

# River East Schools Plagued With Vandalism

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Along with most other School Districts in the Metro area, the River East School Division No. 9 has been plagued with acts of vandalism in and around its buildings.

When one hears of these acts it is hard for the normal person to understand why same are committed, but vandalism is happening and the people concerned with it are at a loss to find means to prevent these seemingly foolish and destructive acts.

The River East School Division No. 9 has a great deal of trouble from gangs that hang around Angus McKay School at Woodland and Roberta.

Windows have been broken, screens ripped and stolen, obscene writings on windows and doors, and also on the tarmac play area.

Usually this is done with material such as paint spray bombs or crayon, which makes it difficult to remove.

Fires have been set in the bush at the rear of the school at one time, necessitating the attendance of the East Kildonan Fire Department. There was one occasion when a large hole was punched in the stucco wall.

At John Henderson School they have had three break-ins alone resulting in damage and theft in the amount of \$414.20. Besides this, vandalism at this school amounted to \$196.50 and many hours of custodial time.

Last May 6th the River East Collegiate was broken into and items to the amount of \$25.00 were stolen.

Two break-ins have occurred at Miles Macdonell Collegiate. One on Oct. 10, 1967, and the other on Sept. 19, 1968, resulted in theft and damage amounting to \$57.76.

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