



## 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

What a wonderful first week back to school! Students and staff were eager to get back into routines and 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 to many that lie ahead. We have three months together, and we plan to make the most of every moment – in the classroom, on the playground, at camp, on sports teams, in lunch clubs, 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!

### Finalists for the Concours d'Art Oratoire at Panorama Ridge Secondary, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

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 below who will represent our school at the district French Immersion Speech Festival (Concours d'Art Oratoire). We are proud of you, and wish you great success on Tuesday! *Bonne chance tout le monde!*

#### Grade 4:

Zahraa Joorawan (L'île Maurice)  
Alexander Schneider (La poudre de canon)

#### Grade 5:

Keegan Lemos (Le tambourinage)  
Tej Nathoo (Les oléoducs)

#### Grade 6:

Natasha Phavongkham (Le chocolat noir)  
Samaiya Gill (L'inégalité entre les hommes et les femmes)

#### Grade 7:

Ajay Dalal (Un mode de vie sain)  
Neil Imada (Le tramway à Surrey)

### Movie Night – Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2.45 – 4.30



Ms. Loh has organized our third and final Grade 7 Camp Movie fundraiser for the year. Please have ticket orders in this Wednesday to see **Moana!**

**(rated PG)** Suggested donation \$2. Tickets also available at the door. Primary students must be accompanied by an adult. Our grade 6 and 7 parents will have delicious treats for sale at the concession, too!

### Track and Field Season Approaches

Many thanks to Mr. Speak for getting our Track Season underway later this month. Track and Field events are open to students in grades 3-7. In anticipation of track meets in May and June, we will have four afternoons of coaching rotations through the following events: discus, long jump, triple jump, shot put, high jump, relays). We hope many students will join in this season!



**Class and Individual Spring  
Photos – April 13<sup>th</sup>**

## Keeping Our Kids Healthy

Just a reminder that Fraser Health recommends if a child has stomach flu, vomiting and/or diarrhea, he/she remain home for 48 hours after the last episode. This helps to keep everyone at school healthy. Merci! Thank you!

## PAC Updates - Next PAC Meeting: Wednesday, April 12th at 6pm. Childminding is provided.

- Fundraising Event! **Baker's Market** this **Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, from 9am – 3pm in the gym**. The gym will be filled with all sorts of yummy and unique fare!
- **Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup> 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.
- **Hot Lunch Orders** – Please see attachment.

## PAC Carnivale Update – April 28<sup>th</sup>, 5-8pm



While this upcoming event serves as a fundraiser for PAC and for Grade 7 camp, it is intended to be a FUN event for the whole

family! We hope you plan to attend!

To make something like this a success, it takes many volunteers many hours. Thank you to all those who have taken their time to plan and organize a fantastic evening for our community!

PAC and Grade 7 Camp Fundraising Committee is looking for volunteers and help with the following:



**Cakewalk** – Families of students going to grade 7 camp – **Funds from the cakewalk are being donated to Camp.**

Please email Corinne Moody if you're able to bake a donation! [living\\_to\\_love@telus.net](mailto:living_to_love@telus.net)

**Silent Auction** – If you have donations, please email Corinne at [living\\_to\\_love@telus.net](mailto:living_to_love@telus.net).

**General Set up and Clean up anytime between 3-9pm.** Please email Corinne at [living\\_to\\_love@telus.net](mailto:living_to_love@telus.net).

## Grade 6/7 Camp Fundraising Update

Purdy's chocolate sales are a hit! Please email Katrina Reid if you'd like more chocolates to sell! [katrinareid42@gmail.com](mailto:katrinareid42@gmail.com).

We will have a fundraising update at the Camp Elphinstone meeting this Thursday.

## Grade 7 Camp – YMCA Meeting Thursday

There is an important meeting for all parents of grade 6 and 7 students: **This Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the Learning Commons (downstairs), staff from Camp Elphinstone will be presenting information for May 2017, and October 2017 Grade 7 camps.** We hope you will be able to attend.

## Grade 7 Graduation Celebration

Please join us for the next planning meeting: **Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, from 5-6pm in Mr. Loosemore and Ms. Riley's room.**

## Guildford Park PAC Invite

April 11<sup>th</sup>, from 7-9 pm, Canadian author will speak about her book, *Addiction: A Mother's Story. A true story of love and addiction.* Please see the attachment for details.

## Staffing Update

Welcome back to Ms. Haywood in division 17! Ms. Haywood has returned from maternity leave, and we're thrilled she's back!

## 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.

## Student Safety Drills

After a fire drill last week, it was clear that many students need more practice to stay calm and follow instructions during a fire drill. At our SOAR Assembly on Friday, we shared the importance of practicing safety drills calmly so that we don't panic in the event of the real thing when emotions are high. We will have another fire drill this week, followed by an Earthquake drill the following week, and a Lockdown (formerly "Code Red") drill at the end of the month. Please ask your child(ren) what they are expected to do during these drills. It will help make them more safe and secure.



## Summer Learning at Riverdale

Summer Learning will be happening at Riverdale this year, from July 4<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>. (The location recently changed from Holly to Riverdale.) 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 English), please speak with your child's teacher. Thank you.

## Looking Ahead...

- April 4<sup>th</sup> – 7pm District Concours d'Art Oratoire at Panorama Ridge Secondary
- April 6<sup>th</sup> – 6pm YMCA Camp Parent Info Night
- April 7<sup>th</sup> – 2.30pm Gr. 7 Camp Fundraiser – Movie Night
- April 8<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) – 9am – 3pm PAC Baker's Market in the gym
- April 11<sup>th</sup> – 5pm Gr. 7 Celebration
- April 12<sup>th</sup> – 6pm PAC Meeting

- April 13<sup>th</sup> – Class and Individual Spring Photos
- April 14<sup>th</sup> – Good Friday – no school
- April 17<sup>th</sup> – Easter Monday – no school
- April 20<sup>th</sup> – PAC Kernals popcorn delivery
- April 21<sup>st</sup> – Spirit Day: Earth Day Celebration!
- April 26<sup>th</sup> – 9am Theatre la 16me Theatre presentation, grade K-7 FRIM
- April 28<sup>th</sup> 9am Primary SOAR Assembly; 10.45 Intermediate SOAR Assembly
- April 28<sup>th</sup> 1pm PALS in the Learning Commons
- April 28<sup>th</sup> – 5-8pm PAC and CPF Carnival!
- May 4<sup>th</sup> – 1pm Artstarts Performance: Cadence – An A Capella History
- May 5<sup>th</sup> – Non-Instructional Day – School is closed
- Looking way ahead...June 16<sup>th</sup> is Sports Day!

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Nous sommes tous des corbeaux!***