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## Riverdale News

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

January 29, 2018

### A word from your Principal

There are so many wonderful ways staff are supporting your child's learning at Ecole Riverdale! Every day, teachers plan lessons and experiences that move each child forward in their learning. Special events such as fieldtrips, guest presentations, assemblies and spirit days help to make different aspects of learning come alive! Thank you to all of the volunteers who help make these events happen.

We are thrilled to host, for the first time at Ecole Riverdale, "**First People's Artists in Residence**" **cultural week!** Beginning with a school-wide assembly on February 5<sup>th</sup>, we will host four different cultural facilitators, along with our Aboriginal Childcare Worker, Ms. Zelda Komeru, who will offer interactive presentations to students K-7. There are various topics for the presentations: Aboriginal drumming, traditional storytelling, importance of Coast Salish animals in masks, Metis jigging and spoons, traditional blankets, and more.

Later in **February, on the 22<sup>nd</sup>**, we will have our second **Student Led Conference spotlight on learning.** We hope you will be able to join us that afternoon! This is a time to have your child share his/learning, to speak with the teacher, to learn where your child has grown, and understand their future learning goals. That afternoon, we hope you will also visit our **First People's Gallery Walk** in the gym! Students will display examples of their art and learning from the First People's cultural week. It promises to be a very special exhibit. We look forward to seeing you there.



### 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:

- January 29: Online application for Choice Programs opens;
- 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.

### Power to Parent DVD Series – Wait List

There was enormous interest in this series! We look forward to starting this Tuesday (Jan. 30<sup>th</sup>) at 6pm. There is a wait list, so if you are no longer able to join us, please call the school as soon as possible. Many thanks.

### WE Day Student Leadership Campaign:

**WE** Are Silent

Our Leadership Team is promoting this global awareness campaign on February 1<sup>st</sup>. Students and staff are challenged to be silent for a

portion of the day to help bring awareness to the many human rights abuses to children around the world. For more information, go to [www.we.org](http://www.we.org).

## PAC Updates

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

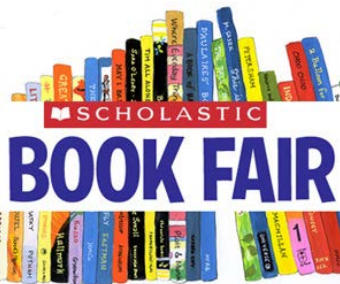
**Babysitting Course for students ages 11 – 15 Friday February 16<sup>th</sup> (Pro-D Day) from 8:30am-3:30pm - \$60.00**

**Stay Safe Course for students ages 9 – 13 Friday February 16<sup>th</sup> (Pro-D Day) from 8:30am-2:30pm - \$60.00**

A minimum number of participants are required for these courses to run, please submit your registration and payment by February 5, 2018 to secure your spot. Notices went home last week with your child. Please ask your child's teacher if you did not receive one.

**Spring Fundraiser:** As we all prepare for spring Riverdale PAC is looking forward to the Spring Seed Sale, watch your child's agenda for information to come in the next couple of weeks.

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



**The Scholastic Book Fair happens February 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>!** This annual fundraiser helps purchase resources for our learning commons. Thank you to the many volunteers who help make this event a great success!

**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. **Duties include:**

- Making bank deposits
- Bank reconciliation
- Completing financial statements for monthly PAC Meetings and an Annual Financial Statement for the Annual General Meeting
- Writing cheques for PAC/School expenses
- Draft an annual budget with the assistance of the executive.

We would ask that you come to our monthly meetings to present the financial statements. Please expect to contribute about 4-5 hours a month to our committee. Our current Treasurer will show you the ropes before she leaves.

If you are interested in volunteering for PAC Treasurer please email [Riverdale.PAC@hotmail.com](mailto:Riverdale.PAC@hotmail.com)

## Grade 7 Camp September 2017

A letter will be sent home shortly with all grade 6 students regarding fees and information for Grade 7 Fall leadership camp next September. Please watch for it! In the meantime, please help support our students and come to our next Movie Night on Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup> after school in the gym! Tickets and info will be sent home soon!



## 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...

- Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> – Spirit Day
- Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> – WE are Silent Campaign (see above for details)
- Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> First People's Artists in Residence for the week
- Feb 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Scholastic Book Fair
- Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> – PAC Popcorn day
- Feb 12<sup>th</sup> – Family Day holiday – School is closed
- Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> – 2.30pm Movie Night (Camp Fundraiser)
- Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> – Non instructional Day – School is closed
- Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> – Online lottery for K French Immersion closes.
- Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> – PAC Hot Lunch (Panago Pizza – Students eat first, then go out to play)
- Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> – 1.30pm Early Dismissal:
  - Student Led Conferences
  - Art Gallery Walk in the Gym
- Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> – 9am Primary **SOAR** Assembly; 10.45am Intermediate **SOAR** Assembly
- Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> – PALS Session #1
- Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> – **PINK SHIRT DAY!**
- Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> – 9am departure for Choir performance at the Choral Festival (Bell Centre)
- March 6<sup>th</sup> – FRIM Festival du Film (gr. 1-7)
- March 7<sup>th</sup> – Ready, Set, Learn, Thrive! at the Guildford Rec Centre
- March 8<sup>th</sup> – PAC Popcorn Day
- March 16<sup>th</sup> – Last day before Spring Break!

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

