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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

We have five weeks of learning to go in the school year, and many extra exciting things are happening in addition to the great learning throughout the school day. From educational field studies to hatching butterflies in the classroom, from track meets to the grade 7 band concert...it is an exciting time of year! Our grade 7 students continue to hold on to the memories and experiences from Camp Elphinstone. Many thanks to those parents and volunteers who helped fundraise for this wonderful experience! Students, staff and friends have been busy trimming and cleaning in our Courtyard. It is a beautiful space in our school, intended for quiet activities such as reading and drawing. It will open very soon! One of our learning goals for this space is, *I can respect nature*. Getting out into natural surroundings has a significant, positive impact on students' learning. It helps give space, a sense of calm, and encourages wonder. The old saying, "It takes a village to raise a child" couldn't be more true than at Ecole Riverdale!

School Fees 2017 – 2018

Please see the attachment for an outline of expected fees for the next school year.

Volunteer Driver Thanks

About two weeks ago, we had an unexpected gift of 320 free performance tickets to the Surrey Children's Festival. We could never have got our students to see such incredible performances and have a fun, creative day without you! Thank you to the dozens of parents who volunteered their time – much appreciated!

Bike to School Week!



Students and staff are encouraged to bike to school this week! We will have a friendly competition amongst classes to see who can wheel their way to school the most, and draw prizes for students. Students are reminded to bring a lock and secure their bike at the bike racks along the west side of the school

Grade 7 Graduation Celebration

Please join us for the next planning meeting:

Wednesday, June 7th, from 5.15 – 6.15pm in Mr. Loosemore and Ms. Riley's room.

Welcome to Kindergarten Orientation

Our second part to Welcome to Kindergarten takes place next week:



Tuesday, June 6th – 9am

Part Two "Learning Through Play"

All parents and children will be escorted to a Kindergarten classroom for tips and information on how to support children's learning. Every family will leave with a bag of materials to support learning through play at home.

Spirit Day: Multicultural Celebration!

Wednesday, May 31st



Staff and students are invited to explore and celebrate their cultural heritage and **come dressed in traditional clothing.** We will take the “Hello Challenge” and note of how many different languages and birth countries are represented in our diverse community. Also, a **Bhangra Dance lesson** is open to all at lunch in the gym!

Entrepreneur Fair – Wednesday, June 7th

Students from divisions 3, 5 and 7 have been working hard to design a product to sell at the Entrepreneur Fair. There will be many creative products, ranging from \$.50 to \$5.00. Students will have an opportunity to make purchases on June 7th (morning). They may wish to bring an extra toonie or two that day!

PAC Updates –

Many thanks to the volunteers who prepared and delivered our delicious Subway Hot Lunch to the school and to the Children’s Festival last Thursday! Students loved the food, and appreciate all of your time and efforts to provide something special!

Toonie Tuesdays – Happening outside the PAC room this Tuesday and next Tuesday.

Hot Lunch and Popcorn Orders due - Next Munch and Lunch orders due by this Thursday for next Thursday Popcorn, also Sports Day hot lunch is Panago. Please get your order in.

Sports Day Volunteers Needed! Anyone who is able to help with cutting up oranges, the concession and/or hot lunch this day, please contact Hilda Jewell (riverdale.pac@hotmail.com). Many thanks!

Class Placements for 2017-2018

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.

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.

Looking Ahead...

- May 30th – June 2nd – Bike to School Week!
- May 30th – Toonie Tuesday outside the PAC room
- May 31st – Spirit Day: Multicultural Celebration!
- June 5th – District Track Meet at Bear Creek Park
- June 6th – 9-10am Welcome to Kindergarten Part II: Learning Through Play
- June 6th – Final Toonie Tuesday outside the PAC room
- June 7th – Entrepreneur Fair in the gym (morning)
- June 13th – 9am Grade 7 Band Performance
- June 16th is Sports Day!
- June 16th PAC Hot Lunch – Panago Pizza
- June 22nd is the grade 7 Celebration from 5.30-8.30pm
- June 23rd at 9am is our Year End Celebration Assembly
- June 28th – K-7 Communicating Student Learning Reports home for all students
- June 29th – Last Day of School – 1.30pm dismissal

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

