



## Welcome to École Rivière-Rouge School



### Hours

8:25 a.m.	First bell
8:35 a.m.	Second bell
8:50 a.m.	Opening Exercises
9:00 a.m.	Block A
10:00 -10:25a.m.	Activity/ Nutrition Break
10:30-10:55 a.m.	Activity/ Nutrition Break
11:00 a.m.	Block B
12:10-1 p.m.	Activity /Nutrition Break
12:30-1:20 P.M.	Nutrition /Activity Break
1:30 p.m.	Block C
3:00 p.m.	Dismissal

Students in Kindergarten are enrolled in either morning or afternoon class.

Morning Kindergarten begins at 8:25am and ends at 11:00am.

Afternoon Kindergarten begins at 12:30 pm and ends at 3:00pm.

At 8:15 a.m., educational assistants will be on duty outdoors to supervise children as they arrive for school.



If your child will be absent from school, please advise the school by

- sending a message to [err@7oaks.org](mailto:err@7oaks.org) or
- by calling 204-697-5962. You may leave a message outside of school hours.

### **Office Hours**

The secretary's hours are from **7:45am to 3:30pm**. If attempting to contact the school before or after these hours, please leave a message. Alternatively, you may send an e-mail to the school: [err@7oaks.org](mailto:err@7oaks.org). Messages are checked regularly.

### **Registration**

**École Rivière-Rouge is a Kindergarten to Grade 5 French Immersion Milieu.**



To register your child, you will need:

- Birth Certificate **or** Passport
- Manitoba Health Card
- Proof of address

Our secretaries will verify that this is the local school for your child based on your address (catchment area).

### **Medical concerns**

If your child has any of the below medical concerns, your child is eligible for support from our divisional nurse. This includes providing the school with a healthcare plan which will help us to provide proper care for your child. Please let the office know and we will guide you through the process.



1. Life threatening allergy
2. Prescribed an EpiPen
3. Asthma
4. Bleeding disorder
5. Diabetes
6. Heart Condition
7. Seizure Disorder
8. Other significant conditions

### **Medications at school**



We understand that, at times, a medical practitioner will prescribe medication to a child that must be administered at school. If your child requires medication at school:

1. The medication must be delivered to the office by a parent or responsible adult.
2. We ask that the medication be in its original container.

3. An authorization form must be completed. Administration of Medication forms are available in the office.

**We ask that all medications brought to school be stored at the office. This includes prescribed medication for asthma.**

**If your child has been prescribed an EpiPen for Anaphylaxis we ask that it:**

1. be carried in a fanny pack and remain with your child at all times **OR**
2. be stored at the main office.

### **Covid 19 Protocols:**

While we continue to live with Covid-19 in our community, we ask that you consult the following website, <https://www.7oaks.org/Bulletins/Pages/Stopping-COVID-Starts-at-Home.aspx#/=> for the most up to date health recommendations from public health.

Please refer to the Covid-19 Screening Tool to determine whether your child can come to school. <https://www.7oaks.org/Bulletins/Seven%20Oaks%20Docs/Attending%20School%20During%20COVID%2010.12.21.pdf>

Currently all children, visitors and staff are required to wear a mask when inside the building unless they are actively eating or drinking. Students may remove their mask when playing outdoors.

All employees must be vaccinated for Covid-19 or undergo frequent testing to be able to come to work.

### **School fees**



At the beginning of each school year, we collect a school fee of \$35.00 for students in grades 1-5 and \$30.00 for our Kindergarten students. This fee covers the cost of school supplies and field trips. Please pay by:

1. Online credit card or debit payment through Parent Connect
2. Cash in the exact amount
3. Cheque payable to École Rivière-Rouge.

A printable receipt can be accessed through Parent Connect or is available upon request.

