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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



Thank you for being a “Tea-riffic” volunteer for our community. Ecole Riverdale appreciates you!

Merci!

Thank you to all parents, family members and community members who joined us last Thursday at the Parent and Volunteer Appreciation Tea! Everyone was treated to wonderful student performances, yummy treats, and words of thanks for all that you do! From driving on field trips, to helping in class, from serving on PAC committees to hot lunch coordination, from bringing birthday party treats to helping to shovel in the snow, and everything in between...Ecole Riverdale thanks and appreciates all you do to support your child and our wonderful community. Merci beaucoup!

Festival des beaux-arts 2017

May 16th

Centre BELL Performing Arts Centre

(6250 - 144th Street, Surrey)

Parents are cordially invited to attend the 2017 Festival des beaux-arts at the Bell Performing Arts Centre in Surrey. Students will be travelling by bus, leaving the school at 11.15am. If you are driving, please use the **LOWER Parking Lot** (north side) and enter the theatre using the **NORTH entrance doors**.

Enjoy the show! *Bon spectacle!*

Grade 7 Graduation Celebration

Please join us for the next planning meeting:

Tuesday, May 17th, from 5.30-6.30pm in Mr. Loosemore and Ms. Riley's room.

Creative Packs – Order Deadline

Riverdale uses a wonderful system for school supplies called “Creative Packs.” Please order online, or return payment with the form sent home last week to the office, or email support@creativepacks.ca by **Thursday, May 18th**.

If you wish to purchase your own supplies, class lists for next year are up on the website. Merci!

Early Dismissal (1.30pm) on Thursday, May 18th

Thursday, May 18th – There will not be student-led or parent-teacher conferences on this day. This time is set aside for teachers to prepare assessment and plan for instruction.

Upcoming Fieldtrips to Surrey Children's Festival – Drivers needed

Ecole Riverdale received a generous donation of tickets to performances at the **Surrey Children's Festival on May 25th and 26th**. Many divisions will send home permission forms Monday or Tuesday. If you are able to volunteer some time to drive and attend the Festival, we would love to have you! Merci!

Welcome to Kindergarten Orientation

This year, we will be offering two sessions to help orient parents/guardians and new Kindergarten students to the year ahead. Please note the dates and information below:

- **Friday, May 19th- Part One - "Orientation to K"**
9am – French Immersion Information and Orientation
1.00pm – English Program Information and Orientation
**Parents/Guardians will meet in the Library/Learning Commons, and children will be escorted upstairs for a Kindergarten classroom experience.
- **Tuesday, June 6th – Part Two – "Learning Through Play"**
9am – 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.

PAC Updates –

Next PAC Meeting: Wednesday, June 7th at 6pm.
Childminding is provided.

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!

Due to a small turnout at the last meeting, the PAC AGM and election of officers will take place in September 2017.

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 note of how many different languages and birth countries are represented in our diverse community.

Entrepreneur Fair – Friday, June 2nd

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 2nd. They may wish to bring an extra toonie or two that day!

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 16th – 12noon -1pm Festival des Beaux Arts at the Bell Centre
- May 18th – Creative Pack School Supplies orders due
- May 18th – 1.30pm Early Dismissal (No conferences – Students are to be picked up; teachers use this time for assessment and planning purposes)
- May 19th – 9-10.15am French Immersion Welcome to Kindergarten Orientation; 1-2.15pm English Welcome to Kindergarten Orientation
- May 22nd – Victoria Day (no school)
- May 24th – 3pm Mini Track Meet at Riverdale with Holly and Harold Bishop
- May 25th – PAC Hot Lunch
- May 26th – PALS – Session #4
- May 29th - Non-Instructional Day – School is closed
- May 30th – June 2nd – Bike to School Week!
- May 31st – Spirit Day: Multicultural Celebration!
- June 2nd – Entrepreneur Fair in the gym
- June 5th – District Track Meet at Bear Creek Park
- June 16th is Sports Day!
- 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!