



Riverdale News

An Update for Parents and Families

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A Word from Your Principal

The first week back following spring break has flown by. I hope that you enjoyed the two week break with your family. It's always wonderful to have some time to get some extra sleep, exercise, and time together, but it's sure good to be back at school! We are in our final term of the school year....hard to believe! This term continues to bring lots of new learning and adventures, including various field studies, Grade 7 Camp, Student Led Conferences, Badminton, Ultimate, Track and Field, Spirit Days, and fresh air in the sunshine. Now, more than ever, children need adequate sleep to help them be successful during their active school day. As always, thank you for your ongoing support. Please don't hesitate to contact the school if you have any concerns.

Lost and Found – Check before Thursday

There are many quality items (including winter coats) in our lost and found. We will spread out items along the front hallway. Please come by with your child after school early this week if you are missing an item. On Thursday at lunch, all remaining items will be bagged up and donated to the PAC clothing drive.

Spring Photo Day – April 14th

Notices were sent home last week. Class photos will be taken. Students have an opportunity to have individual and sibling photos taken at this time as well. A photo package will be sent home with pictures ready to purchase. You can keep the pictures you like from the package (follow the instructions in the package), and return what you do not want along with payment for pictures you are keeping. Or, if you do not wish to purchase any, please return the entire package to your child's teacher. Please know, you are under no obligation to purchase any photos.

Community Parent Forums

There are many fantastic, free opportunities. Please see the list below and the attached flyers for details.

- **Coping with Toddler Behaviour – Saturday sessions at Guildford Rec Centre**
- **Right from the Start – Parenting sessions for parents of newborns (children 0-1 year old) – Sundays at Surrey North Family Centre**
- **Triple P Parenting Program – For parents of children ages 3-6 years - Wednesdays at Holly Elementary**
- **SAIL (Surrey's Academy of Innovative Learning) Open House – April 5th at 7pm, District Education Centre**
- **Internet/Social Media Safety: Digital Literacy for Parents – April 12th, 7-9pm Guildford Park Secondary**

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Spring Sports

- Grade 5 and 6 Badminton is coached by Mme Shah, Mme Kibbe and Mme Sauder; Grade 7 Badminton is coached by Mme Renaud and Ms. Loh. Thank you to our wonderful coaches for getting our teams off to a fantastic start!
- Grade 6/7 Ultimate is underway, thanks to the time and effort of coaches Mme Kibbe and Mr. Speak! Come watch the kids hone their skills Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays after school on the gravel field.
- Riverdale will participate in the District Track Meet at Bear Creek Park on Thursday, June 2nd.
- Riverdale's Sports Day is scheduled for Friday, June 17th!

Update from our PAC

- **Clothing Drive** – You have until Wednesday, April 6th, to bring your bags of donated items to school. Please bring your donations to the exterior PAC doors from 8.15 – 8.45am, and 2.15-2.45pm. Thank you to all those who have already donated! We're halfway to our goal!
- **Next PAC Meeting** – Thursday, April 6th, 9am. This time may also involve organizing for the Clothing Drive pick up.

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. If you need to contact your child, we will call down to your child's classroom to inform the teacher of your arrival. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

Grade 7 Updates

- Fundraising for Camp surpassed its goal of \$100/student! Thank you to our hard-working and dedicated Fundraising Committee! We are finalizing the total amount raised and the number of students attending, and a notice will be sent home very soon with any outstanding fees and final documents.
- Our next Celebration Committee Planning meeting is Monday, April 11th from 5-6pm. Please join us!

Looking Ahead

- Wednesday, March 30th – Wednesday, April 6th – PAC Clothing Drive
- Wednesday, April 6th – District Event: *Concours d'Art Oratoire – Bonne Chance to our Eight Amazing Contestants:*
 - Division 1 – Donna Beyhaghi
 - Division 2 – Mikki Corilla, Ajay Dalal and Neil Imada
 - Division 5 – Samaiya Gill and Natasha Phavongkham
 - Division 6 – Keegan Lemos and Hansen Mootosamy
- Friday, April 8th - PALS (Parents as Literacy Supporters) in the Library from 1-2.30pm.
- Monday, April 11th – Grade 7 Celebration Committee Meeting, 5pm
- Thursday, April 14th – Class, Individual and Sibling Photo Day
- Friday, April 15th – Spirit Day: Dress as Your Favourite Character! (Inspiration can be from a movie, book, television, etc. Parents are reminded that replica weapons are not permitted at school).
- Monday, April 18th Non-Instructional Day. School is closed.
- Friday, April 22nd – PAC Hot Lunch day (Students eat first, and then go out to play)
- Thursday, April 28th – 1.30pm Early Dismissal and Student Led Conferences
- Friday, April 29th – 9am Primary SOAR Assembly; 10.45am Intermediate SOAR Assembly
- Friday, May 6th – Non-instructional Day. School is closed.
- Wednesday, May 11th to Friday, May 13th – Grade 7s to Camp Elphinstone