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## Riverdale News

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

June 25, 2018 – Final Edition of the Year!

### A word from your Principal

I am feeling great sadness at the thought of leaving my Riverdale community. For three years you have welcomed me and I have learned so much in the time I have been here. The following quote helps to illustrate my reflections on what I have learned and will take with me:

*Enjoy the little things in life,  
for one day,  
you'll look back and realise  
they were the big things.*

Robert Brault

So many of the little things – the hello on the crosswalk, the offer to clean up garbage on the playground, the laughter in the classroom during centres, the united voices during “O Canada”, the students’ thrill of winning a basketball game versus the teachers... these are all significant, for they are what make Riverdale an amazing place to learn and grow. At our year end Celebration Assembly, we watched a wonderful eight minute slide show: The year in review. Looking back on those photos allowed me a moment to reflect on how privileged we are to come together in a safe, caring place where every child has a unique story to share. I am humbled by the level of daily commitment and care shown by our talented staff. One of the First People’s Principles of Learning states, *Learning takes patience and time*. Each day, our teaching and support staff live this principle with our children, and I am so proud and honoured to have worked with them the past three years.

Thank you for sharing your stories with me, and for bringing your most precious resource to us each day. I will miss you, Riverdale, and all the little things that make our lives as educators extraordinary. I wish you a summer filled with play, adventures and time with all those you treasure. *Au revoir* and all the best, Ravens,  
Mme Christensen

### Year End Reports and Early Dismissal

Communicating Student Learning Reports will go home on Wednesday this week.

Thursday, June 28<sup>th</sup> is the final day of classes. Students will be dismissed at 1.30pm.



### We Wish You All the Best!

Inevitably each year brings changes, and this year we wish to say some special goodbyes. Goodbye to all our Grade Seven students! We will miss you and wish you the best in high school. We shall also be saying goodbye to several students moving to other schools. We hope you carry happy memories of your time at Riverdale and all our very best wishes go with you! Goodbye and thank you to all parents who will be leaving the Riverdale community.

Thank you and goodbye to the following staff. Many were here only for the year (in a term position), and we are so glad they joined us! Others have made Riverdale their home for many years. Wherever you go, we wish you the very best on your new adventures:

**Ms. Hodak (VP and LST)**  
**Ms. Lewis (gr. 6/7)**  
**Mr. Pratt (gr. 4/5)**  
**Ms. Byron (gr. ½)**  
**Mme Kibbe (FRIM gr. 1)**  
**Mme McBride (Early Literacy)**  
**Ms. Spence (LST)**

**Mr. Crichlow (LST)**  
**Ms. Conway (Intermediate Prep)**  
**Ms. Seera (Admin. Relief)**  
**Ms. Paclaon (Integration Support)**  
**Ms. Henderson (EA)**  
**Mr. Lazos (EA)**  
**Ms. Fink (EA)**  
**Ms. Narian (EA)**

## Welcome!

To our new administrative team!

**Mr. Jonathan Vervaet, Principal** – currently Vice Principal at Harold Bishop Elementary

**Mme Janesse Boudreau, Vice Principal** – currently Vice Principal at Berkshire Park Elementary

Both administrators bring a great deal of experience and passion for learning. Mr. Vervaet has already been by the school on several occasions, and both will be here Monday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, to meet the students. They are excited and eager to meet you and the entire Riverdale community!

We wish to welcome the following staff members who have obtained permanent positions at Riverdale commencing the 2018/2019 school year:

**Ms. Cha** - grade 6/7;  
**Ms. Brand** - grade 3/4;  
**Ms. Chia** - LST  
**Ms. Bardouniotis** - LST  
**Ms. Griggs** – Integration Support

## K – 7 Student Talent Show!

Many thanks to Ms. Yu and our committee for organizing this fun, year-end event for students Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon. We have very little space in the gym when all grades are present, so seating is very limited.

## Lost and Found

Please ensure you/ your child checks the items out on display in the hallway. **Any unclaimed items will be collected and donated Wednesday after school.** Thank you.



KEEP YOUR FACE  
*always*  
→ TOWARD THE  
*sunshine*  
AND SHADOWS WILL FALL  
BEHIND YOU. *walt whitman*

## 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.

## PAC Updates

A huge thank you to all the **Sports Day volunteers**, from cutting oranges to set up, concessions and hot lunches.

## One more after school sale: Chips on Monday, June 25<sup>th</sup>

Wishing all families a fun and safe summer, and looking forward to see everyone in September!

## 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 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> – 1pm K-7 Talent Show!
- June 27<sup>th</sup> - K-7 Communicating Student Learning Reports home for all students
- June 28<sup>th</sup> – 1.30pm dismissal and last day of school
- June 29<sup>th</sup> – First Day of Summer Vacation!
- August 27<sup>th</sup> – School is open for new registrations
- September 4<sup>th</sup> – Welcome back! First day of school from 10-11am only

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