

Riverside Ramblings

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year!

January and February are always busy and exciting months at Riverside. Winter Electives are ready to roll and it is great to see the students getting out cross-country skiing for phys Ed.

We would like to welcome new staff members, Mme Heather Mason who is our new Grade 1/2 French Immersion teacher and Mrs. Leslie Midgley who has been hired for our English Resource position.

We are currently collecting payment for our winter elective program. Some money is available for families who require assistance to cover the cost of electives. Please call me at River-

side if you are in need of this assistance.

We are hosting a French Immersion Night on Tuesday, January 26th at 7:00 p.m. This night is for parents who are interested in enrolling their children in SK French Immersion for September 2012. Please spread the word to parents who may be interested in attending this evening.

Please don't hesitate to stop by the office if you have any questions or concerns.



Parent council

Volunteering is a great way to get to know **your child's school plus share your talents and experiences!** Join our community of valued Riverside Public School Volunteers! Following is a list of current volunteer opportunities:

Cross-Country Ski Volunteers: Ski with classes, ski race registration, end of day tidy-up/lock up, repairs: bindings, poles, bases.

Breakfast for Learning. For students who need a little extra food to get them going in the morning.

Help in the School Library: Signing books in and out, tidying shelves, assisting at Book Fairs, pulling books on a certain theme or topic.

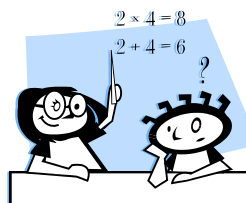
Head Lice Inspection: Helping screen students

for head lice.

Join Parent Council: If you would like to be involved in events and activities happening at Riverside, the Parent Council is a great place to start!

Please download a current volunteer application form from the website (<http://riv.tlidsb.on.ca>) or pick-up a form at the school office.

A Police check must be on file at the office.



Dates to Remember:

- Monday & Wednesday—Girls Volleyball practices
- Tuesday & Thursday—Boys volleyball practices
- January 16—1st day of Winter Electives
- January 23 to 27—Kindergarten Registration week
- January 23—2nd day of Winter Electives
- January 24—Gr. 7 Meningitis, Gr. 8 girls HPV shots
- January 27—Cross Country Ski race at Arrowhead Provincial park
- January 28—Volleyball Tournament at HHS
- January 30—3rd day of Winter Electives



Call the office for a fridge magnet with this number on it if you don't already have one.



Thanks For All you do for Riverside!

We would like to extend our appreciation to all Riverside families and friends who attended our Christmas Concerts in December. We had a wonderful turnout. In addition, the many donations of toys and food items collected for the Food Bank and the Salvation Army showed an overwhelming generosity on the part of our Riverside community. **You are SUPER!**

Winter Electives Grades 1-8



The Winter Electives program will take place on Monday afternoons, January 16th, 23rd, 30th, February 6th. February 13th is a make-up day, if needed. Be sure your child has all their equipment needed for that day. Extra mitts and socks are always a good idea if they are outside lots.

JK/SK Registrations For September 2012

Registration week for the Junior and Senior Kindergarten, **AS WELL AS** for the French Immersion SK program, will take place during the week of January 23rd–27th, 2012

To register your child, please bring with you:

Proof of age for each child (Birth Certificate)

Name of family doctor

Doctor's telephone number

Ontario Health Card number

Child's immunization record

Road name and 911 address

Junior Kindergarten students must be 4 years of age by December 31st, 2012. **Senior** Kindergarten students must be 5 years of age by December 31st, 2012 (Senior Kindergarten registrations are only for children not currently enrolled in the Junior Kindergarten program).



LEADERSHIP AT RIVERSIDE

The Leadership group has been busy at Riverside, organizing Spirit days, helping with Primary and Kindergarten concerts and the school wide sing along. With generous donations from the Riverside community they put together 10 to 15 boxes of food and toys for the Salvation Army and The Table—Soup Kitchen. Thank you all for your caring and giving spirit. In the New Year more exciting activities have been planned.

Beginner Adult French Course

Thursday Nights 6:30 pm, Starting January 12th for 6 weeks at Riverside School.

Intermediate Adult French Course, Monday Nights 6:30 pm, Starting January 16th for 6 weeks at Riverside School.

Fees: \$70 for CPF members, \$85 for non-members.

Robotics:

Riverside Robotics is looking for YOU! This year, we are doing things differently. We are looking for 9 individuals to be part of the Riverside team. Mme Paquet and Mme Boulard are accepting a proposal from interested students explaining why they should be on the team. Some things to consider: time – this is a long term commitment starting in January (until May). We will be meeting after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:20-4:30.

Please include the following in your proposal:

- Why you should be chosen for the team
- Past experience with Robotics
- How you are a team player

You may present your proposal in one of the following ways: **written, video tape, power point, voice recorded etc...**

Please submit your proposal by Jan. 13, 2012

French Immersion Registration Information Night

An information night will be held on Tuesday January 24th, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Library for parents interested in the French Immersion SK program for September 2011. Students will only be able to enter this program at the SK level in September 2012.

Parents may register French Immersion students at their local school for JK or they may register for JK at Riverside Public School. After March 31st registration of out-of-area JK students at French Immersion schools will only be permitted if space is available. Registration forms will be available and must be returned by February 25th, 2012.

Electronic devices

Students are reminded that cell phones are not permitted for calls, photos, music or text messaging during the Riverside school day. Parents are asked to call the main office if they need to get in contact with their children during the school day. Any electronic devices that are brought to school are **done so at the students' own risk. We will not be responsible**

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Stay up-to-date by following us on TWITTER at <http://twitter.com/#!/riversideps>

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ATTENTION SPORTS FANS...



