



ÉCOLE RIVERDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Riverdale Community,

Welcome back to the Raven's Nest! September is when the 'real' new year begins. We are excited to welcome back all our Ravens that were here last year and say a big welcome to our new Ravens that are joining us for the first time. We are excited to see you all here and look forward to another fantastic year here at Riverdale. This year is even more exciting as we are going to be able to have clubs and teams at the school which gives students many more opportunities to make the year memorable.

Last June, we introduced you to the idea that we at Riverdale specifically teach what we refer to as our 'Non-Negotiables.' These are qualities that we want all of our Ravens to show here in the Raven's Nest and in the community.

Our 'Non-Negotiable's

Riverdale Ravens are:

- **Kind** and show it to themselves and others.
- **Honest** and know that trust helps build and maintain relationships and keeps us true to ourselves and others.
- **Empathetic** and See Things from Different Perspectives
- **Respectful** and Take Care of Our School and Learning Environment
- **Resilient** and Overcome the Challenges We Face
- **Unique** and Value the Diversity Each of us Brings to Our School Community

Our team has created posters and other activities for students and families to become familiar with our non-negotiables and be able to explain what they are and give an example of each. We will have posters in both French and English. This will also be embedded into what we are teaching in our classrooms. The goal is to have all of our students know what these are and give an example of each.

To try and bring more excitement to our school community and school wide activities, we have decided to use a 'House System' at Riverdale. Each 'House' is represented by a colour of the rainbow and named after a Canadian who represents an aspect of Canadian values and culture that we want students and community members to understand and show.



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The Riverdale House Teams and Colours

TERRY FOX HOUSE – RED
SHELLEY MOORE HOUSE – ORANGE
BILL REID HOUSE – YELLOW
DAVID SUZUKI HOUSE – GREEN
NELLIE MCCLUNG HOUSE – BLUE
VIOLA DESMOND HOUSE – PURPLE

SPIRIT WEAR (Please see additional handout)

In addition to our regular spirit wear, this year we are excited to be selling spirit wear in the 6 different colours of our House Teams. This is an excellent opportunity for you to show your Riverdale spirit as well as show your House colour off. Fridays at Riverdale will be Spirit Days in the Nest and your child can earn house points by wearing their spirit wear or their house colour! Spirit wear order form is attached.

What House Colour Team is my child on?

Student Name: _____

Your child's house team colour is [Teacher please circle one]:

Red Orange Yellow Green Blue Purple

We're looking forward to a great year here at Riverdale Elementary!

Spirit Wear orders are due to your child's teacher by October 7th.