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Riverdale News

A bi-weekly update for parents and families

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September 18th, 2017

A word from your Principal

Last week was a wonderful start to a brilliant school year! Thank you for working with your children to help them navigate the uncertainties of the first week back. We had significant growth in student registration, and our numbers are currently over 470 students with 22 divisions!

You will notice that almost all of our classes are combined grades, and this is very intentional. Not only does research support combined grades as being the equivalent or even more advantageous than straight grades, these groupings allow us to balance gender, learning, independence and behavioural needs of students. Combined grades also align with the organization of our new curriculum.

We're off and running on a great adventure filled with fun, creativity, critical thinking, play and wonderful experiences to support your child's learning and growth this year!



Staffing Update

Ms. Zamma, our new Vice Principal, is currently off on leave. She hopes to return in early October. During her absence, Ms. Hodak, one of our Learning Support Teachers, will serve in the role of Acting Vice Principal. We thank Ms. Hodak for assuming this new role and responsibility!

School Planners - \$2.00 each

All students in grades 1-7 are requested to purchase a planner in early September. The district is supplementing the cost this year, so the cost is only \$2.00. Please send your money in to your child's teacher. Merci!

Teachers and Divisions for 2017 - 2018

Div. 1	M. Mountali – 6/7 FRIM (French Immersion)
Div. 2	Mr. Cheng (for Mr. Speak until Oct. 2 nd) Gr. 6/7
Div. 3	Ms. Zamma/Ms. Lewis - Gr. 6/7
Div. 4	Mme Griffin – 5/6 FRIM
Div. 5	Ms. Jacques – Gr. 5/6
Div. 6	Mme Jablouné - 4/5 FRIM
Div. 7	Mme Carbonneau – 4/5 FRIM
Div. 8	Mr. Pratt – Gr. 4/5
Div. 9	Ms. Summers – Gr. 4/5
Div. 10	Mme Bell – 3/4 FRIM
Div. 11	Ms. Chaplin – Gr. 3/4
Div. 12	Mme Verhille (for Mme Shah until Dec.) and Mme Remy – 2/3 FRIM
Div. 13	Mme Lendvoy – 2/3 FRIM
Div. 14	Ms. Horobec – Gr. 2/3
Div. 15	Ms. Rana – Gr. 2/3
Div. 16	Mme Renaud – 1/2 FRIM
Div. 17	Ms. Joseph – Gr. 1/2
Div. 18	Mme Kibbe – 1 FRIM
Div. 19	Mme Broadworth – K FRIM
Div. 20	Mme Lachambre – K FRIM
Div. 21	Ms. MacGregor – Gr. K/1
Div. 22	Ms. Haywood and Ms. Moore – Gr. K/1

Bell Schedule and After School Pick Up

We appreciate your efforts to have children here at the first bell. The parking lot is less crowded when students are dropped off in the "Drop Off" lane and line up at their door prior to 8.35am.

The regular bell schedule is in place as follows:

8.35am First Bell
8.40am Classes in session
11.45am Lunch bell rings – student go outside to play
****Please send appropriate outer wear as we need as much outside time as possible and will go outside in light rain.**

12.10pm Students line up to eat
12.30pm Afternoon class in session
2.30pm Dismissal **
****There is after school supervision until 2.45pm (15 minutes after the bell).** Please ensure you have collected your child by this time, or call the school if you are going to be later. We do not have adequate supervision at the office following 2.45pm. Thank you for your cooperation.

Terry Fox Run – Friday, Sept. 22nd



We're collecting a "Toonie for Terry" for cancer research. We plan to raise \$1000! Information and permission forms went home Monday. At 10.45am,

divisions 16-22 will "Run across Canada" on our gravel field. At 12.45pm divisions 1-15 will run across Canada in the neighbourhood. Parents and volunteers are welcome!



Sept. 28th Open House and PAC BBQ!

3.30 – 5pm: Open House! Come tour our school and see the many wonderful places where your child learns including their classroom, the Learning Commons, the gym, our new breakfast room and kitchen, and our fitness and yoga space!

5-6pm: PAC BBQ! Our wonderful PAC will be serving delicious burgers beginning at 5pm. We hope you can join us!



PAC Fundraising

Mabel's Labels is a great way to get your child's name on their belongings. To check out what they have and place an order please visit campaigns.mabelslabels.com

and select Ecole Riverdale PAC (Surrey). A portion of every sale goes to Riverdale PAC.'

Lunch Program

Given increasing concerns with food allergies, the school is unable to serve your child lunch unless you have returned a signed form each month. Please ensure you return payment with your signed form each month. FYI - It takes two days to process forms. Thank you!

Lice Checks

Public Health no longer recommends dry head checks in schools. Dry head checks and head checks for "nits" lead to incorrect diagnosis and the unnecessary use of chemical treatments. For this reason, we do not perform regular lice checks at school. If there is a suspected or confirmed case of head lice in your child's class, a letter will be sent home with recommendations from Fraser Health for detection and treatment.

Nut Aware School

As we have an increasing number of students in the school with severe and life threatening allergies to peanuts, tree nuts and nut products, **we ask that you do not bring any foods that have nuts, peanut butter or nut products.** We will do our best to secure the safety and well-being of all students, and appreciate your cooperation and the effort to ensure we have as safe an environment as possible.

School Safety

In order to ensure your child is safe at school, it is district policy that parents 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. We appreciate your cooperation.

Orange Shirt Day – Sept. 29th

The Surrey School District proudly supports Orange Shirt Day. On September 29th, we encourage everyone to wear an orange shirt to honour those who survived Indian Residential Schools (IRS) and to remember those that didn't. The motto: **Every Child Matters** is a reminder that every child, regardless of background, is important, and is a commitment that we will do all we can to ensure students' self-esteem and well-being.

Optional Student Accident Insurance

Did you know that the Surrey School District does not insure expenses for student injuries that happen on school grounds or during school activities? You are responsible for these expenses as a parent or guardian.

Your DPAC and the School District provides the opportunity to voluntarily purchase private accident insurance through the Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance program underwritten by Industrial Alliance Insurance and Financial Services Ltd.

Plan features:

- Provides coverage **365 days a year**, 24 hours a day, in or out of school.
- Covers expenses that are limited or **not** insured under MSP, private or group insurance plans; for example, private tutors, lump sum payment for fractures and dislocations, counselling and much more.
- Covers injury related **Dental** (including future expenses).
- Covers injury related **Eyeglasses** (repair or replace).
- **Low** annual premiums from \$14.50 per student for the Basic Plan (discounts available for families with 3 or more children).

For more information please see our Parents section on our school website, or to apply on-line, visit:

www.kidsplus.ca.

Looking Ahead...

- Sept. 20th – First Fire Drill
- Sept. 20th 6.45pm - Grade 7 Camp Elphinstone info night for parents
- Sept. 22nd – Terry Fox Run
- Sept. 25th – Non Instructional Day – School is closed.
- Sept. 27th – Individual Student Photo Day
- Sept 28th – Open House and PAC Family BBQ!
- Sept. 29th – SOAR Assemblies (9am Primary; 10.45 Intermediate)
- **Sept. 29th – Orange Shirt Day**
- Oct. 3rd - 1pm – K-7 Arts Starts Event: Axe Capoeira
- Oct. 4th – 6th Gr. 7s at Camp Elphinstone
- Oct. 9th – Thanksgiving Day Holiday
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