



## RIVERSIDE SECONDARY SCHOOL

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### APRIL NEWSLETTER

#### Principal's Message

Firstly, thank you to all the parents who were able to attend our recent Parent-Teacher Interviews. I hope that you were able to gather some information on your child's progress and were also able to share insights into your child's strengths and areas in need of attention. It is so important for parents and educators to work collectively on behalf of your child. In the end though, it takes two key people to ensure the learning process occurs: the teacher and the student. Both must come to the classroom prepared to engage, commit, and respond effectively when feedback is not entirely positive. There is a synergy that exists when teacher and student actively participate in the learning process. Parents of course support this process by assisting with homework, participating in school events, and through conversations and actions that tell our learners how much we value their education. Thank you for continuing to encourage your child to seek ways for improving their achievement. Helping them problem solve the challenges they encounter with their education goes a long way in preparing them for becoming more independent and self-reliant learners.

I was recently inspired while attending the multicultural leadership forum on April 15<sup>th</sup> at Riverside. We are so fortunate to have a tremendous leadership program at Riverside that involves over 200 students. This recent event showcased students working together to brainstorm ideas for engaging their peers and the community in fundraising efforts to support the victims in the recent Japanese earthquake. Included in this leadership forum were various members from the business community, Port Coquitlam City Council, Port Coquitlam Heritage and Cultural Society, Society for Community Development, and Fraser Valley Regional Library. This was a wonderful opportunity for our students to network with adults from the community, share ideas, and gather feedback and resources.

I am continually impressed by the active participation of our youth to better our school, community, and beyond. For example, we have recently completed our Youth Philanthropy Initiatives, in which all our grade 10 students in Planning 10 competed in teams to earn \$5000 towards a charity of their choice. This year's winning team advocated for and presented to the school on the Gaby Davis Foundation, a charity that provides financial support to families with children battling cancer. Additionally, over the Spring Break, a group of Riverside students was travelling throughout Europe as part of a sister school exchange. This was a wonderful opportunity to enhance leadership skills through learning about one another's culture, history, and way of living. At the same time that students were travelling throughout Europe, our French Immersion students were in Quebec, entertaining the homeless with French skits that they had created in their Conversation class. Imagine Riverside students walking down the streets of Quebec City, stopping randomly to perform these skits for individuals who do not have the luxury of attending plays or other forms of entertainment. Our students received numerous compliments for their kindness and generosity. Dearest parents, this is the Riverside Way...and we are truly proud of our incredible students...your children.

Anthony Ciolfitto

#### Important Dates

##### APRIL

19<sup>th</sup> PAC Meeting 7:00 p.m.  
20<sup>th</sup> Report Cards Distributed in RAP  
21<sup>st</sup> Professional Day (District)  
22<sup>nd</sup> Good Friday  
25<sup>th</sup> Easter Monday

##### MAY

5<sup>th</sup> Talent Show  
6<sup>th</sup> 12 Hour Relay  
10<sup>th</sup> After-Grad Meeting 7:00 p.m.  
17<sup>th</sup> PAC Meeting 7:00 p.m.  
23<sup>d</sup> Victoria Day

## SUMMER SCHOOL COURSES

Riverside students planning on registering for summer school must meet with their counsellor prior to registration to complete a “summer school information form”, get their PEN number, and discuss their course plans with their counsellor. Counsellors will assist students in making course choices that meet their educational goals and plans. As well, counsellors need to review how summer school choices affect next year’s course choices. There is no guarantee that, if there is a change from requests made in March, there will be room in a new course choice. Once this process is complete, students may proceed with on-line registration beginning at the end of April.

Note: Both paper application and counsellor approval are required for International Summer School courses and for remedial summer school courses. Contact the school counsellor for more information.



