

# W.J. BEREZOWSKY PUBLIC SCHOOL

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## October 2023

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2	3	4	5	6
	X-Country Run Gr. 4-8 Spruce Home		WALK-A-THON ALL PLEDGE \$ IN WALK-A-THON 	PLC DAY NO CLASSES
9	10	11	12	13
THANKSGIVING DAY NO SCHOOL 				
16	17	18	19	20
<b>Education Week</b> <b>"Bright Minds, Bright Futures!"</b> <b>OCT. 15<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup></b>		Picture Day (Mon. Wed. Pre-K & Kind. Groups) + Grades 1 - 8 	Picture Day (Tues.Thurs. Pre-K & Kind. Groups) 	
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			
	HALLOWEEN EXTRAVAGANZA 			

**Happy Halloween!**



## PRINCIPAL & VICE-PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear WJB School Families,

As the vibrant colors of fall envelop us, we move forward into an action-packed October at WJB School. We have several events and announcements to share, so please keep reading for all the essential information.

### \*\*Annual Walk-A-Thon: September 25th - October 5th\*\*

Our much-anticipated annual Walk-A-Thon is in full swing! Please continue supporting our walkers as they lace up their shoes in this healthy, fun tradition. We'll conclude our Walk-A-Thon with a special assembly at 1:30 pm on October 5th, followed by the grand walk at 2:00 pm. Join us and cheer for our participants!

### \*\*PLC Day: October 6th\*\*

A quick reminder that there will be no school on October 6th, as our dedicated teachers will be participating in a Professional Learning Community (PLC) Day. This day is essential for our staff's professional development, ensuring we provide the best possible education for our students.

### \*\*Happy Thanksgiving: October 9th\*\*

May your homes be filled with warmth, laughter, and gratitude this Thanksgiving. Wishing all WJB families a delightful Thanksgiving celebration on Monday, October 9th.

### \*\*School Pictures: October 18th and 19th\*\*

Smile, it's picture time! School photographs will be taken on October 18th and 19th. Please make a note of these dates and check further into this newsletter for more specifics on how to prepare for picture day.

### \*\*Halloween Extravaganza: October 31st\*\*

The spookiest day of the year is nearly upon us! We are excited to announce that students can come dressed in their Halloween best on Monday, October 31st. However, please adhere to the following guidelines to ensure a fun and safe environment for everyone:

- \* Costumes should be school-appropriate.
- \* Absolutely no weapons, even plastic ones.
- \* Outfits should refrain from excessive gore.
- \* If the administration believes a costume is inappropriate, the student will be asked to change.
- \* No hair sprays or colored hair sprays are allowed.

The day will be teeming with exciting activities:

Morning: Door Decorating contest — let's get creative!

Afternoon: A host of Halloween activities to keep the festive spirit alive.

Thank you for your attention to these details and for your ongoing commitment to our school community. Let's come together to make October a memorable month for our students!

Warm regards,

**Mr. D. Tournier**  
Principal

**Mrs. D. Court**  
Vice-Principal



## PRE-K

We are busy here in Pre-K! We are playing outside with our new friends and learning the routines of our classroom! This month our themes are fall, pumpkins, and Halloween! I hope everyone has a great October!

Ms. Medinski



## KINDERGARTEN

September was an exciting month! We got to know all our students and were working hard at learning the classroom routines and letter sounds. We also collected leaves, discussed the change of seasons and enjoyed the sunshine outside.

In October we will continue our fall activities, by using pumpkins for carving, painting, weighing, measuring, counting, etc. We will also be exploring sensory activities such as making slime and play dough, as well as finding hidden items in our pasta and shaving cream sensory-bins. We will continue to work on our letter sounds and writing skills.

Mrs. Coertze

## GRADE 1

September rolled by in a blink of our eyes. Our grade 1 students have been learning about Tipi Teachings each morning and so far we have learned about obedience. We are starting our second pole which discusses respect. These teachings allow the students to improve their social skills, develop strong internal control, builds thinking skills for making positive choices to solve problems and ultimately builds skills to live a positive life-style. I am excited to see where the students direct the discussion this month. Have a great October.

Ms. Wintringham

## GRADE 2

Happy Autumn Everyone! We have finished our first month of the new school year and things are going great! We have started a new language arts program called UFLI. Ask your child about what they've been learning, and please read the info sheet that they brought home explaining what we are doing. We have also completed a health unit on germs (ask your child about our bread experiment) and a math unit on patterns. If you have not yet signed up for Edsby, please check it out. Your child's marks have been posted for you to see. Please contact the school if you're having trouble signing in.

