



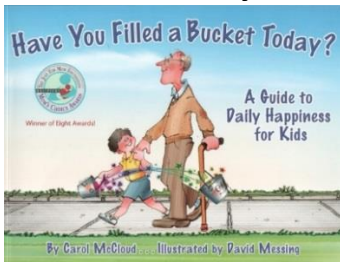
Riverdale News

A bi-weekly update for parents and families
Ecole Riverdale Elementary...
together, we SOAR to success!

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February 20th, 2017

A word from your Principal



On Wednesday, February 22nd, we will colour Riverdale **pink**, symbolizing our commitment to accepting all people – regardless of our differences, and our desire to make our community a kinder, more caring place.

In the lead up to pink shirt day, our Student Leadership Team has organized a Campaign of Kindness, using the book, *Have You Filled a Bucket Today?* as the theme. Leadership students will be reading the book (in English and in French) to many classrooms, and will lead a discussion about how to be a “bucket filler” and not a “bucket dipper”. The book gives children positive ideas for how acts of kindness positively impact feelings of self worth, while acts of verbal, social and physical bullying not only demean others, but cause negative feelings in the perpetrator.

In the hallway, we created a large Tshirt made of black paper. On it are written words associated with all kinds of bullying. As we approach pink shirt day, students are writing and drawing ways others have filled their buckets through acts of kindness and caring. These pink hearts will be attached to the Tshirt, gradually transforming it to pink, and sending a message that kindness rules at Riverdale!

On February 22nd, we will have an Assembly at 9am. Please feel free to join us if you are available.

Congratulations Ravens Basketball Teams!

Our boys and girls basketball teams have enjoyed an outstanding season! Many thanks to coach Ms. Wozney for all of her coordination and time, and the assistance of our new teacher, Mr. Basra. We had two excellent parent coaches who also gave of their time and talents. Many thanks to coach Andrada, and coach Olliviere for leading us through a great season! All the best at the Playdays to be held this week!

Ravens Run Club

Friday mornings before school (from 7.50 – 8.15am) students from grades 3-7 can join Mme Renaud and Ms. Loh for a neighbourhood run. Permission forms are available at the office.

Kindergarten Registration – English Program

Children who turn five before January 1st 2018 are eligible to begin school in September, 2017. Registration begins on Monday, January 16th. Please see the school or district websites for further information re: documentation required for registration.

Kindergarten French Immersion Lottery

Parents must register their child at their local catchment school prior to applying for a Choice program.

Timeline:

- **February 20: Online application closes;**
- **February 27: Random lottery draw takes place;** an email will be sent to all applicants announcing the lottery results.

PAC Updates - Next PAC Meeting: Wednesday, March 8th at 6pm. Childminding is provided.

Here's what happening:

- **Merci beaucoup** to the volunteers who helped make our Book Fair so successful! We raised over \$3000! That means there are many happy readers out there, and lots of funds coming back to the school library collection.
- **Thank you** to the Hot Lunch Committee and volunteers for providing students with a yummy lunch from Subway last week.
- The **next Hot Lunch is Hot Dogs** Thursday, March 2nd. Deadline to order is Thursday, Feb. 23rd.
- **Clothing Drive:** Happening over six days: Feb. 21st – 23rd and 28th – March 2nd. Drop off times are 8.15 – 8.45am and 2.15- 2.45pm.
- **Westcoast Seeds** fundraiser – Get quality seeds for your flower and garden beds. The school receives 40% of total sold! Orders due back March 2nd.
- **Popcorn Day** – March 9th; orders are due March 2nd.
- **Purdy's Easter Chocolates** fundraising – Info for online ordering will be out before Spring Break.
- Fundraising Event! **Baker's Market** on Saturday, April 8th in the gym. Already 18 vendors booked!
- Friday, April 28th from 5-8pm - PAC and CPF (Cdn Parents for French) **Carnivale!** Games, food trucks, bouncy castles...all with a Canadian flair!

Grade 6/7 Camp Committee Update

Bottle Drive Fundraiser – Please see the attachment for details on how to contribute your empty bottles.

District Community Bulletin

Please see attached bulletin for all sorts of great programs and information for children families throughout Surrey. All links are safe (you may receive a pop up advising otherwise, but the district assures us they are safe).

PALS (Parents as Literacy Supporters) – Friday, Feb. 24th

These interactive sessions are for children ages 3-5 and their caregivers. They focus on fun ways to support literacy and oral language development at home. Please join us in the Library/Learning Commons for the afternoon (starting at 1pm) this Friday! You can call the school to reserve your spot.

Guildford Community Dinner

Sunday, Feb. 26th from 4-6pm. Please see the attachment for details.

Ready, Set, Learn, Thrive!

Tuesday, Feb. 28th at Guildford Rec Centre for children ages 3-4 years and their caregivers. Please see the attachment for more info.

Staffing Update

Welcome back **Mme Barrington! (FRIM Learning Support Teacher)** It is great to have you with us again!

Welcome **Ms. Wolosnick!** She will be in for **Ms. Olsthoorn** (div. 13) until her return after Spring Break.

Student Safety

In order to ensure your child is safe at school, **it is district policy that parents/visitors first check in at the office before going anywhere else in the school.** We will then call down to your child's classroom to inform the teacher of your arrival. This also makes for fewer disruptions in the classroom. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

Looking Ahead...

- Feb. 22nd – **Pink Shirt Day!** 9am Spirit Day Assembly. Please encourage your child to wear pink to celebrate kindness and diversity!
- Feb. 21st – 23rd and 28th – March 2nd – PAC Clothing Drive
- Feb. 22nd – Riverdale hosts Ravens Boys' Basketball Playday
- Feb. 23rd – Ravens girls' Basketball Playday at Bonaccord
- Feb 24th 9am Primary SOAR Assembly; 10.45am Intermediate SOAR Assembly
- Feb. 24th – 1pm PALS in the Learning Commons
- Feb. 28th 9.30am Ready, Set, Learn, Thrive! at Guildford Recreation Centre (see attachment)
- March 7th 9am – Grade 7 band concert in the gym
- March 7th – Communicating Student Learning Reports home
- March 8th – Guildford Park Grade 7 parent information night (see attachment)
- March 10th – Last day of School before Spring Break! Jumprope for Heart Fundraising Event!
- March 27th – Welcome back! First day back after Spring Break
- March 31st – Spirit Day: Dress like a teacher day!

***Ecole Riverdale...where we are all Ravens!
Nous sommes tous des corbeaux!***

