

J.A. Cuddy Newsletter

September 2023

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Absent today? Please contact us before 8:45 am

Principal's Message

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year!

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to the new school year at J.A. Cuddy School! I hope this letter finds you well and excited for the upcoming academic year. **We are thrilled** to have our students and families returning to our warm, vibrant school community.

As the new school year begins, I ask that parents take some time and sit down and talk with their child(ren) about school and their goals for the year: **WHAT DO THEY WANT TO STRENGTHEN THIS YEAR? WHAT DO THEY ENJOY AND WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT?** Conversations with your child about their education are critical and influential in their academic growth.

To foster open communication and strengthen the partnership between home and school, we will host our annual family **BBQ on September 21st from 4 pm until 6 pm**. This will be an excellent opportunity to meet your child's teachers, explore the classrooms, and learn more about the curriculum and expectations for the year ahead.

Additionally, we will schedule parent-teacher meetings throughout the year to discuss your child's progress and address any questions or concerns you may have.

We encourage parents to try and schedule absences and appointments outside of the school day. Teachers' time with students is precious, and disruptions and missed learning time must be minimized.

The school continues to share information through its website and uses the School Messenger Program to email families with updates and news. *Please ensure we have an accurate email for you at the office.*

If you have any questions or need clarification about the new school year, please drop by the office or call us at 204-736-2282.

School Webpage - <http://jacuddy.rrvsd.ca>

Twitter - @jacuddy

Scott Thomson

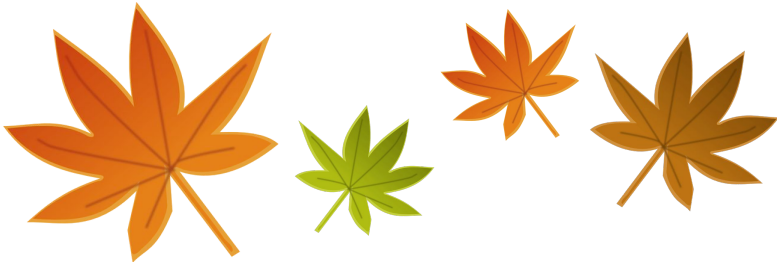
Principal, J.A. Cuddy School



Code of Conduct

The school's Code of Conduct is available on the J.A. Cuddy website, www.jacuddy.rrvsd.ca.

If you have any questions about the Code of Conduct please contact the office.



School Picture Days!

Lifetouch will be coming to our school on **October 24** to take our student and pictures.

Students will have their picture taken in order of grade, with the Kindergarten class kicking the day off with their beautiful smiles :)

Retake day is on **November 22** in the afternoon.

Peanut & Nut Safe School

J.A. Cuddy School is peanut and nut-safe. It is important that we create an environment in all areas of the school that is safe for all our students. Items which are sent to school containing nuts or peanuts will be returned to you along with a school note so that you are aware they contain nuts and pose a threat to highly allergic students. Your support and cooperation is vital insuring all our students have a safe learning environment. Included below is information on reading food product labels. We at J.A. Cuddy thank everyone for their support in keeping our school peanut and nut-safe.

From the Office: Phone: 204-736-2282 Email: jacuddy@rrvsd.ca

****A form will be sent out asking parents to update their children's contact information. Please fill out the form when you receive it and return it to the school .**

Please notify the office should phone numbers, emergency contacts etc. change during the school year.

****We track our student attendance carefully. The office will follow upon all unexplained absences. Please contact your child's teacher and the office if they will not be at school.**

****The office needs to know about any special bussing arrangements in advance- we don't want students to be left behind or to arrive at home with no one to greet them. Please let us know of any changes to your child's after-school plans as soon as possible.**

