

JOHN W. GUNN WILDCATS NEWSLETTER

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REMINDERS

Moving? Already Moved?

If your contact information has changed, don't forget to let us know!

Sick? Late? Vacation?

If your student is sick, late or going to be away please notify the office by calling (204) 958-6500. If there is no answer, please leave a voicemail on our 24 hour answering machine. Please include the students name, teacher and date.

Stay Up to Date

Remember to check out the JWG website on a regular basis for updates and important information. You can also check out our weekly update email sent to the community every Friday.

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October 7-9, fourteen Grade Seven students spent three days hiking and camping in the backcountry of Spruce Woods Provincial Park. The participants hiked over sixteen kilometres while carrying all the equipment and food required for the trip.



Students learned how to effectively pack gear, set up tents, plan and cook meals, treat drinking water and many other wilderness travel and camping skills. Through this experience, students had the opportunity to overcome both physical and mental challenges along with making a connection to nature and our physical surroundings.

Students are encouraged to listen to school announcements for future wilderness education and recreation opportunities.

GRADE 7 HIKING TRIP

CAMPING

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ART *news*



By Valeriia D

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Artists in grade 7 have been applying their learning about the Principles of Design into a multi-media picture inspired by our Fall season.

By Polina M.



By Colton B.



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Band Updates

While we're only 6 weeks into the school year, we are already busy making music in band! All new band students got the chance back in September to participate in our "First Note Night", where with the help of a professional musician, they all played their first few notes! Since then we've been off to the races, learning fun songs together in class. We can't wait for our students to have their first performance of the year at the Winter Concert on December 1 in the evening!



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LIBRARY NEWS



We have had a great start this year in the library!
We love seeing students excited about books!

Students are welcome to check out books between their library classes before school, at lunch or after school if they need something to read.

This year, our Scholastic Book Fair will be on the evening of November 26th and the morning of November 27th.

More information will be available closer to the event.

Ms. Cole

SAVE THE DATE!

Book Fair

**Thursday,
November 26th**



**We can take Cash,
Debit and Credit**

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GRADE 6 STUDENT

CIVIX is organizing a Student Vote parallel election coinciding with the 2026 Manitoba municipal elections. In the weeks leading up to the municipal elections, students will learn about democracy, representative government, and the roles and responsibilities of municipal leaders. Our grade 6 students will participate in a Student Vote on Tuesday October 27, 2026 that will mirror the experience of heading to the polls. We will then explore the results of our Student Vote and compare them to the actual election results. We encourage all families to discuss the upcoming election with their students.

STUDENT VOTE 2026

Municipal and School Board Elections



Grade 6 students will participate in a Student Vote on
Tuesday October 27

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Support for Families



Does your family require support outfitting your student for the winter ahead? John W. Gunn School may be able to support your family with new or gently used clothing. Please complete the confidential link below to place your request.

[Click here for the request form](#)

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Remembrance Day Request

As we prepare for our Remembrance Day Assembly, we want to take time to honour the brave people connected to our community who have served and continue to serve in the name of peace.

We are creating a special photo display to recognize family members of students and staff who have served in the Canadian Armed Forces or in another country's military, in war, peacekeeping, or other forms of service.

If your family has someone you would like us to include, please send:

- A photo (digital copies are preferred)
- The person's name
- Their relationship to your family (e.g., great-grandparent, aunt, cousin, etc.)
- Any details you'd like to share (for example, when or where they served)

Please email submissions to jferguson@retsd.mb.ca by Friday, November 6th.

Thank you for helping us make this year's ceremony truly meaningful. Together, we will honour the courage, service, and sacrifice of those who have helped shape the peace we enjoy today.



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SAVE THE DATE!



Radisson Theatre

April 26-30, 2027

NEW RULES FOR E-Scooters and Other Personal Electric Vehicles

COMING IN 2027

Manitoba is introducing new rules for **Personal Electric Vehicles (PEVs)** to help keep everyone safe when sharing roads, paths and other public spaces.



What is a PEV?

In Manitoba, a PEV is a small electric vehicle for personal transportation that runs on electricity. Examples include:



Electric kick-scooters
("e-scooters")



Self-balancing scooters
and hoverboards



Electric unicycles
and similar devices

WHO CAN RIDE?

16+ ONLY. PEV riders must be at least 16 years old.

NO HELMET? NO RIDE.

