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Riverdale News

A bi-weekly update for parents and families
Ecole Riverdale Elementary...
together, we SOAR to success!

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A word from your Principal

There are so many wonderful examples of learning, kindness, generosity, exploration, humour, collaboration and growth to share! As you read the many happenings and updates in this newsletter, I'm sure you'll agree with me that Ecole Riverdale is an incredible community. And it is because of you, your children, and our dedicated staff that we are proud to call each one of us a Raven. I know we are united in that we all want what is best for our children and their future. And together, we work towards creating a community of learners where every child belongs. That is something to celebrate every day!

As we look towards the weeks to come, I hope you will carve out some time on Thursday May 10th to join us for a cup of tea and some entertainment at our Parent Appreciation Tea. Our PAC would also love to meet you and let you know about the conversations happening at the upcoming AGM on May 17th. May you have a wonderful week! We'll see you soon!

"Land of Trash" and Earth Day Challenge

Many thanks to PAC for providing the funding for our 2nd ArtStarts performance this year. "Land of Trash" was a futuristic look at what could happen to our planet if we don't change our ways. Performed by the award-winning Green Thumb Theatre, the timing was perfect as this week we are looking at ways to pledge our commitment to consuming less, and taking better care of our planet.



Fresh Air Fieldtrip Grant

This year we received funding to get us out into nature a little bit more. Many classes have already planned a fieldtrip to an outdoor destination – perhaps the beach, a hike, a park...we have so many amazing options in this beautiful part of the world! Many thanks to the district for providing the extra bus funding – we are using it well!

Michael Wade – Author Visit

Thank you to Mme Ramirez, our wonderful librarian, for arranging this for our intermediate classes last week. Michael Wade is a well-known and loved author of the *And Then it Happened* series. He had students and staff in stitches throughout the afternoon, and also shared what it takes to produce good writing. We may have several new commitments to become authors in our school!

"Concours d'Art Oratoire" ... *Bravo tout le monde!*

Congratulations to all eight students who beautifully represented Riverdale at the Concours last week! Our students placed very well with two students placing first and second:

- 1st Place Grade 4 – **Yeshen Mootosamy**
- 2nd Place Grade 4 – **Rosha Naziri**

City of Surrey Snowplough Art

Division 16 (Mme Renaud's grade 1/2 class) won a draw to convert a City of Surrey Snowplough into a piece of art! Watch for the plough (currently waiting beside our Earthquake bin) to be transformed in the weeks to come!

Grade 7 Camp Update – Attention all parents of students in Gr. 6!

Prior to Spring Break, we sent home information and notices about camp forms and funding. We appreciate receiving many of the \$100 deposits and forms by the April 6th deadline. If you have not yet returned them, please do so as soon as possible.

Shortly, we will send home further details, including some wonderful news! We have received an incredibly generous donation from a parent who wishes to remain anonymous. This generous sum will help offset the cost of camp for every student, and also provide some bursaries to those children and families in need of support. We are incredibly grateful for this donation and extend our heartfelt thanks to the donor.

Please watch for an updated letter with the date for the Camp Elphinstone information night (with camp staff), and the final amount owing for Grade 7 Camp, October 3rd – 5th 2017.

PAC Updates

Next PAC meeting will be

Thursday, April 26th @ 6pm in the

Learning Commons. Child minding provided. Please email the PAC (Riverdale.pac@hotmail.com) if you require child minding.

HOT LUNCH ORDERS

Thursday April 19th – Panago Pizza

Thursday May 10th – Popcorn Day (last day to order May 3rd)

Thursday May 24th – Hot Dog Day (last day to order May 17th)

Thursday June 7th – Popcorn Day (last day to order May 31st)

Friday June 15th – Panago Pizza (last day to order June 8th)

Please submit your order through Munch-A-Lunch.

PAC AGM will be held on **May 17th at 6pm**, we will nominate members for next school year positions and will be discussing the playground removal and replacement. Parents are encouraged to attend to voice their opinion on what options we have.

A separate email with more information and details about the AGM and Playgound Equipment updates will be sent out today. AGM nomination forms will be sent home next Monday, April 23rd.

Positive Parenting Program – April 25th – June 6th (Wednesdays at 6pm) at Riverdale!

This program is aimed at supporting parents of young children, ages 3-6 years. Please see the attachment for more information and registration details.

PALS (Parents as Literacy Supporters)

For parents/guardians and their 3-5 year old children. Please join us in the Learning Commons for some wonderful examples of supporting learning and literacy development at home on:

Friday, April 27th at 1pm

Friday, May 11th at 1pm

Friday, June 1st at 1pm

Parent Appreciation Tea – Thursday, May 10th 8.45 – 9.45am



The invitation is to ALL of our wonderful parents and volunteers who help make Ecole Riverdale an outstanding place to learn and grow! Please watch for the invitation to arrive home soon!

Student Safety

In order to ensure your child is safe at school, **it is district policy that parents/visitors 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. Thank you for your cooperation.

Looking Ahead...

- Monday, April 23rd – Earth Day Challenges!
- Friday April 27th – 9am Intermediate SOAR Assembly; 10.45am Primary SOAR Assembly
- Friday, April 27th – 1pm PALS Session
- Friday, May 4th – Non-Instructional Day
- Thursday, May 10th – 8.45 – 9.45am Parent Appreciation Tea in the gym
- Monday, May 14th – Festival des Beaux Arts (French Immersion Fine Arts Festival) morning at the Bell Centre
- Wednesday, May 16th – 1pm – Welcome to Kindergarten – Part 1
- Thursday, May 17th 6pm PAC AGM
- Friday, May 18th – 1.30pm Early Dismissal
- May 24th – Hot Lunch

- Thursday, May 24th – Welcome to Kindergarten – Part II (Learning Through Play)
- Friday, May 25th – Spirit Day: Multicultural Celebration!
- Friday, May 25th – FINAL SOAR Assemblies - 9am Intermediate SOAR Assembly; 10.45am Primary
- Monday, May 28th – Non-Instructional Day
- Wednesday, May 30th – Jumprope for Heart Day

- June 15th – Sports Day and Hot Lunch
- June 21st Grade 7 Celebration and Ceremony at 6pm
- June 22nd – 9am K-7 Year End Celebration Assembly
- June 28th – 1.30pm dismissal and last day of school

Ecole Riverdale...where we are all Ravens!
Nous sommes tous des corbeaux!