



# R. J. Waugh Elementary

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## April 2024

### Important Dates

Mar. 25-29	Spring Break
April 1	Classes Resume
April 8	Solar Eclipse
April 10	Pink Day
April 18	Parent Council Family Movie Night
April 19	Pizza Orders Due
April 22	Earth Day
April 26	Community Clean Up
April 26	Pizza Day

### Solar Eclipse - Monday April 8

A 50% occlusion eclipse is set to occur in Manitoba between noon and 3pm on April 8.

Even a brief look at the partially eclipsed sun can result in permanent eye damage.

We will be adjusting our noon plans that day and students will be staying indoors for the afternoon.

Further information from teachers will come home after Spring Break regarding lunch schedule that day.

### Reminders:

- \* Please call the school if your child is absent.
- \* Please let the school know if your contact information (address, phone number, email, custody, etc.) changes.
- \* Please jot a note in the planner if after school plans are different than normal.
- \* Please contact the office if you have a message for the teacher that is time sensitive. They may not have the time to check their Dojo during the day.
- \* Don't forget to check us out on Facebook to keep up to date on news, events, and reminders!



### Kindergarten Registration

Do you have a child born in 2019? Please call the office to get registered for Kindergarten! Parents who have a child registered for the 2024-2025 year will be contacted via email after Spring Break, regarding our Welcome to Kindergarten Parent Information Evening in June. Please make sure to check your junk mail!

### Pink Day

International Day of Pink is celebrated on Wednesday, April 10. It is a day to stand united and show kindness to all. Although the R.J. Waugh School community practices kindness every day, students and staff are invited to wear pink on April 10 to celebrate diversity and respect. Thank you to the Parent Council for purchasing "Be A Buddy Not A Bully" bracelets for all staff and students in the school. On this day the Kindness Club members will also be handing out stickers to students who they see displaying acts of kindness.

*Do all the good you can,  
By all the means you can,  
In all the ways you can,  
In all the places you can,  
At all the times you can,  
To all the people you can,  
As long as you ever can.*

- John Wesley

### Community Clean Up - April 26 PM

Earth Day falls on Saturday, April 22. On April 26, weather permitting, our school will do our part by cleaning up streets and ditches close to our school.

Students are asked to bring gloves if they have them for this event.

**Parent volunteers are welcome.**

Please let your child's teacher know if you are able to join us.



## Parent Council Family Movie Night

### WISH

**When:** April 18

**Where:** R.J. Waugh Gym

**Time:** 6 - 8 pm

**Cost:** Silver Collection at the door

Chips, candy & water available for purchase

*~ Please bring a non-perishable food item to donate to the Carberry Food Cupboard ~*

### Running Club - Grade 4

The running club will take place over the noon hours on Mondays and Wednesdays starting April 15. The club will be lead by Mr. Duguay. Participation is optional.



### Welcome

Welcome to Miss Lea Rutz who was recently hired as an Educational Assistant.

### Staying for Lunch

It can be a benefit for students to have a break from school at lunch time. Please know that if your child is a town student and there is supervision at home, they are more than welcome to go home for lunch.

*"In a world where you can be anything, be kind"*

### Warm Weather Reminder

With the warm weather comes a very wet playground at R.J. Waugh. Students are reminded to stay out of the puddles and to wear appropriate outdoor clothing. It might be a good idea to pack an extra set of clothing "just in case".

### Student Teacher

We are pleased to welcome Miss Leckie to R.J. Waugh as a student teacher from Brandon University. Miss Leckie is student teaching with Mrs. Salt in grade 1.

### Kindness Club

Friday March 22:

- \* Kate - Kindergarten\*
- \* Cam - 1M
- \* Kingston - 2B
- \* Kenley - 2M
- \* Hailie - 3G
- \* Lily - 4DJ
- \* Logan Z. - 4M



These students were celebrated this month for their exemplary showing of kindness to others.

## SAVE THE DATES:

**May 2**

*Pre-School Screening*

**June 4**

*Welcome to Kindergarten*

*6:30 pm*

*All New Kindergarten Parents*

**June 7**

*Sports Day*

**June 12**

*Parent Council Family BBQ*

*4:00 - 6:00 pm*

*Rain date - June 13*

**June 13 & 14**

*Kindergarten Meetings*

# SOLAR ECLIPSE

## Safety Measures and Viewing Guidance



### What are the hazards of viewing a solar eclipse?

Looking at the sun, including during a solar eclipse, can cause **solar retinopathy**, which can permanently damage the retina's light-sensitive cells at the back of the eye. Even a brief look at the sun during an eclipse can cause **permanent harm** to the eyes. A person may not experience any pain or discomfort while watching the event and still suffer **severe damage** as a result.

Symptoms may not surface until 12 to 48 hours after the event and could involve retinal burns, temporary or permanent vision loss and blurred vision. Once symptoms start, it is usually too late to reverse any resulting damage. If someone experiences any changes in their vision from watching the solar eclipse, they should immediately have someone else drive them to a hospital or to their optometrist to be assessed.



### Additional resources

Additional resources are available through the [Royal Astronomical Society of Canada](#), the [American Astronomical Society](#) and the [Canadian Association of Optometrists](#).

### What is a solar eclipse?

During a solar eclipse, the moon moves between the sun and the Earth, partially or completely blocking the sun's rays. This means that the sun will appear less bright, and people will be able to look at it directly without turning away.



**Schools and child care facilities are encouraged to have a basic plan to ensure that children, students and staff will be safe.**

**Keep a close eye on children during a solar eclipse. Their eyes are still developing and let in more light to the retina than adult eyes, so they are at higher risk of harm if they look at the sun without proper eye protection.**

### How can I safely observe a solar eclipse?

**Indirect observation** through a recording (for example, watching on television or streaming online) is the safest way to view an eclipse. **Direct observation** requires appropriate safety measures, including internationally-certified eclipse glasses. Sunglasses, camera lenses (including smart phone cameras), binoculars, telescopes or anything else that is not specifically made for viewing an eclipse are not safe.



# APRIL 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <u>Day 6</u> K2	2 <u>Day 1</u> K1	3 <u>Day 2</u> K2	4 <u>Day 3</u> K1	5 <u>Day 4</u> K2	6
7	8 <u>Day 5</u> K1	9 <u>Day 6</u> K2	10 <u>Day 1</u> K1	11 <u>Day 2</u> K2	12 <u>Day 3</u> K1	13
14	15 <u>Day 4</u> K2	16 <u>Day 5</u> K1	17 <u>Day 6</u> K2	18 <u>Day 1</u> K1	19 <u>Day 2</u> K2	20
21	22 <u>Day 3</u> K1	23 <u>Day 4</u> K2	24 <u>Day 5</u> K1	25 <u>Day 6</u> K2	26 <u>Day 1</u> K1	27
28	29 <u>Day 2</u> K2	30 <u>Day 3</u> K1				