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Riverdale News

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

November 14th, 2017

A word from your Principal



Thursday
November 23rd!
1.30pm
dismissal

We hope you will be able to join your child in his/her classroom to share great learning!

A notice went home today (Tuesday) with more details. Please speak with your child's teacher if you have any questions.

Also on the 23rd... **A Riverdale Curriculum Café!**
With special guest, Joanne Holme, SD36 Literacy Helping Teacher

Focus: *Building better readers and thinkers*

Joanne will share concrete ideas of how to support your child's literacy, critical and creative thinking, as well as resources you can access at home through the school website. This will be an interactive session for both parents and children of all ages.

There will be two repeat sessions:

1. 2pm – 3pm in the Learning Commons
2. 4.30pm – 5.30pm in the Learning Commons

Childcare will be provided for younger children.

Looking forward to seeing you on the 23rd!

Student Absences

If your child is going to be absent, please call the office. You can leave a confidential voice mail if you call outside of office hours. This helps our office staff immensely! Many thanks.

Lost and Found Check This Week

Our Lost and Found bin was overflowing. We laid out the items last week and many were claimed. Please check the hallway with your child for any missing items. Any unclaimed items will be donated at the end of the week.

Intermediate Student Line Up

We have started to line up all intermediate classes outside the undercover area. The three daily line ups (before school, recess and lunch) are crowded and very loud in the undercover area. For this reason, we agreed at our staff meeting to have students line up where there is more space. This has led to a calmer entry into school. Teachers will be outside at the first bell (8.35am) to bring students inside. We know our older students will grow accustomed to this process, just as our primary students have.

Dressing for the Cold, Wet Weather



20 Ways to Play
in the Rain



Thank you for ensuring your child has rain gear and cold weather clothing so they stay warm and dry outside at recess and lunch. An extra pair of inside shoes and socks is always a good idea.

Merci beaucoup!

Ecole Riverdale's Winter Concert

Staff and students are gearing up for another fantastic concert this season! We are pleased to host two concerts:



1. Wednesday, Dec. 13th at 6pm

Tickets are \$2/person, with proceeds to Riverdale's music program
OR

2. Thursday, Dec. 14th at 1pm

Tickets are free. Entry is a food bank donation.

Ticket information will be sent home shortly. Stay tuned!

Student "Wheels"

We love students to get exercise and roll or bike to school. **Please Note:** If you allow your child to bring these items to school, **the school is not responsible for theft or damage.** Once on the school grounds, we ask students to walk their bikes/scooters/skateboards.

"**Wheelie Shoes**" are not safe for school. We have had several minor accidents in hallways and ask that your child **not** wear these shoes to school. Thank you for your assistance.

PAC Updates

- **Next PAC meeting is Nov. 16th @ 6pm** in the Learning Commons. Child minding is provided.
- **Thursday, Nov. 23rd – Next Hot Lunch!** (Hot dog day)
- **Thank you to Hilda Jewell and the Winter Market Organising Committee** for a very successful Winter Market! Over 40 vendors packed the gym, and over \$1500 was raised!
- **Thank you to Halldor Bjarnason and the Earthquake Preparedness Committee** for getting our classroom bins organized!

Grade 7 Camp Updates

Chocolate Sales are going well! And the Returnables crew is working hard with the assistance of Mr. Desmarais, our head custodian, to add to camp funds.

The next gr. 7 Fundraising Meeting is Thursday, November 30th at 5pm. Please join us!

Remembrance Day Assembly Thank You

Thank you to the many parents and families who joined us November 9th for our Remembrance Day Assembly. Staff and students did a wonderful job transforming our gym into a peaceful place of remembrance. Students shared in many ways: through music, song, poetry, WWII diaries, and quiet listening. Students, we're proud of how you shared and showed respect for this important day in our history. Merci!

Surrey Public Library Winter Reading Club!

Keep your family cozy this December with great books!

Kids of all ages can join the winter reading club for a chance to win prizes! It's free to join, and even younger kids can join and listen to stories. It starts December 1, 2017. Check it out!

How to join the winter reading club:

1. Pick up a reading metre at any library location (one per family);
2. Read as a family, and colour in the reading metre for each day;
3. After at least 14 days of reading, return your reading metre for a chance to win the Grand Prize

Looking Ahead...

- Nov. 16th – 6pm PAC Meeting
- Nov. 20th – Poinsettia and Wreath Orders are Due – See attached Notice for more information
- Nov. 23rd – 1.30pm Early Dismissal, Student Led Conferences and Curriculum Café (please see above for more information)
- Nov. 28th – PAC Poinsettia delivery in gym
- Nov. 30th – 5pm Gr. 7 Camp Fundraising Meeting
- Dec. 7th – Communicating Student Learning templates sent home
- Dec. 13th 6pm - Winter Concert (see information above for details)
- Dec. 14th 1pm – Winter Concert
- Dec. 22nd – Last day of school before Winter Break

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