



Riverdale News

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

Principal: Leah Christensen
Vice Principal: Gary Loosemore

May 2, 2017

A word from your Principal

Bravo! Merci beaucoup! Thank you to all the organisers and volunteers who made our Friday Fun Night and Carnival such an amazing success!



Everyone who attended our PAC/CPF Fun Night had a smile on their face, and a tummy filled with cotton candy and poutine. It was a true Canadian old-time fair! The weather cooperated, and people joined us from far and wide.

Our organizing committee worked for many months to plan and execute the event; we're so thankful for the hours dedicated by Nicole Purvis, Corinne Moody, Hilda Jewell, Gemma Fournier and Atasha Chretien. Without their vision, patience and creativity, this event would not have happened.

It is events like this where community spirit, generosity of time, and laughter unite us and help us see what an amazing community of parents and families we have at

Ecole Riverdale. It may be too early to say if a new tradition has been born, but I know many people will hope this to be true! Here's to you, Riverdale students and parents! Merci!

Festival des beaux-arts 2017

May 16th BELL Performing Arts Centre

(6250 - 144th Street, Surrey)

Parents are cordially invited to attend the 2017 **Festival des beaux-arts** at the Bell Performing Arts Centre in Surrey. Please check with your child's teacher as there are two possible performance times: Either **between: 10:00 am and 11:30 am**

or

between: 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm

Please look for communication directly from your child's teacher to confirm the time.

Please use the **LOWER Parking Lot** (north side) and enter the theatre using the **NORTH entrance doors**.

Enjoy the show! *Bon spectacle!*

Creative Packs – Order Deadline

Riverdale uses a wonderful system for school supplies called "Creative Packs." Information and order forms went home Monday. Please order online, or return payment with the form to the office, or email support@creativepacks.ca by **Thursday, May 18th**.

If you wish to purchase your own supplies, class lists for next year will be up on the website later this week. Merci!

Principal for the Day: Tiffany Fong!

Congratulations to Andrea Jewell whose estimate won the jar of candy, and to Tiffany Fong whose pennies estimate won her Principal for the day! Tiffany and Mme Christensen will be meeting this week to discuss details of the handover! Stay tuned!

Thank you to Hilda Jewell for organizing this fun challenge and fundraiser for Grade 7 camp!

Individual and Sibling Photos

Packages went home Monday.

Please Note: Orders are due May 9th.

Any photos you do NOT wish to keep need to be returned in the package to your child's teacher by Tuesday, May 9th. You will not be charged for photos that are returned by the deadline. Thank you.

Grade 7 Graduation Celebration

Please join us for the next planning meeting:

Tuesday, May 2nd, from 5-6pm in Mr. Loosemore and Ms. Riley's room.

Volunteer Appreciation Tea



**Thursday,
May 11th from
1pm – 2.15pm
in the gym**

This is our way of saying thank you to all of our amazing parents, guardians, family members, and community members who support our school in so many ways. Your child should have an invitation with an RSVP. Please call the office if you don't receive yours and would like to come! Merci beaucoup!

Upcoming Non-Instructional Days:

- Friday, May 5th
- Monday, May 29th



Early Dismissal (1.30pm)

- Thursday, May 18th – There will not be student-led or parent-teacher conferences. This time is intended for teachers to prepare assessment and plan for instruction.

PAC Updates –

Next PAC Meeting: Wednesday, May 10th at 6pm.

Childminding is provided.

- 1) A huge thank you to Corinne Moody, Nicole Purvis, Gemma Fournier, Atasha Chretien and Hilda Jewell for their countless hours in putting together the Carnival.
- 2) **Next PAC meeting is the AGM.** Nominations and voting for 2017/18 executive and non-exec. positions.
- 3) **Toonie Tuesdays** starting May 9. PAC is spring cleaning....many items on clearance nothing over \$2. Students will have the opportunity to shop for friends, family and for themselves. Tuesday May 9 is themed "Shop for Her". Please see attachment for details.
- 4) **May 25th - Next Hot Lunch** – order online

Next Spirit Day: Friday, May 26th Multicultural Celebration!



All staff and students are encouraged to come dressed in their cultural traditions. We will share stories and presentations of our different journeys to Canada during our Assembly in the morning. Please join us!

Morning Routines at Riverdale

Thank you for reminding your child(ren) to wait outside in their classroom line up until the 8.30am bell. Our new routine for welcoming children in the morning has made for an even better, calmer start to the day!

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...

- May 2nd – 5-6pm Grade 7 Celebration Committee Meeting
- May 4th – 1pm Artstarts Performance: Cadence – An A Capella History
- May 5th – Non-Instructional Day – School is closed
- May 10th 6pm PAC Meeting and AGM
- May 11th – 1 – 2.15pm Volunteer Appreciation Tea in the gym
- May 9th – Deadline for photo orders and unwanted photos to be returned
- May 16th – Festival des Beaux Arts at the Bell Centre
- May 18th – Creative Pack School Supplies orders due
- May 18th – 1.30pm Early Dismissal (No conferences – Students are to be picked up;

teachers use this time for assessment and planning purposes)

- May 19th – Welcome to Kindergarten 2017 – Part I: French K 9:00 am; English K 1.00 pm
- May 26th Spirit Day: Multicultural Celebration and K-7 SOAR Assembly (9am)
- May 26th PALS #4 (last one) 1:00 – 2:30
- May 29th - Non-Instructional Day – School is closed
- May 30th – June 2nd Bike to School/Work Week
- June 6th Welcome to Kindergarten 2017 – Part II (both Eng. And Fr. K) 9:00 am
- June 13th 9:00 am Gr. 7 Band Concert
- June 16th is Sports Day!
- June 22nd is the grade 7 Celebration from 5.30-8.30pm
- June 23rd at 9am is our Year End Celebration Assembly

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