



NEWS FROM THE DEN

JR Reid School Newsletter

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REGULAR SCHEDULE

8:50 am - Students may enter
 9:00 am - Classes Begin
 10:30 am - Morning Recess
 10:45 am - Morning Recess Ends
 11:45 am - 12:45 pm Lunch
 12:45 pm - Students may enter
 2:20 pm - Afternoon Recess
 2:35 pm - Afternoon Recess Ends
 3:35 pm - Dismissal

UPCOMING EVENTS

School Calendar QR Code



CONTACT PARENT COUNCIL

Sam Smart
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 Chair

REGISTRATION FOR 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

Announcement from Suzanne Sullivan

It is hard to believe we are at the time of the year to start considering registration for the 2026-2027 school year. If you are currently a J.R. Reid student in **Grades K-7**, we will be sending home registration forms for next year after February 4th. It is important that you review all of the demographic information and make updates to contact information as needed. These forms need to be signed and returned to J.R. Reid before March 6th. For Grade 6 and 7 students, there will be an options form sent home as well, and students will receive information from their classroom teachers about options in Grade 7 &8.

Grade 8 J.R. Reid students will begin the process for registering for High School the last week of January with a virtual presentation from all three high schools. Registration forms will be sent home following this presentation, including a school demographics form, and a high school course selection form. Parents are encouraged to attend the information meeting on February 3rd at George Fitton School at 7 pm, and all students and parents are encouraged to attend the three open houses for each high school from Feb. 10-12, 2026.

As a former high school teacher, and vice-principal, my advice is to have an open mind to all schools and the programs that they offer. There is no wrong choice in Brandon as all three high schools offer great programs and have wonderful staff. Students will hand in their registration forms no sooner than February 13th at J.R. Reid, and before February 27th which is the final deadline. Any registration submitted after February 27th may not receive the high school of their choice. **I have a lot of knowledge about this process and I would be happy to answer any questions about high school registration, please give me a call at 207-729-3959.**

Kindergarten If you have a child attending Kindergarten in the fall of 2026-2027 (born in 2021 or earlier) you can register them for Kindergarten at J.R. Reid beginning February 4th, and before March 6th. If you are registering your child outside of your catchment the process is to attend your catchment school and register there first, and complete the School of Choice forms found on the BSD website and leave them at your catchment school. School of choice decisions are not made until after May 15th. **For more information about Kindergarten registration please reach out to the school office at 204-729-3955.**

LOOKING FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

Announcement from Sam Smart

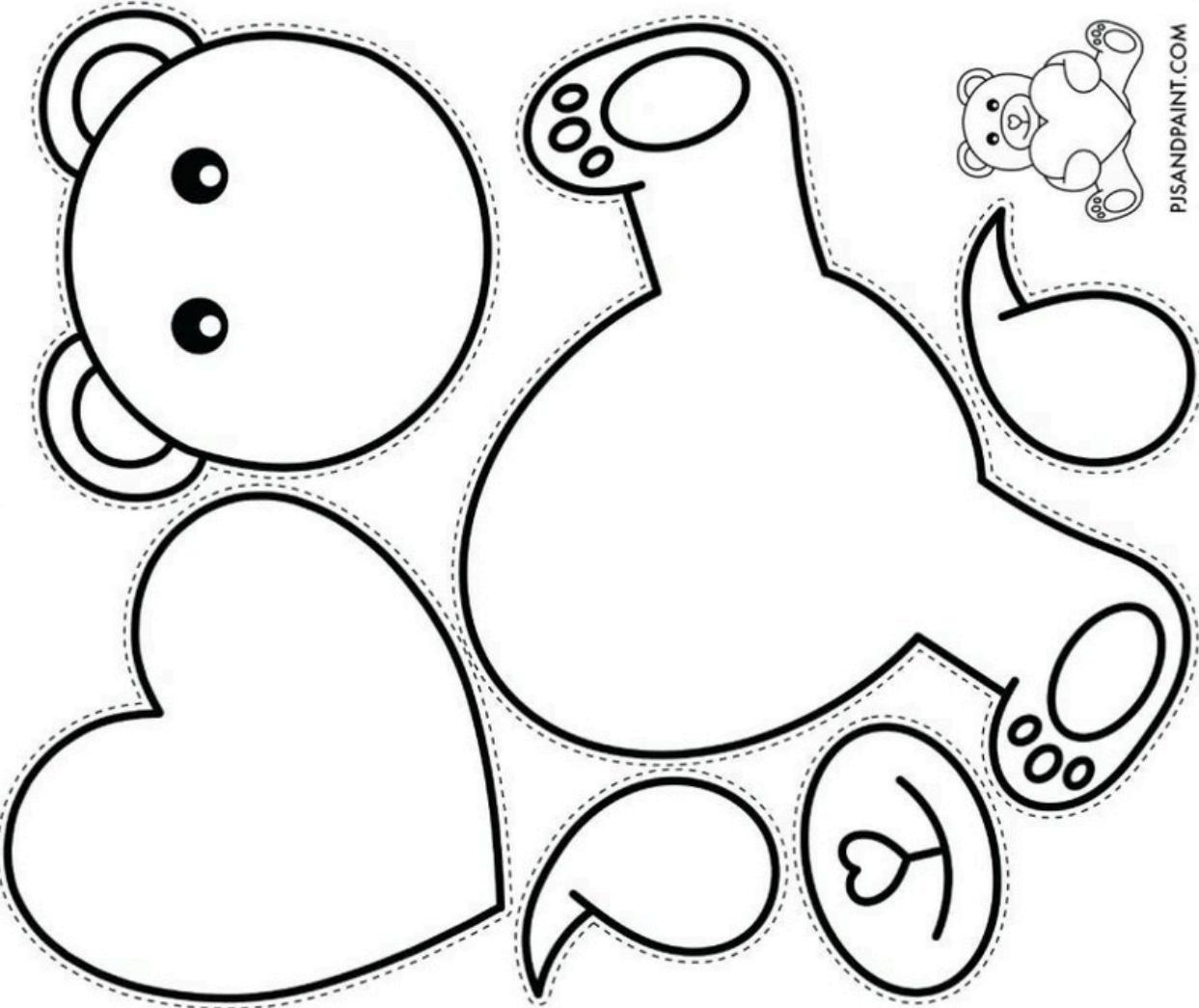
We are in the process of acquiring quotes for our swing set installation; please e-mail samvanmeer216@gmail.com, if you can recommend a business for: | Concrete | Rebar | Wood Timber | Bobcat Load with Experienced Operator