## ATTENTION GRADUATES

### Important Information for You:

1. Create an account with the Ministry (if you haven’t already done so) by logging onto to <http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/students.htm>  
You’ll need your PEN number which can be found on your report card or from your counsellor. Through your account, you can check your Provincial exam marks, the exam schedule, your credits, etc. Once you graduate you can also request transcripts from this site.
2. Your **Dogwood Certificate (diploma)** will be sent to you in the summer. Your **Official Transcript** will be mailed to you and one will be kept on file at the school. You should keep your original copy. If you need additional copies to send to post-secondary institutions you can request these from the school.
3. **Address and other personal information:** It is very important that the school have current, updated addresses and phone numbers on file for you. There are a number of reasons for this including having a correct address to send transcripts to.
4. **Post-Secondary Institution Choice Form (PSI):** Students who plan to attend any post-secondary institution in September need to complete this form on-line at [www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams) via the Student Secure Web. You will need to use the account you set up in #1 above. This on-line form must be completed by April 30<sup>th</sup> in order to allow the Ministry to release your marks to post-secondary institutions. More detailed information can be found on the counselling department web page.
5. **Transcript Verification:** It is vital that you review your “transcript verification report” on the Student Secure Website at the end of May. If there are any errors (legal name, birth date, address) these must be reported to your counsellor as soon as possible. As well, any errors in your courses or marks should be reported to and corrected by your counsellor before the end of the school year. The **TVR** is a preview of what your transcript will look like.
6. **Local and District Dogwood Scholarships:** Grade 12 students should plan to attend the last scholarship information session. Local scholarships are restricted to Riverside students and in some cases students in SD 43. **All** students are eligible to win some scholarship money.

**Students must apply** and the application process will be explained at the information session. The criteria for the Local Scholarships vary from top student, to students with community service and leadership, to students who excel in the technologies or the arts or languages or physical activity or business education classes, for example. Students should sign up with Mrs. Simpson to attend one of the sessions at lunch in room 213 on April 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Completed applications are due to Mrs. Simpson 11 May 2011, 4:00 pm...NO exceptions.**

## GRADUATION TIMELINE

**Graduation is fast approaching! Please review the following information:**

### ADVANCED CREDIT SUMMER SCHOOL

Summer learning course registration is a two-step process.

1. Get an online account
2. Register online (or face-to-face for remedial and ESL courses)

**Students must consult with their school counselor and pick up a school registration form before beginning summer school registration.**

Although the 'official' account-creation start date is April 23<sup>rd</sup>, many students have already started to create their accounts. On May 17<sup>th</sup> (grade 10) and May 18<sup>th</sup> (grades 11/12) students will be able to register online for summer learning courses. Students in elementary and middle school will be able to register for summer learning effective June 7<sup>th</sup>. **Students will not be able to register for courses until their account has been approved.** Part of the approval process includes your work to make sure their BCeSIS status is current and complete.

### CAREER RESOURCE CENTRE, ROOM 213

Important dates from Colleges and Universities, scholarship information, information events hosted by Universities and colleges (including U of Alberta for gr. 10 & 11 on May 14<sup>th</sup>) volunteer opportunities, special events, jobs and more are all posted daily on the Career Center website. Go to <http://www.sd43.bc.ca/secondary/riverside/Pages/default.aspx> click on the green bar at the top "Programs and services" then click on Career Centre.

If you have any questions please call Beth David at 604-941-6053 ext. 213 or e mail [bdavid@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:bdavid@sd43.bc.ca)

## RIVERSIDE'S 15 ANNUAL TALENT SHOW IS COMING THURSDAY MAY 5!!!!

Riverside's 15 Annual Talent Show is on Thursday May 5!!! Come out to see all our talented singers, dancers, musicians, bands and variety acts!!

\$ 5.00 advance tickets will be on sale in the front foyer at lunch starting on Tuesday April 26. Tickets for \$7.00 will also be sold at the door the evening of the Talent Show.

Come on out and see the great talent we have here at Riverside.

April 5 <sup>th</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup>	Guest permission forms for Grad dinner and dance will be at the front office - must be handed in by <b>April 25<sup>th</sup></b>
April 11	Each grad gets 2 free tickets to commencement. Extra commencement tickets go on sale for \$5 each in the office
April 26 <sup>th</sup> April 29 <sup>th</sup>	Dinner/Dance Guest Interviews begin Grad transitions deadline
May 16 <sup>th</sup> -20 <sup>th</sup>	Ticket sales for dinner/dance in room 124 Commencement/dinner dance tickets will be distributed in RAP.
June 1st June 10 <sup>th</sup>	Graduation dinner at the Renaissance Hotel. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and dinner at 7:00 p.m. After Grad to follow at Hyde Creek Community Center.
June 17 <sup>th</sup>	Commencement ceremony rehearsal in the school gym after school. All Grads are expected to attend.
June 20 <sup>th</sup>	Graduation Commencement ceremony at the Orpheum. Grads need to be at the Orpheum by 6:00 p.m. Doors open for guests at 6:30. *Note: please take any photos prior to the ceremony as grads have to return their gowns immediately afterward. There will be no opportunity for photos after the ceremony.

