



# ÉCOLE RIVIÈRE-ROUGE

## SEVEN OAKS SCHOOL DIVISION

## Life In Our School...

2024- 2025

### School Song with Burnstick

This year, our talented music team and students in grades 4 and 5 collaborated with the Franco-Manitoban and Indigenous song-writing duo, Burnstick, to create, compose and record a song for our school. *En chœur*, is a beautiful song about our core values, *Avec COEUR*. Students explored what it means to live by leading with our hearts and put these values to music. We invite you to listen to the song on our school website. Many thanks to our music teachers who organized this initiative and who were instrumental in creating the musical arrangements of the Orff instruments and the violin which were all played by our students.

### Chaque enfant compte



avec  
**C**ollaboration  
**jO**ie  
**E**mpathie  
a**U**thenticité  
**R**espect

To mark Canada's National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, students were invited to explore the elements in and around our building to learn about Treaties, medicinal plants, and ways to tread lightly on this land. We reflected upon the importance of water and wrote powerful messages on canoes that were displayed in the rivers flowing along our hallways to highlight their learning. We also planted 10 white spruce trees that were gifted to the school and created offerings of tobacco leaves that students harvested and dried as an act of reciprocity.

## BUILDING SCHOOL CULTURE: School-wide assemblies and events

- Welcome assembly for the 2024-2025 school year
- National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
- Terry Fox Walk & Run school-wide event
- Grade 5 Performance at Divisional PD Day at Centennial Concert Hall
- Remembrance Day
- Winter break sing along assembly
- Concerts at SOPAC in January and April
- Festival du Voyageur celebrations
- I Love to Read
- La semaine de la francophonie
- Meraki Theatre *Déjà-Vu*
- Indigenous artist, Brandi Vezina concert
- French music concert by Franco-Manitoban artists Kelly Bado and MJ Dandeneau
- Pride Walk
- Fiddle Jamboree
- Volunteer appreciation
- Special Olympics Events
- Extra-curricular sporting opportunities
- Two weeks outdoors
- Students in grades 1-5 sharing Land Acknowledgements in French during announcements
- Fiddling in the community to raise funds for Red Cross Fire Evacuee Efforts
- Grade 5 Farewell
- Community BBQ
- Clubs
- Jigging at the 7 Oaks Graduation Pow wow at Maples Collegiate
- Dancing at the Filipino Independence Day Celebration
- Year-end assembly

## Festival du Voyageur

We spent a week in February celebrating Festival du Voyageur. The planning committee prepared a day of activities throughout the school offering a variety of learning opportunities for all. We also tasted the foods associated with traditional French Canadian and Metis culture including pea soup, Bannock served with jam and *la tire*, which is made by heating maple syrup and rolling it onto a stick in the snow.



## Ici, on vit en français!

Throughout the year, we were able to celebrate many special moments in French. For the second year in the row, we celebrated *La semaine de la francophonie* at the end of March. We had a school-wide assembly where students shared French poems, songs and plays. It is so wonderful to hear the students take risks in French, using the language proudly during morning announcements and developing their own identity of what it means to them to live and learn in French at our school.

We were also lucky to have celebrated Franco-Manitoban artists Kelly Bado and MJ Dandeneau perform a concert for us. A year full of French-language and cultural discoveries!





## Club de gigue

Students in grades 4 and 5 joined our Jigging Club, led by Métis Jigger extraordinaire, Darrell Sais. They danced proudly during the Grand Entry at this year's Graduation Pow Wow at Maples Collegiate in June.



## La semaine de la fierté

In June we celebrated what it means to be our unique, authentic selves. In our community we believe that each person should be able to feel safe and loved for being who they are. We recognize that each person brings something different to our world and everyone deserves to be respected.

At École Rivière-Rouge, we strive to live each day *Avec Coeur* where we learn to collaborate with everyone, to live joyfully, to build empathy, to be authentic and respectful towards ourselves and others.

