



## **Riverdale News**

### **An Update for Parents and Families**

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

**November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015**

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#### **A WORD FROM YOUR PRINCIPAL**

There are so many ways staff, parents and families work together to make Riverdale a community where children are given opportunities to thrive! Over the past several weeks, parents have given time to ensure many “extras” happen – driving our sports teams to games, bringing juice and cookies to our grade 6’s after vaccinations, preparing the concession for movie night, donating pumpkins for division 3’s “Pumpkin Day” and attending our SOAR assemblies. Thank you for your generosity over the last two weeks, and for the trust you place in us every day. If you have any questions or concerns about your child’s learning and growth, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

#### **OUR PARKING LOT**

I have had several conversations with parents regarding our parking lot. Two years ago, the school community consulted with district personnel to redesign the traffic flow in the lots. While this redesign brought some improvements, there continues to be concerns. Mr. Loosemore and I are currently in discussions with the district about the congestion situation. Regardless of any redesign, however, the singular exit will continue to be a challenge. On rainy days, when there are more cars in the lot, we ask that you continue to be patient while three lanes converge into one at the exit. We all want our children to be safe while arriving and leaving school grounds. Thank you for your patience!

**NOVEMBER 12<sup>th</sup> – Additional non-Instructional Day – School is not in session**

**NOVEMBER 13<sup>th</sup> – Non-Instructional Day, as originally scheduled – School is not in session**

A letter from our Superintendent, Jordan Tinney, was sent home two weeks ago and is posted on the school website. It explains 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 12<sup>th</sup>. The second day is TBD. This day is intended for teachers to focus on the implementation of the revised curriculum.

#### **GRADE 7 UPDATES**

##### **Camp Fundraising**

Thank you to the grade 7 teachers and our parents for hosting our first of three family movie nights on Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>. Over 150 tickets were sold, and the parent-run concession was a huge success! There are two additional movie nights planned for Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup>. If you are interested in getting involved with a fundraising initiative, please contact Richard and Julia Wood ([rawjaw@shaw.ca](mailto:rawjaw@shaw.ca)).

##### **Grade 7 Celebration**

If you are interested helping with the grade 7 Celebration (food, dance, etc.), please contact Stacy Ellis ([stacyellis3@hotmail.com](mailto:stacyellis3@hotmail.com)).

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Vice Principal: Gary Loosemore

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Naomi Suzuki, the older sibling of Koji Suzuki in division 2, has generously offered to compile baby pictures for the celebration slide show. We hope to have all children represented. Please note the following information:

- Photos are to be sent digitally to [riverdale2016grad@gmail.com](mailto:riverdale2016grad@gmail.com)
- Send a maximum of **three** photos (baby, early years)
- Please send to Naomi prior to the Winter break if possible. She currently has time to compile the presentation as part of her volunteer hours.

Thank you!

### **MERCI, AU REVOIR, et BON RETOUR!**

We thank Mme Khalil from Division 11 for a wonderful start to the year! Mme Khalil was replacing Mme Moore for the last two months of her maternity leave. We welcome back Mme Moore on Monday, Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>. We know students will continue to have a wonderful learning experience throughout the rest of the year!

### **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**

- Tuesday, Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> – Individual Photo Retakes
- Thursday, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> – French Film Festival for Gr. 1 – 7 French Immersion Classes
- Monday, Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> – PAC Fundraiser – Family Photo Night in the gym (5pm-9pm)
- Tuesday, Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> – School-wide Remembrance Day Assembly at 10.30am in the gym. Parents are welcome..
- Wednesday, Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> – Remembrance Day – School is not in session
- Thursday, Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> – Additional Non-Instructional Day for the Implementation of Revised Curriculum – School is not in session.
- Friday, Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> – Non-Instructional Day – School is not in session.
- Friday, Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> – Intermediate SOAR Assembly at 9am; Primary SOAR Assembly at 10.45am.
- Thursday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> – Riverdale Winter Concert (afternoon and evening concerts, times TBA)