

W.J. BEREZOWSKY PUBLIC SCHOOL

"Every Child Matters"


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SEPTEMBER 2025

<u>Mon</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>Fri</u>
<u>1</u> Labour Day 	<u>2</u> FULL-TIME CLASSES BEGIN Gr. 1 - 8	<u>3</u> Kind. Begins Mon.Wed. Alt. Fri.	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u> Lake Country Co-op Leisure Centre - Gr. 6 Class
<u>8</u> Pre-K Begins Mon.Wed. Group	<u>9</u> Pre-K Begins Tues.Thurs. Group	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>
<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>
<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>
<u>29</u> Walk-A-Thon Begins	<u>30</u>  Orange Shirt Day	Orange Shirt Day: If anyone has vegetables they would like to donate for soup, please bring to school by Sept. 15th.		

WALK-A-THON Sept. 29 – Oct. 3 (Walk-a-thon Held on Oct. 3rd)

PRINCIPAL & VICE-PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear W.J. Berezowsky Public School Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back! Whether your child is embarking on their very first year or returning for another exciting school year, we are thrilled to have you and your family back with us.

As a staff, we are excited to begin another school year, and we'd like to extend a warm, intentional welcome that sets the tone for the year ahead. Inspired by the writing of B. Raney, here's how we aim to begin this school year's journey together:

A Fresh, Hopeful Start

As the new school year unfolds, we see it as more than a routine renewal—it's an opportunity to re-energize our community, reconnect with returning families, and warmly embrace new members. We want to start with optimism, possibility, and a shared commitment to growth and belonging.

Open Doors, Open Hearts

Here at WJB, communication and connection aren't just nice ideas—they're foundations. From the first day, know that your questions, thoughts, and feedback are welcome. We aim to make every conversation—big or small—feel meaningful and heard.

Our Shared Mission

We believe that education is a partnership. Our teachers work passionately to support your child's curiosity, growth, and well-being. In return, we cherish the trust and support you bring. By working together, our children learn more—not only content, but empathy, resilience, and confidence.

- What You Can Expect From Us (as advocates for your child):
 - We will treat your child with dignity and respect
 - We will communicate clearly, consistently, and within healthy boundaries
 - We will follow school policies
 - We will assume good intentions, seek to understand, and respond with care
 - We will make space for your child to grow, take healthy risks, and develop resilience
 - We will value you as a vital partner in your child's school journey
- What We Hope We Can Expect From You (as the expert on your child):
 - Supporting your child in getting plenty of sleep and getting to school on time
 - Reaching out to the school office for resources, if needed
 - Reading messages or information sent home (electronically or in backpacks) and responding in a timely manner, if a response is required

- Speaking positively about the school and the adults at the school – your child adopts your attitude toward school, so let's make it a good one that helps them grow
- Allowing space for your child to become resilient and experience natural consequences
- Encouraging your child to seek out and connect with trusted adults in the school
- Teaching your child about and encouraging healthy technology use and online behaviour. Please note – student cell phones or personal electronic devices are not permitted at school
- If possible, attending events, games, and concerts your child participates in

Communication

As a school, we work hard to communicate thoughtfully and transparently with our families. Throughout the year, look for newsletters, updates, and invitations to engage—in whatever way fits your schedule and heart:

- In-person Conversations:
 - We all know that face to face, in-person conversations are the best way to communicate clearly and for everyone to feel heard and respected. If you'd like to speak to your child's teacher, drop off and pick up times are great for connecting. If you'd like to chat with our Admin team, stop by any time between 8:20 and 3:15. You can also call ahead and book a specific time if you want to ensure our staff has dedicated, uninterrupted time for the conversation.
- Edsby:
 - Please ensure you are connected to Edsby (either online or using the Edsby app). This is where you can easily report when your child will be late or absent, see how your child is progressing with their academic work, and view their report cards. If you need a hand getting set up, please contact our office and we would be more than happy to help.
 - Edsby is also a place where you can directly message your child's teacher if there are quick things you'd like them to know (such as they forgot their lunch at home). If you have concerns or sensitive information to share with us, please call or stop by to chat.
 - All of our school-wide communications will be posted on the Edsby River of News. Please check here regularly for information on upcoming things such as special events, theme days, special hot lunch information.



- Phone Communication:
 - Please ensure the WJB phone number is in your phone contact list. If it is not, you may miss an important call from us (as we all know how annoying Unknown Caller calls are, and most of us rarely answer them).
 - 306-763-7404
- Email
 - We all know email is a quick and convenient way to communicate. We prefer email for things which are not quite so pressing or sensitive (for those types of things, phone calls or in-person conversations are best). Please ensure the office has your preferred email.
- Paper Communications Sent Home in Backpacks
 - We have traditionally sent all school-wide communications to parents and guardians in paper form in backpacks. As we are friends of the Earth, we will be working towards significantly reducing the amount of paper we send home. Please check the Edsby River of News instead. However, if you still prefer paper, please just let our amazing secretary, Ms. Haughn know.
- W.J. Berezowsky Facebook Page
 - If you are a Facebook user, please follow and like our W.J. Berezowsky Facebook Page
 - This is where you will see all of the amazing things we do here at WJB! We love posting photos and reels of our students and staff learning and having fun! This is not our main route of communication for upcoming events (although reminders may occasionally appear) - Check the Edsby River of News and our Monthly Newsletter instead.
 - Please note - the WJB Facebook inbox is not monitored; if you need us, connect with us in one of the other ways listed above.

