



Hello Riverside Families,

Did you know that the Riverside Craft Show is Riverside Public School's largest annual fundraiser, and has been supporting Riverside students for more than 35 years?

As we get ready for the 2026 Riverside Craft Show on November 7 & 8th, we wanted to share a little about where this Riverside tradition came from, where the money goes, and why your support makes such a difference.

It all started in 1990...

The first Riverside Arts & Crafts Show was held in 1990 as a fundraiser for the original Riverside Public School library.

That first show had just 13 vendors, along with a white elephant table, bake sale and book fair, and incredibly, it raised approximately \$4,000 for the school.

When the current Riverside school building opened in 1993, the show expanded to 50 vendors and introduced a raffle table. Over the years, it continued to grow, eventually filling not only the gym but the hallways and library as well.

Today, the Riverside Craft Show welcomes dozens of makers and artisans and has become a much-loved holiday tradition in Huntsville.

And it now raises more than \$20,000 each year for Riverside Public School.

So, where does that money go?

The money raised at the Craft Show is managed through the Parent Council and goes directly back into supporting Riverside students.

Over the years, Craft Show funds have helped pay for things like:

- Playground equipment
- Cross-country ski equipment
- Smartboards and other school equipment
- Bussing and field trip costs
- The annual school play
- Grade 8 graduation activities
- Student programs, activities and experiences

In other words, when our community supports the Craft Show, our kids benefit.

How does the Craft Show raise all that money?

It's much more than vendor booth fees!

Throughout the weekend, the school is filled with additional fundraising activities, including our raffle table, silent auction, bake sale and snack bar.

Every exhibitor participating in the show is required to donate an item to our Raffle Table, which means there will be 60+ prizes to choose from this year. Raffle tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5, and you choose exactly which prizes you'd like a chance to win.

Each grade also traditionally contributes to a themed Silent Auction Basket, and Riverside families and community members help stock our very popular Bake Sale.

And did you know we have a Snack Bar on site for the weekend?

Come hungry! Hot food, drinks and snacks are available throughout the show, so you can do some holiday shopping and stay for lunch. Food sold through the snack bar is generously donated by community partners, which means those sales also help raise money for the school.

We need our Riverside families!

Over the coming weeks, you'll see some requests coming home from the Craft Show Committee, the school admin team and classroom teachers, but this year, we want families to understand why we are asking.

We'll be looking for:



Baked goods for the Bake Sale (to be dropped off in the days leading up to the show)



Donations for your child's grade-themed Silent Auction Basket



Volunteers to help with set-up, throughout the show and with clean-up. Recruitment has started, if you are interested and available you can reach out to Erin Pehar at

erin@mhoadventures.com anytime for more information!

There are lots of ways to help, and you absolutely do not have to do them all! Choose whatever works for your family.

And there is another incredibly valuable way to support the show that doesn't cost anything:

Help us spread the word!

Our goal for 2026 is to get more people through the doors and make this our best show yet.

Follow the Riverside Craft Show on social media to meet this year's vendors, see what's coming to the show, learn more about its history and help us spread the word:

[Facebook](#)

[Instagram](#)

Please follow, like and share our posts, every share helps us reach people beyond the Riverside school community.

Tell your friends. Invite the grandparents. Bring your neighbours. Send the event to someone who loves shopping local. And, of course, come to the show!

The more people who attend, the more successful the fundraiser can be, and the more we can give back to Riverside students.



Saturday, November 7th 9am - 4pm & Sunday, November 8th 10am - 3pm, 2026



Riverside Public School
755 Brunel Road, Huntsville

What started with 13 vendors and a goal of raising money for the school library in 1990 has grown into an event that raises more than \$20,000 a year for our kids.

That's a Riverside tradition worth continuing.

Thank you for being part of it. We can't wait to see you at the show!

The Riverside Craft Show Committee