



WORKING HAND-IN-HAND

Riverside Ramblings

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome Back! It is great to be back and we are looking forward to another great year at Riverside. With the help the Parent Council we have some great new plans for the playground and we are expecting the ground to be broken at some point in October for the work to begin on the construction of 3 new Kindergarten classes in preparation for full-day kindergarten starting September 2014.

Riverside is a nut and peanut free school. Please refrain from packing nut or peanut items in your children's snacks and lunches. We will be sending home some suggestions and ideas for lunches to help parents with the challenge of finding healthy nut and peanut free lunches that your children will enjoy.

Riverside is on Twitter and we use Twitter to send Tweets with reminders and updates about special things happening at Riverside. Just connect to: <http://twitter.com/#!/riversideps> to join in.

Please make note of our daily schedule:

- Supervision starts at 8:20 a.m.
- Entry: 8:40 a.m.
- O Canada & Announcements: 8:50 a.m.
- Nutrition Break 1: 10:25 – 11:05 a.m.
- Nutrition Break 2 : 1:05 – 1:55 p.m.
- Dismissal: 3:15 p.m.

Again this year we will be emailing the newsletter home on a monthly basis and posting it on our school website. Please let the office know if your email address changes. Email addresses will not be shared and will remain confidential.

Please don't hesitate to drop by the office and see me if you have any questions or concerns. See you at our Meet the Teacher BBO on September 11th!

Paul Goldring



PARENT COUNCIL

The Riverside Parent Council meets each month, usually on the third Wednesday. Our first meeting is on **Wednesday, September, 18th at 7:00 p.m.**

Meetings cover a range of topics and often provide parents with an insight into

the inner workings of the school. Topics will be discussed on a monthly basis. September's topic will be "Nutrition in the Class".

All parents are always welcome to attend these meetings.

Dates to Remember:

- **Sept. 11**—Meet the Teacher BBQ 5:30-7pm
- **Sept. 12-13**—Terreberry's class to Yearley
- **Sept 18**—Parent Council Meeting
- **Sept. 20**—Riverside Cross Country Run, rain date Sept. 19
- **Sept. 27**—Terry Fox walk or run, rain date Sept. 26
- **Oct. 2**—Arrowhead Cross Country Run
- **Oct. 14**—Thanksgiving Day
- **Oct. 18**—Muskoka Mud Run (Cross Country Running)
- **Oct. 31**—Halloween
- **Nov. 8**—Grade 7 Hep. B shots, Grade 8 Girls HPV
- **Nov. 11**— Remembrance Day

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SAFE ARRIVAL

We operate a **Safe Arrival Program** at Riverside Public School. The program is designed for the safety of your children. This means that if your child does not show up at school and you have not contacted us to inform us they will be away, we will call home to ensure they are safe. Please call Safe Arrival and let us know if your child is going to be late or absent and for what reason. **The Safe Arrival number is 705-789-7673**



MORNING ARRIVAL

If you are driving your children to school in the morning, please drop them off at the **left** parking lot. Please do not use the right as this is staff only, and for the safety of all students do not drive around the school. Buses are delayed if they have to wait for passengers to be dropped off from cars, so please pull right into a parking space before letting out your children.



In addition, please note that teacher supervision of the yard and bus arrival area does not begin until 8:20 a.m. If your children walk or bike to school, please ensure that they are not arriving before 8:20 a.m. All children will stay outside until the bell rings at 8:40 a.m. Thank you for helping to keep the students at Riverside safe.

DISMISSAL/STUDENT PICK UP

As the school parking lot is very busy with bus departures at the end of the day parents picking their children up are asked to come at 3:30, after the first run of buses has departed. In an attempt to lessen the crowding in the halls at the end of the day, and to establish student independence, we would request that parents/guardians meet students in the front foyer, by the main office for sign out. If it is necessary to pick your child up any earlier, please do so through the front office and please remember to sign them out at the office.

UPDATED INFORMATION

Please update your child's contact information on the Student Office Index Card that will be sent home the beginning of next week. This helps to keep the lines of communication open between the home and school. In the event of an emergency, it is very important to know your contact numbers at home, at work, and on your cell phone, as well as the names and contact information of any individuals whom you would like the school to contact should you be unavailable. Please also check the letters on the Health card and let us know if changes are required. Thank you for your assistance.



CHARACTER EDUCATION THEME FOR SEPTEMBER

Goal-setting

Goal-setting is knowing precisely what you want to achieve and where you have to concentrate your efforts.

MILK SALES

Milk is available for lunch. Both white milk and chocolate milk are \$0.75. Order forms are sent home from the classroom teacher every 5 weeks. Milk starts the week of September 12th.

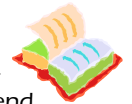


PIZZA DAYS

Pizza lunches are every week on Thursday beginning September 12th. Students order on Wednesday mornings in their classroom. No orders will be taken by phone or in the office. Pizza costs \$1.75 per slice.

AGENDAS

Agendas are provided for your children to purchase. These are important tools of communication between yourself and your children's teachers. Please send in \$6.00 to cover this cost.



BREAKFAST FOR LEARNING

The Breakfast program continues here at Riverside. For students who need a little extra food to get them going in the morning. Students may drop into Rm. 7 starting at 8:20 a.m. Studies have shown that students who eat a good breakfast are much more focused and ready for learning.