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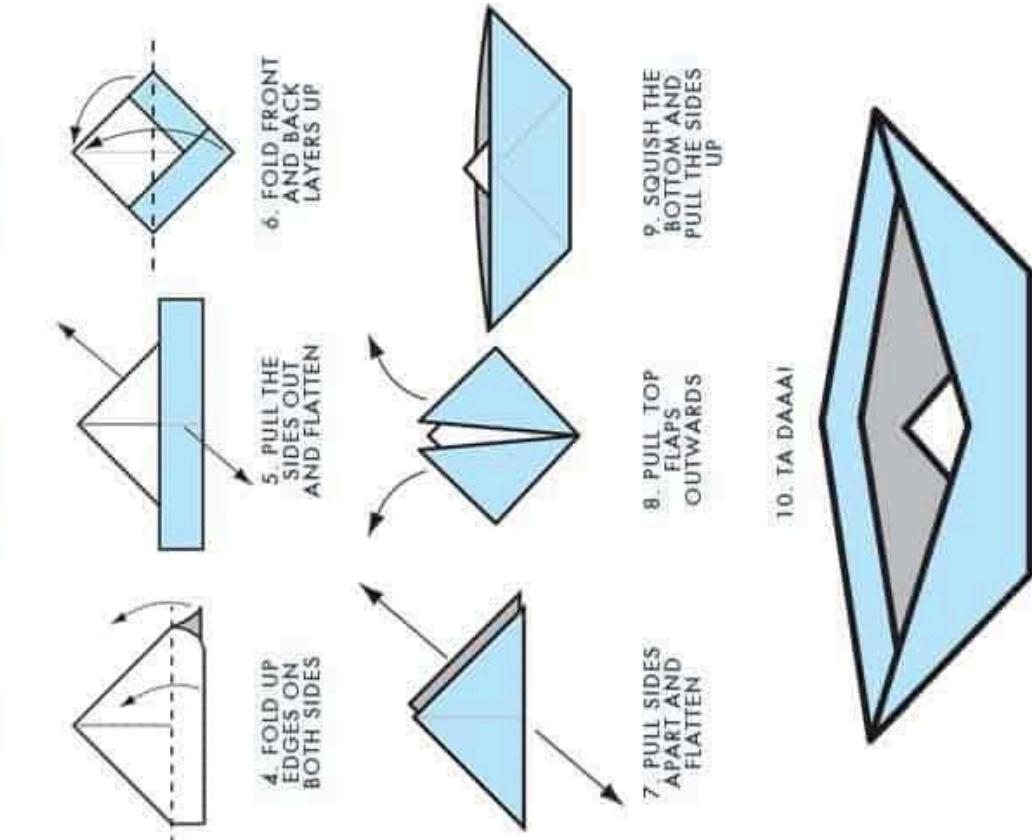
Color and cut out the shapes below. Glue them together to build your very own teddy bear! Place the teddy bear onto construction paper to add a fun colorful background.

BUILD YOUR OWN TEDDY BEAR



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1. FOLD IN HALF
2. FOLD IN HALF AGAIN
3. FOLD IN CORNERS
4. FOLD UP EDGES ON BOTH SIDES
5. PULL THE SIDES OUT AND FLATTEN
6. FOLD FRONT AND BACK LAYERS UP
7. PULL SIDES APART AND FLATTEN
8. PULL TOP FLAPS OUTWARDS
9. SQUISH THE BOTTOM AND PULL THE SIDES UP
10. TA DAAA!