Volleyball, Volleyball, Volleyball.

Practices are as follows:

Girls: January 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, 30, February 1, 6, 8, 13

Boys: January 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26,

Game nights are: Jan 31 at Spruce Glen, Feb 7 VK at Riverside,
Feb 14 at Pine Glen, Feb 16 Irwin at Riverside, Feb 21 St Mary's
at Riverside, Feb 23 at HPS,

Play offs—Girls Feb 28, Boys Mar1



Riverside Cross Country skiers. Skiing is starting weather permitting for all Phys Ed classes from grade 1 to 8. Be sure that your child is dressed appropriately every day to go outside. It is always a great idea to send extra socks, mitts and some pants. Washrooms are not available across the road and **it's a long walk back. Accidents have been known to happen.**



Snow Day Routines

When busses are cancelled, the school is still open for students who regularly walk. Parents of bus students who can safely transport their children to and from school are welcome to do so. Please be aware that this is still a meaningful day and that students will be doing some reading, writing and math activities although there may not be regular lessons. Students should commit to being at school for the entire day and should not be using the phone to go home early.

For safety reasons, **parents of our walking students** should call our **safe arrival number @ 705-789-7673** to inform us if your child will not be attending. Please remember to send a lunch for your child on days the busses are cancelled. If bus cancellations happen on Thursdays pizza will not be delivered this day, but will come on the Friday. **Pick up is at 3:15 on these days as well.**

Dismissal Routines

For parents of students who do not take the bus, **please ensure that your child is picked up at the front of the school promptly at 3:30 p.m.** We need to get all 40 buses out safely before we let the walkers and parents leave the parking lot. Your assistance with this would be and is greatly appreciated.



STOP!

When dropping your children off or picking them up remember to only use the left side of the parking lot **at all times of the day.** The safety of our students is our primary concern. Please take care when driving near the school and watch for the children.

Battle of the Books



We are back battling again at Riverside for all the right reasons. The English books titles have been posted, teams made and students have already started reading from the lists. Happy reading for everyone.

Junior reading list for teams:

And then it happened—book 1, The Birchbark House, Bridge to Terabithia, Dexter the Tough, Journey to the River Sea, **Kensuke's Kingdom, Mealworm Diaries, Poppy, Titanic Trilogy, Wonderstruck.**

Intermediate reading list for teams:

Peak, Divergent, Firegirl, The House of the Scorpion, Island of the Blue Dolphins, Thunder Over Kandahar, Undergrounders, War of the Eagles, When you Reach me, Wolf Brother.

Riverside Basketball wins double gold



The Riverside Boys' basketball team finished their season as the champions of the interschool league. After being undefeated in the regular season, including during tournament play, the boys met Pine Glen Public School in the semi-finals. After winning that game, they progressed to play VK Greer on December 8th for the championship. The team demonstrated poise, athleticism and commitment as they went on to defeat VK Greer 41 - 24. The boys should be commended not only for winning the championship but also for being great representatives of Riverside Public School throughout the season. A special thank you to coach Kelly Picken, who travelled on a regular basis to share her knowledge and enthusiasm for the game. The boys basketball team consisted of:

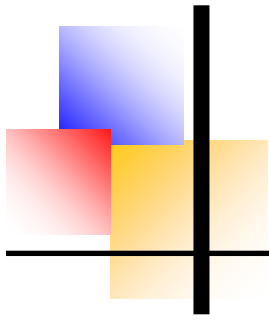
Takiah Ebbs-Picken (co-captain), Sam Koop (co-captain)

Nathan Forestell (co-captain), Biaigio Iannantuono

Adam Lavigne, Eric MacNeil, Chris Cannon, Arrick Lupton










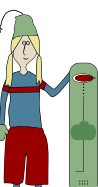

Cody Evers, Mitchell Jones, Scott MacDonald, Ryan MacDonald and Jordan Marshall

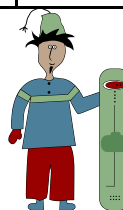
The girl's basketball team completed an extremely successful season in December. The girls finished their season with a perfect record winning all of their games. Riverside defeated a very scrappy Spruce Glen team in round one of the playoffs which **vaulted them into the finals against St. Mary's. In the final, St. Mary's kept it close but the Riverside girls turned out to be too much in the end.** The final score was 38-29 giving Riverside double gold in basketball. Congratulations to all girls who represented the school admirably. Thank you to our coaches for their time and dedication. The girls team consisted of Merrissa Moore, Alys Sherman, Carly Kennedy, Shannon Marshall, Grace Danforth, Sophie Nickerson, Alexis Berry, Katie Heap, Emma Mensour, Molly Simson, Kyra Meredith and Taylor Smith.



JANUARY 2012

Character Education Theme TRUSTWORTHINESS / LA LOYAUTÉ

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8	9 Welcome Back!	10 Boys Volleyball	11 Girls Volleyball	12  Boys Volleyball	13	14
15	16 Girls Volleyball Adult French classes	17 Boys Volleyball	18 Girls Volleyball	19  Boys Volleyball	20	21
22 	23 Girls Volleyball Winter Electives Begin Adult French classes Kindergarten Registration	24 Boys Volleyball Gr 7 Meningitis shots Gr 8 girls HPV shots Kindergarten Registration	25 Girls Volleyball Kindergarten Registration	26  Boys Volleyball Kindergarten Registration	27 Cross country Ski Race Kindergarten Registration	28 Volleyball Tour- nament at HHS
29 	30 Winter Electives Adult French Classes	31 Volleyball game at Riverside				



Pizza needs to be ordered in your child's class on **Thursday's**. The office does not take late orders



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