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Riverdale News

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

May 14, 2018

A word from your Principal

It was wonderful to see so many parents, family members and volunteers join us for our annual *Volunteer Appreciation Tea* last week. We don't often have an opportunity to share our sincere thanks for your time, resources, donations, car rides, involvement on fieldtrips, hot lunch organization, fundraising efforts, and overall connection and support for our children and community. Our committee did a spectacular job organizing a grand celebration, and our students shone as they sang, danced and played their hearts out! They were so proud to share their appreciation with you!

If you were able to attend the tea, you would have heard some news regarding the 2018-2019 school year. In September, I will no longer be Principal at Ecole Riverdale as I have assumed new responsibilities as a Faculty Associate at Simon Fraser University. While I am excited about this new journey, I am sad to say "au revoir" to such a wonderful school and community.

Principals and staff change, and with that change comes new ideas and fresh energy. Mr. Jonathan Vervaeet will be the new Principal, and he is excited to join the Riverdale community. Mr. Vervaeet is currently Vice Principal at Harold Bishop Elementary and comes with great experience and many strengths as an educator and an administrator. He has already made several visits to Riverdale to meet staff. In the coming months, there will be many opportunities for Mr. Vervaeet to get to know everyone. Welcome to Ecole Riverdale, Mr. Vervaeet!

It has been an honour and genuine pleasure to serve the Ecole Riverdale community for the past three years and I will certainly make the most of our remaining time together. We have so many special events, field trips, celebrations and learning opportunities to come! I look forward to a strong, vibrant finish to this school year with you, our incredible staff, and your amazing children.



PAC Updates

Next PAC meeting and AGM will be this Thursday, May 17th @

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

Our next PAC meeting is our **Annual General Meeting**. We will be voting on the nominations for executive PAC positions. If you are interested in any of the executive or non-executive positions please send us your nomination form which can be found attached to the school newsletter.

Also at our PAC meeting, Dave from Habitat Systems will be joining us to show his ideas for the new playground structure that will be replacing the old

wooden structure on the **playground** in three

years. Please join us to see the many options and to share your ideas.



PAC Hot Lunch Orders

Thursday May 24th – Hot Dog Day (last day to order May 17th)

Thursday June 7th – Popcorn Day (last day to order May 31st)

Friday June 15th – Panago Pizza (last day to order June 8th)

Please submit your order through Munch A Lunch.
Thank you!

Grade 7 Camp Update – Attention all parents of students in Gr. 6!

TOMORROW (Tuesday at 5.45pm)!

Camp Elphinstone Staff Presentation
at Ecole Riverdale

Students and parents are encouraged to attend.



Part I – Wednesday, May 16th, 1.00 – 2.15pm
Parent orientation in the gym

Part II - Thursday, May 24th, 1.00-2.15pm
“Learning through play” in classrooms

Please RSVP to the office if you haven't already.
See you there!

Early Dismissal (Friday at 1.30pm)

There will not be student-led or parent-teacher conferences. This time is intended for teachers to prepare assessment and plan for instruction. Please ensure you pick up your child at 1.30pm. Thank you.

Creative Packs – Order Deadline

The deadline to send Creative Pack orders to the office is now past due. The office will no longer be accepting orders - **But it's not too late!** You can still order your school supplies for next year directly from Creative Packs either online or email support@creativepacks.ca. Order forms are still available at the office.

*Kindergarten teachers, and Gr. 1 FRIM teachers will purchase supplies for their students next year, therefore, no supplies lists for these grades are available. The cost to parents for these supplies will be confirmed in the new school year. For all other grades, if you wish to purchase your own supplies, grade lists are now available on our website.

Upcoming Non-Instructional Days:

No School! Monday, May 28th



Grade 7 Band Year End Concert

Tuesday, June 19th at 9.15 am



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...

- Monday, May 14th – Festival des Beaux Arts (French Immersion Fine Arts Festival) morning at the Bell Centre
- Tuesday, May 15th – 5:45pm For Parents of Gr. 6 students - Gr. 7 Camp Elphinstone Presentation
- Wednesday, May 16th – 1pm – Welcome to Kindergarten – Part 1
- Thursday, May 17th – 2.30pm PAC Ice Cream Sale!
- Thursday, May 17th 6pm PAC AGM
- Friday, May 18th – 1.30pm Early Dismissal
- May 24th – Hot Lunch
- Thursday, May 24th – Welcome to Kindergarten – Part II (Learning Through Play)
- Friday, May 25th – Spirit Day: Multicultural Celebration!
- Friday, May 25th – FINAL SOAR Assemblies - 9am Intermediate SOAR Assembly; 10.45am Primary
- Monday, May 28th – Non-Instructional Day
- Wednesday, May 30th – Jumprope for Heart Day
- Thursday, May 31st - 2.30pm PAC Ice Cream Sale
- Friday, June 1st – PALS (Parents as Literacy Supporters, for parents and children, ages 3-5 years) Celebration!
- 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

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