"EVERY TIME A PARENT VOLUNTEERS, OUR SCHOOL BECOMES A WARMER, STRONGER COMMUNITY—NO MATTER YOUR SKILL SET, ALL TALENTS ARE WELCOME AND MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE FOR OUR KIDS!"

NUTELLA = NUTS

Announcement from Lunch Program

A friendly reminder for families: Nutella contains hazelnuts and is not permitted in our nut-aware school.

Thank you for helping keep our school safe, inclusive, and allergy-aware



Peanuts

Tree nuts :

- Almonds
- Brazil nuts
- Cashews
- Hazelnuts
- Macadamias
- Pecans
- Pine nuts
- Pistachios
- Walnuts

Safe swaps

- Sunflower seed butter
- Pumpkin seed butter
- Wowbutter

WINTER ACTIVITY DAY- GRADES 5-8

Announcement from Suzanne Sullivan

The grades 5-8 students have the option of going skiing at Ski Valley in Minnedosa or skating and tobogganning at Adam Lake.

For those who choose skiing the cost is \$67 with rental equipment or \$57 with your own equipment. To snowboard you must have your own equipment; must be experience and approved by Mr. Richels.

For those who choose to go to Adam Lake for winter activities, the cost is \$21. A helmet is required to skate or toboggan. Students can bring their own skates and toboggans.

We expect that all students in Grade 5-8 will choose an activity, as staying back at school for the day is not an option with all staff participating in activities.

Information has already been sent home and payment is made using school cash online. **For more information please reach out to your classroom teacher or Mr. Richels in the gym: richels.derek@bsd.ca**

STAYING SAFE & WARM IN WINTER

Announcement from Parent Council

With winter temperatures dipping as low as -40°C, please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather—warm coats, mittens, toques, and boots are essential for staying safe and comfortable at recess and dismissal. We also encourage families to review pickup plans together so students know where to wait. Younger students should be reminded that if they have been waiting outside for a while or feel cold, they can re-enter through the front doors. Our school secretary is available to assist and can help contact a parent if needed. If you know you will be delayed for pickup, please call the school so we can let your child know. As a reminder, there is no formal staff supervision during student pickups, so your support in planning ahead helps keep everyone safe during these frigid days

SCHOOLCASH ONLINE

Announcement from Suzanne Sullivan

J.R. Reid uses SchoolCash Online for all school items and activity fees. This program helps our school in many ways: parents can manage all school fees and items for their students in one location and have the convenience of a secure online payment platform. This improves safety and reduce risk by minimizing cash and check payments at our schools.

If you have not yet registered for SchoolCash online we encourage you to register as soon as possible at SchoolCashOnline.com: Welcome. Registering for an account is free and takes less than two minutes.

If your children attend different schools, this account links your students together so you can make payment in one location. For more information you can reach out to our front office at 204-729-3955 or you can use the SchoolCash Online Parent Help Desk at the following link: Support : Parent Support School Cash Online.



SWING SET UPDATE

GOAL: \$35,000

RAISED: \$27,400

Fundraising Purchases

Portable Volleyball Net
will be purchased for
grades 7 & 8's this spring



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Issue: February 2026

Volunteer Opportunities This Month:

Valentines Day Dance

VOLUNTEER CONTACT

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Fundraising Coordinator



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
I Love to Read Month	Grades K-6: Watch for 2026 registration forms coming home this week	Grade 9 Registration Information Presentation 7:00pm Location: George Fitton	Kindergarten Registration Opens [Ends March 6th] Grade 7: West Side Band Concert 7:00pm Location: WMCA	Grade 8: East Side Band Concert 7:00pm Location: WMCA	<i>Surf's Up</i> for reading Day: wear beach clothes 	
8	9	10	11	12*	13	12*  14
	BSD Board Meeting 7:30pm - 9:00pm Location: 1031 6th Street	Grade 9 Open House: 6:00pm - 8:00pm Crocus Plains	Grade 9 Open House: 6:00pm - 8:00pm Neelin	HAPPY 100TH DAY OF SCHOOL 	Grade 9: Registration Opens [returned to J.R. Reid]	*Grade 1 & 2: Dress like you are *K-5 Valentines Day Dance 6:00pm to 8:00pm Location: J.R. Gym *Grade 9 Open House: 6:00pm - 8:00pm Massey
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	NO SCHOOL Louis Riel Day		Parent Council Meeting In-Person; school library 7:00 pm - 8:00pm Walk-ins Welcome		<i>Team Up for reading</i> wear fav. sports jersey 	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Parent Teacher Conference Bookings open Feb 23 - Mar 6	BSD Board Meeting 7:30pm - 9:00pm Location: 1031 6th Street	Brandon Public Library Visit	Grade 5-8: Winter Activity Day Ski Valley & Adams Lake		Grade 9: Registrations Due to J.R. School We "Red" All Month: wear red 	