



## RIVERSIDE SECONDARY eNews

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### **IMPORTANT STUDENT SAFETY REMINDER REGARDING FIREWORKS AND FIRECRACKERS**

At this time of year, we inevitably deal with incidents involving fireworks and firecrackers at school. We believe it is important to remind all students that possession of fireworks and firecrackers by minors is illegal and therefore contravenes the school district Code of Conduct. **Students found to be selling or in possession of fireworks and firecrackers at school will be sent home on suspension.**

At Riverside Secondary, we believe that we need to deal with the issue of illegal sales of fireworks to underage students and we are taking steps to address this issue within our community. We appreciate your support, as parents, in doing what you can to ensure that your child is not bringing fireworks or firecrackers to school. By working together, we hope to provide the safest possible environment for our students. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

#### **FIREWORKS & THE LAW IN PORT COQUITLAM**

- Sales of all fireworks are banned within the City of Port Coquitlam
- You need a permit to set off fireworks in Port Coquitlam. Application must be made in person at the Tax Office at Port Coquitlam City Hall (2580 Shaughnessy St.)
- You must be at least age 18 to handle or use fireworks
- Fireworks can only be discharged in certain places:
- On private property, with the occupant's consent, and
- At a public event run by a public body or society, with written permission.
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For more information about local fireworks regulations and Halloween safety call 604 927-5466 or visit [www.PORTCOQUITLAM.CA](http://www.PORTCOQUITLAM.CA)

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### **HALLOWEEN COSTUMES**

As we approach Halloween, we would like to remind students that although we encourage creativity in how students choose to dress up for school-related Halloween activities, the expectation is that costumes worn will be

appropriate for a school setting. Students who choose to wear costumes representing anything sexual in nature, glorifying drugs or alcohol, or which are too revealing will result in the student being asked to remove or cover the costume.

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## TAKE OUR KIDS TO WORK DAY – GRADE 9 STUDENTS

To parents and Guardians of Grade 9 Students: The annual "Take Our Kids to Work" ( TOKW) day takes place on **Wednesday, November 3**. TOKW is a **national job shadowing initiative** that allows the entire community --- parents, teachers, employers and workers --- to play a part in the career development of Grade 9 students. It also supports learning outcomes found in the Health and Career Education curriculum. Please go to [www.thelearningpartnership.ca](http://www.thelearningpartnership.ca). Click on the Take our Kids to Work Day. Click on the information tab to download a parent/guardian consent form. Please fill out the consent form and return it to your child's Math teacher by Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup>.

Where possible, parents invite their own child to spend a day on the job. If you are unable to host your own child, there still are ways for your child to participate. Here are some suggestions:

- \* Ask a relative, neighbour or family friend to host your child at his/her workplace.
  - \* Contact the school and speak with Career Prep Person (Ms. David ) and ask if she can assist you with finding a suitable placement.
  - \* Ask the parent of another grade 9 student who is participating if your child could join them for the day
  - \* Contact local businesses, and ask if they are hosting students for TOKW, inquire if someone within the organization would be willing to host your child providing you make the necessary transportation arrangements.
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