



Riverdale News

An Update for Parents and Families

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A Word from Your Principal

There are so many ways families give of their time and energy to keep Riverdale a thriving, energetic and dynamic place where children learn every minute of every day: Grade 7 camp fundraising initiatives; film nights for the family; serving piping hot lunches; driving to basketball and soccer games; helping out in the parking lot; volunteering in the classroom and on fieldtrips; getting up early so your children arrive on time; cuddling up and reading a good book; enquiring about how to support “the new math” at home; coming to parent-teacher meetings; reviewing Freshgrade accounts; writing supportive notes that your child reads throughout the day; helping to re-stock the Earthquake bin; discussing what your child has learned at the end of a long day....May you know how much we value all that you do – from the most visible contributions, to those that are constant and invisible. *Merci! Thank you! Marhaba! Gracias! Salamat! Shukran!*

Parent Information Night – The Revised Curriculum and Communicating Student Learning **Wednesday, Feb. 17th from 6.00-7.00pm**

Please join us at school for some information and a conversation about changes to BC’s curriculum, and updates on ways of reporting your child’s learning, including Freshgrade. A flyer and request for an RSVP were sent home on Friday. Please indicate your intention to come so we can adequately prepare the space, handouts and coffee. We hope to see you there!

Update from our PAC

Purdy’s Easter Fundraiser - Parents, friends and families have until March 1st to place their orders. Please go to the link www.purdysgpp.com and use Customer #18559. Bon appetite!

PAC Popcorn Day! Enjoy some freshly-popped kernels just before leaving for March Break on Friday, March 11th.

Clothing Drive – March 30th – April 6th. Please bring your donations to the exterior PAC doors at the beginning of the day during the six day drive.

Thank you to all of the volunteers for a delicious and nutritious hot lunch last Thursday!

Parking Lot Update and Feedback Poll

A notice went out last week that detailed the trial changes to the parking lot, beginning Tuesday, Feb. 9th. We appreciate your feedback as we determine if any changes will ameliorate traffic flow prior to re-painting the parking lot over spring break. Please give us your feedback using [this poll](#).

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University of the Fraser Valley Practicum Students – Family Support

We have the pleasure of hosting two practicum students in social work at Riverdale this term. Taciana Velasco and Serena Ha are at the school three days a week to help support any family with finding community resources (such as medical care, child care, affordable family recreation programs, mental health supports, etc). They can be reached via email at socialworkstudentsriverdale@gmail.com, or feel free to call the school and leave a message.

Grade 7 Updates

Zumbathon! One of our grade 7 parents has organized a fantastic event on Friday, March 4th, from 7-8.30pm in our gym. Come on out for an evening of fun! It's a great way to keep (or start!) your New Year's resolution! All proceeds go to support our grade 7 students' Camp Fund. Please see the attachment for details.

Grade 7 Fundraiser Hot Lunch – All proceeds from the Panago Pizza Hot Lunch on Friday, March 4th will go to support grade 7 camp fundraising.

Community Parent Forums

Internet/Social Media Safety: Digital Literacy for Parents – April 12th, 7-9pm Guildford Park Secondary

Education is the first step in keeping our kids safer in this technology-driven world. It is not uncommon that our children know more about the workings of the Internet and Social Networking than we as parents do. This presentation is designed to educate even the most computer illiterate parent. Our presentation will provide the knowledge and information, based upon academically peer reviewed research that parents need to know about the Internet and Social Networking to help keep their children safer. Please see the attachment for details.

Kindergarten Choice Program (French Immersion) Lottery Timeline**

- December 1st – Sibling Registration begins
- January 15th – **Siblings** have priority placement until this date
- January 18th – Those without siblings in FRIM register at local school/catchment school
- January 25th – Online applications open for lottery
- February 9th – Deadline to register at catchment school in order to apply online for Choice Program
- February 15th – Online applications close
- February 22nd – Random draw for lottery takes place
- February 23rd – March 4 – Lottery results sent to applicants for accept and decline or with wait list placements via email

**Please check the school website for further information.

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.

Looking Ahead

- Feb. 9th-11th - Scholastic Book Fair in the Library ** Please see the attachment for details.
- Friday, Feb. 12th from 1-2.30pm – PALS Session #2 in the library for pre-school aged children and their parents/caregivers.

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- Friday, Feb. 12th - Grade 7 Camp Fundraiser – Lion King Double Feature in the gym – (2.45 – 4.15; 4.30 – 6pm) Advanced ticket sales only. ** Students in primary (grade three and younger) must be accompanied by a parent/adult.
- Monday, Feb. 15th Jumprope for Heart Campaign ends with an Activity Day in the Gym
- Feb. 16th – 26th - RAK it up Campaign begins(Random Acts of Kindness)
- Wednesday, Feb. 17th - Parent Information Night – Communicating Student Learning and Curriculum Redesign – 6-7pm in the gym.
- Thursday, Feb. 18th – “The Maple Man/La Grande Coulee” special event for all students, K-7
- Friday, Feb. 19th – Non Instructional Day - School will be closed
- Pink Shirt Day – Feb. 24th – School Wide Viewing of “Inside Out”.
- Friday, Feb. 26th 9am – K-7 Celebration Assembly – Choir performance – Parents invited
- Friday, March 4th - Spirit Day: “Dress Like a Royal Day” and Grade 7 Camp Hot Lunch Fundraiser
- Friday, March 4th - Zumbathon – Grade 7 Camp Fundraiser – 7 – 8.30pm in the gym
- Friday, March 11th - PALS Session #3 from 1-2.30pm in the library for pre-school aged children and their parents/caregivers.
- Friday, March 11th - Last day of school before Spring Break – PAC Popcorn sales after school!
- SPRING BREAK/SCHOOL CLOSURE – March 14th - 28th
- Tuesday, March 29th – Welcome Back! School Re-opens
- Wednesday, March 30th – Wednesday, April 6th – PAC Clothing Drive
- Monday, April 18th is an additional Non-Instructional Day. School is closed.