VOLUNTEERING

We are always in need of volunteers at Riverside in many capacities, especially for our head lice checks. If you have the time, and the inclination, we would love to see you here. Just remember that all volunteers need an authorized police check. Drop into the office and we would be happy to go over the forms. You will need to bring 2 forms of ID. Health Cards are not accepted by the police department.



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STAFF 2013/2014**French Teachers**

Gr.1	Lisa McIlmoyle
Gr.1	Pam Steeves
Gr.1/2	Lauren Boutin
Gr.2	Britt Lawrence
Gr.2	Francine Vezeau
Gr.3	Heather Mason
Gr.3	Melanie Paquet
Gr.3	Jody White

English Teachers

Gr. 1	Pat Lightfoot
Gr. 2	Holly Strickland
Gr. 3/4	Natasha Turner
Gr. 4/5	Sarah Flynn
Gr. 5/6	Gail Terreberry
Gr. 7	Michele Fletcher/Heather Lipskie
Gr. 8	Katie Pellerin

Kindergarten Teachers: French

SK	Anne Lindsay
SK	Jeff Jones
SK	Janice Roy

Kindergarten Teachers: English

JK	Heather Martin
JK/SK	Colleen Meredith

Music

Francesca Geneau

Phys. Ed.

Jared Padfield, Jim Atkinson, Rob Heffernan

Computers

Jim Atkinson

Resource Staff

Diane Gagnon, Sandra Stewart, Michele Fletcher

Instructional Lead

Patti Lyons

Educational Assistants

Cindy Burda, Susan MacDonald, Shari Melton, Karen Scharman

Librarian

Jo Ann Jordan

Head Secretary / Assistant Secretary

Inga Craig, Sue Stephen-Wilkes

Custodians

Jacques Comte, Sion Jenkins

TRANSPORTATION

Information on eligibility for a bus, eligibility to attend a school and recent changes to transportation can be accessed at the following website: www.mybustoschool.ca Remember to indicate whether the student is in English or French Immersion.

ANAPHYLAXIS

Parents should be aware that there are several children and staff in our school with a severe life-threatening food allergy called anaphylaxis (ana-fill-axis). This is a medical condition that causes a severe reaction to specific foods or other materials, and can result in death within minutes. Although peanuts and peanut products are the most common foods to cause anaphylaxis, shellfish, fish, eggs, sulphites, milk, cheese, sesame seeds, tree nuts, soy or any other foods can cause this dangerous condition. In recent years, anaphylaxis has increased dramatically among students.

Although this may or may not affect your child's class directly, please send foods to school with your child that are free from peanuts and products containing nuts.

Trillium Lakelands District School Board has procedures for the prevention and management of anaphylactic reactions. If you are interested, contact the school office for further information. Additional information is also available through the Anaphylaxis Network of Canada, (416) 785-5666, www.anaphylaxis.org.

If your child has health problems of any kind, please inform your child's teacher or office staff immediately so that the necessary health protection steps may be taken.

PHYS. ED. NEWS**Ironman 70.3 Volunteering**

This Sunday, Sept. 8th, volunteers (students and staff) will be spending their day running a water station for Huntsville's international Ironman 70.3 event.

Terry Fox Run

We have scheduled Friday, Sept. 27th as the day for Terry Fox Celebrations and Run. This year Riverside will again, attempt to raise a substantial sum for Cancer research – more details will follow. Thank you, in advance, for your support of this very worthwhile cause.

Phys. Ed. Clothing

All students from grades 3 and up are required to change out of their street clothes and into appropriate clothing for Phys. Ed. classes. Comfort, ease of movement and hygiene are logical reasons for this request. We would like to stress the importance of proper gym shoes in the gym for all students from J.K. to grade 8. When you are deciding which 'gym shoes' to buy for your child, please choose athletic shoes that have the best grip, provide good ankle support, provide cushioning and that tie up tightly (i.e. not skateboarding shoes, crocs or flip flops).

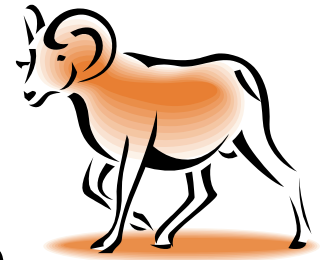
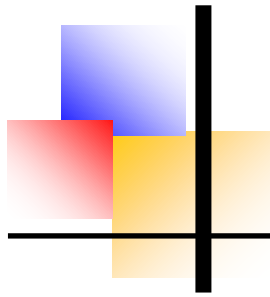
Events/Excitement/Extras!

Riverside's Annual Cross-country Run will take place on Friday, Sept. 20th, 2013. Basketball Team try-outs will begin in the second week of school for interested grade 7&8 students. Try-outs will be held after school, with the day TBA. Running Club should begin the second week of school – more info. to follow.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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8 Huntsville's Iron Man	9	10	11 Meet the Teacher 5:30-7pm	12  Terreberry's class to Year- ly Overnight	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 	20 Riverside Cross Country Run	21
22 Autumn Begins	23	24	25	26 	27 Terry Fox Run	28
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Picture Day to be announced soon!



Delivery days
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