### **Busing Information**



If you require busing, you will need to complete a “Request for Transportation” form. These forms are available online at <https://www.7oaks.org/Departments/Transportation/Pages/Application-Changes.aspx#/=>

Busing to and from school is free **as follows:**

- Children for whom the most direct walking distance between home or a designated feeder daycare and the school equals or exceeds 1.6 kilometers.
- Children who attend a day care/babysitter that equals or exceeds 1.6 kilometers from school the student’s assigned or catchment area school and is on an existing bus route

Transportation fees for children who do not qualify for free transportation are indicated on transportation form. Applications for transportation less than 1.3km of the school will not be accepted.

In the event of bad weather, buses will be cancelled. School busing will be cancelled if the wind-chill reading is -45 or colder at 6:00 a.m. at the Forks according to Environment Canada. Notice of cancellations will be provided to media outlets and posted on school division websites as soon as the 6:00 a.m. reading is posted by Environment Canada.

### **Bus ridership is a privilege and can be lost if it is felt that a student's actions are not deemed safe.**

When riding the bus, it is important we:

1. Remain seated at all times
2. Keep aisles clear
3. Respect safety zones
4. Demonstrate respect for our bus community by:
  - Keeping our voices at a reasonable level
  - Using appropriate language
  - Respecting the bus driver
  - Not eating on the bus

Twice yearly, the school participates in bus evacuation procedures for all students.

More information can be found at:

[https://www.7oaks.org/Departments/Transportation/Pages/default.aspx#/="](https://www.7oaks.org/Departments/Transportation/Pages/default.aspx#/=)

### **School Evacuation**

In the unlikely event that we would need to leave the school, our evacuation destination is Riverbend Community School located at 123 Red River Blvd West. Our alternate evacuation destination is Red River Community Centre at 293 Murray Ave. In the event of an evacuation, families will be called as soon as possible.

### **Information Changes**

Please inform the office of changes in address contact phone numbers and email addresses. This is very important in case we need to contact you in an emergency or for any other reason. You can log in to Parent Connect to view your current information at any time.

### **Field Trips**

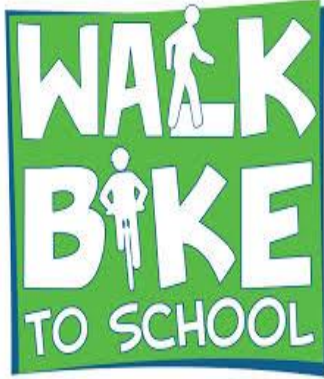


Field trips are an integral component of your child's education. These experiences enhance learning and are a wonderful opportunity for students to explore, interact and engage with concepts beyond the classroom walls.

Cost of field trips are included in your child's school fee.

## **Walking/Biking to School**

Research has shown that there are many physical and mental benefits to walking to school.  
<https://www.utoronto.ca/news/why-walking-school-better-driving-your-kids>



- ❖ If children are walking to school, we encourage them to use the sidewalk and cross only at intersections.
- ❖ An Educational Assistant is posted at the intersection of Murray and Swinford Way to assist with crossing safely. She/he is there in the morning (8:05am-8:25am) and in the afternoon between 3:00pm-3:15pm).
- ❖ Biking to school is a parental decision. Parents should assess the route and determine if their child has the skills to walk or bicycle on his/her own.
- ❖ Please assure that if your child bikes to school, he/she is wearing a helmet.

## **Communication**

Please visit the school's website at:

[https://www.7oaks.org/school/RiviereRouge/Pages/default.aspx#/="> to view the Administrator's Message section on the main page. You will be notified by email when a new message is posted.](https://www.7oaks.org/school/RiviereRouge/Pages/default.aspx#/=)

A monthly calendar will be sent via email to all families at the end of each month. Paper copies will also be available for pick up at the office or can be sent home by request.

## **Classroom Communication**

Communicating with parents is an important task for teachers and can be done in a variety of formats (agenda, Instagram, email, etc.). At the beginning of the year, teachers will discuss this with parents.

At any time throughout the year, parents are encouraged to share any questions or concerns they have about their child with their classroom teacher.

“Every communication exchange, regardless of format, should reflect a thoughtful, planned approach and should be viewed as an opportunity for teachers to promote parent partnerships and, ultimately, to support student learning.”



