recess duty. We are very lucky to have these future teachers at J.R. Reid and look forward to getting to know them all better.







MYSTERY AT THE SCHOOL

Announcement from Administration

Spirit week the students and staff at J.R. Reid have had some strange visitors at the school!! It seems there is a night butler name Woodsworth who "buttle at night". He has left the staff and students CLUES to solve. Is it Mr. Plum? Mrs. White? Colonel Mustard? Or Mrs. Peacock? Did it happen in the library, or the kitchen, or the playground, or in lobby? Was there a wrench, a candy stick, a shovel or a teapot??? Who knows! We have worked on daily clues to eliminate sus behavior! For example: "What would you say to a strawberry that told you it was a banana?" "LIE-BERRY!"

Prizes for staff and students each day, and on Friday we will finally solve the mystery!!

HOLIDAY CONCERT EVENT

Announcement from Mrs. Lowen

Hello from Mrs. Loewen! I am the new Music Teacher J. R. Reid, and I have been teaching in Brandon since 2010. I am enjoying getting to know all of the Kindergarten - Grade 6 students. I have discovered that we have such an amazing community here at our school, and I am thankful to be part of it!

Starting in November, we will be working hard to prepare a performance for our families. Please save the date for our Holiday Concert on Wednesday, December 16th in the evening at McDiarmid Drive Alliance Church. I hope all students and families can attend to celebrate and share music together.

If your child will be unable to attend, please email me (or their classroom teacher) ahead of time so that I can plan accordingly and all parts for our pieces can be included at the concert.

My email is loewen.laurel@bsd.ca.

SAVE THE DATE HOLIDAY CONCERT

Wednesday, December 16th — Evening
McDiarmid Drive Alliance Church

This is a FREE event. A donation jar will be available to help cover rental expenses.

Parent Council TV Raffle Fundraiser
Tickets will be available — don't miss your chance to win!

Not able to attend, send regrets to:

Mrs. Loewen
loewen.laurel@bsd.ca

204-729-3955 jrreid@bsd.ca

Parent Council Facebook Updates

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Volunteer Opportunities:

Hotdog Lunch

Contact: Samantha
samvanmeer216@gmail.com

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 **Livingstone Fundraiser DUE**	4	5 **Hot Lunch Orders DUE**	6	7
8	9 School Rememberance Day Service 10:45am-11:45am Parents welcome	10 **Hotdog Lunch** Volunteers: 11:00-12:00 Help wrap hotdogs.	11 **REMEMBERANCE DAY** **NO SCHOOL**	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 Parent Council Meeting 7:00pm - 8:00 pm At the school	19	20 K-8 PD Day **NO SCHOOL**	21
22	23 Livingstone Pickup start date	24	25 Report Cards Sent Home Scholastics Book Fair 3:30pm-4:30pm	26 Scholastics Book Fair 3:30pm-4:30pm	27 K-8 Parent Teacher Conferences Scholastics Book Fair 8:45am-3:00pm **NO SCHOOL**	28
29	30	1	2	3	4	5 Santa Fundraiser 10:30am - 12:00pm