



Riverdale News

An Update for Parents and Families

Ecole Riverdale Elementary...*Learning, Caring and Doing Our Best*

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A WORD FROM YOUR PRINCIPAL

Learning, caring and doing our best...that describes every moment of life at Riverdale! From our wonderful parent volunteers providing us with our first, most delicious hot lunch (merci!), to our youngest Kindergarten learners reminding the older students to be safe and not run in the hallways, to teachers and support staff working with each child to help develop lifelong skills, this is an amazing community of learners!

Teachers have formed Learning Teams, and identified a number of areas we plan to explore more deeply over the course of the year that connect to student learning. They are:

- Literacy
- Numeracy
- Curriculum and Resource Development
- Social and Emotional Learning

We will meet regularly, explore current research, ask ourselves questions, share our practice, and continue to build on the incredible learning that has been present at Riverdale throughout the years.

There are many exciting aspects to the revised curriculum, and new opportunities for reporting student learning. We look forward to the journey ahead, and to sharing our learning with you! As always, your feedback is a critical part of our learning. We're all on the same team!

NOVEMBER 12th – Additional non-Instructional Day

A letter from our Superintendent, Jordan Tinney, was sent home last week, explaining that the Ministry of Education and BCTF announced a three year support plan to help implement the revised curriculum. Part of the plan includes two additional non-instructional days to this year's school calendar. The first of these two days is Thursday, November 12th. The second day is TBD. This day is intended for teachers to focus on the implementation of the revised curriculum. School is not in session.

GRADE 7 PARENT VOLUNTEER COMMITTEES

Thank you to our grade 7 parents who joined us for our first meeting of the year last week. My apologies that it was short notice for many of you. We had a fantastic first meeting, looking at a number of fundraising options to ensure the costs for Grade 7 Camp at Camp Elphinstone are not prohibitive. Some ideas included a concession at the Oct. 30th Family Movie, a pancake breakfast and family photo morning in the gym (December), a 50/50 draw during the winter concert, and a BBQ through Buy Low Foods grand opening (they would donate the food and proceeds to the school).

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If you are interested in getting involved with a fundraising initiative, please contact Richard and Julia Wood (rawjaw@shaw.ca). If you are interested helping with the grade 7 Celebration (food, dance, etc.), please contact Stacy Ellis (stacyellis3@hotmail.com).

Thank you to all for your time and enthusiasm! Our students are fortunate to have your support! The next meeting is scheduled for early November (Date TBA – it will be emailed to you, so please send Stacy and Richard and Julie your addresses – thank you!)

EXTRA CURRICULAR SPORTS

The Cross Country season will soon be coming to a close. Thank you our coaches, Ms. Loh and Mme Renaud, to our parent drivers, and to our fantastic students! It has been a positive experience for all involved!

Volleyball for grade 6 and 7 students is now underway. Thank you to coaches Mr. Speak and Mme Maharaj for your time, expertise and energy! If you are able to come and support your child during an after school game (on Wednesday for the boys and Thursdays for the girls), we would love to see you!

HALLOWEEN FESTIVITIES

Our student leadership “Spirit Team” will be organizing a door decorating contest for all grades. There will be a candy estimation jar for students to practice their best estimation skills, and our Kindergarten students will proudly parade their creative disguises throughout the school.

Please Note: Replica weapons of any sort (e.g. swords, sabres, pirate knives, guns, clubs, etc.) are prohibited to come to school. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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 understanding and cooperation.

LOOKING AHEAD

- Monday, Oct. 19th – Federal Election Polling in the school gym all day and evening
- Tuesday, Oct. 20th – Grade 6 Immunizations
- Wednesday, Oct. 21st – Final Cross Country Track Meet at Bear Creek Park (after school until 4pm)
- Thursday, Oct. 22nd – Grade 6 and 7 Presentations with Const. Karen Baker on bullying and ensuring safe and caring schools
- Friday, Oct. 23rd – Provincial Non-Instructional Day – School is not in session
- Tuesday, Oct. 27th – 1pm Art Starts Performance, “Faustworks Mask Performance”
- Friday, Oct. 30th – 9am Primary SOAR Assembly; 10.45am Intermediate SOAR Assembly
- Friday, Oct. 30th – 2:45pm Family Halloween Movie (a grade 7 Camp fundraiser) ****All children in grades 3 and younger must be accompanied by an adult family member.**
- Monday, Nov. 9th – PAC Fundraiser – Family Photo Night in the gym
- Tuesday, Nov. 10th – School-wide Remembrance Day Assembly in the gym. Parents are welcome. Time is TBA as we are awaiting confirmation from one of our Veteran special guests.
- Wednesday, Nov. 11th – Remembrance Day – School is not in session
- Thursday, Nov. 12th – Additional Non-Instructional Day for the Implementation of Revised Curriculum – School is not in session.
- Friday, Nov. 13th – Non-Instructional Day – School is not in session.

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