W.J. BEREZOWSKY PUBLIC SCHOOL

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March 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
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Ribbon Skirt/ Ribbon Shirt Day		Parent/Teacher Conferences (Pre-K to Gr. 8) 3:05 – 8:05 p.m.		CONVENTION NO CLASSES
16	17	18	19	20
				International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
23	24	25	26	27
Gr. 7 & 8's Fishing Derby				
30	31			

PRINCIPAL & VICE-PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As we head into March, we are excited for a wonderful month ahead at WJB. With the days getting longer and the weather slowly warming up, it's always refreshing to see students enjoying a bit more sunshine and energy as we move toward spring.

On **March 9th**, Saskatchewan Rivers Public School Division will be celebrating Ribbon Skirt and Ribbon Shirt Day. This day recognizes and honours Indigenous cultures, traditions, and identity. We encourage students and staff to wear their ribbon skirts or ribbon shirts in support of this important recognition.

Parent-Teacher Conferences will take place on **March 11th** from 3:05–8:05 p.m. We truly look forward to seeing all of our families. These conferences are an important opportunity to reconnect, celebrate student growth, and make a clear plan for the second half of the school year. Working together makes a tremendous difference in student success, and we appreciate you taking the time to meet with your child's teacher.

Please note that there will be no school on **March 13th** as our teachers will be attending the PAATA Teachers' Convention. This professional development time allows our staff to continue learning and bringing new ideas back to our classrooms.

On **March 17th**, we will recognize St. Patrick's Day. Students are welcome to wear green to join in the fun!

March 20th marks the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. This day gives us an opportunity to reflect on the importance of inclusion, respect, and belonging within our school and community. At WJB, we are committed to ensuring every student feels valued and supported.

We are also excited that on **March 23rd**, our Grade 7 and 8 students will be heading to Emma Lake to participate in the 2nd Annual John Diefenbaker School Fishing Derby. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to enjoy the outdoors, build relationships, and represent our school community.

Thank you for your continued support of W.J. Berezowsky School. We are looking forward to a productive and positive month together.

Warm regards,

Ms. L. Tretiak, Principal **Mr. M. Bergen, Vice – Principal**

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Conferences will be held Wednesday, March 11th (3:05-8:05 pm). To streamline your sign-up process, we will be doing online bookings through your Edbsy account. Please log into your Edbsy app (or the online Edsby portal) and click a time which works best for you. If you need help setting up Edsby please, contact the school.

TIP SHEET

HOW TO TRAIN YOUR ALGORITHM

You can train the algorithms on social networks and video sites to show you more of what you want, and less of what you don't want. Here are some tips:

Be Mindful and Intentional: Pay attention to what messages you're sending by what you're watching and how you're interacting with what you see online.

Use Platform Tools: Just like you can customize privacy settings, many platforms offer tools for shaping your recommendations. Take advantage of features like "not interested," "dislike," or "hide" to signal your preferences to the algorithm.

Support What You Like: Actively engaging with content you enjoy helps train the algorithm to show you more of what you enjoy. Like, share, comment on, and interact with posts that resonate with you.

Diversify Your Content: It's easy to get caught in a bubble of similar content, but you can actively seek out diverse perspectives and information. Explore different topics, follow creators from various backgrounds, and engage with content outside your usual preferences.

Start Fresh: You can take control of your algorithms by resetting your app preferences every now and then. This lets you to rebuild your recommendations with intention.

Here's how to do that on a few popular apps:

TIKTOK

- Start by going to your Settings
- Click or tap Content Preferences
- Select Refresh Your For You Feed
- Click or tap Refresh.

INSTAGRAM

- Tap your profile icon (bottom right of the screen)
- Tap the menu icon (the three lines at the top right)
- Choose Content Preferences
- Choose Reset Suggested Content
- Choose Next
- Choose Reset Suggested Content (again)
- Click or tap Reset Suggested Content (again)

YOUTUBE

- Go to Myactivity.google.com
- Click or tap Manage Your Watch History
- Select Delete Activity
- Choose All Time.

Now you can start to consciously retrain your algorithm:

- Try to get the app to only show you **one kind of content** – all cat videos, for example.
- How long does it take?
- What works better – liking videos, watching them all to the end, or something else?
- If it gives you options for negative feedback, like "Not interested" or "Don't recommend" buttons, test how well those work at weeding out the content you don't want to see.

Remember that building a positive digital experience is an ongoing process. By understanding how algorithms work and taking steps to train them effectively, you can curate a more positive online environment.

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