



WORKING HAND IN HAND

Riverside Ramblings

December 2015



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Though the weather may not be characteristic of the month, the hustle and bustle in the school certainly tells us it is December!

What a busy month. Progress reports will be arriving home on December 11th. We have our Kindergarten Christmas concert on December 15th at 6:30p.m. and our Primary/Junior concert at 6:30 on December 16th. We ask that you bring a non-perishable food item with you to the concert, to support our community food bank.

Our leadership crew has organized many spirit days for our lead up to the holidays. See the spirit guide below so you will know what to expect. As well, Ms. Jordan has been working with a group of budding actors who will be performing Charlie Brown's Christmas in the library over the next two weeks. Thank you Ms. Jordan for the work you've put into providing this opportunity for our students.

Our boys' and girls' basketball teams just ended a very exciting season this past week. A huge thank you to Ms. Pellerin and Mr. Pitts for giving their time to coach the teams and for organizing a very successful final tournament. Congratulations on a great season!

With the arrival of the cold weather and anticipated

snow, please make sure that your child is dressed properly for the weather. Boots, mitts, hats, warm coats and snow pants help make outdoor play much more enjoyable. We are making extensive use of our property across the road so proper clothing is especially important when we are outdoors for extended periods of time. Please make sure clothing is labelled as our lost and found seems to grow daily.

Thank you to all the parent volunteers and staff who were responsible for making the Riverside Craft show a success. It was another great turnout with very happy vendors and shoppers!

With the constant changes in temperature and precipitation throughout the day right now, our walkways and parking lots often develop icy patches despite frequent salting and sanding. Please make sure to keep an eye out for slippery spots when dropping off or picking up your child.

From all of us at Riverside, enjoy a safe and relaxing holiday with your families and friends. We will see you in 2016!



25TH ANNUAL RIVERSIDE ARTS & CRAFT SHOW A GREAT SUCCESS

A big thank you goes out to all the volunteers, teachers, students, staff, vendors and our community for helping to make this 25th show our best ever.

And thank you to all the students, parents, and friends who contributed to the "themed gift basket auction", and the very popular bake table.

Just over \$10 000.00 was raised! This money will be administered by your parent council and administrative team to help fund numerous school projects over the school year.

We are always looking for people interested in helping to organize or support this great fundraiser.

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Dates to Remember:

Pizza money to classroom teachers on Wednesdays by 9 for lunches on Thursdays

- Dec. 11—Sing-song in the meadow
- Dec. 15 —JK/SK Christmas Concert 6:30 pm
- Dec. 16 -Primary/Junior Christmas Concert 6:30 p.m.
- Dec. 14 to 18—Spirit Days – see page 2
- December 19 to January 3— Winter Break
- January 11th 6:30 p.m. - School Council meeting in library



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INCLEMENT WEATHER

It's that time of year again. Snow! Rain! Sleet! In the case of unsafe road conditions, cancellations are reported on the Board website, www.tldsbc.ca or www.mybustoschool.ca and repeated on local radio stations (MORE FM 105.5, The Moose 99.5, Rock 95.7, EZ Rock 105.9 or CBC 94.3). The decision to cancel buses is made in conjunction with bus operators as soon as road conditions are known in the morning. Parents can subscribe to their child's bus delays and cancellations at www.mybustoschool.ca which will send a message directly to you if buses are cancelled. **If buses are cancelled due to weather conditions, the school will be open in the morning from 8:20 and students must be picked up by 3:15.**

For safety reasons, **parents of our walking students** should call our **Safe Arrival number at 789-7673** to inform us if your child will not be attending.

If bus cancellations occur on a Pizza Day, **pizza will be delivered the next school day. If your child does come on a snow day please send them with a full lunch.**

DRESSING FOR THE WEATHER

Please send your child to school dressed in the proper clothing for the weather, as this can be a very wet and cold time of year. The weather is very unpredictable, with sunny skies in the mornings and a downpour or snow by the afternoon, plus the temperature is changeable throughout the day. Extra mitts and socks are a good idea to put in backpacks in case the ones they left home with that morning get lost or too wet to wear out again. Your child will appreciate having something warm and dry as our goal is to always to be outside for recess breaks.



KINDERGARTEN CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Kindergarten Concert will be on December 15th at 6:30 p.m. and will run approximately 1 hour. We would ask that students be dropped off to their kindergarten classrooms at 6:15 sharp (no earlier, please). If parents come earlier to save seats, please keep your child or children with you. Parents, grandparents, friends and other family are all welcome. Parents are asked to wait until the completion of the performance to take their children home. Stay tuned for information specific to your child's class. We look forward to a wonderful evening!



DECEMBER SPIRIT DAYS



December 11th—Holiday sing-song in the meadow across the road

December 15th—Dress as your favourite holiday character Olaf, Frosty, Santa Claus, Rudolph, the Grinch)



December 16th—Wear your tacky (or not tacky) Christmas sweater



December 17th—Wear your favourite holiday hat

December 18th—PJ Day



The lost and found will be cleaned out and given to charity over the Christmas holidays. If you are missing clothing, shoes, etc. at home, please come in and check the clothes rack.



CROSS—COUNTRY SKIING

Cross Country skiing will start in January. Mr. Padfield and Mr. Heffernan have created the ski schedule and they are now looking for volunteers to come skiing with the classes. Please contact Mr. Padfield at j.padfield@tldsbc.on.ca with your name, your child's name and classroom teacher. The ski schedule is posted on the Riverside website. Think snow!



WINTER ELECTIVES 2015 GRADES 1 TO 8

It's nearly Winter Elective time at Riverside! We look forward to sharing this enriching and fun program with your child! Think snow! Remember to mark the dates on your calendars so equipment or clothing is not forgotten. We have switched our days from Mondays to Thursdays. We will be going out for our fun on February 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th. All activities are in the afternoon. Please have all ski equipment at the school by 9:30 a.m.

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