Staffing for the 2023–2024 School Year

Teaching Staff

Mr. Scott Thomson - Principal tthomson@rrvsd.ca

Mrs. Brandi Noble - Guidance bnoble@rrvsd.ca

Ms. Lori Pasosky - Guidance lpasosky@rrvsd.ca

Mrs. Shauna Hewitt - Learning Support Teacher shewitt@rrvsd.ca

Brandi Noble - Kindergarten bnoble@rrvsd.ca

Rachel Thiessen - Grade 1/2 Classroom rthiessen@rrvsd.ca

Mrs. Tricia Thompson - Grade 1/2 Classroom tthompson@rrvsd.ca

Mrs. Barb Henderson Cox - Grade 2/3 Classroom bhcox@rrvsd.ca

Mrs. Brenna Mahussier - Grade 3/4 Classrooms bmahussier@rrvsd.ca

Mr. John Bergmann - Grade 3/4 Classrooms jbergmann@rrvsd.ca

Ms. Diane Evenson - Grade 5 Classroom devenson@rrvsd.ca

Mrs. Jody Campbell - Grade 6 Classrooms jcampbell@rrvsd.ca

Mr. Daniel Schinkel - Grade K - 8 Phys. Ed. dschinkel@rrvsd.ca

Mrs. Candy Ogilvie Grade - 7 Classroom cogilvie@rrvsd.ca

Ms. Erin Westra - Grade 8 Classroom ewestra@rrvsd.ca

Mr. Nenad Zdjelar - Grade K—5 Music, Grades 6—8 Band nzdjelar@rrvsd.ca



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Support Staff

Ms. Jenn Beckles - Educational Assistant

Mrs. Yvonne Bjornson - Educational Assistant

Mr. Zoe Bridges - Head Custodian

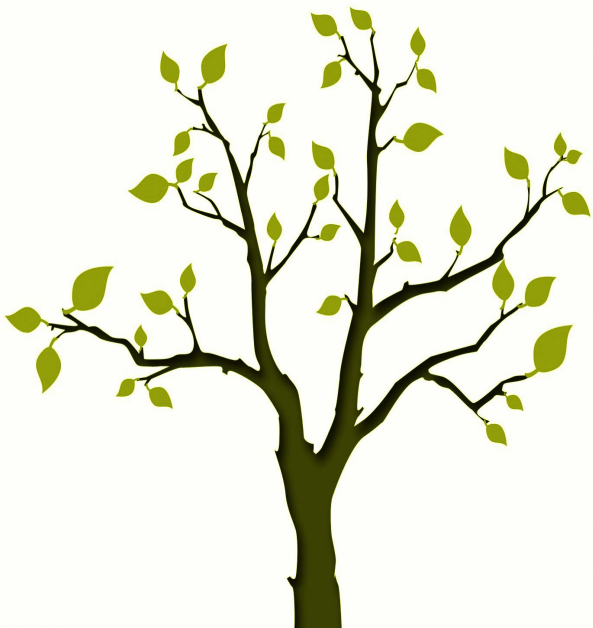
Mrs. Jaimie Hiebert - Educational Assistant

Mrs. Alison MacKenzie - Secretary amackenzie@rrvsd.ca

Ms. Dee Mitchell - Educational Assistant

Mrs. Annie Wiebe - Educational Assistant

Mrs. Heather Wiebe - Librarian



Eye See Eye Learn

Present research confirms the importance of vision and eye health on students' learning. According to statistics provided by the Canadian Association of Optometrists, four out of every ten school-aged children have a vision problem that may negatively affect learning. Children who cannot see the board clearly, focus on a picture, or follow words in a book may not be able to reach their full potential.

Manitoba Health covers the cost of children's comprehensive eye examinations, therefore all families can access this free service. If you don't currently have a family optometrist, you can find one by going to the MAO website at <http://optometrists.mb.ca/find-an-optometrist.cfm> and selecting Find an Optometrist, or call the Manitoba Association of Optometrists @ 204-943-9811.

Parking Reminder & School Zone Reminder

There is no parking in front of the school building at any time. Workplace Health and Safety Standards require the building to be accessible to fire trucks and emergency vehicles 24 hours a day. Please park vehicles on the street when visiting the school.

Students will leave the school using their assigned door.

Please be aware of the new School Zone speed limits around the school. Drivers must slow down to 30 km/hour.

Upcoming Events

October 3 - Election Day, no classes

October 9 - Thanksgiving, no classes

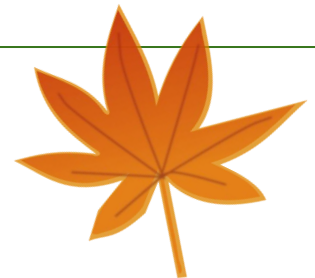
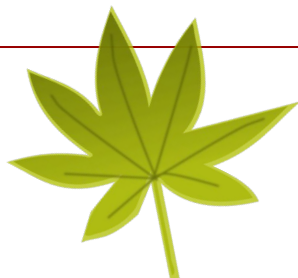
October 18 - Divisional PD, no classes

October 19 - Divisional PD, no classes

October 20 - MTS PD Day, no classes

October 24 - School Pictures

**Don't forget to
check our website
for news about
what's happening at
school!**



RED RIVER VALLEY SCHOOL DIVISION
SCHOOL CALENDAR 2023 – 2024

2023

September 4 - Labour Day - No Classes *Monday*

September 5 - Administration Day - No Classes *Tuesday*

September 6 - Classes Begin *Wednesday*

September 15 - **Strong Beginnings - No Classes K-8 *Friday*

September 18 - **Strong Beginnings - No Classes K-8 *Monday*

October 3 - School In-service/Administration Day - No Classes *Tuesday*

October 9 - Thanksgiving Day - No Classes *Monday*

October 18 - Divisional PD Day - No Classes *Wednesday*

October 19 - Divisional PD Day - No Classes *Thursday*

October 20 - MTS PD Day – No Classes *Friday*

November 17 - School In-service/Administration Day - No Classes *Friday*

December 22 - Last day before Winter Break *Friday*

2024

January 8 - Classes Resume *Monday*

February 2 - Semester Turn-around Day - No Classes *Friday*

February 5 - Semester 2 - First Day of Classes *Monday*

February 19 - Louis Riel Day - No Classes *Monday*

March 15 - School In-service/Administration Day - No Classes *Friday*

March 22 - Last day before Spring Break *Friday*

April 1 - Classes resume *Monday*

April 12 - School In-service/Administration Day - No Classes *Friday*

May 20 - Victoria Day - No Classes *Monday*

June 27 - Last Day of Classes *Thursday*

June 28 - Administration Day - No Classes *Friday*

****Strong Beginnings – there are no regular classes for K-8 students. Students are scheduled for appointments during those days at their school. Please contact your school for additional info.**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	31	1 9am - School Office Opens	2
3	4 Labour Day Labour Day - No Classes	5 Admin Day - No Classes	6 Classes Begin	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 Strong Beginnings - No	16
17	18 Strong Beginnings - No	19	20	21 4pm - Meet the Teacher BBQ	22	23
24	25 6pm - MHRD Yoga All Levels	26	27	28	29	30 National Day for Truth and