If any of the grade 12's or their parents are looking for copies of various grad-related activity forms they can print at home from:

<http://www.sd43.bc.ca/secondary/riverside/Pages/default.aspx>

Riverside Public Homepage -> Publications

# CANADIAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION RESULTS 2011

## RIVERSIDE STUDENTS ATTAIN SOME COMENDABLE RESULTS IN CANADIAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

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The Canadian Mathematics Competition, whose purpose is to challenge the best mathematics students in the country was written by approximately 79 944 students on Thursday, February 24<sup>th</sup>. The students in grades 9, 10, and 11, represented some 1 300 schools across Canada.

At **Riverside** we took part in the **Pascal** Contest for **grade 9's**, the **Cayley** contest for **grade 10's** and the **Fermat** Contest for **grade 11's** and a number of excellent results were recorded. In the **Pascal Contest**, Riverside's team consisting of the top three scoring students placed in the top **31%** of all participants which included 23 609 students that made up 980 teams. Individually, **Boyee Lin** was the **medal winner** at Riverside placing in the top **5% in Canada**. **Raymond Yu** and **Iman Baharmand** were **second** and **third** in the school and ranked in the top **8%** and **10%** in the nation respectively.

In the **Cayley Contest** written by 18 664 students that made up 925 teams throughout Canada, **Riverside** placed in the top **37%**. Individually **Katrina Besler** was the medal winner placing in the top **7%** in Canada. **Sean Kim** and **Jesse Kasemir** placed **second** and **third** respectively in the school and ranked in the **top 13% and 19%** in the country.

In the **Fermat Contest** written by 15 337 students that made up 921 teams, Riverside placed in the top **8%**. Individually, **Liah Yang** and **Mike Kim** were co-medal winners in the school placing in the top **1%** of all participants in Canada. They were followed by **Rodney Gelera** placing in the top **7%** in the nation.

Individually, a total of **19** students qualified for "**Certificates of Distinction**" by placing in the top **quartile** in Canada.

Members of the **Riverside Math Department** would like to congratulate all participants for excellent performance and their **commitment** and **perseverance** in striving for mathematical excellence. Thanks are also extended to **Pitt River Middle, Citadel Middle and Kwayhquitlum Middle** for providing a sound foundation for Riverside students.

### RESULTS OF 2011 PASCAL CONTEST ( GRADE 9'S )

The Pascal Contest is open to any student in Canada that is 14 years or under and is in grade 9 or lower. In 2011, 31, 767 students from 1 335 schools throughout Canada participated in this Contest.

National Team Standing	Top 31% of 980 teams of 3 in Canada (302th overall)
Provincial Team Standing	Top 38% of some 189 schools (72nd overall)
Zone Team Standing	6 <sup>th</sup> out of 17 schools (from Maple Ridge, Coquitlam and New Westminster)

### INDIVIDUAL STANDINGS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Top % in Canada</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Top % in Canada</u>
Boyee Lin	5%*	Eugene Kwong	22%*
Raymond Yu	8%*	Lindsay Corbould	24%*
Iman Baharmand	10%*	Cole Rowley	29%
James Liu	11%*	Marco Ng	33%
Julian Roemer	14%*	Dmitry Narkevich	35%
Robyn Haydock	14%*	Natalie Zakon	35%
Sam Yang	16%*	Telka Pesklevitis	39%
Trevor Price	17%*	Emmanuel Lajeunesse	45%

\* **Have earned Certificates of Distinction (Raw score of at least 104, top 25%)**

### **RESULTS OF 2011 CAYLEY CONTEST ( GRADE 10'S )**

The Cayley Contest is open to any student in Canada that is in grade 10 or lower. In 2011, 26, 080 students from some 1, 283 schools throughout Canada participated in this year's contest.