By embracing each person for who they are, we build a stronger, more caring community. Ensemble, nous sommes plus forts!

## Racines de l'empathie

Students in Mme Sukich and M Yannick's grade 1 class had the pleasure of welcoming baby Finn to their classroom once a month throughout the school year for the Roots of Empathy Program. Throughout the year, the students learned about empathy, defining emotions and understanding the developmental milestones of babies. What a delight it was to watch baby Finn grow and become our youngest teacher on staff!



Roots of Empathy



# MUSICAL OPPORTUNITIES 2024-2025

## Chorale des cinquièmes

Our grade 5 choir had the honour of singing at the Centennial Concert Hall for the Seven Oaks Divisional Day. They performed an Anishinaabe song, *The Bear Song*, in front of all staff from Seven Oaks School Division. It was such an honour to be invited to perform on this important day.



## Concerts à SOPAC

We were fortunate to be able to have our grades k-2 and 3-5 concert at the Seven Oaks Performing Arts Centre. Our music specialists prepared two amazing programs showcasing our student's artistic talents.



## Fiddling for Fire Evacuees

In June, our fiddle students performed outdoors for the community on the corner of Murray and Frog Plain.

Passers-by were delighted to listen to the fiddlers, who were accepting donations. They managed to raise \$1 180 for the Red Cross to help those affected by the Wild Fires in our Province! We are very proud of their efforts to help others.



## Club de dance Philippine



Mme Navarro lead a group of grade 1 students to dance at the 7 Oaks Filipino Independence Day Celebration at Maples Collegiate.



# ACTIVE LIVING & LAND-BASED LEARNING

## Deux semaines dehors

Many of our classes participated in spending two weeks outdoors with their students in June. Students took nature walks, sketched plants in our gardens and learned about treading lightly on our planet. We are learning to express gratitude towards the land that we live on.



### EXTRACURRICULAR PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES

- Cross Country
- Handball
- Badminton
- Volleyball
- 3 on 3 Basketball
- Flag football
- Tennis
- Track & Field
- Special O bocce ball
- Special O soccer
- Special O basketball
- Special O Track & Field

## Land-based Learning all year



Our students spent a lot of time learning from natural landscapes throughout the year, giving them opportunities to appreciate seasonal changes and to marvel in the beauty that each season can bring.

## Éducation physique

This year, our students in grade 4 and 5 had many opportunities to participate in extra-curricular sporting activities. They spent many recesses preparing and had a wonderful time learning new sports while keeping active. Our phys-ed team also brought a small group of students in grades 1 through 4 to participate in events organized by Special Olympics! It was wonderful to see our athletes participate in these events! We are always so proud of the way our athletes represent our school in the community.



# MERCI ET AU REVOIR 2024-2025

## Brigadiers

Our grade 5 students were wonderful helpers and role models on our buses and with our kindergarten students. We thank them for their kindness and dedication in this leadership role!



## BBQ communautaire

It was such a pleasure to welcome our community to our school for our annual BBQ. This year, we had games, bouncers, a DJ, a bubble maker and face painters! It was so nice to see many former students come back as volunteers to help. We had another record-breaking year of attendees! We were happy to be able to offer a great night of fun and a meal to all community members. Thank you for coming!



## Merci aux bénévoles

### THANK YOU FOR OUR PARENT SUPPORT

Thank you to our Parent Council and volunteers who organized pizza lunches, a pancake breakfast and an ice cream day. We were happy to be able to celebrate the contributions of our parent community by hosting a short

## Au revoir aux cinquièmes

It is always hard to say goodbye. This year, we say au revoir to 82 grade 5 students. We are so proud of who they have become and wish them all the best as they embark on new adventures in middle school!



## Merci à notre communauté!

Many thanks to our wonderful École Rivière-Rouge community for your support over the course of the year! It has been a pleasure to work with you and your children.

Ensemble nous sommes plus forts!  
Together we are stronger.



Avec COEUR,  
École Rivière-Rouge Staff