

# J.A. Cuddy Newsletter

## April 2024



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*Absent today? Please contact us before 8:45 am*

### Principal's Message

As we step into April, I am filled with immense pride in the progress and achievements of our students here at J. A. Cuddy School. It's truly inspiring to witness the dedication and enthusiasm displayed by each school community member, from our kindergarteners just beginning their educational journey to our eighth graders preparing to embark on the next chapter of their lives.

April marks a time of renewal and growth, both academically and personally. Our students continue to grow as they engage in diverse learning experiences tailored to their individual needs and interests. Each day, from hands-on science experiments to creative arts projects, new opportunities for exploration and discovery occur in our classrooms. As springtime approaches ever closer, hopefully, it will bring a variety of new activities for your family, maybe soccer games, baseball games, or other outdoor pursuits.

During this increasingly busy time, I ask that families continue to support student learning by continuing to ensure students have dedicated time during the evening to read and complete work. Numerous studies have illustrated the positive effects on brain and literacy development that reading and listening to children read has on their development.

I congratulate all of our students on the hard work they have put into the first two terms of the school year. Report cards were sent home, and student-led conferences occurred in March. It was certainly lovely to see so many families in the school. Please read through the report card and discuss your child's learning goals in the school year's final term. Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

Scott Thomson  
Principal

We wish all our families a wonderful and safe Spring break!  
See you all on April 1!  
(that's not an April Fools Day joke, you really have to be back on April 1)

## Upcoming Events

**Mondays:** Healthy Humans Club

**Fridays:** Student Council Canteen

**Apr. 1:** Classes Resume

**Apr. 8: Partial Eclipse!**

**Apr. 12:** School Inservice, no classes

**Apr. 19:** Grade 1/2 field trip to the Manitoba Museum

**Apr. 22 - 28:** MRA Ringette Tournament

**May 20:** Victoria Day, no classes

**May 30:** Last Day of Kinderstart Program 😞

**June 12:** Divisional track meet, middle years

**June 25:** Kindergarten field trip to Assiniboine Zoo

**June 27:** Report cards sent home, last day of classes

**June 28:** Administrative day, no classes

## Kindergarten and New Student Registration

**Our school is already planning for next fall! If you are planning to send your child to J.A. Cuddy, we'd love to hear from you.**

Applications can be made by clicking the link below, which can be found on the J.A. Cuddy and RRVSD websites:

[Online Registration Form](#)

The Red River Valley School Division asks that all new students provide the following:

- [A copy of their birth certificate](#)
- [Your home's legal land description](#)
- [Any relevant legal and custodial documents](#)

**The first day of school next fall is September 5!**

## The Sports Report

Ms. Westra has entered a ringette team, comprised up of students from J.A. Cuddy, Oak Bluff and Starbuck, into the **2024 MRA Junior High Ringette Tournament!**

The tournament runs from **April 22 - April 28** hosted by **Sanford and Starbuck Arenas.**

It's time for Cuddy to shine! Let's Go JAGS!

## Solar Eclipse 2024

- A solar eclipse happens when the moon passes between the earth and the sun, casting its shadow on the earth.
- From our perspective, this will look like the moon is blocking out the sun in the sky, either completely or partially.
- Eclipses only happen occasionally since the moon does not orbit in the exact same plane as the earth and the sun.
- There are several types of eclipses, but the upcoming eclipse on April 8, 2024 is a total solar eclipse for parts of Canada, meaning that at its maximum, the Moon will completely block out the sun. Manitoba will experience a partial eclipse. \*
- Our school will offer a limited number of certified eclipse glasses to families through School Cash Online.



\* Information on the solar eclipse from [discovertheunivers.ca/eclipse](https://discovertheunivers.ca/eclipse)



The Splashing-Through-Puddles season is upon us. Please send extra socks. And Pants. And Mittens and shirts and more socks.



**RED RIVER VALLEY SCHOOL DIVISION  
SCHOOL CALENDAR 2024 – 2025**

**2024**

September 2	Labour Day - No Classes Monday
September 3	Administration Day - No Classes Tuesday
September 4	Administration Day - No Classes Wednesday
September 5	Classes Begin Thursday
September 13	**Strong Beginnings - No Classes K-8 Friday
September 16	**Strong Beginnings - No Classes K-8 Monday
September 30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation - No Classes Monday
October 7	Divisional PD Day - No Classes Monday
October 14	Thanksgiving Day - No Classes Monday
October 25	MTS PD Day - No Classes Friday
November 8	School In-service/Administration Day - No Classes Friday
November 11	Remembrance Day - No Classes Monday
November 22	School In-service/Administration Day - No Classes Friday
December 20	Last day before Winter Break Friday

**2025**

January 6	Classes Resume Monday
February 3	Semester 2 - First Day of Classes Monday
February 17	Louis Riel Day - No Classes Monday
March 3	Divisional PD Day - No Classes Monday
March 21	School In-service/Administration Day - No Classes Friday
March 28	Last day before Spring Break Friday
April 7	Classes resume Monday
April 17	School In-service/Administration Day - No Classes Thursday
April 18	Good Friday - No Classes Friday
May 19	Victoria Day - No Classes Monday
June 26	Last Day of Classes Thursday
June 27	Administration Day - No Classes Friday

**NOTE: 90 Instructional Days in Semester 1 – 93 Instructional Days in Semester 2**

***\*\*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
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Classes Resume 6pm - MHRD Yoga - All	Kindergarten Kinderstart 7 pm - RM of Macdonald	6pm - MHRD Beginner's	Kindergarten Kinderstart	11:40am - Friday Canteen!	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	6pm - MHRD Yoga - All	Kindergarten Kinderstart 6pm - Prairie Palette Art 6:30pm - MHRD Fusion	6pm - MHRD Beginner's	Kindergarten Kinderstart	School Inservice - No Classes	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	6pm - MHRD Yoga - All	Kindergarten Kinderstart 6:30pm - MHRD Fusion	6pm - MHRD Beginner's	Kindergarten Kinderstart	Gr. 1/2 to Manitoba Museum Kindergarten 11:40am - Friday Canteen!	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	6pm - MHRD Yoga - All	Kindergarten Kinderstart 6pm - Prairie Palette Art 6:30pm - MHRD Fusion	6pm - MHRD Beginner's 7pm - Macdonald Soccer	Kindergarten Kinderstart		
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
	6pm - MHRD Yoga - All	Kindergarten Kinderstart 6:30pm - MHRD Fusion				