

J.A. Cuddy Newsletter

December 2025



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Absent today? Please contact us before 8:45 am

Principal's Message

As we flip the calendar to December, the buzz at the school continues with classes preparing for their Winter Concert, our student council partnering with Sanford Collegiate to collect donations for Koats For Kids, and Buddy Reading has begun once again.

Looking back, November saw us host Captain James Rolfe for a presentation at our Remembrance Day Assembly. Grade 4-8 students have had the chance to complete the OurSCHOOL Survey. The data collected from this digital survey is extremely valuable at both the school and divisional levels, as student voice is important in effective planning.

Beginning in late November, several of our classes will be working with Shauna Hewitt from *Roots to Thrive*. She has designed a program to support teachers with techniques and strategies to *continue to build resiliency* in our students. We will be piloting this program with weekly visits to both grade 3/4 classes as well as the grade 5 class over the next couple of months.

Students will once again have the opportunity to **skate at Sanford Arena** several times in the next few weeks. *The school does have extra skates and helmets for students who would like to participate but do not have equipment.* A big thanks to Sanford Arena for accommodating us!

REPORT CARDS are being finalized shortly and will be available to families in the *second week of December*. Families can expect an email with more details on how to access report cards digitally from PowerSchool Parent Portal once they have been uploaded.

We would like to remind families of the importance of communicating to the office (jacuddy@rrvsd.ca) all changes to student end-of-day transportation plans. Without a phone call or email to the office, changes can be missed, and student safety could be at risk if they follow an incorrect plan. Teaching staff do not always have time to check emails during the day, and notes in backpacks can be misplaced or forgotten about. Please be diligent in communicating changes to the office so we can get everyone to their proper destination safely.

And finally, we would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

Sincerely,

Ryan Ogilvie

Our Winter Concert will be held on December 16.

Matinee at 1:00 pm

Evening Performance at 6:30 pm

Skating at the Rink in December

We are celebrating December again with our annual Skate at the Rink!

Students from Grade 1 to Grade 8 will walk over to the rink on the following days:

Wednesday, December 3

Wednesday, December 10

Thursday, December 18 * Kindergarten only

Friday, December 19



The Sports Report

Our Grade 7/8 volleyball teams were magnificent this season!

Our players grew in athletic ability and talent, as well as **teamwork, commitment, and sportsmanship.**

We may not have won the championship, but our Grade 7 & 8 Girls and Boys Volleyball teams made us all proud

Thank you to our coaches, **Mrs. Hillier and Mr. Schinkel** for all their help and guidance!

Now who's ready for some Basketball?

Practices begin first week of December

Remembrance Day Art & Literary contest

The Domain Legion #208 held their annual Remembrance Day Art & Literary contest and several J.A. Cuddy students entered in the Posters - Black and White and Colour contest as well as the Literary contest!



There were 75 enteries between K-12 and J.A. Cuddy students received seven of the top 3 spots!

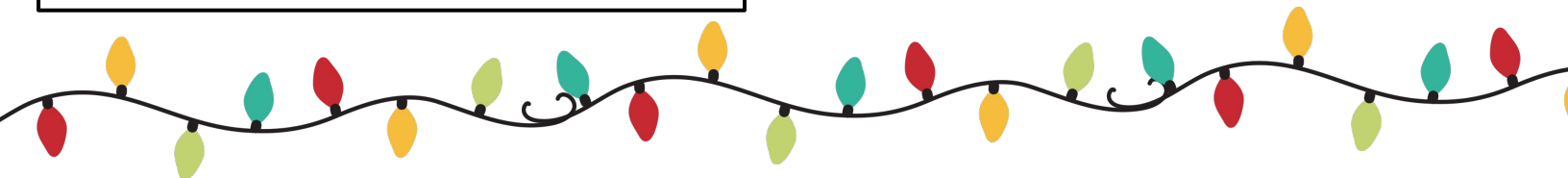
Congratulations to the following students who placed in the top 3 in the Grade 7-9 categories:

Cheyenne H - 1st in Black + White Poster
Caleb Z. - 2nd in Black + White Poster
Sam N. - 3rd in Black + White Poster

Julia K. - 1st in Colour Poster
Hillary H. - 2nd in Colour Poster
Cheyenne H. - 3rd in Colour Poster

Lexi V. - 2nd in Essay

Please remember to send extra hats, mittens, scarves, socks, and an extra outfit for those days when the snow beats the snowpants.
Thanks!



Upcoming Events

Dec 3,10: Gr 1-8 Skating at Sanford Arena

Dec. 12: Report Cards available on Powerschool Parent Portal

Dec 12: Pizza lunch (pre order on School cash online - Due Dec 8)

Dec. 16: K-4 Winter Concert

1:00 Matinee

6:30 Evening Performance (watch for email from teachers when your child should be at school)

Dec. 17: Gr. 6-8 Field Trip - Elf! The Musical

Dec. 18: Kindergarten skating at Sanford Arena

Dec. 19: Gr 1-8 Skating at Sanford Arena

Dec. 19: Last Day of School Before Winter Break

Jan. 5: Classes Resume

School Schedule

Period	Start	End
1	8:45	9:30
2	9:30	10:10
Recess	10:10	10:25
3	10:25	11:00
4	11:00	11:40
Lunch	11:40	12:35
5	12:35	1:15
6	1:15	1:55
Recess	1:55	2:10
7	2:10	2:45
8	2:45	3:25

3:25: Bus students are dismissed first, town students dismissed after buses are gone.

