



WORKING HAND-IN-HAND

Riverside Ramblings

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back everyone and a special welcome to our students and families who are new to Riverside Public School! I hope that everyone had a wonderful summer break.

I am very happy to introduce myself as the new principal at Riverside Public School. It is wonderful to be returning to Riverside where I was vice-principal 6 years ago. Since that time I have been at two other schools in Trillium Lakelands District School Board, as principal.

I look forward to becoming re-acquainted as a member of the Riverside School community. The staff is welcoming, talented and full of enthusiasm and they are dedicated to providing a high quality education for your children. The students are equally as eager to be at school and are a pleasure to get to know. I am trying to learn as many names as possible and the children are great at answering the many questions that I pose of them.

I have spoken with some parents from the community, either in person or by phone and am hoping to meet

many more of you at our Meet the Staff BBQ on Wednesday September 10th from 5:30-7:00. My door is open and I always welcome hearing from you. I look forward to learning from and with your children, the staff and the school community. We are all working together to provide an inviting and rich environment for your child to learn to be the best he/she can be.

Just a reminder that Riverside is a peanut and nut free school. Please check labels to make sure lunches and snacks are free from peanut and nut products.

This year we are again working to make our newsletter paperless and it will be emailed directly to families' homes. Please make sure the office has your email address. Email addresses will not be shared and will remain confidential.

Mary Lou Lefler

PARENT COUNCIL

The Riverside Parent Council meets each month. Our first meeting is on **Wednesday, September 17th at 6:30 p.m.** Meetings cover a range of topics and often provide parents with an insight into the inner workings of the school. Special guests will share information about school programs or new innovations in

teaching and technology. We have several executive positions that will need to be filled this year. **All parents are always welcome to attend these meetings.**

Our first big fundraiser is our Fall Craft sale. We are in need of volunteers to help with the sale. The first Craft Sale meeting will be announced at a later date watch for an email from the office

Dates to Remember:

- **September 10:** Meet the Teacher BBQ from 5:30-7:00 p.m.
- **September 23:** Arrow-head Cross Country Run
- **September 24:** Racing Against Drugs
- **September 24, 25—**Bus Evacuation
- **September 26:** Riverside's Terry Fox Run
- **October 3:** Magazine Kick-off assembly 11:30 a.m.
- **October 6, 7:** School Photo Day
- **October 10:** PA day
- **October 13:** Thanksgiving Day
- **October 17:** Muskoka Mud Run in Bracebridge
- **October 23:** Grade 7/8 Hep B and HPV Shots



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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 AND STUDENT PICKUP

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. 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. 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. Please do NOT go to your child's class they will meet you in the foyer at 3:30.

TERRY FOX DAY!!!



Mark your calendars! Riverside will be participating in our Terry Fox Run on Friday September 26th. Students are encouraged to bring in a "Toonie for Terry" ANY time leading up to this event. Students need to bring a water bottle and clothing appropriate for an outdoor run/walk. Parents are welcome to come out and join their children in this very worthwhile event to bring awareness to our Canadian hero Terry Fox!



PLEASE JOIN US AT OUR MEET THE STAFF BBQ ON WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 10TH FROM 5:30-7:00

Primary classes will be open 5:30-6:00

Junior classes will be open 6:00-6:30

Intermediate classes will be open 6:30-7:00

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 8th. Please pre-order to help out.

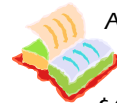


PIZZA DAYS

Pizza lunches are offered weekly. Delivery days for pizza is Thursday. Please send money in on Wednesdays to order. Money needs to be brought in to the classroom teacher first thing. No orders will be taken by phone or in the office. Pizza costs \$2.00 per slice.