National Team Standing	Top 37% of 925 teams in Canada (348 <sup>th</sup> overall)
Provincial Team Standing	Top 44% out of some 183 schools (81 <sup>st</sup> overall)
Zone Team Standing	9 <sup>th</sup> out of 117 schools (from Maple Ridge, Coquitlam and New Westminster)

#### **INDIVIDUAL STANDINGS**

Katrina Besler	Top 7% in Canada*
Sean Kim	Top 13% in Canada*
Jesse Kazemir	Top 19% in Canada*
Thomas Wyatt	Top 26% in Canada
Clement Choi	Top 26% in Canada
Heather Arm	Top 28% in Canada
Nava Naseri	Top 30% in Canada
Sarah Rajani	Top 32% in Canada
David Luu	Top 33% in Canada
Sebastian Restrepo	Top 37% in Canada
Tina Tsai	Top 37% in Canada
Dean Chen	Top 45% in Canada

\* Have earned Certificates of Distinction (Raw score of at least 100, top 25%)

### **RESULTS OF 2011 FERMAT CONTEST ( GRADE 11'S )**

The Fermat Contest is open to any student in Canada that is in grade 11 or lower. In 2011, 22 097 students from some 1 262 schools throughout the world participated in this year's contest.

National Team Standing	Top 8% of 921 teams in Canada (73rd overall)
Provincial Team Standing	Top 15 % out of some 187 schools (29 <sup>th</sup> overall)
Zone Team Standing	5 <sup>th</sup> out of 17 schools (from Maple Ridge, Coquitlam and New Westminster)

#### **INDIVIDUAL STANDINGS**

Liah Yang	Top 1% in Canada*
Mike Kim	Top 1% in Canada*
Rodney Gelera	Top 7% in Canada*
Matthew Urban	Top 10% in Canada*
John Kim	Top 11% in Canada*
Germain Ho	Top 15% in Canada*
Dasha Kazarina	Top 27% in Canada
Alok Vakil	Top 38% in Canada
Teresa Ly	Top 42% in Canada
Ellen Chung	Top 48% in Canada

\* Have earned Certificates of Distinction (Raw score of at least 101, top 25%)

## SMALL ENGINE DONATION REQUEST

Riverside's Power Technology program is looking for donations of any old lawnmower, weed-eater, or other small gas engine/electrical motor equipment. Donations can be dropped off outside of the large automotive bay doors anytime that the gates to the automotive compound are open - usually from 7:30am to 5pm (South end where the school buses are parked). Please do not block garbage bins or entry doors. They can be in any condition as non-repairable units will be scavenged for parts. The motors will be used for labs or projects by our Power Technology 10 classes to learn about mechanical systems.

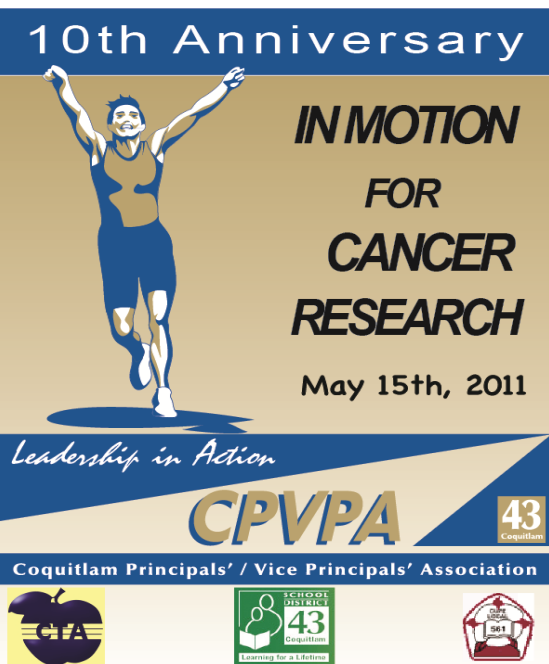
## MULTICULTURAL LEADERSHIP CLASS EVENTS

Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup> Children's Day celebration with feeder elementary schools

Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup> Fundraiser Badminton tournament for earthquake relief fund Part 1

Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup> Fundraiser Badminton tournament for earthquake relief fund Part 2

See Ms. Yamamoto room 214 for application forms?



