

NEWS FROM THE DEN

JR Reid School Newsletter



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813 26th Street

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
 235 pm - Afternoon Recess Ends
 3:35 pm - Dismissal

UPCOMING EVENTS

School Calendar QR Code



Kindergarten Registration

BSD Information Session
 Betty Gibson School
 Wed, January 14, 2026
 6:00 pm
 *For all parents with children born
 2021; attending school Fall 2026

Parent Council Meeting

VIRTUAL via ZOOM
 Wed, January 21
 7:00 pm
To attend contact:
Sam: samvanmeer216@gmail.com
 Parent Council Chair

PD Day

No School
 Fri, January 30th

WELCOME 2026

Newsletter inspiration

Welcome to the JR Reid School newsletter! Parent Council is thrilled to have an opportunity to connect our community of students, families, and educators who are dedicated to curiosity, collaboration, and growth. In this brief newsletter, you'll find upcoming events, inspiring student work, classroom spotlights, and opportunities to volunteer to keep the events and initiatives the students love thriving. We're so grateful for the amazing support from our families and staff—your involvement fuels every event, project, and celebration. Let's keep the momentum going and make this a fantastic year for our school community!

CONTROLLED ACCESS

Announcement from Mrs. Sullivan

New to JR Reid, we will be moving to Controlled Access by the end of January. *How does this affect entering the school?* Before and returning from lunch, students will still enter and leave through their assigned doors. The change will take effect at 9:05 am and 12:55 pm as the doors will lock. All visitors, including parents, will access the school through the front doors via the doorbell and camera to the right side of the doors. Please ring the bell, identify yourself and a buzzer will grant you access to the foyer. Students arriving outside of regular entry times will also come through the front doors using the buzzer. We ask for your patience as we transition to this new process. All classroom teachers will be taking their students out to see the doorbell and review the process. This is not a reaction to a specific event: this process has been unrolling across the school division over the past year as we work to improve student safety and security for all schools.

SAFE SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Announcement from Mrs. Sullivan

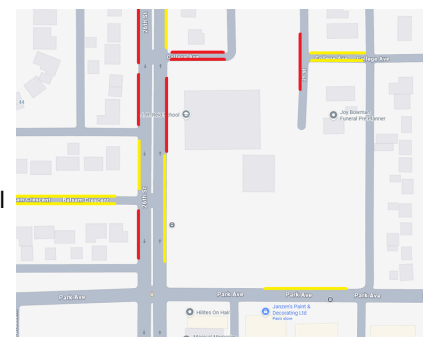
In September, JR Reid School established a Safe School Advisory Committee comprising teachers, support staff, and parents. Requirements for this committee are to attend a meeting in February and April at the school. The meetings will review and discuss the student code of conduct, school and community safety, and inclusive practices. Interested parents are invited to contact Principal, Suzanne Sullivan at sullivan.suzanne@bsd.ca for more details.

KNOW THE ZONE

Announcement from Parent Council

PARKING PERMITTED NOT-PERMITTED

26th Street	Near Cross Walk
Park Ave	Directly in front of the School
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25 th Street (East Side)	



CONNECTING THROUGH THE PARENT COUNCIL

FUNDRAISING SCHEDULE & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Parent Council & School Initiatives

Domino's Pizza Day

Fri, JANUARY 23rd

11:00 am to 12:20pm

- 4 volunteers
- Set up
- Fill orders
- Take down

K-5 Valentines Day Dance

Thurs, FEBRUARY 12th

6:00pm to 8:00pm

- 10 volunteers
- Set up
- Entrance Table
- Supervision
- Concession
- Take down

Hotdog Lunch

Date to be determined

11:00 am to 12:20pm

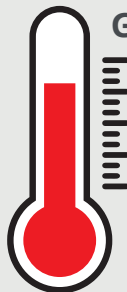
- 4 volunteers
- Set up
- Wrap hotdogs
- Fill orders
- Take down

VOLUNTEER CONTACT

Kelsey: kels.campbell@hotmail.com

Fundraising Coordinator

SWING SET UPDATE



GOAL: \$35,000

RAISED: \$26,500

Fundraising Purchases

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

PARENT COUNCIL INTRODUCTIONS

Announcement from Parent Council

We are excited to introduce Samantha Smart as the new Chair of the JR Reid Parent Council. A heartfelt round of applause for our outgoing chair, Steven Sopol, whose steady leadership and dedication laid a strong foundation for our school, and to interim chair, Kelsey, for her seamless guidance during the transition this fall—thank you both for your invaluable contributions. Taking this opportunity, we would also like to re-introduce our dedicated executive team: Erin Green (Secretary); Tracy Roberts (Treasurer); Carla Mitchell (Communications); Kelsey Levandoski (Fundraising/Event Coordinator); Chelsea Girard (Lunch Committee) and Debbie Schmitz (Lunch Program Coordinator). Their dedicated volunteer commitment keeps our programs running smooth and strong all year long.

WHAT IS PARENT COUNCIL & WHY DOES IT MATTER?

