



## Riverdale News

### An Update for Parents and Families

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

**November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

\*\*Posted bi-weekly on the School Website

### **A Word from Your Principal**

As the first formal reporting period approaches this week (**Report Cards go home on Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>**), I want to remind you that there will be different ways to communicate your child's learning and growth:

- the standard, two-page district report card;
- a new, four-page district report card called Communicating Student Learning. This format includes both teacher and student self-assessments of learning. A letter went home last week to let parents know this was the format your child's teacher would be using.
- Freshgrade, which is an online digital portfolio parents can access anytime. Teachers using this platform have been communicating regularly with parents since September. Teachers will be sending home a hard copy of some student self-assessments of their learning.

It is our intent that there are no surprises at report card time. Communicating your child's learning is an ongoing process that occurs through conversations with teachers, visits in the classroom, on field trips, and during student-led conferences throughout the calendar year. We hope you feel welcome to discuss your child's progress at any time, and **we look forward to meeting with you on Thursday following early dismissal at 1.30pm for parent/teacher learning conferences. Please contact the office to make your appointment with your child's teacher(s).**

Thank you for all of your support, from driving students on fieldtrips and volleyball games, to having your students at school on time every day, to checking in with your child about his/her learning, to supporting your child's emotional development. Your involvement and support makes Riverdale a fantastic place to learn and grow. Merci!

### **Supporting Our Wonderful PAC**

Our PAC continues to be incredibly industrious. Please note the upcoming deadlines and events:

- **Purdy's Chocolate Orders due Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>**
- **Movie Ticket Requests due Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>** (The movie is free, but students must be accompanied by an adult family member and have a ticket)
- **Movie Night Raffle Tickets – last day to purchase is Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>**
- **PAC Meeting – 9am at the school on Dec. 3rd**
- **Family Movie Night – Friday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>. Doors open at 6pm –** The show... "Cool Runnings" An hysterical comedy that features an inspiring storyline about four Jamaican Athletes that persevere, despite obvious challenges, to enter the Canadian Winter Olympics as a bobsled team!

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Vice Principal: Gary Loosemore

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## Riverdale Christmas Concert – Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 1pm and 6.30pm

Please join us for one of two concerts on Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. A notice went home last week with info and details on ticket sales. As seating is limited in the gym, there is a **maximum of three tickets per family please!** **If you have more than one student at our school, please only send one ticket form with the oldest sibling:**

- Afternoon concert begins at 1pm. Tickets are free. Please bring an item for the food bank.
  - Evening concert begins at 6.30pm. Tickets are \$1. Please bring an item for the food bank.
- \*\* Proceeds will be going to support our fantastic music program at Riverdale!

## Grade 7 Updates

### Fundraising Planning Meeting – **Monday, Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>, from 5-6pm in Mr. Loosemore's room**

A notice went home with your child last week. We hope to have a keen group plan for some upcoming events in the new year. Hope to see you there!

### Grade 7 Baby Photos

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

- Photos are to be sent digitally to **riverdale2016grad@gmail.com**
- Send a maximum of **three** photos (baby, early years)
- In the subject line, please include the students' full name and division.

Thank you!

## Welcome to Ms. Andrea DySalvador!

We are thrilled to welcome Ms. DySalvador in the teaching roles of LST and grade 5/6 with Mr. Loosemore. She will be with us until the end of the school 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

- **Monday, Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> – 5pm Grade 7 Fundraising Committee Meeting**
- Tuesday, Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> – First term report cards issued
- Thursday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9am – PAC Meeting
- Thursday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> – Early Dismissal at 1.30pm for Parent/Teacher Learning Conferences – please contact the office to make an appointment with your child's teacher(s)
- Friday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm – PAC Family Movie Night
- Tuesday, Dec 8<sup>th</sup> - Girls' Volleyball Playday at Erma Stephenson in the afternoon – Good luck Ravens!
- Wednesday, Dec 9<sup>th</sup> - Boys' Volleyball Playday at Erma Stephenson in the afternoon – Go Ravens!
- Thursday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> – Riverdale Christmas Concert (1pm and 6.30pm)
- Friday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> – Last day of classes before Winter Break – Pyjama and Special Holiday Movie Day!
- Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup> – Happy New Year and Welcome back! First day of classes in 2016.