



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

I hope you enjoyed a wonderful long weekend with your family! It is important to have these breaks from school, and to spend time with one another. I recently received some information in the mail from the Canadian Red Cross. Enclosed were 15 quotes about kindness, including:

When you are kind to others, it not only changes you, it changes the world. Harold Kushner

This made me think about our amazing Riverdale community – from staff to students, parents to grandparents. Thank you to everyone for changing our Riverdale world through your kindness – your smiles in the morning, your word of thanks to a teacher, your cupcakes for birthday parties, your volunteer time on committees. You are amazing!

The Concours d'Art Oratoire – Riverdale place well...*Bravo tout le monde!*

Congratulations to all eight students who represented Riverdale at the Concours two weeks ago. Our students placed very well (see below for district finalists). Ajay Dalal, the grade 7 finalist, will advance to the provincial speech finals, held on May 6th at SFU Surrey. Felicitations!

Grade 4 2 nd place	Zahraa Joorawon
Grade 5 1 st Place:	Keegan Lemos
Grade 5 2 nd Place:	Tej Nathoo
Grade 6 2 nd Place:	Natasha Phavongkham
Grade 7 1 st Place:	Ajay Dalal

Morning Routines at Riverdale

We have noticed that many students are entering school before the 8.30 bell (instead of waiting outside in line with their class). **We ask that all students** (except those in Breakfast Club) **remain outside, in line with their class, until the 8.30am bell.** If you wish to help your child in the morning, you are welcome to come inside at the bell. Thank you for your understanding.

You may have noticed a different teacher is now bringing your child's class inside. To help guide and remind children how to calmly enter school in the morning (quiet voices, walking slowly, up and down stairs), each adult now has a specific location – either outside, gathering children in line, or inside, welcoming them. This makes for a great start to the day!

PAC Updates - Next PAC Meeting: Wednesday, May 10th at 6pm. Childminding is provided.

- Thank you to all who helped organize and contribute to the Baker's Market's success last Saturday!
- The **2017/2018 PAC Elections** are coming up and will be held at our **Annual General Meeting on May 10, 2017**. All positions are up for posting. There are nomination forms on the bulletin board near the office. Duties for the elected positions are also posted. We would like to encourage all parents to think about putting their name up for a position. Some of the positions only require a small amount of time. Please come to the May PAC meeting and see what goes on.
- **Friday, April 28th from 5-8pm** - PAC and CPF (Cdn Parents for French) **Carnivale!** Games, food trucks, bouncy castles...all with a Canadian flair! Please see details below.
- **May 25th - Next Hot Lunch** – order online

Family Fun Night: PAC Carnivale!

April 28th, 5-8pm

Ecole Riverdale Elementary and Canadian Parents for French presents...

CANADIANA SPRING CARNIVAL!

FREE Admission!
\$10 Games pass
(includes most attractions)

April 28th
5pm-8pm

BOUNCY CASTLES, MINI GOLF, GAMES, SILENT AUCTION, CAKE WALK!

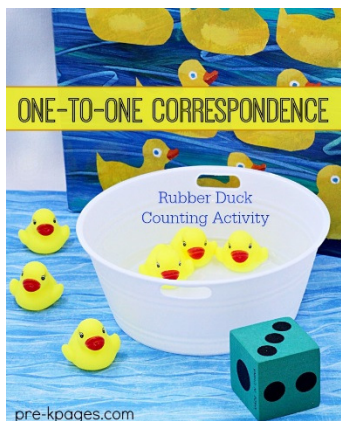
Food trucks on site!

Come join us for an evening of family fun at Ecole Riverdale Elementary!
14835 108A Avenue Surrey, BC

If you haven't marked your calendar yet, don't forget the PAC's "Carnivale" themed Family Fun Night is coming soon on April 28th. Just to clarify, the event, partly sponsored by Canadian Parents for French is in honor of our Bilingual Heritage and is not actually a "birthday celebration" for Canada's 150th. So although there won't be balloons or birthday cake, there will be lots of fun games and activities. So, please invite your neighbors and friends.

The PAC has brought in **food trucks** and has set up a **Silent Auction**. So bring your appetites and your credit cards, or just come for the fun. We are still looking to fill some space on our **volunteer schedule**. Please Email Corinne Moody at living_to_love@telus.net or text 778-888-0752 if you can spare 30 - 60 minutes of your time!

PALS Session on Friday, April 28th 1pm in the Learning Commons



attitude toward mathematics! No need to pre-register – just come!

Our Theme is “**Early Math**” and how to support numeracy development with pre-school age children. Come and enjoy exploring math concepts through play with your child. It is easy to have fun and develop a positive

Grade 6/7 Camp Fundraising Update

- Chocolate sales will resume once monies for current chocolates has been collected. Thanks everyone!
- The “Guessing Jars” have been a hit! The closest guess for \$1 wins the jar of chocolate eggs, and the closest guess for the penny jar will land the student in the principal’s office for the day...as Principal! Winners announced next Monday, April 24th.

Next Fundraising Committee Meeting: Tuesday, April 19th at 4pm.

Grade 7 Graduation Celebration

The students have spoken...we have a Hollywood theme for 2017! Please join us for the next planning meeting: **Tuesday, May 2nd, from 5-6pm in Mr. Loosemore and Ms. Riley’s room.**

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. This also makes for fewer disruptions in the classroom. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

Friday is our Earth Day Celebration!



Encourage your child to come dressed to celebrate Earth Day: wear blue and green, or something “recycled”, or dress symbolically to represent nature, or climate change, or whatever your creativity conjures up. The Leadership Team will also reveal on Friday an Environmental “Design Challenge” for students.

Looking Ahead...

- April 20th – PAC Kernals popcorn delivery
- April 21st – Spirit Day: Earth Day Celebration!
- April 26th – 9am Theatre la 16me Theatre presentation, grade K-7 FRIM
- April 28th 9am Primary SOAR Assembly; 10.45 Intermediate SOAR Assembly

- April 28th 1pm PALS in the Learning Commons
- April 28th – 5-8pm PAC and CPF Carnival!
- May 4th – 1pm Artstarts Performance: Cadence – An A Capella History
- May 5th – Non-Instructional Day – School is closed
- May 11th – 1pm Volunteer Appreciation Tea
- May 16th – Festival des Beaux Arts at the Bell Centre (time TBA)
- May 18th – 1.30pm Early Dismissal (No conferences – Students are to be picked up; teachers use this time for assessment and planning purposes)

- May 19th – 9am Welcome to Kindergarten (FRIM); 1pm Welcome to Kindergarten (English)
- Looking way ahead...
 - June 16th is Sports Day!
 - June 22nd is the grade 7 Celebration from 5.30-8.30pm
 - June 23rd is our Year End Celebration Assembly

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