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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

For the last two weeks, in addition to all of the powerful learning across the curriculum, students made commitments and took action to help lessen their footprint on our planet. Inspired by Earth Day, classes decided to do something that would make a difference for the health of our planet. The variety and depth of commitment was inspiring! These included:

- Not use any plastic for the week.
- "Unplug" and turn out the lights for a day.
- Create a garbage wall each day for a week and track the amount of garbage created.
- Park the car and not drive to or from school for a day.
- Have "garbageless" snacks and lunches.
- Watch the documentary, *A Plastic Ocean*, and make one change to lessen single plastic use.

Hopefully some of these actions sparked some conversations around your dinner table. Students were passionate, and we hope that passion is contagious!

Ecole Riverdale Ravens' amazing gifts, generosity and genius continue to multiply! May you have a wonderful first week of May. We'll hopefully see you on May 10th at the tea!

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



The invitation went home last week to ALL of our wonderful parents and volunteers who help make Ecole Riverdale an outstanding place to learn and grow! Please send in your RSVP asap. You won't want to miss the event!

PAC Updates

Next PAC meeting and AGM will be Thursday, May 17th @ 6pm

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

Magic Show

Thank you to everyone who came out to watch and help out with the Magic Show! The kids really enjoyed the show and were asking when the Great Gordini will be back at Riverdale. We would love to put on another show next year!

Facebook

If you haven't already, please join PAC on our Facebook Group Page. We post PAC events, provide you with reminders for school and PAC events, post important deadlines and share ideas and information. Please search Ecole Riverdale PAC in Facebook to find our group. The group is open to Parents and Guardians of Riverdale students.

AGM – Thursday, May 17th, 6pm

A newsletter with a Nomination form will be sent home with your child this week. We have parents that won't be joining the committee next year so it is very important that we get new parents involved to help keep PAC going at Riverdale. Please consider joining us. If you have any questions or concerns about joining us please reach out to us. We can be reached through Facebook or at Riverdale.PAC@hotmail.com.

Playground

In 2021, the large play structure on the portable side of the playground is due to retire and will be removed by

the School District. We will need to purchase a new structure and raise funds to pay for it. We will be meeting with Habitat Structures at our AGM on May 17th. Please join us to discuss available options, costs and what you would like to see in the new structure. A newsletter with more information will be sent home shortly.

Hot Lunch Thanks!

Many thanks to our coordinator, Hilda Jewell, and all the parent volunteers for another successful hot lunch last week.

Hot Lunch Orders

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. Thank you!

Upcoming Non-Instructional Days:

- Friday, May 4th
- Monday, May 28th



Early Dismissal (1.30pm)

Friday, May 18th – There will not be student-led or parent-teacher conferences. This time is intended for teachers to prepare assessments and plan for instruction. Your child will be ready for pick up at 1.30pm. Thank you.

Individual and Sibling Photos

Packages went home last week.

Please Note: Orders are due May 4th.

Any photos you do NOT wish to keep need to be returned in the package to your child's teacher by Friday May 4th. You will not be charged for photos that are returned by the deadline. Thank you.

Creative Packs – Order Deadline

Riverdale uses a wonderful system for school supplies called "Creative Packs." Information and order forms went home last week. Please order online, or return payment with the form to the office, or email support@creativepacks.ca by **Friday, May 11th**.

All **Kindergarten and Gr. 1 FRIM** teachers will purchase supplies for their students next year. More information to follow at our first Welcome to Kindergarten session on May 16th.

For all other grades - If you wish to purchase your own supplies, grade lists for next year will be up on the website later this week. Merci!

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

A letter will be sent home tomorrow (Tuesday) to all parents/guardians of students in grade 6. Please watch for these important financial updates, and mark your calendar for the Parent Information Night with Camp Elphinstone Staff:

Tuesday, May 15th, 5.45pm – 6.30pm at Riverdale

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, May 11th at 1pm

Friday, June 1st at 1pm

Next Spirit Day: Friday, May 25th Multicultural Celebration!



All staff and students are encouraged to come dressed in their cultural traditions and share their story of their arrival, or their ancestor's arrival, to Canada.

Summer Attire

As the warmer weather approaches we'd like to take a moment to remind students to please come to school in proper school attire as outlined in the front of their Agendas. Please refrain from wearing "beach" type clothing. If a student is deemed to be wearing inappropriate clothing, they may be asked to change or wear a borrowed piece of clothing from school if necessary.

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...

- Friday, May 4th – Non-Instructional Day – School not in session
- Thursday, May 10th – 8.45 – 9.45am Volunteer 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 – Jump Rope 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 27th - K-7 Communicating Student Learning Reports home for all students
- June 28th – 1.30pm dismissal and last day of school

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