We will be doing activities around fall, Thanksgiving and Halloween as we move through the month- it should be a lot of fun! As long as we are having nice weather, we will be spending time outside. Please talk to your child about dressing for the weather and making sure that they have a light sweater/jacket, etc. for those cool fall days. As always, please don't hesitate to contact me with questions or concerns! I can be reached by phone at the school or by email [bdansereau@srsd119.ca](mailto:bdansereau@srsd119.ca), as well as on Edsby. Have a great month!

Mrs. Dansereau

### GRADE 3

Goodbye September and hello October! Our first month of school has wrapped up and we have found ourselves settling into our routines. Students have been all given agendas. Please initial the agenda every night to indicate you have read a message written about our day from your child. I would like students to bring their agenda back and forth from home every day, so they will be able to write daily messages.

Our class also participates in the Scholastic Reading Club. September orders were sent in and will arrive at the school shortly. Watch for October's flyer with more books to choose from coming home soon. Our class code to enter an online order is RC253498. Thanks for your support!

Enjoy the month of October. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving and watch out for the little spooks and monsters at the end of the month!

**Mrs. Winsor**

### GRADE 4

We have had a busy month of September! Our class has been working on fall writing! We have also been reading the book "Fatty Legs" which is about a young girl who attends a residential school. We will be starting on Flex Groups in Reading and Math this month. In Grade Four students are expected to work with numbers to 1000. We are currently working on how to read, write, compare, and order these numbers. We also did some review on the Days of the Week and Months of the Year! In Social we worked on directions and mapping skills, and in Science, we are learning about rocks and minerals. In Health, we have been learning about Positive Growth Mindset and The Power of YET! We have been learning how using substances can harm their developing brains and we are now exploring Peer Pressure. We have some amazing artists in our room! I can't wait for you to see some of their work! We also took learning outside on a field trip to the Conservation Learning Center. It was a great morning. Please remember to get those free eye exams booked and completed. I have many students squinting and complaining they can't see the board! Also, don't forget to get your EDSBY account up and running! Have a wonderful October! Happy Thanksgiving and Happy Halloween! Stay Safe!

**Mrs. Willie**



## GRADE 5

Welcome to the second month of the school year for us at W.J. Berezowsky Public School. October promises to be a month full of walk-a-thons, Picture Days, being thankful, and ghoulish creatures wandering the halls.

An integral part of our English Language Arts program this year is our daily word study. A daily word study program is a key component of the Literacy Model in which our school division has developed. The word study program our classroom follows is a five-day program. Our words are chosen each week based on the spelling rule/sound we are studying. So far this year we have studied the FLSZ rule, when to double a consonant at the end of a word, and when to use the letters <ck> at the end of a word or syllable. The FLSZ spelling rule tells us that when we hear these sounds made by the letters, 'f', 'l', 's', and 'z' at the end of a word after a short vowel sound, we double these letters to make that sound. We have also learned the rules for doubling a consonant when it is a closed syllable with a suffix are: the suffix must end in a suffix beginning with a vowel, the base word must be one syllable, there is only one vowel in the base word, and the base word ends in one consonant. And finally, just this week we learned the letters, 'ck' are only used at the end of a word or syllable that ends in a short vowel sound.

During our weekly word study program, we take the time to hear all the sounds in each word, represent the sounds (phonemes) we hear using letters (graphemes), discuss the syllables in each word, analyze the meanings of each word, and find rhyming words for each word. It is quite a process, but we finish each week with a final dictation to see how well the students are able to put everything together they have learned to spell each word properly.

Dates to watch for in October include: for those students who are involved in cross country, the extravaganza will be held on Tuesday, October 3; Wednesday, October 4 is the day all walk-a-thon pledge money is due; our walk-a-thon will be held during the afternoon of Thursday, October 5; there will be no school on Friday, October 6 due to a PLC; there will also be no school on Monday, October 9 because of Thanksgiving Day; Picture Day for our class will be held on Wednesday, October 18; and finally, our class will be celebrating Halloween on Tuesday, October 31.

**Ms. Paterson**





## GRADE 6

October has arrived 🍁

September has come and gone. What a busy but amazing first month of school. It's great to be back. Grade 6 students are settling in nicely to classroom routines. We begin our day with our morning meeting which consists of; the greeting, sharing, group activity, and a morning message. Included in this is our word of the day activity and tipi teachings. Following this, we focus on our word study (prefixes and suffixes.) Spelling dictation is every Friday so please make sure your child is preparing for this. In LA, we have begun our first novel of the year, *Bridge to Terabithia*. We have been focusing on vocabulary (dictionary skills), comprehension, and chapter summary writing. We have been talking about the writing process and students are drafting their first narrative writing piece. In Social Studies, students have picked their country of choice that borders on the Atlantic Ocean. Students will be comparing the differences/similarities between Canada and the country chosen to study. Students should be reading every night at home for minimum of 20 minutes to build reading skills and comprehension. Students have chosen a book for their first book report due Oct. 20th. At this time, students will be sharing their book with their peers with a Starbucks in hand. (Chocolate milk, whip cream, chocolate syrup).

