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Riverdale News

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

February 14th, 2018

A word from your Principal

Ecole Riverdale's Celebration of Learning!

On **Thursday, February 22nd**, Students will be dismissed at 1.30pm, and you will have two special opportunities to celebrate your child's learning and growth so far this year:

Student Led Conferences

Teachers and students have been busy preparing for **Student Led Conferences**. This is a special opportunity for your child to personally share their learning with you. Your child will take the lead during the conference, share samples of their work, achievements, discuss goals, and answer any questions you might have.

Come see your child's accomplishments this year!
Please contact your child's teacher for specific visiting times in the classroom.

Gallery Walk

Please visit our **Gallery Walk** in the gym either before or after visiting your child's classroom. The Gallery Walk will be open from 1.30 – 5.30pm. Students from grades K-7 will display examples of their art and learning from throughout the last term, including last week's "First People's in Residence" cultural week. It promises to be a very special exhibit.

***We look forward to seeing you
next Thursday!***

Kindergarten French Immersion Lottery

Parents must register their child at their local catchment school prior to applying for a Choice program (e.g. French Immersion).

Timeline:

- February 14: Deadline to register at catchment school in order to apply online for Choice programs;
- February 19: Online application closes;
- February 26: Random lottery draw takes place; an email will be sent to all applicants announcing the lottery results. Please see the school or district website for further information.

Welcome to British Columbia Family French Camp

At BC Family French Camp, children from French Immersion or Programme Cadre bring their families along to camp. Families camp in their own tents or trailers. Together, we form a friendly neighbourhood, surrounded by the sounds of children playing and singing in French.

Parents enjoy a rewarding blend of lounging time and sharing in a variety of small **volunteer duties** while their children use their French in a wonderful outdoor setting with their energetic and funny French-speaking moniteurs.

And parents don't have to be able to speak French!

Evening activities for the whole family include night games, volleyball or kickball, communal dessert, communal dinner, and sing-along campfires. Many happy memories are always made at BC Family French Camp. **For more information:** <http://www.bcffc.com/>

PAC Updates

Many thanks to the parents who volunteered their time to help make our Book Fair a roaring success! Mme Ramirez is tallying the total amount of funds raised for our library collection. Thank you to all for your support!

Riverdale PAC is excited to be able to offer the following courses to students, family and friends:

Stay Safe Course (ages 9-13) and Babysitting (ages 11 – 15) are happening at school on Friday February 16th (Pro-D Day) from 8:30am-3:30pm. PAC may offer these courses again in the future.

Spring Fundraiser: Spring West Coast Seed Sale - Feb. 21st order deadline!

Help Wanted! Our **PAC Treasurer** is retiring her position. That means that Riverdale PAC is looking for a Riverdale Parent or Guardian to fill the position of PAC Treasurer. **If you are interested in volunteering for PAC Treasurer please email Riverdale.PAC@hotmail.com**

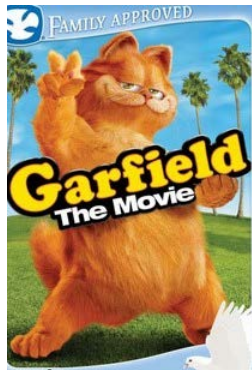
Next PAC meeting will be Wednesday, February 21st@ 6pm in the Learning Commons. Child minding provided. Please email the PAC (Riverdale.pac@hotmail.com) if you require child minding.

Grade 7 Camp Fundraiser: Movie Night! Feb. 15th, 2.30 – 4.30pm

Ticket donation: \$2/person
(also available at the door)

Primary students must be accompanied by an adult.

Bring your cash for the concession (hot dogs, chips, drinks, and more!)



See you there!

Gr. 7 Parent Information – for Students going into Gr. 8 at Guildford Park

- Parent and Student info night – Feb. 15th. Please see the attached notice for details.
- “The White Hatter” presentation on Internet Safety – March 5th – Please see the attachment for details.

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.

Technology at School

A student may bring personal devices to school (e.g. phones, tablets) for educational purposes **if both you and your child’s teacher have given permission for it to be at school.** Riverdale’s **Code of Conduct** clearly states that these devices are to be used for **educational purposes** only. Thank you for your assistance in reinforcing these expectations with your child(ren).

Looking Ahead...

- Feb. 15th – 2.30pm Movie Night (Camp Fundraiser)
- Feb. 16th – Non instructional Day – School is closed
- Feb. 19th – Online lottery for K French Immersion closes.
- Feb. 22nd – PAC Hot Lunch (Panago Pizza – Students eat first, then go out to play)
- Feb. 22nd – 1.30pm Early Dismissal:
 - Student Led Conferences
 - Gallery Walk in the Gym (1.30 - 5.30pm)
- Feb. 23rd – 9am Primary **SOAR** Assembly; 10.45am Intermediate **SOAR** Assembly
- Week of Feb. 25th – “Power of Words” Leadership Campaign
- Feb. 28th – **PINK SHIRT DAY!**
- Feb. 28th – 9am departure for Choir performance at the Choral Festival (Bell Centre)
- March 6th – 10.15am FRIM Festival du Film (gr. 1-7)
- March 7th – 9am Ready, Set, Learn, Thrive! at the Guildford Rec Centre
- March 8th – PAC Popcorn Day
- March 13th – 9.15am Gr. 7 Band Concert
- March 15th – Communicating Student Learning Reports sent home
- March 16th – Last day before Spring Break!
- April 3rd - School Re-opens – Welcome Back!

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