



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

Words Have Power Campaign
February 26th – March 2nd
Je suis... I am...



To coincide with "Pink Shirt Day" last week, we launched our "Words Have Power" Campaign at the February SOAR assembly. Last week, teachers worked with students to identify a "power word" for themselves...a word to remind them of their strength and positive identity in the world. If we want to end bullying, we need to build strength within ourselves, from the inside out!

Students then wrote their power word on a sticker and placed it on a huge poster in our hallway. We now have hundreds of positive reminders about all of our amazing strengths and gifts we share and honour at Ecole Riverdale. Way to go, Ravens!



March 13th, 9.15am

Gr. 7 Band Concert

If you haven't already, please RSVP to Mr. Melnyk; forms went home last week. Merci!

PAC Updates

Next PAC meeting will be

Thursday, March 8th @ 6pm in the Learning Commons. Child minding provided. Please email the PAC (Riverdale.pac@hotmail.com) if you require child minding.

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**

Grade 7 Camp Fundraiser:

Movie Night Sing Along!!

March 15th, 2.30 – 4.30pm

The movie title will be released shortly! Get your vocal chords geared up for a fun, family sing along!



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!

Communicating Student Learning Update

Many thanks to those parents and guardians who joined us for Student Led Conferences, the Gallery Walk and the Music Open House on February 22nd. We had a fantastic turnout, and lots of positive feedback about the afternoon. Merci beaucoup!

Coming to the school to see your child's learning in action is one of the best ways to understand where your child is at in terms of their learning. Every time you connect with your child's teacher, examples of learning and reflections are posted on Freshgrade, or you spend time asking your child questions about what they learned today, you are gaining a fuller picture of who they are as a learner – their strengths, challenges, and where they are going in their learning journey.

The next CSL template will be sent home March 15th. For those students using Freshgrade, there will not be any paper communication sent home until year end when a summary report is printed and shared.

Please don't hesitate to connect with your child's teacher if you have any questions. Thank you.

Fitness and Yoga Space

If you haven't yet seen our transformed space (on the stage), please ask your child if he/she has had an opportunity to do some yoga or the fitness circuit in our new space. We were successful in receiving a significant grant to transform this area into a useful space available for all classes. Teachers are exploring it with their students, learning about how an increased heart rate improves cardiovascular health, as well as the brain's capacity to learn. Way to go, Ravens!

Basketball Season Ends and Badminton Season Begins!

Many thanks to M. Mountali and Mr. Andrada for leading our gr. 6/7 boys team through an excellent season! Ms. Chaplin and Mr. Andrada coached the girls' team, who had an equally successful season of increased skills and growth! We were proud of both teams at last week's Playday, held at Lena Shaw. Bravo students and coaches!

This year, our Grade 5/6 students will have an opportunity to join Badminton Intramurals, coached by

Ms. Lewis, Ms. Summers, Ms. Jacques and Ms. Christensen. The Grade 7 team is coached by Mme Renaud and Ms. Joseph. Thank you to our volunteer parent drivers for helping get us to our games!

Ultimate Season is Underway!

Thank you to Mr. Speak for gearing up for another great season. Ms. Lewis will be assisting Mr. Speak with this fantastic gr. 6/7 team!

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. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

Looking Ahead...

- March 6th – 10.15am FRIM Festival du Film (gr. 1-7)
- March 7th – 9am Ready, Set, Learn, Thrive! at the Guildford Rec Centre (for 3-5 year olds and their parents/caregivers)
- March 13th – 9.15am Gr. 7 Band Concert
- March 15th – Communicating Student Learning Reports sent home
- March 15th – Spirit Day:



- March 15th – 2.30 – 4.30pm Gr. 7 Camp Movie Night Fundraiser
- March 16th – Last day before Spring Break!
- April 3rd - School Re-opens – Welcome Back!
- April 5th – Artstarts Performance by Green Thumb Theatre, "Land of Trash"
- April 11th – "Concours d'Art Oratoire" at Kwantlen Park Secondary, 7pm
- April 13th – "Crème Glace" theatre performance for FRIM classes
- April 20th – 2.30pm "The Great Gordini!" PAC Fundraiser Family Magic Show

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