Please make sure your child arrives to school on time in the am as we begin promptly at 9:00 the academics. I still have many parents not signed into Edsby. Please make sure you're able to get signed in, some marks have been posted. I have also started to post a few assignments in Edsby so you can view some of your child's work. I am new to this platform, it's a work in progress.

I'm looking forward to an exciting school year full of learning and fun. Students are off to great start, eager to learn and highly motivated! If you have any concerns or questions, please call the school (306) 763-7404 or email me at [sdonaldson@srsd119.ca](mailto:sdonaldson@srsd119.ca).

Happy Fall!

**Mrs. Donaldson**

## GRADE 7

Moving on into October already! September sure flew by fast as we gained a lot of new friendships and relationship building skills already! The grade 7s have not wasted any time as we jumped right into our first novel *Hatchet*! The students love learning about survival skills. I am looking forward to a successful year with each student!

**Ms. Deschambeault**



## GRADE 8

Fall is upon us and I am loving the colors outside as well as the amazing weather. We are well into our studies in class specifically focusing on our new novel study, learning about the cells in our body as well as plants, and getting into some great discussions on the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Just a reminder to parents and guardians to check with your child to make sure they are keeping up with all their assignments. The majority of our assignments are located on their google classroom. You can also check to make sure they handed in any other assignment on EDSBY.

Ms. Strom

## CROSS-COUNTRY

Good luck to our cross-country running team as they prepare for the extravaganza on October 3 at Spruce Home School. The team has participated in many meets this season: Valois, WJB and Red Wing. Students have been achieving their personal bests(pb) and developing stamina and endurance!

Coach Wintringham

Coach Mack

## VOLLEYBALL

The Grade 5-6 Volleyball season is starting up in October!

Practices are usually held on Thursdays after school. Games are held at various schools and days---to be determined by the coaches.

The first game will be played at East Central School on Monday, October 2.

Coach Mack

PICTURE DAY - Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>

All Classes including Pre-K & Kind. (Mon. Wed. Groups)

PICTURE DAY Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup>

Pre-K & Kind. (Tues/Thurs. Groups)



Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope this letter finds you well. As we embark on another academic year at WJ Berezowsky Public School, I wanted to take a moment to share some thoughts on a topic that forms the cornerstone of our students' educational journey — consistent attendance.

Attendance, especially in elementary school, plays a pivotal role in ensuring our children have the strongest foundation upon which to build their future academic successes. Here's why:

1. **\*\*Consistent Learning\*\***: Elementary school introduces children to foundational skills in reading, writing, math, and more. Each day is a continuation of the previous lesson, making every class vital. Missing just one day can disrupt this learning continuity.
2. **\*\*Social Skills Development\*\***: Beyond academics, school is a place where students learn socialization, collaboration, and communication. Regular attendance ensures they fully benefit from these interactions and cultivate lasting friendships.
3. **\*\*Establishing Good Habits\*\***: Developing the habit of attending school regularly sets a precedent for future academic and professional commitments. It helps instill values such as punctuality, responsibility, and discipline.
4. **\*\*Building Confidence\*\***: Being present consistently allows students to keep pace with their peers. This, in turn, boosts their confidence and ensures they don't feel left out or behind in their studies.
5. **\*\*Teacher-Student Relationship\*\***: Regular attendance helps in forging a stronger bond between teachers and students. Teachers can better understand and cater to the individual needs of students when they see them regularly.

We understand that children may occasionally miss school due to illness or other unavoidable circumstances. However, we encourage parents and guardians to prioritize school attendance and schedule vacations, doctor's appointments, and other non-urgent matters outside of school hours whenever possible.

If you face challenges related to your child's attendance or if there are concerns preventing regular attendance, please don't hesitate to reach out. Our school community is here to support you, offering resources and guidance to ensure your child's consistent presence and growth.

Thank you for your commitment to your child's education and well-being. Let's work together to make this school year a resounding success, laying the groundwork for a future filled with curiosity, knowledge, and achievement.

