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Riverdale News

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

Dec. 18th, 2017

A word from your Principal

Joyeuses Fêtes!
Happy Holidays

It is hard to believe we are in our final week of school for 2017. We've had a full and adventurous last four months of learning, and we couldn't have ended off the year in better style than with this year's Winter Concert!

Many thanks to all the staff who gave of their extra time and energy to help students rehearse, create artwork, and decorate the gym. Ms. Yu, our inspirational and energising maestro, brought joy to hundreds of children and families. Merci beaucoup! And thank you, our amazing community, for all of your support and sharing in this wonderful family event.

In our final week, we know students will have many fun activities to look forward to in their classes. Our week ends with "Spirit Day" on Friday: Pyjama and "Decembear" (bring your teddy)!

We look forward to opening our doors again on January 8th, ready for a year of exploration where together we learn to take care of ourselves, each other, our community and our world.

Happy Holidays Ravens! May you enjoy many wonderful adventures this holiday season.

FRIM PRIORITY SIBLING REGISTRATION – January 12th Deadline

A letter to all children in the French Immersion Program was sent home last week. Please see below for key information that was shared in this letter:

Siblings (brothers and sisters) of children **presently enrolled in a Surrey School District Early French Immersion** class (up to and including Grade 6) will be given priority for registration in the **same program at the same school** until **3 p.m. FRIDAY, January 12, 2018 ONLY**. Registration may take place in person at Riverdale during regular school hours.

After 3 p.m. FRIDAY, January 12, 2018, sibling registration is no longer guaranteed. Children already in the program **do not** have to register again.

Please call the school with any questions prior to the January 12th deadline.

Power to Parent DVD Series – Starts January

Starting on Tuesday evenings later in January, Riverdale will host a series of free evening sessions to watch a highly recommended DVD series by Dr. Gordon Neufeld called "The Power to Parent." Dr. Neufeld is from Vancouver, and is known around the world for his work with children, youth and families.

The series has eight – one hour sessions and explores the power of the parent-child relationship, what this can look like when it goes wrong, how to re-connect and get back into connection, and why parents and adults must matter more to children than their peers.

Child-minding will be provided.

Watch for the flyer in January 2018!

Dressing for the Cold, Wet Weather



20 Ways to Play
in the Rain



Thank you for ensuring your child has rain gear and cold weather clothing so they stay warm and dry outside at recess and lunch. An extra pair of inside shoes and socks is always a good idea.

Merci beaucoup!

PAC Updates

Next PAC meeting will be on January 18th @ 6pm in the Learning Commons. Child minding is provided.

Many thanks to all the volunteers who will bring us a Panago Hot Lunch on Thursday!

And thank you to all those who volunteered their time to sort and load the Earthquake bins.

Students also love the fruit and veggie program deliveries that happen every month. Thank you to the volunteers who make this happen!

Finally, congratulations to Division 2 (Mr. Speak's class) for the greatest fundraising contributions! They win a pizza party! Many thanks to everyone for your support of the two fundraising initiatives.

Attention Parents of Grade 6 Students: Grade 7 Camp Updates

Well done on two successful 50/50 draws at the Winter Concerts! A grand total of \$378 was raised to help support our grade 6 students who will head to camp next September!

The final count from the Polar Express Movie night is not yet finalized, but estimates are nearly \$500 was raised! Watch for the next movie night in February!

Purdy's chocolate sales continue. For further information, please contact Katrina Reid [katrinareid42@gmail.com].

In January, a letter will be sent home with every grade 6 student providing some financial updates for camp costs.

A deposit will be requested at that time. We will also include future fundraising meeting dates. Please watch for the letter! Thank you for your support.

Basketball Season Gets Underway!

Many thanks to coaches Mountali & Chaplin, and to our parent volunteer, Coach Andrada! **Interested students in grade 6 and 7 will meet at 7.30am this Tuesday for the first practice of the season.** Depending on the turnout, we may need to organize a second team. Stay tuned!

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.

Looking Ahead...

- Dec. 21st – PAC Hot Lunch (Panago) – Students eat first – this will be an extended lunch period by 15 minutes.
- Dec. 22nd – SPIRIT DAY! Pyjama and "Decembear" Day!



Last day of school before Winter Break

- January 8th – Welcome Back!
- January 12th – Deadline for FRIM Sibling Priority Registration
- January 15th – Kindergarten Registration Opens at 8:45am – 3:00pm
- Jan. 18th – 6pm PAC Meeting
- January 26th – 9am Primary SOAR Assembly; 10.45am Intermediate SOAR Assembly
- Feb. 7th – 1pm Green Thumb Theatre Performance, K-7
- Feb. 22nd – 1.30pm Early Dismissal and Student Led Conferences

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Nous sommes tous des corbeaux!***

