



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

As Holiday decorations and lights begin to brighten our days, weekend traffic seems busier, and so many "to do" lists consume our time. Somehow, a number of dedicated parents found the time to organize a very successful Craft Fair on the weekend. Many thanks to our PAC Chair, Hilda Jewell, and Vice Chair, Corinne Moody, and the many people both on the front lines and behind the scenes who helped make this fundraiser a great success: Deb Imada; Cori Keating; Nicole Purvis; Gemma Fournier; Teresa Hurrell; Stacey Powley, and Larry Atchison. Several people were key in preparing beautiful gift baskets: Marcela Huaico; Corinne Moody; Floella Rodrigues, and Rosie Silva. Tickets for these baskets will be on sale now through to our Winter Concert on Dec. 15th.

If you haven't yet had an opportunity to work with our wonderful PAC, please consider coming to the next meeting in January. PAC is organising a Spring Carnival this year (April 28th), and can use all of the volunteers and creativity available!

With many thanks to each of you for all of the ways you contribute to our wonderful community. With one month left in the 2016 school year, we look forward to the great learning, special events and memories ahead!

Special Welcome to...

Mme Carbonneau, teaching FRIM grades 2/3 in division 11. Mme Carbonneau has been teaching for three years and is excited to be taking over Mme Shah's class for the rest of the school year.

Ms. Miket has joined our team as our new secretary. The position was recently awarded to Ms. Miket, and we're excited to welcome her to Riverdale!

A Winter in Canada Concert December 15th Save the Date!

It's that time of year and all the classes are starting to prepare for our yearly Concert, a **Winter in Canada**, which will be held on **December 15th**. Matinee performance will be at 1:00 pm and an evening concert at 6:30pm.



This year, along with our usual songs celebrating the Holiday season, we will be celebrating Canada's 150th birthday with some popular Canadian hit songs that will get everyone ready to Rock in the Holiday Season. Come join us as we jingle jangle our way into the Holidays, Canadian style!
Please watch for tickets and information, to be sent home later this month.

Grade 7 Camp Fundraising Update

Gourmet Hot Chocolate and Candy Cane Sale – Friday, Nov. 25th and Monday, Dec. 5th

Bring your toonies outside the gym after school for the best hot chocolate in town!



Movie Night: ZOOTOPIA! 2.30-4.30pm Friday, Dec. 2nd

Tickets by donation (suggested \$2) and a fantastic parent concession. Notices sent home this week.

50/50 Draw – Purchase tickets at the Matinee (1pm) and Evening Performances (6.30pm) of this year's Winter Concert

Dressing for the Weather

The rain and cooler weather have set in, so please ensure your child has outdoor gear for going outside at recess and lunch. Having an outside pair of boots or shoes and clean socks is important. Even if it is not raining, the grounds are wet. Children love going outside, and this fresh air and activity really help increase children's capacity to learn and focus. Thank you for your assistance.

District Program: EKology

EKOlogy is a new district outdoor nature-based program. It will take place at East Kensington Elementary, and will take advantage of the school's rural environment, which will offer a unique setting for all K-7 students to explore and learn.

For more information, please see the attached flyer, call the school at 604-541-1257 or attend the open house scheduled for December 7, 6:30 pm at DEC (District Education Centre).

Student Safety

We take your child's safety seriously. Throughout the year, we have several "Lockdown" and "Lockout Drills", as well as Earthquake drills and Fire Drills. In the last two weeks, we have practiced our 2nd fire drill of the year, in which students exited the building very calmly. We also had a successful "Lockout" drill the other week.

In order to ensure your child is safe at school, **it is district policy that parents/visitors check in at the office**. We will then call down to your child's classroom and ask that your student meet you at the office. This makes for fewer disruptions in the classroom during teacher instruction time. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

In the Community

Connect® is a free 10-week program to support parents of pre-teens and teens between the ages of 8-17. Parents meet in groups of 10-16 with two trained leaders for 1.5 hours each week. Connect® has been co-developed over the past ten years between the Maples Adolescent Treatment Centre and Simon Fraser University and focuses on the core components of secure

attachment to promote social-emotional and behavioural adjustment. Connect® helps caregivers understand basic attachment concepts that can be applied across a broad range of situations and relational contexts.

Please see the attached brochure for more information and on how to register.

Looking Ahead...

- Nov. 22nd – 9am ArtStarts Performance – "The Jabberwocky" Ballet
- Nov. 22nd – PAC Fundraiser Frozen Food online order deadline
- Nov. 24th PAC Hot Lunch – Cobs Bread
- Nov. 25th – SOAR Assemblies: 9am Intermediate; 10.45pm Primary
- Nov. 29th – PAC Purdy's Fundraiser online order deadline
- Nov. 30th Boys' Volleyball Playday at Erma Stephenson (afternoon)
- Dec. 1st Girls' Volleyball Playday at Erma Stephenson (afternoon)
- Dec. 2nd – 2.30 – 4.30pm
Grade 7 Camp Fundraiser:

Zootopia!



- Dec. 6th – 1st CSL Template (Report) sent home
- Dec. 15th - 1pm and 6.30pm Winter Concert
- Dec. 15th – PAC Popcorn day (order online through Munch a Lunch)
- Dec. 16th –Last Day of Classes before Winter Break:
 - Pancake Breakfast in the gym (info to follow)
 - Pyjama and Movie Day
- Jan. 3rd - School opens following Winter Break

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Nous sommes tous des corbeaux!***