Warm regards,

WJB Staff





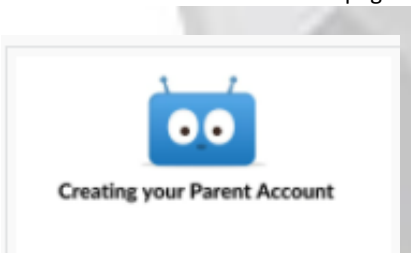
## EDSBY

In June, we announced that Saskatchewan Rivers Public School Division would be using Edsby as a communication tool and learning management system. Edsby keeps everything safe and secure within the confines of our school division. If you would like to learn more about Edsby security, there is a lot of information here: <https://www.edsby.com/privacy-policy/>

### Creating an Account

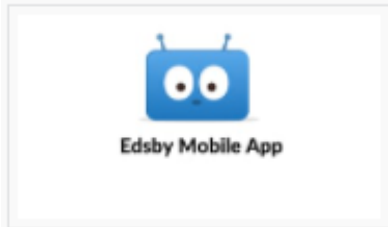
We will send you an invitation link to the email address that you have shared with the school with instructions to sign up for Edsby. **Your username will be your email address.** Now is the time to ensure our school secretary has your current and correct email address. Edsby provides each parent with their own account so all parents are encouraged to share their email addresses. This is the Saskatchewan Rivers Public School Division Edsby site: [srsd119.edsby.com](https://srsd119.edsby.com) You will use this link to login to Edsby. Here is a link to Edsby's parent supports with instructions: <https://www.edsby.com/help/parents/>

Scroll down to the bottom of the page and click on the video instructions:



<https://vimeo.com/144798060>

*If you have more than one child attending our schools, you can use the same information to log in and see information for all of your children.*



Edsby also has a free app for all iOS and Android smartphones. If you're using a Blackberry, Edsby works great within your browser as well. The power of Edsby while using your smart device means you'll have up-to-the minute access regarding school information anywhere, anytime.

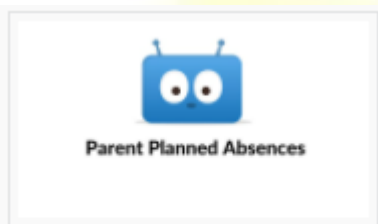
### Edsby Mobile App for Parents

Use the same link for Edsby's parent support and scroll down to the bottom of the page and click this video: <https://www.edsby.com/help/parents/>

### Logging an Absence:

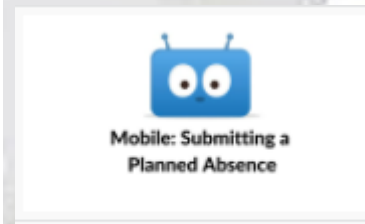
Parents/caregivers can use Edsby to communicate a child's absence. Instructions to log a child's absence using a computer or a cell phone can be found by clicking this link <https://www.edsby.com/help/parents/>

Scroll down to the bottom of the page and click for video instructions:



### Submitting a Planned Absence for your child

<https://vimeo.com/165483080>



### Mobile Submitting a Planned Absence

<https://vimeo.com/272452574>

Parents/caregivers can continue to call the school to log a child's absence.

Edsby has many features. We will continue to provide instructions so that you will learn how to use these features to stay up to date with school and classroom activities and most importantly your child's learning. You are also able to explore much of this information by accessing Edsby's parent help page <https://www.edsby.com/help/parents/>.

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far. Not Hungry.**

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hunger. Please donate.

## **KIDS HAMPERS**

W. B. Berezowsky Public School was fortunate enough to have kids hampers donated to the school from Prince Albert Food Bank. These hampers were given out to the first 200 students @ our Meet the Staff BBQ held on Wed. Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>.  
Thank you P.A. Food Bank!



# Extra! Extra! Read All About It!

## *THE WJ BEREZOWSKY INSIDER*

September 28, 2023

### What's the Scoop on UFLI?



WJB students have already been utilizing this new explicit and systematic phonics program that teaches students the foundational skills necessary for proficient reading. The teachers follow lessons that walk the students through the reading process step by step. K-3 students are using it daily and the grades 4-8 students will be using it for intervention with the students that need some additional reading practice. This way every student has the opportunity to learn how to grow as a reader!

### Did you know...

Practice sheets  
are coming  
home soon



University of Florida  
Literacy Institute

Every school  
in the division  
is using UFLI

Keep checking your emails and our Facebook page to find [links](#) to UFLI information and ways that you can help your child with their reading at home too! We will also be featuring different student work to showcase their success.

**TO ALL OF OUR  
W.J. BEREZOWSKY FAMILIES....  
FROM W.J.B. STAFF**



*Happy  
Thanksgiving*