Everyone on a PEV must wear a properly fitted helmet, including passengers (if the PEV is designed to carry a passenger).

WHERE CAN YOU RIDE?

- Roads with speed limits of **50 km/h or less** and shared paths, like bike paths
- PEVs are not allowed on sidewalks

HOW FAST CAN YOU RIDE?

- Maximum **25 km/h**

SIDEWALK RULES

NO SIDEWALKS. PEVs are not allowed on sidewalks unless there is a sign or traffic control device specifically allowing it.

OTHER RULES OF THE ROAD

When riding a PEV:

- Follow traffic signs and signals
- Use hand signals when turning or stopping
- Ride in single file
- Carry only the number of passengers the vehicle is designed for
- Don't use headphones or earphones in both ears while riding
- Turn on the front white light at night or whenever visibility is poor
- Ride as close to the right curb as practicable

PEVs MAY BE INSPECTED

Peace officers may stop and inspect a PEV and safety equipment at any time.

BE ALERT

Don't text while riding.



16+ | Helmet required | Roads ≤ 50 km/h
PEV ≤ 25 km/h | No sidewalks

To learn more, visit
Manitoba.ca/mti/roadinfo/personal_electric_vehicles.html





JOIN US AFTER SCHOOL FOR

LIGHTHOUSE

John W. Gunn Middle School

Tuesdays 3:15–5:00 p.m.

Wednesdays 6:00–8:00 p.m.



**COMMUNITY
SNACKS
GAMES
FUN**



QUESTIONS?

CONTACT US

rbrar4@retsd.mb.ca

**MEET US IN THE GYM FOR MORE INFORMATION
WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU!**



Unpacking School Options When Moving

Planning a Move?



If your family is planning a move to a new home, there are a few things to keep in mind when it comes to school.



Moving Within the Division?



Find your child's designated school by using our School Locator, found at the top of the Schools page at retsd.mb.ca. A student's designated school is based on the address of their custodial parent/legal guardian and the student's chosen program (e.g., language program, vocational program).

Moving Outside Your Current School's Catchment Area?



If your child wants to continue attending their current school, you can apply under **Schools of Choice**. Pick up an "In Division/Out of Designated School Boundary" application from their current RETSD school.



Moving Outside the Division – But Want Your Child to Attend an RETSD School?



You can also apply under **Schools of Choice**. Pick up an "Out of Division" application from an RETSD school.

Just remember: Students applying under **Schools of Choice** are considered for acceptance based on available space, the ability of the school to provide appropriate support/programming, and a number of applicant criteria listed online at retsd.mb.ca.
Transportation is not provided to Schools of Choice students.

Concern Protocol

Your child's school will always try to make the learning experience a positive, safe, and happy one for its students. However, if you have a concern or an issue, please don't hesitate to let the school know. Open communication between home and school is very important to us.

1

Talk to the person most directly involved—your child's teacher. If you must leave a message, provide a day and evening phone number where the teacher can reach you.



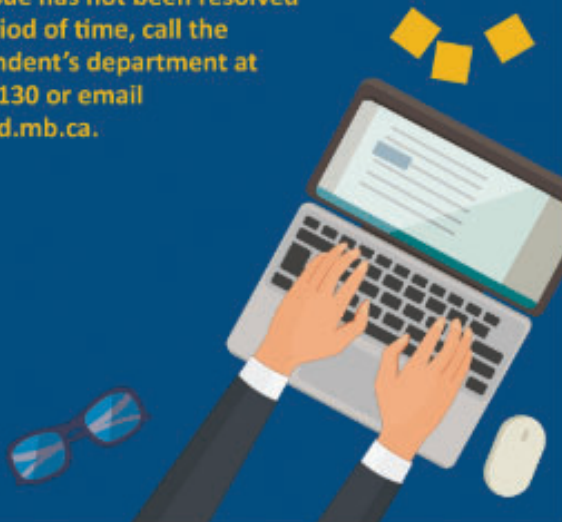
2

If talking to the teacher doesn't resolve the issue, talk to the principal.



If you've talked to the principal, but the issue has not been resolved over a period of time, call the superintendent's department at 204.667.7130 or email info@retsd.mb.ca.

3



4

If you disagree with the decision of the superintendent's department, you can make an appeal in writing to the Board of Trustees.



For more information:

Policy KE—Concern Protocol

Policy KE-R—Concerns and Complaints Process

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