



## **Riverdale News**

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

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

**March 7, 2016**

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

We had a day fit for Royals last Friday! Thank you for helping us have a fun Spirit Day. We had many princes and princesses, Kings and Queens, Knights and even their horses! It has been wonderful to see our Grade 6/7 Leadership Students organize fun days and events for students. Our next Spirit Day is April 15<sup>th</sup>. Staff and students are invited to come dressed as their favourite character – TV, book or movie. I am sure we'll have a host of imaginative characters roaming our halls!

This week marks the end of term two, and formal reports will be going home Tuesday. Early dismissal (1.30pm) and parent, teacher, student learning conferences are scheduled for the afternoon, beginning at 1.45pm. Please contact your child's teacher directly (in some cases) or the office to schedule an appointment as soon as possible. While report card time is an important opportunity to communicate your child's learning to you, we invite you to call, email or meet with your child's teacher throughout the year. Our goal is to provide you with various windows into your child's learning. The district continues to support teachers with different ways to do this, including Freshgrade online portfolios and the new Communicating Student Learning Template. Thank you to those parents who were able to join us for our Curriculum and Assessment Conversation in February. Your questions and comments provide us with valuable feedback about how we can continue to share key aspects of curricular shifts, and how to support your child's learning. Thank you for your ongoing connection!

### **Community Parent Forums**

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

- **Options Community Services – “How Can We Make Guildford West Safe for Young Children?” Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm**
- **“How to Grow Happy Children” with Dr. Vanessa Lapointe – Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup> from 6.30 – 8.30pm at 6846 King George Blvd**
- **Positively Parenting Workshop Series at Cloverdale Recreation Centre, Wednesdays, 6.30-8.30pm**
- **SAIL (Surrey's Academy of Innovative Learning) Open House – April 5<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, District Education Centre**
- **Internet/Social Media Safety: Digital Literacy for Parents – April 12<sup>th</sup>, 7-9pm Guildford Park Secondary**

### **Parking Lot Update**

Thank you for your feedback regarding traffic flow and safety in the parking lot. While we want to ensure we are doing everything possible to help with flow during the 10 minute rush, we also want to ensure our children's safety. Please drive slowly and watch for pedestrians. Thank you for your cooperation and feedback.

Over Spring Break district personnel will be moving the temporary stanchions and adding cement barriers in the current configuration. Painting will likely happen in the summer.

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## Construction on 108A Ave. from Feb. 22 to March 11th

Vehicle access to the school will be affected due to environmental remediation issues at the shopping centre. Access to the parking lots will not be affected, and nothing will be happening on school property. **All work will be stopped during drop off and pick up times.** Please drive slowly and watch for flag personnel.

## Update from our PAC

- **PAC Popcorn Day!** Enjoy some freshly-popped kernels just before leaving for March Break on Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup>.
- **Clothing Drive** – March 30<sup>th</sup> – April 6<sup>th</sup>. Please bring your donations to the exterior PAC doors at the beginning of the day during the six day drive.
- **Next PAC Meeting** – Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 9am. This time may also involve organizing for the Clothing Drive pick up.

**And a BIG thank you for your help with the Grade 7 Hot Panago Lunch Fundraiser on March 4<sup>th</sup>!!**

**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

**Next Meeting – Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 5-6pm** Please join us for a fundraising update as well as planning for the Grade 7 Celebration June 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Kwantlen Park Secondary Grade 7 Parent Night – Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 7pm** – Please see the attachment for details.

Many thanks to Teodora Suzuki for organizing an incredibly successful ZUMBA evening last Friday! Total funds raised for camp was \$945!

## Looking Ahead

- Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 5pm – Grade 7 Parent Meeting
- Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> – 9am Grade 7 Band Concert
- Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Formal Reports Home
- Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup> – 1.30pm Early Dismissal and Student, Teacher, Parent Conferences
- Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup> – 9am Intermediate SOAR Assembly; 10.45 Primary SOAR Assembly
- Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup> - PALS Session #3 from 1-2.30pm in the library for pre-school aged children and their parents/caregivers.
- Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup> - Last day of school before Spring Break – PAC Popcorn sales after school!
- SPRING BREAK/SCHOOL CLOSURE – March 14<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup>
- Tuesday, March 29<sup>th</sup> – Welcome Back! School Re-opens
- Wednesday, March 30<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup> – PAC Clothing Drive
- Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup> – District Event: *Concours d'Art Oratoire*
- Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup> is an additional Non-Instructional Day. School is closed.

***We wish you and your family a wonderful, safe Spring Break!***



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