

A message from your friendly PAC

We're BAAAACKKK!

Can you believe it is already the end of September? It has been a whirlwind of a year so far, and this month has not been any different. September 2020 has come with its own set of challenges, but we are Riverdale Ravens! And through hard work, understanding, and persistence, our community is setting a great example on how it is done!



We would like to sincerely thank the school staff, the teachers, the custodians, and the Principal for tirelessly working together to help keep our children and our families safe. They have had their workloads greatly increase with the advent of the pandemic, and we are eternally grateful for their dedication and grit.

At the end of the last school year, we had to say goodbye to a few dear faces. Of course, that means that now, we have a few new faces to welcome!

- Zineb Dribina - 4/5 FRIM
- Marica Atanackovic 1/2 FRIM
- Andrea Watts K/1 FRIM
- Nour Salame K FRIM
- Parveen Hastings K/1
- Chris Park 4/5
- Lesley Zirk 5/6
- Chris Naylor, Vice Principal
- Christina Richardson EA
- Jo-Lynne Campbell EA
- Anna Canby IST

Welcome to our wonderful community! We are so happy to have you!

Update on recent activities:

We had our first Online AGM in May and voted in our new executive! Keep an eye out for our bios (to be posted on Schoollink, and our facebook page), and feel free to come and introduce yourself any time!

This dedicated team of parents will be unremittingly advocating for Riverdale's students through the school year. Bring us your questions, and fundraising ideas any time you see us around! Or just come say "Hi!".

Fundraising:

Our favorite types of fundraisers are the ones that get our community together for fun social activities. Sadly, so far this year, we have been unable to book these kinds of events. We are keeping our fingers crossed that in the new year we will all be able to get together again, and if we can, we have a few great ideas for how to do that.

In the meantime, we will be running some direct-sales fundraisers. Please support us as much as you can!

We just finished our first direct sales fundraiser of the year, the Neufeld's event. Already, we have a profit of \$850.00! Thanks to Lori Scott and Candace Temple for putting this together for us. And thank you to those who were able to generously support it!

Ongoing:

We still have an account set up at the Return It! Depot on 108A by the school. **Return refund amounts are CHANGING in October!** Be sure to bring in your refundable empties in a clear plastic bag, **BOTTLES MUST BE RINSED, AND HAVE THEIR LIDS ON.**

When you arrive, enter the school's phone number at the kiosk (604-588-5978) and print off a sticker for your bag. Attach the sticker and leave the bag. The depot will sort your empties and add the total to the PAC Playground Donations account. All funds raised will go towards the playground. Come in anytime with your empties (but before the rates change if you want your donation to really pop!!)

Playground Update:

Luckily, we have until Summer 2022 to get funds in place for the new playground. Since we had a date of 2021 prior to this (and considering the ongoing social pause we are all experiencing) we are happy to have the extra time!

Despite COVID, our PAC still raised enough funds through events and donations last school year to be able to add **OVER \$9,000.00** to the Playground account! We are 1/3 of the way to our financial goal for the playground replacement!

Appreciation!

This month the PAC would like to recognize **Nicole Laybourne!** She is our Grants Committee head, and she has been working hard to get grants for our school and our kids. She has started the school year off by securing enough funds and donations to create a sports equipment kit for each classroom! What a fabulous way to start the school year!

THANK YOU, NICOLE!

Upcoming events:

Our next meeting will be held on Zoom, Monday the 19th of October, at 6 pm. Please see our facebook page (noted below) or watch Schoollink for more details. Everyone is welcome!

Remember, if you have any questions about what your PAC does, you can email us at any time at riverdale.pac@hotmail.com or find us on our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Riverdale.PAC/>.

