



Riverdale News

A bi-weekly update for parents and families

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

Principal: Leah Christensen
Vice Principal: Gary Loosemore

September 27th, 2016

A word from your Principal

We had a wonderful day of learning at our first non-instructional day this year. Staff engaged in conversations around the new curriculum, Aboriginal Principles of Learning, reading comprehension assessments, supporting Big Ideas in science, and explored different programs to support social and emotional learning. It is, indeed, a time of great change in our educational system, and we're ready for it!

On Thursday, November 3rd, we will have early dismissal and student-led conferences. This will be a time for your child to not only show you what happens in the classroom, but to share with you different parts of his/her learning journey. There will also be a time for you to meet with myself and Mr. Loosemore in a "Curriculum Café" in the Learning Commons room. We will share more about the new curriculum framework, and talk about the different reporting options at Riverdale. Some of you have experienced online portfolio updates through Freshgrade, and others have received the Communicating Student Learning Snapshots. Both of these options will continue this year.

In the meantime, please don't hesitate to speak with myself, Mr. Loosemore, and your child's teacher with any questions or concerns.

Student Forms Sent Home

A variety of forms went home with your child today:

- Media Consent
- Internet Use/Freshgrade Access
- Student Information Verifications

Thank you for signing and returning them promptly. Your cooperative is greatly appreciated.



**This Thursday, Sept. 29th
Open House and PAC BBQ!**

Our wonderful PAC will be grilling burgers for children and families from 4 – 5.45pm. Open House runs from 5.30 – 7pm. **Children must be accompanied by an adult.** The weather looks like it's going to cooperate! We hope to see you there! Last day for pre-ticket sales is Tuesday.

Orange Shirt Day – Sept. 30th

Orange Shirt Day is a nation-wide event aimed at recognizing Truth and Reconciliation, particularly bringing awareness to the history of Residential Schools in Canada. The day grew out of one woman's account of having her shiny new orange shirt taken away on her first day of school at the Mission school in Williams Lake. It has become an opportunity to keep the discussion on all aspects of residential schools happening annually.

At our SOAR Assembly, we will take time to share the story of what Orange Shirt day means to Canadians. Teachers will invite students to wear an orange shirt on this day to remember the story and legacy experienced by many Aboriginal people in Canada.

Terry Fox Run, Thurs., Oct. 6th "Toonie for Terry!"

Our committee is hard at work planning a meaningful day and fundraiser to honour a great Canadian hero. Primary students will "Run Across Canada" on our gravel field. Intermediate students will participate in a community "Run Across Canada." Watch for a permission form (for intermediate students only) and information letter to arrive home later this week.

After School Pick Up – Change in Plans?

If you need to let your child know about alternate pick up arrangements, when possible, please call the school early in the day with the information. It sometimes takes time to connect with your child during a busy day. We want to ensure there is time to reach him/her. Thank you for your cooperation.

PAC Executive for 2016-2017



Thank you to all those who came to the PAC AGM last week. It was wonderful to see many new faces! And thank you to those who have supported PAC behind the scenes over the years!

Many thanks to our outgoing PAC Chair, Corinne Moody, for all of her time and efforts to make Ecole Riverdale a wonderful place of learning and growth. All executive roles are critical in making PAC run smoothly, and we are thankful for all of your extra energy, effort and enthusiasm.

Merci and thank you to those who assumed positions for this school year. **The 2016-2017 Executive is:**

Hilda Jewell---- Chair

Corinne Moody---- Vice Chair

Secretary-----Megan Carbonetto

Treasurer ---- Lisa Zenowski

Next PAC Meeting: Wednesday, Oct. 12th at 6pm

Summer Reading Program – Congratulations!

Thank you to everyone for supporting your child(ren) during the Guildford Summer Reading program. We had 131 students participate! Way to go, Ravens!

Nut Aware School

We have a number of students in the school with severe and life threatening allergies to peanuts, tree nuts (such as almonds) and nut products. In order to make our classrooms a positive and safe environment for all children **we ask that you do not bring any foods that have nuts, peanut butter or nut products. We cannot, however, guarantee that we are a “nut free” environment as many prepared products (e.g. granola bars) are not processed in nut-free facilities.** We will do our best to secure the safety and well-being of all

students, and appreciate your cooperation and the effort to ensure we have as safe an environment as possible.

Lunch Program

Due to health and safety guidelines, we are required to have a parent **sign each month for the lunch program.** We thank you for signing and returning the form each month.

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 cooperation.

Looking Ahead...

- Sept. 28th – Boys and Girls grade 6/7 Volleyball season begins
- Sept. 28th – Individual Student Photo Day
- Sept. 28th – Cross Country Meet at Bear Creek Park 2.30 – 4pm
- Sept. 29th – Grade 6 Immunizations
- Sept 29th – Open House and PAC Family BBQ!
- Sept 30th – Orange Shirt Day
- Sept. 30th – SOAR Assembly (9am Primary and 10.45am Intermediate)
- October 5th – Celebrate World Teachers’ Day
- Oct. 5th - Cross Country Meet at Bear Creek Park 2.30 – 4pm
- Oct. 6th – Terry Fox Run 1:00 pm
- Oct. 10th – Thanksgiving Day Holiday
- Oct. 12th - Cross Country Meet at Bear Creek Park 2.30 – 4pm
- Oct. 17th – 20th – Walk, Roll and Ride to School Week!
- Oct. 21st – Provincial Non Instructional Day
- Oct. 28th – SOAR Assemblies (9am Primary and 10.45am Intermediate)
- Nov. 3rd – Early Dismissal, Student Led Conferences and Parent “Conversation Café”
- Nov. 4th – Non-instructional Day – School is closed.

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together, we SOAR to success!***