Calling all Grade 5-8 performers!

Join the Drama Club from January until March

Connect, play games and perform

Dates to be determined



A BIG HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who purchased books (and other things) from the Book Fair. Not only have you purchased a new book for your child, but also supported the library.

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Grade 3/4 Field trip to Fort Whyte Alive

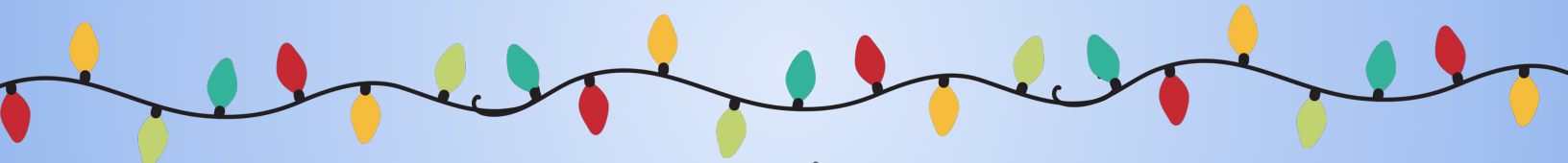
Many classes have visited Fort Whyte Alive, there are so many adventures to explore...

We played a game called predators and prey. It's a tag game, where you have humans which are natural disasters, carnivores, omnivores, and herbivores. If you are carnivore you just have to run from natural disasters, If you are an omnivore you run from carnivores and natural disasters, if you are a herbivore you run from all three.

We also went critter dipping and that is where you use a net in a little swamp to catch critters such as water bugs and minnows.

There were lots of aspen trees and we did some learning about them, and found out there is a powder on it that can be used as sunscreen, SPF 5!

We saw lots of taxidermy animals, even a polar bear. We saw so many geese, birds, squirrels, and even a huge deer! We saw real cat fish and turtles in a very tall tank. Fort Whyte Alive is a great field trip to go on! -Ava & Lydia



Message from the Grade 7's

An Amazing Kick-Off to Our Zoo Internship!

On November 13, the J.A. Cuddy grade 7 class took a field trip to the Assiniboine Park Zoo! We spent the morning learning all about what makes Assiniboine Park Zoo a modern zoo. Modern zoos have the highest standards of care; they take in and help injured animals, give them nutritious food, and space to roam and play.

They research animals to learn more about their health and environment, so they know how to care for them. They take in animals who go through a one-month quarantine, and give the orphans a cozy, enriched enclosure. Thousands of animal extinctions occur every year, and the rate is accelerating due to human actions. Modern zoos are making a change by taking in endangered animals and trying to restore their population.



News from PAC

PAC is currently looking for a Secretary.

In addition, PAC will be looking for a Treasurer to join October 2026.

If there is any interest in these roles please reach out to PAC
(pacjacuddy@gmail.com).

Fundraising update:

Thank you again to all who purchased gift cards, Mom's Pantry and Dielmans and Christmas trees so far this school year!

We currently have the the raffle tickets for families to sell. Reminder that tickets are due on **Friday, December 12 to the school**. Draw will happen at the Grade K-4 Winter Concert on Tuesday, December 16.

We will announce future fundraisers in the new year.

Kids Kindness Campaign for Harvest Manitoba

Two of our students will be collecting non-perishable food items from December 2-19 for the Kindness Campaign. *Yellow Harvest Manitoba bins are located at our school for donations.*

Here is more information on how to donate to the [Kindness Campaign](#) on behalf of Stetson and Nevada.

Thank you for all your support!



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WINTER 2026 - STARTS JANUARY

LA SALLE COMMUNITY CENTRE!

SPOTS ARE LIMITED - REGISTER EARLY!



PROGRAM INFORMATION

6 WEEK PROGRAMS



Mini Movers

Parents + Minis

Ages: 1-2yrs

When: Sunday 9:00-9:45

Cost: \$90 = GST = \$94.50

Soccer For Tots

Ages: 3-4yrs



When: Sunday 9:00-9:45

Cost: \$90 = GST = \$94.50

Soccer Academy

Ages: 5-12yrs

When: Saturday

5-8yr 4:30-5:30

9-12yr 5:30-6:30

Cost: \$110 = GST = \$115.50



Basketball Academy

Ages: 9-12yrs

When: Wednesday 6:30-7:30

Cost: \$110 = GST = \$115.50



REGISTRATION LINK: [HTTPS://FORM.JOTFORM.COM/252945080240250](https://form.jotform.com/252945080240250)



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