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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



From everyone at Ecole Riverdale, we hope your year has got off to a great start! We wish you a healthy, happy year of learning and new adventures!

Thank you for all that you have done the past year to support your child's learning experiences. So many parents volunteer time to join field trips, help students focus on learning at home, read with your child, help problem solve, and keep a healthy routine at home. These all contribute greatly to your child's successes at school, and we're thankful for all that you do!

The New Year brings a wonderful opportunity for going deeper with students' learning. Students are refreshed and rested, yet they are familiar with the routines and expectations in their classrooms. This creates a perfect environment where learning can really move forward. I look forward to witnessing the continued creativity, intriguing questions, and critical thinking that are nurtured in every child at Riverdale.

Kindergarten Registration – English Program

Children who turn five before January 1st 2019 are eligible to begin school in September, 2018. Registration

begins on Monday, January 15th. Please see the attached information or go to the district websites for information re: documentation required for registration.

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 15: Regular Kindergarten registration at your local school;
- 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 – Starts January 30th, from 6-8pm in the Library

Starting on Tuesday, January 30th, 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 and snacks will be provided.

Please see the attached flyer.
Space is limited!

First People's Artists in Residence at Riverdale

The week of February 5th, students and staff will be working with two Aboriginal Artists in Residence to explore First People's Principles of Learning and making the curriculum come to life!



We look forward to sharing our learning, stories and art with you!

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 available – please email PAC at riverdale.pac@hotmail.com if you require childminding.

Many thanks to all the volunteers who brought us a hot Panago lunch just before the holidays! Our next hot lunch is February 22nd. Popcorn snack days are Feb. 8th and March 1st. Online ordering through "Munch a Lunch" is now open. Paper order forms are available at the office.

Thank you to committee chair Halldor Bjarnason, Mr. Speak and students in division two for helping to load the comfort bins into the Earthquake container. That was very cold and wet work, and much appreciated!

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.

Spirit Day – January 31st is Dress Like a Twin day!



Looking Ahead...

- Jan. 18th – 6pm PAC Meeting
- January 26th – 9am Intermediate SOAR Assembly; 10.45am Primary SOAR Assembly
- Feb. 5th – 9th First People's Artists in Residence for the week
- Feb 6th – 8th Scholastic Book Fair
- Feb. 8th – PAC Popcorn day
- Feb 12th – Family Day holiday – School is closed
- Feb. 22nd – PAC Hot Lunch (Panago Pizza – Students eat first, then go out to play)
- Feb. 22nd – 1.30pm Early Dismissal and Student Led Conferences
- Feb. 23rd – 9am Primary **SOAR** Assembly; 10.45am Intermediate **SOAR** Assembly
- Wednesday, Feb. 28th – **PINK SHIRT DAY!**
- Thursday March 1st – PAC Popcorn Day
- Friday, March 16th – Last day before Spring Break!

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