The poster features a blue and gold color scheme. At the top, it says '10th Anniversary' in white on a blue background. Below that, a silhouette of a runner is shown in a gold and blue pose. The text 'IN MOTION FOR CANCER RESEARCH' is written in bold, black, sans-serif font. Below the runner, it says 'May 15th, 2011'. At the bottom, there is a blue banner with 'Leadership in Action' in white script, the 'CPVPA' logo in gold and blue, and a small '43 Coquitlam' logo. Below the banner, it says 'Coquitlam Principals' / Vice Principals' Association'. At the very bottom, there are three logos: the CTA logo, the School District 43 Coquitlam logo, and the Coquitlam 50+ logo.

**CPVPA 10th Annual "In Motion" for Cancer Research**  
**Sunday, May 15th 9:00 a.m. at Terry Fox Secondary School**  
The Coquitlam Principals' and Vice-Principals' Association is hosting its 10th Anniversary "In Motion" run for Cancer Research. You are invited to join staff, students, and

community members from our Tri-Cities schools and neighbourhoods to **walk, run, cycle, rollerblade, or jog** for 2K, 5K, or 10K on Sunday, May 15th at 9:00 am. School teams and individuals can participate – there is no registration fee and all participants are asked to make a donation of \$10 or more to the Canadian Cancer Society. Over 9 years, this event has raised over \$69,000 for Cancer Research. For more information please contact your school office or Darlene Proulx at [dproulx@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:dproulx@sd43.bc.ca). Online pledges link will open immediately after the run. A tax receipt will be issued for in person or online pledges.

## Re-Think Youth Café

Open to all Riverside Parents

### What is it?

A free informative event that will allow parents to learn more about youth-related issues from other youths. This will help parents to have a better understanding about what it is like to be a youth today.

### Where?

Riverside Secondary Cafeteria

### When?

Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>  
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

### RSVP to:

Karen O'Brien  
(Share Community & School Based Prevention Worker)  
604 941-6053 Ext. 255  
[kobrien@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:kobrien@sd43.bc.ca)

Snacks and refreshments provided. Door Prize



## PAC MEETING-APRIL 19TH

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Math teacher, Mr. Carlo Muro will be giving an overview of the Math Program at Riverside and will explain the differences in the New Pathways; Apprentice and Workplace, Foundations and Pre-Calculus. We will also be entertained with a performance by the Korean Drummers.



### AFTER GRAD UPDATE – WE NEED YOU! APRIL, 2011

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At our last meeting, we realized that we only have one more meeting and **57** days left until the After Grad event on June 10. Our Purdy's Easter Chocolate Fundraiser, 2<sup>nd</sup> movie ticket fundraiser and our Ryan Kesler Autographed Jersey Raffle have all been successful. A big thanks to Shannon Davis, Lisa Rahn, SHERALYN ROWLEDGE-TOSCANI, and Gerry Anderson for their hard work here. We also owe a big thanks to Carol Young and Denise Goodin for their work in canvassing businesses and associations for donations as well.

We are getting close to our fundraising goal but we now **NEED** your help, as fundraising may not cover the full cost of this event. **If you have been looking for a way to support the efforts of this committee in providing a celebration for your child, please consider making a tax-deductible donation to After-Grad through the school office.** Cheques should be made payable to "Riverside" (please add "after grad" to the memo section of your cheque) A tax receipt will be mailed out to you (for donations over \$25.00) so be sure to include your address and telephone number.

**We are also looking for volunteers to help the night of event. We will need approx. 50 people and hope to run three shifts. If you would like to volunteer your help for this event, please contact Terry Lockett at [terrylockett@shaw.ca](mailto:terrylockett@shaw.ca).**

Get involved in the After Grad celebration!

Come out to our last meeting, **Tuesday, May 10, at 7:00 pm in the Riverside.** Check out our website for the latest minutes of the meetings and a list of what you can do to help!! If you haven't been getting any of our notices please email Terry Lockett at [terrylockett@shaw.ca](mailto:terrylockett@shaw.ca) and get your name on the list!



### Calling all grade 11 Parents!!

It has been a tradition at Riverside that the Grade 11 parents get involved with After Grad Activities a year ahead of their son/daughter graduating. This year is no exception – we **NEED** you!  
Please consider volunteering on the night of the event, June 10. We are looking for people to help in all areas and shifts. It's a great opportunity to see how the event is run, meet all sort of other grade 11 parents who may be on the After Grad committee next year, and have some fun!

If you can spare a couple of hours on June 10, please contact Terry Lockett at [terrylockett@shaw.ca](mailto:terrylockett@shaw.ca). We'll find a job for you!