For centuries, Plains People have used robes and Star Blankets to honour individuals at the time of life changing events such as births, deaths, graduations and marriages.

While the Star Blanket has replaced the Buffalo robe as a gift of honour; the tradition of generosity and blessing remains. To give a Star Blanket is to show utmost respect, honour, and admiration.

To receive a Star Blanket indicates that the giver holds you in very high esteem for your generosity and accomplishments. It is also thought that Star Blankets result in good dreams and prosperity.

Jayna Fleury, a Gr. 6 student felt the need to present this Star Blanket to Mr. Lehman and J.R. Reid School on January 10, 2014. She expressed this idea to her Mother, Viola who advised Jayna to approach her Grandmother, Dolores about making one. Her Grandmother was honoured. Jayna and her Mother bought the supplies and the blanket was finished in about 2 weeks!

Guests at the ceremony included the New Era Drummers: Lynx and Harmony. Elder Verna was invited to teach the school population the history and symbolism of receiving a Star Blanket, and the Aboriginal Community Development Students attended to show their support to Jayna. Mrs. Graham read aloud the book *Something from Nothing* while Gr. 4/5 students played along with classroom instruments.

Thank you to Jayna and her family for this recognition. The staff and students at J.R. Reid School, are truly honoured.