AGENDAS



Agendas have been sent home for your children. 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. Students who need a little extra food to get them going in the morning may drop in at 8:20 a.m. for breakfast. Studies have shown that students who eat a good breakfast are much more focused and ready for learning. Parent volunteer's are needed. Please contact the office if you are able to help out



VOLUNTEERING

We are always in need of volunteers at Riverside in many capacities, especially for our fundraisers, breakfast program shopping and Head Checks. If you have the time, we would love to see you. 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, (Driver's Licence, Birth Certificate, Canadian Blood Donor Card, Outdoors Card, or Hunting Licence. No Health cards please.) **If you are able to volunteer for head checks in your own child's class please call the office at 705-789-2282.**



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STAFF 2014-2015

French Teachers

Grade 1	Lisa McIlmoyle
Grade 1	Holly Strickland
Grade 1	Laurene Boutin
Grade 2	Britt Lawrence
Grade 2	Francine Vezeau
Grade 2/3	Sandra Stewart
Grade 3	Jody White
Grade 3	Melanie Paquet

English Teachers

Grade SK/1	Pat Lightfoot
Grade 2/3	Bonnie Stevens
Grade 3/4	Natasha Aben(formerly Turner)
Grade 5	Sarah Flynn
Grade 6	Gail Terreberry
Grade 7/8	Greg Pitts
Grade 7/8	Katie Pellerin
Bridging Class	Dan Mumford
Learning Strategies	Katherine Kirkpatrick

Kindergarten Teachers

JK	Heather Martin
DECE	Debbie Nickalls
JK & SK	Colleen Meredith
DECE	Jessica McAlpine
JK & SK FI	Jeff Jones
DECE	Tamara Bradley
SK FI	Janice Roy
DECE	Lori Harris

Music

Francesca Geneau

Core French

April Sanderson

Phys. Ed.

Jared Padfield, Rob Heffernan

Resource Staff

Diane Gagnon, Michele Fletcher

Instructional Coach

Kelli Gates

Educational Assistants

Cindy Burda, Susan MacDonald, Katherine MacLeod,
Shari West (formerly Melton), Angela Deemert

Teacher-Librarian / Library Clerk

Jo Ann Jordan

Head Secretary / Assistant Secretary

Inga Craig, Melaney Morrow

Custodians

Mel Crewson, Kim Ryan-Piper, Lindsay Speers,
Lance Walker

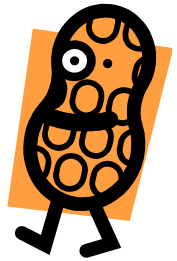
ANAPHYLAXIS

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.



NEWS FROM THE GYM

Welcome Back! Please remember to have good indoor and outdoor running shoes as well as extra socks for those wet days. Run club has started and will be running the next few weeks 1:05 to 1:35 on Monday, Tuesday and Thursdays. The Arrowhead cross country run is on Tuesday September 23. Registration forms will be available next week for any grade 1 to 8 students interested. Used gym equipment is always welcome (balls, hockey sticks and cross country ski items) to help with yard fun. Additionally we are starting a Mountain Bike club this year and we will accept used Mountain Bikes and helmets. Keep Active—Mr. P and Mr. H

NEW TO RIVERSIDE THIS YEAR

MUSKOKA FAMILY FOCUS has an EARLY YEARS PROGRAM running in ROOM #15 WED & FRI mornings from 9-12:30 as well as SAT morning from 10:30-12:30. There is a TUES evening free dinner program (limited space so please call 645-3027 to book your spot). Please check www.muskokafamilyfocus.com for more info.

TRANSPORTATION



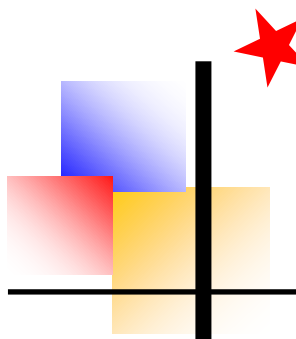
Information on eligibility for a bus, eligibility to attend a school and recent changes to transportation can be accessed at the following website: www.mybustoschool.ca Remember to indicate whether

the student is in English or French Immersion.

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7	8	9	10 School BBQ 5:30 start	11 	12	13
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21	22	23 Arrowhead Cross Country Run	24 Bus Evacuation practice	25  Bus Evacuation practice	26 Terry Fox Run	27
28	29	30				



Photo Day—
Schedule to follow
October 6th and
7th



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