## Recess

Outdoor play is a crucial part of a child's mental, physical and social development. It is valued as an important part of a child's school experience!

All children go outside for recess. For students in grades 1-5, there are two physical activity breaks scheduled throughout the day.

We will remain indoors when the temperature is -27 degrees C. or colder. (Environment Canada at the Forks).

Please make sure your child's footwear and clothing is appropriate for the weather. During the spring months, it is important to send your child with extra dry clothing, a raincoat and rubber boots. Sunshine, wind, snow and a little rain will not keep us indoors. This will be at the discretion of the supervisors. To help keep our school clean and for the comfort of all students we ask that students have one pair of shoes to wear indoors and one pair of shoes to wear outdoors.

## Lost and Found

Lost items are found in the foyer. **To help us return items to your child, please ensure that jackets, mittens, toques, sweaters, etc. are labeled.** Items that are not claimed before term breaks (December, March, and June) will be donated to a charitable organization.

## Healthy Snacks and Lunches



*Serving healthy snacks and lunches to children is important to providing good nutrition and supporting lifelong healthy eating habits.*

Children are provided with two nutritional breaks every day. Snacks that are especially good for kids are fruits and vegetables, low-fat dairy products such as milk and yogurt, and whole-grain foods including whole-wheat tortillas, bread, and cereal.

## Litter-lite lunches/snacks



We also encourage sending snacks and lunches that are kind to the environment. To help our school reduce waste production and our impact on the Earth, we encourage families to consider packing snacks and lunches in reusable containers.

Please provide a spoon or fork if needed. **Please send a labeled water bottle to school so that the children may refill them throughout the day.**

## Nut Aware School



Several students and staff at our school have severe allergies to peanuts and other nuts. If any of these persons come into contact with products that contain nuts the consequences could be most severe.

**Please do not send snack or lunch items containing nuts to school.**  
Please check labels on packages carefully.

## End of the day routines

The dismissal bell rings at 2:55pm. When the bell rings, students are dismissed from their classrooms.

- Bused students line up in their bus line.
- Students who walk or are picked up, meet at their designated pick-up/drop off spot. Younger students in grades k-2 should be met by a parent/guardian.

Please remember to alert the school of any busing changes for the day. Parents can send a written note with their child. If contacting the office to notify us of a change, we kindly request that this be done before 2:00pm. Parents should also inform the school office at 204-697-5962 or [err@7oaks.org](mailto:err@7oaks.org) and Transportation at 204-338-7051.

## Visitors

### **All Visitors Must Report to the Office**

Between 8:00am and 3:30pm, parents and visitors must enter the building using the main school entrances (front or back door entrance). All other doors are locked during the school day. Visitors should then report to the office. We ask that visitors/volunteers sign in.

## Parent-Child Preschool Program



École Rivière-Rouge offers free preschool programs for parents/caregivers and their children from birth to five. We learn and play together through rhyme & story time, art, and a variety of play experiences, including play dough, sand, water, blocks, etc. We also have a nutritious snack!

The program runs on Monday afternoons from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm, Tuesday mornings from 9:00 am to 11:00 am Wednesday mornings from 9:00 am to 11:00 am.

Registration is required to participate and adults must provide proof of Covid 19 vaccination. You may register by visiting:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSchElAIIt5JclZ6cVa\\_coE7WIIYo7EIbMRWoCAfD2VPMcgJEqQ/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSchElAIIt5JclZ6cVa_coE7WIIYo7EIbMRWoCAfD2VPMcgJEqQ/viewform).

For more information about our preschool programs, please contact Marielle Meades, Community Coordinator/Coordonnatrice Communautaire at [marielle.meades@7oaks.org](mailto:marielle.meades@7oaks.org) or by phone at (204)697-5962.

Visit our website at

<https://www.7oaks.org/Programs/welcomefamilies/Pages/%C3%89cole-Rivi%C3%A8re-Rouge.aspx#/=>

and

<https://www.7oaks.org/school/RiviereRouge/Programs/storytime/Pages/default.aspx#/=>