



### Life In Our School...

2025- 2026

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**C**ollaboration

**J**oie

**E**mpathie

**a**uthenticité

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### Ceinture fléchée

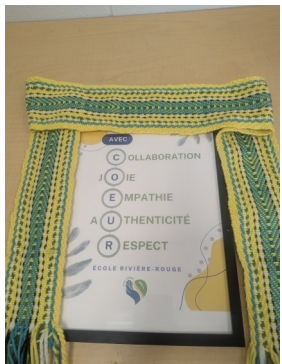
### Chaque enfant compte



We were fortunate to welcome local Métis artist Cassandra Woolever who helped us design and create our very own ceinture fléchée. Each color represents our school's logo of *Avec Cœur*.

This year our school community took part in meaningful reflection, learning, and commemoration. Students engaged with powerful stories through a curated book display, helping deepen their understanding of truth and the legacy of residential schools. They also expressed their thoughts and feelings about reconciliation by decorating symbolic rocks, each one representing a personal message of hope, respect, or awareness.

As part of our collective experience, students joined a brief virtual gathering, bringing us together in a shared moment of learning. Classes also participated in a quiet, reflective walk, where an orange ribbon was tied to symbolize our ongoing commitment to truth and reconciliation. Many students proudly wore orange as a visible sign of respect and solidarity.



## 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
- Remembrance Day
- Grades 4 and 5 playing with the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra
- Nutrition Program and Food of the Month
- Concerts at SOPAC in November and May
- Singing with Premier Wab Kinew at the Legislative building
- Festival du Voyageur evening
- I Love to Read
- La semaine de la francophonie
- Métis artist Casandra Woolever
- Pride Walk
- Fiddle Jamboree
- Special Olympics Events
- Extra-curricular sporting opportunities
- Arts in the Park
- Two weeks outdoors
- Students in grades 1-5 sharing Land Acknowledgements in French during announcements
- Grade 5 Farewell
- Community BBQ
- Clubs
- Jigging at the 7 Oaks Graduation Powwow at Maples Collegiate
- Year-end assembly

## Festival du Voyageur

This year we celebrated a week of festival du voyageur with various activities in our classrooms. Such as dressing as a voyageur, We also had our first soirée of Festival du Voyageur. We had the Norman Chief Memorial Dancers with live music, there were crafts in the library, outside we had La tire (maple syrup on snow), and we had delicious treats such as pea soup, Bannock, and hot chocolate. There were also Indigenous games, a cozy outdoor fire, a photobooth, and a caricature artist!



## Ici, on vit en français!

Throughout the year, we were able to celebrate many special moments in French. We celebrated our third annual *La semaine de la francophonie* at the end of March. We had a school-wide assembly where students shared French songs, poems, and plays. We shared as a school a delicious French snack of baguettes and butter! It is so wonderful to hear the students 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.



## 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

All year long, we are reminded of the importance of celebrating what makes each of us unique and authentic. In our community, we believe every person should feel safe, valued, and loved for who they are. Each individual brings something special to our world, and everyone deserves respect and belonging.

At École Rivière-Rouge, we continue to live each day *Avec Coeur*—learning to collaborate with others, to find joy in our experiences, to build empathy, and to be authentic and respectful toward ourselves and those around us.

## Ninja coding

This year, students in grades 1-5 were offered the opportunity to learn coding, STEM, and technology skills through fun, hands-on classes in our library during the lunch hour.



## Racines de l'empathie

Students in Mme Trottier's grade 4 class had the pleasure of welcoming baby Aerica 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 Aerica grow and become our youngest teacher on staff!



Roots of Empathy



# MUSICAL OPPORTUNITIES 2025-2026

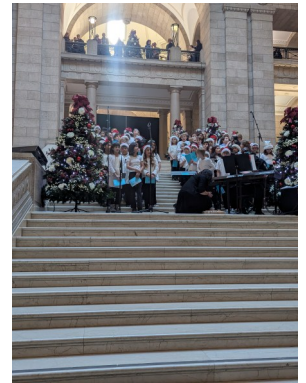
## Manitoba Chamber Orchestra

Some of our grades 4 and 5 students had the opportunity to play the Toy Symphony with the Manitoba Chamber Orchestra in October. They played Vivaldi's Autumn from The Four Seasons. What a fantastic opportunity and what fun they had!



## Singing with the Premier

In December our choir had the wonderful opportunity to sing carols with Premier Wab Kinew on the steps of the Legislative Building. What wonderful memories were created!



## Concerts à SOPAC

Our K-2 and 3-5 fall and spring concerts at Seven Oaks Performing Arts Center were a success. Students were able to showcase their talents in singing, acting, playing instruments, and MC'ing! We are so proud of our students!



## Singing and fiddling at Garden City Mall

Our grade 4 classes had the opportunity to sing and play the fiddle with Mme Mahir and Mme Emily at Garden City Shopping Mall in December. We are so proud of our incredible music program!



# ACTIVE LIVING & LAND-BASED LEARNING

## Deux semaines dehors

Many of our classes spent two weeks outdoors with their students in June. During this time, students explored nature through walks, sketched plants in our gardens, and learned about caring for the environment responsibly. We are also developing a deeper sense of gratitude for the land we share.



## Land-based Learning all year



Throughout the year, our classes have embraced land-based learning as a meaningful way to connect students with the natural world. Through regular outdoor experiences, students have explored local green spaces, engaged in hands-on activities, and developed a deeper

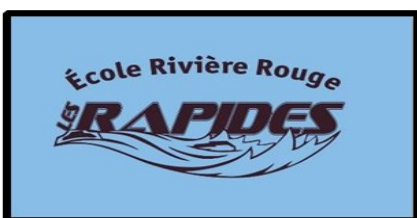


## Éducation physique

Our Phys Ed program has supported students in building healthy, active lifestyles while fostering teamwork, confidence, and inclusion. Throughout the year, students participated in a wide range of activities that promoted skill development, cooperation, and personal growth. We were also proud to offer our Special O where students had the opportunity to develop athletic skills in a supportive and encouraging environment. This initiative was further strengthened by the leadership and involvement of our Grade 5 Unifiers, who demonstrated empathy, teamwork, and a strong commitment to creating an inclusive community for all learners.

### 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



# MERCI ET AU REVOIR 2025-2026

## 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 wonderful to welcome our community to our school for our annual BBQ. This year, we had games, bouncers, a DJ, 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 all for coming!



## Parents comme Partenaires

### THANK YOU FOR OUR PARENT SUPPORT

Thank you to our Parent Council and many parent volunteers this year for your help with our nutrition program, festival du voyageur and for your support on field trips.

## Au revoir aux cinquièmes

It is always difficult to say goodbye. This year, we bid *au revoir* to 88 Grade 5 students. We are so proud of all they have accomplished and of how much they have grown this year. We wish them the very best on their new adventure in middle school!



## Anges de la récréation

A big thank you to our grade 3 Anges de la récréation who volunteered their time at lunch and recess to act as role models in our grade 1 classes. They ate lunch with them and played with them outside during second recess. It was also a great opportunity to make new friendships!

## 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 CŒUR,  
École Rivière-Rouge Staff