



Principal: Leah Christensen
Acting Vice Principal: Laura Hodak

Riverdale News

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

June 11, 2018

A word from your Principal

We have received so much financial support this year that directly impacts students' learning and growth. I want to highlight some of the many updates and improvements students have recently benefitted from:

- ✓ Physical plant updates happening over the summer and into the fall:
 - Exterior painting of the school (summer)
 - Interior painting of classrooms (summer)
 - Replacement of kindergarten washroom (summer)
 - Replacement of primary room sinks and countertops (summer)
- ✓ PAC Contributions:
 - \$5000 towards providing each classroom with a new ipad and sturdy case;
 - \$1500 to cover costs of two ArtStarts performances
 - \$5700 to help cover fieldtrip costs
 - \$1000 towards Grade 7 graduation celebrations
 - \$4400 towards classroom materials for students (e.g. art supplies, garden projects, etc.)
- ✓ Grants and Donations
 - \$5000 district grant to support "Fresh Air Fieldtrips" for bus transportation into natural surroundings
 - \$2500 Inner City Grant to support creative design in classrooms
 - \$2000 YMCA grant towards grade 7 camp
 - \$5000 individual (anonymous) donation towards grade 7 camps.

As you can see, we have amazing support from so many people and organisations. Thank you to everyone who gives of their time and energy to help with these initiatives. Your dedication is inspiring!

Sports Day! June 15th – Rain or Shine!

It's full steam ahead for our four houses: **Ebony;** **Scarlet;** **Emerald;** **Indigo.** Students are encouraged to come dressed in their team colours! PAC will run a concession throughout the day, and students will enjoy their final Hot Lunch of the year (thanks to PAC)! Please come out and cheer on the fun!

Grade 7 Band Year End Concert

Tuesday, June 19th at 9.15 am



Grade 7 Graduation Celebration

Many thanks to the parents who have volunteered their time and effort in making this year's celebration a wonderful event! Invitations were sent home last Friday. Please RSVP the number of tickets (max of four/student) by Friday. Here are the details:

- 5.30pm Doors open and coffee, tea, lemonade served to guests; students gather in Ms. Lewis' room
- 6pm Ceremony
- 7-8.30pm Student Refreshments and Dance
- 8.30pm – Pick up students and clean up

Year End Celebration Assembly – June 22nd, 9am

This year, we will celebrate a wonderful year of learning, the arts, athletics, service and leadership through music, song, dance, slide shows, and special Raven's Excellence awards. We will also take some time to say thank you and good bye to retiring and departing staff. We hope you will be able to join us! *Please note: Guest seating is in the fitness room (also our stage!) Seating is limited.*

Moving? No longer attending Ecole Riverdale in September?

Please inform the office as soon as possible if you are moving and/or transferring schools. Thank you.

Calendar and Bell Schedule for 2018-2019

Please find attached a copy of next year's calendar with early dismissals.

Please note the 2018-2019 bell schedule:

8.30 am	First bell – students line up and enter school with their teacher
8.35 am	Classes in session
10.15 am	Recess
10.30 am	Classes in session
11.42 am	Lunch bell rings – students go outside to play and exercise
12.10 pm	Students line up to come inside to eat
12.30 pm	Classes in session
2.30 pm	Dismissal

Class Placements for 2018-2019

Teachers spend a great deal of time taking into consideration many factors when placing your children into classes. When doing classroom configurations, teachers look at the overall composition of the classroom, and consider where each child would likely be most successful. They must balance the needs of the individual child with the overall composition of the classroom. We work collaboratively and consider the following criteria to carefully balance the learning experiences of all children:

- Social and emotional needs
- Gender balance
- Social relationships with peers
- Learning styles
- Diversity of learning needs
- Maturity

We have many parent requests to keep children together based on friendships. We know that having your child feel socially comfortable is important, and we will ensure they will have peers in their classes with whom they connect.

If you wish to share any information based on the above criteria, please contact Ms. Christensen, with a brief note or by email. I will leave this information with Mr. Vervaeet for the fall.

PAC Updates

BC Lion Home Opener Tickets



There is still time to purchase BC Lions Home Opener tickets. The game is Saturday June 16th @7pm. Adults tickets for just \$30.00 and kids 12 and under for just \$10.00. Riverdale's unique

link: <https://oss.ticketmaster.com/.../f566dd0d993ef116357fbb671f66...>

Once prompted, users need to enter the promo code: RIVERDALEPAC

A portion of the ticket price goes to Riverdale Students! Enjoy the game!

Sports Day Volunteers Needed!

The more helping hands the lighter the load! PAC is looking for volunteers to help us out at the sports day concession. If you are available to assist us please email us at Riverdale.pac@hotmail.com or message us on Facebook. Thank you!!

Help Wanted! Hot Lunch Coordinator needed for 2018-2019!

Hot lunches are our most successful fundraiser. Our awesome Hot Lunch Coordinator Hilda is looking for someone to take over for her for next year.

We have about 8-10 hot lunches per year. Dates will be decided by you. The Hot lunch coordinator position can be shared. Most of our orders are done online through Munch A Lunch which makes the ordering part of the position simple. If you are interested in taking over this fundraiser please reach out to us by email at Riverdale.PAC@hotmail.com or message us on Facebook. Thank you!

Winter Market Application Deadline June 15th

7th Annual Winter Market will take place on Saturday November 3rd. We are currently taking vendor applications. If you or anyone you know might like to be a vendor at our craft fair please fill out our application here <https://form.jotform.com/81205491888263> We look forward to seeing you this winter!

Ice Cream Sale

The last Ice Cream Sale of the year will take place on Wednesday June 20th. Please join us after school for some cool treats!

Thank you Riverdale Parents, Guardians and Staff!

PAC would like to give our thanks for all the hard work that has been done throughout the year. Every Riverdale Parent/Guardian is a PAC member. Thank you everyone

who has volunteered your time to help us with hot lunches, counting orders, distributing orders, setting up for events and donating items for our events. Thank you everyone who has donated clothing in the green clothing bin in the school parking lot, attended our meetings and purchased items from our fundraisers. We couldn't do it without your support!

One of the main functions of PAC is to raise funds for the kids at Riverdale to give them a better school experience. We had a successful year thanks to Riverdale parents and the community!

We look forward to seeing new faces in September and seeing everyone come together to work towards our fundraising goals. The coming years will be busy with fundraising for the new playground. We will need all the help we can get.

We would like to give a big thanks to the Teachers and Staff at Riverdale. You guys have endless patience, are wonderful role models and work tirelessly to provide a great education for the students. You play a big role in the kids' lives and we thank you for your dedication!

We hope everyone has a safe and wonderful summer break! For those of you returning to Riverdale, see you in September and for those who are not we wish you all the best for the future!

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. Thank you for your cooperation.

Looking Ahead...

- June 15th – Sports Day and Hot Lunch
- June 19th – 9.15am Gr. 7 Band Concert
- June 20th - 2.30pm PAC Ice Cream Sale
- June 21st Grade 7 Celebration and Ceremony at 6pm
- June 22nd – 9am K-7 Year End Celebration Assembly
- June 27th - K-7 Communicating Student Learning Reports home for all students
- June 28th – 1.30pm dismissal and last day of school
- June 29th – First Day of Summer Vacation!
- August 27th – School is open for new registrations
- September 4th – First day of school from 10-11am only

Ecole Riverdale...where we are all Ravens!

Nous sommes tous des corbeaux!