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Riverdale News

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

April 3rd, 2018

A word from your Principal



What a wonderful first day back at school! Students and staff are eager to get back into routines and to share their Spring Break adventures.

As we head into our final term, we reflect on the wonderful learning opportunities that have happened this year, and the many that lie ahead. We have three months remaining in the 2017-2018 school year, and we plan to make the most of every moment – in the classroom, on the playground, on sports teams, in lunch clubs, during performances, on fieldtrips.... We have an action-packed 12 weeks ahead, as you can see from this newsletter.

Thank you for your support in getting your child(ren) to school every day, rested and ready to learn and grow together! We hope you will be able to join us for some entertainment and baking prepared by staff at our Parent Appreciation Tea next month (May 10th). It's one way for us to say *Merci Beaucoup* for all of your involvement and support!



Class and Individual Spring Photos – April 12th

You may wish to have your child's photo taken in addition to the class photo.

Information will be sent home very soon.

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 – please see the dates below in “Looking Ahead” and place orders online using Munch a Lunch system.

PAC AGM will be held on **May 24th 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.

“Concours d’Art Oratoire” – Wednesday, April 11th 7pm Kwantlen Park Secondary

Over the last several weeks, students in intermediate French Immersion classes have been learning deeply about the skills and thought required to prepare an effective speech. Congratulations! Felicitations to the eight students named below (grades 4-7) who will represent our school at the district French Immersion Speech Festival (Concours d’Art Oratoire) next week.

We are proud of you, and wish you great success on Tuesday!

Bonne chance tout le monde!

Grade 4 – Roshia Naziri, Yeshen Mootoosamy

Grade 5 – Daniela Guillen, Mariam Mohd

Grade 6 – Tej Nathoo, Keegan Lemos

Grade 7 – Samaiya Gill, Natasha Phavongkham



Spirit Days!

Our Ravens Student Leadership Team has some more fun planned for April and May:



April 23rd – A school-wide Earth Day Challenge to honour Earth Day on April 22nd.

May 25th – Multicultural Celebration!

Please watch for information about how we plan to celebrate our wonderful cultural diversity at Ecole Riverdale!



Welcome to Kindergarten in Two Parts

The more familiar your child is with the school environment and can make connections to teachers and school personnel, the more successful his/her transition will be!

If your child is registered to enter Kindergarten in Sept. 2018 (both French Immersion and English programs), we invite you to come to two separate events at school:

1. Wednesday, May 16th 1pm - 2.15pm

We will meet with parents/guardians separate from the children to share some important information and answer questions about the Kindergarten year. Children will have an opportunity to work with staff and have some fun in a K classroom.

2. Thursday, May 24th 1pm - 2.15pm

Parents/Guardians enter the K classroom with their child to experience some key ways to support learning and readiness for Kindergarten.

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! Details to follow.

Summer Learning – July 3rd – 13th

Summer Learning will be happening at Holly Elementary this year, from July 3rd – 13th. Teachers will send home letters of recommendation this week. If you do not receive one and feel your child could benefit from extra literacy and numeracy support (in French and in English), please speak with your child's teacher. Thank you.

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...

- April 3rd - School Re-opens – Welcome Back!
- April 5th – Artstarts Performance by Green Thumb Theatre, “Land of Trash” (grades 2-7)
- Tuesday, April 10th –Michael Wade Author Visit gr. 3-7
- Wednesday, April 11th – 7pm Concours d’Art Oratoire
- April 13th – “Crème Glace” FRIM performance
- April 19th – Hot Lunch
- April 20th – 2.30pm “The Great Gordini!” PAC Fundraiser Family Magic Show
- Monday, April 23rd – Earth Day Challenge!
- Friday April 27th – 9am Intermediate SOAR Assembly; 10.45am Primary SOAR Assembly
- Friday, May 4th – Non-Instructional Day
- Thursday, May 10th – 8.45 – 9.45am Parent Appreciation Tea in the gym
- Wednesday, May 16th – 1pm – Welcome to Kindergarten – Part 1
- 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
- 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!