Announcement from Sam Smart

What Parent Council Does

The Parent Council is a volunteer group of parents and guardians that works in cooperation with the BSD, trustees, school staff and students as a liaison for the purpose of information sharing; as an advisory structure to present parental and community concerns and perspectives on issues related to programs, school planning, budgeting and management of the school; as a fundraising body to support the staff and students at J.R. Reid; and as a means of circulating information about the school and parental priorities to promote community understanding and involvement in the school.

Why It Matters

These efforts promote community interest, establish means of regular accountability to the school and community, create a space for asking questions to clarify understanding and raise funds to support staff and students on an ongoing basis (ie. field trips, playground equipment, tech tools, and safe learning spaces, etc) that directly shaping a better school experience. This is especially important when deciding budgets and programs that impact every student from kindergarten to grade 8.

Ways to Get Involved

Parent Council meets the third Wednesday of every month at 7pm; rotating between in-person (childcare available) and virtual. The Executive Board is full, but members at large are always welcome at meetings—no commitment needed. Drop in to listen, share thoughts, or volunteer with events; check the school calendar and reach out to join the community. Attending meetings and/or volunteering is a great chance to meet staff, connect with other parents, build connections in the community and demonstrate to our kids the impact a volunteer can have by leading through example.

Back to School Check List

- Supply outdoor/winter clothes
- Labelled Clothing
- Check shoe sizes
- Extra outfits in case of spills
- Update Forms or Emergency Contacts
- Discuss school routines and expectations
- Plan ahead for drop off and pick up locations
- Notify school when absent

BEST PRACTICES FOR LUNCH

Announcement from our Lunch Program

We extend our sincere appreciation to our dedicated lunch supervisors, whose time, care, and commitment ensure our lunch program runs smoothly each day. We are truly grateful for all that they do.

Reminders: Please send lunches pre-warmed in a thermos or packed in microwave-safe containers – each child has up to one minute of heating time if needed.

Make sure everything’s labeled and easy for your kiddo to open on their own. Students, remember to listen carefully and follow directions to help make lunchtime safe and fun for everyone.

Lastly, monthly lunch program payments keep everything running – please send them in by the due date.

Thanks for helping us make lunchtime the best part of the day!

Stumped for Lunch Ideas; here are some ideas:

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| Hard-boiled eggs | Mini naan with hummus |
| Crackers | Cherry tomatoes |
| Snap Peas | Bell pepper strips |
| Blue Berries | Cheese stick |
| Nut-free granola bar | Gold fish crackers |
| Pudding cup | Pre-popped popcorn |
| Mini Quesadilla | Turkey rolls |
| Salsa | Cucumber slices |
| Strawberries | Carrot sticks |
| Pretzels/Chips | Apple slices |
| Fruit gummies | Yogurt cup |
| | Juice box |

“What do you get if you put three ducks in a box?
answer is on the last page”

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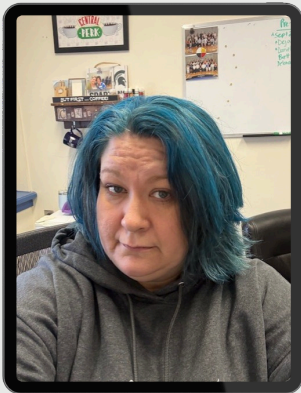
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JAGUAR ATHLETICS

Announcement from Suzanne Sullivan

As volleyball wrapped up a fantastic season, congratulations to the 7 & 8 Boys and Girls teams. Every athlete showcased JR Reid pride and top-notch sportsmanship. Thank you to coaches Mr. Richels, Miss Waldner, Mrs. Sullivan, Ashley Sullivan, and Mrs. Prawdzik your unwavering commitment and countless hours.



SAMARITAN HOUSE DONATIONS

Announcement from Suzanne Sullivan

In the true giving season, our school exceeded our goal of 300lbs and raised 664lbs of food for the Samaritan House.

SANTA EVENT

Announcement from Suzanne Sullivan

Thrilled to announce our second annual Santa event was a huge hit, raising \$1,200! Funds are split evenly among classrooms to cover extras like field trips and special supplies throughout the remainder of the year.



WINTER CONCERT APPLAUD

Announcement from Suzanne Sullivan & Sam Smart

A sincere thank you to every family who came out on this chilly evening to cheer on our talented kindergarten through grade 6 students at the JR Reid Winter Concert—your energy and support truly made the magic happen!

Special shoutout to the phenomenal Mrs. Simpson for her creative genius and masterful direction of the entire program, turning our event into a winter wonderland experience.

Gratitude also to the hardworking Ms. Banks and the amazing Grade 7 & 8 YR crew for crafting those eye-catching props and keeping everything running smoothly behind the scenes.

As well bravo to our MCs—Camilla Fraijo, Leah Packwood, Riya Belcher and Mofe Usikalu—who brought the house down with their confident, fun hosting skills that kept everyone smiling and engaged.

Finally, congratulations to Wayne and Debbie, the lucky winners of the TV draw; a tremendously generous donation from Baby Bump. Thank you to all that snapped up tickets (once they arrived) your generosity raised \$1,200 for the Parent Council, bringing us closer to our fundraising goals! From staff, to students, to guests, it was a true honor to bring our school community together under one roof to celebrate.

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