As so eloquently stated by B. Raney (2025), "We see you as the expert on *your* child. And we ask you to see us as the experts on *students and student development*. When we meet in the middle - with mutual respect and clear expectations - we can provide the strongest possible support for your child...behind every confident, capable child is a network of adults - parents, teachers, coaches, mentors - working together".

Once again, welcome back—or welcome for the first time! Our school thrives on the strength of our combined efforts—parents, guardians, educators, and staff alike. Let's make this a year marked by warmth, curiosity, and meaningful connection.

Warm regards,

Principal Leanne Tretiak and Vice Principal Matt Bergen

GRADE 1

Welcome to another great school year. I look forward to learning with my new grade one class while we work towards creating exceptional work habits, learning how to read and write, be wonderful friends and most importantly to have fun.

Ms. Wintringham
Grade 1 Teacher



SCHOOL BUS REGISTRATION

Important Information About the School Bus

Any students needing the school bus this fall must be registered. It only takes 2 to 3 minutes and is very easy to do! Registrations do not have to be done every year, but a student must be re-registered if their information (such as school, address or contact info) is changing. If you are not sure if you already have registered, please give us a call at the number below or simply register again. Doing so now will ensure your child is placed on the proper bus for the first day of school. Not registering on time could delay having your child assigned a bus several days into the new school year.



Click here <https://www3.srsd119.ca/busgarage/transport/request.php>

or you can simply type "Sask Rivers School Division" or "SRSD119" in a search engine (we recommend Google). Scrolling down you should find the "Transportation" section with some helpful tools like a bus notification set up and, of course, the "School Busing Request Form".

If you have any questions, please contact the Transportation Department at 306-763-2323.

STUDENTS WHO ARRIVE LATE

Bell Schedule for 2025-2026 - First period starts @ 8:35 a.m.

Students who arrive at school after 8:35 a.m. will need to use the front/main door of the school.

PICTURE DAY - Wednesday, October 15th

Grades 1-8 Pre-K/Kind. (Mon.Wed. Class)



PICTURE DAY (Pre-K Tues./Thurs. Group) - Thurs., October 16th

RETAKE DAY - Tues., November 18th(afternoon)

(includes Pre-K/Kind. (Mon. Wed. Class))



EDSBY

Saskatchewan Rivers Public School Division is 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 You will use this link to login to Edsby.

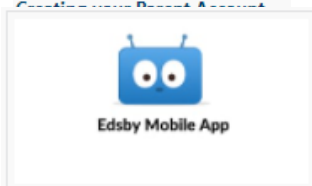
Here is a link to Edsby's parent supports with instructions: <https://www.edsby.com/help/parents/>

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 Mobile App for Parents

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.

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

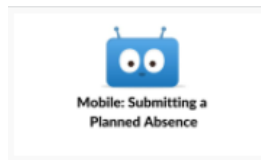
<https://www.edsby.com/help/parents/>

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/>.

W.J.B. STAFF LIST 2025 - 2026

ADMINISTRATION

Leanne Tretiak	Principal
Matt Bergen	Vice-Principal

TEACHERS - PRE-K - GRADE 8

Brittany Miller	Pre-Kindergarten (2 Classes Alternate Days)
Susan Donaldson	Kindergarten (Mon. Wed. Alternate Fri.)
Lori Wintringham	Grade 1
Bonnie Dansereau	Grade 2
Tharina Coertze	Grade 3
Sarah Casavant	Grade 4
Rayanne Paterson	Grade 5 (R. Patterson - Dream Catcher Coach .3)
Lacey Lorensen	Grade 6 (a.m.)
Kim Deschambeault	Grade 7
Kristen Tolley-Procyk	Grade 8
Dan Bond	Phys. Ed
Shelly Acorn	Band/Music (.50 at WJB)
Jennifer Huddleston	Classroom Complexity Coach
Blair Turner	Inclusive Ed Coach

EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT STAFF

Bev Meyers	Educational Associate (Pre-K .5)
Sarah Fowler	Educational Associate (Pre-K .5) temp. cov. for B.Meyers
Kirsti Olson	Educational Associate (Pre-K .5)
Lana Shaw	Educational Associate (a.m. - .5)
Violeta Voluta	Educational Associate
Krista Wawro	Educational Associate
Sheila Malvar	Educational Associate
Joscene Roldan	Educational Associate

SUPPORT STAFF

Andrea Haughn	Secretary
Adam Horachek	School Social Worker (WJB/Meath Park)
Leann Chester	Librarian (WJB .5)
Sandi Tiessen	Language Assistant
Jessica Morey	Nutrition Co-ordinator
Alison McLeod	Mentor
Laurie Huet	Dreambroker

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM CO-OR.

Krista Wawro	Mon. & Tues.
Violeta Voluta	Wed. & Thurs.

CARETAKER

Kenton Fusick

TRUSTEES

Arne Lindberg & Jaime Smith-Windsor (alt.)

BUS DRIVER

Lynn Otto

WELCOME
BACK

