



RIVERVIEW PARK
ELEMENTARY

Riverview Park Elementary

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In learning and in life, we at Riverview Park Elementary are responsible, kind, and curious.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

March	5	Staff Meeting, 2:45 PM in the Library Learning Commons PAC Meeting, 7:00 PM in the Library Learning Commons
	6	Uzume Taiko Drumming Performance, 1:15 PM in the Gym Game Ready After School Program, 2:35 to 3:35 PM in the Gym
	7	Uzume Taiko Drumming Workshops, 8:45 to 2:35 PM in the Gym
	8	Health and Safety Meeting, 8:15 AM in the Library Learning Commons Hot Lunch (White Spot), 12:20 PM
	10	Ramadan Begins
	13	Kindergarten Dental Screening, 9:00 AM Library Learning Commons Game Ready After School Program, 2:35 to 3:35 PM in the Gym
	14	Term 2 Learning Updates, IEPs, and AIPs Published to MyEd
	15	Hot Lunch (Sushi Fu), 12:20 PM Last Day of School Before Spring Break
	18-28	Spring Break
	29	Good Friday Holiday
April	1	Easter Monday Holiday
	2	First Day of School After Spring Break

Principal's Message

We have had a busy February at RVP and I know that March is just going to fly by as we are in the home stretch to Spring Break. There is something so wonderful about the longer and warmer days and seeing some of the spring flowers start to emerge from their winter hibernation. The birds are chirping and the frogs are croaking to welcome the new season.

Over the past year, the staff at RVP have been working on re-branding our school logo to better reflect the historical significance of the lands surrounding our school community. The Riverview Lands have been renamed səmiq̓wəʔelə (pronounced Suh-MEE-kwuh-EL-uh), in recognition and respect of the Kwikwetlem First Nation's (kʷikʷəʔləm) historical and cultural ties to its ancestral land. This name was given by the kʷikʷəʔləm people based on memories of how the land was once widely used as a roosting ground for the great blue heron, due to its proximity to what was then the floodplain of the Coquitlam River.

At Riverview Park Elementary, we have adopted the mascot of the Great Blue Heron and have rebranded our school logo to reflect this new direction. I wanted to extend a **huge thank you to Mr. Blake Nguyen, a parent volunteer and graphic artist, who has spent countless volunteer hours throughout this school year working on creating our new school logo.** You can see the submark logo sample on the header of this newsletter and the full colour logo on the very last page. We are thrilled to have this new imagery to represent our school community. Thank you so much, Blake!

Warmest regards,

Anita Young

INFORMATION ITEMS

Cross Catchment Update

All decisions regarding Cross-Catchment Applications are made at the District level based on projected student enrollment. Parents who have applied for cross-catchment for their child for the upcoming school year should be notified this coming week about the District decision regarding your application. There is an appeal process for families who are denied their school placement request and all families in receipt of a denial will receive information on the appeal process.

Learning Updates

Learning Updates will be published in MyEd on **Thursday, March 14**. Please ensure you are able to access the Family Portal in MyEd according to the instructions that have gone home this fall. **There will be no paper copies of Term 2 Learning Updates.** The only way to access these reports is through the Family Portal in MyEd. For families new to our school, I will be creating your MyEd account this week. Thank you for your patience. ***Please ensure you save copies of the Learning Updates as PDFs and/or print copies for your records.*** If you have any difficulty logging into the system, please contact me via email at ayoung@sd43.bc.ca.

Individual Education Plans (IEPs) and Annual Instruction Plans (AIPs)

In addition to Learning Updates, all IEPs and AIPs will be published in MyEd on Thursday, March 14. **For those families who have children with an IEP or AIP, please watch for an additional published report in MyEd on Thursday, March 14.**

Scholastic Book Fair Update

I wanted to extend a huge thank you to our entire parent community for supporting this February's Scholastic Book Fair. This year's event raised almost \$1500 towards books for our classrooms. **A huge thank you to Ms. Sameeta Khan for coordinating this year's Book Fair.**

Hip Hop

The students enjoyed a fabulous week of Hip Hop with Sue Cejalvo as part of their PHE Curriculum this past week. I wanted to extend **sincerest thanks to the PAC for helping to reduce the cost of this workshop series for families by offering a significant per student subsidy. I also wanted to thank Mrs. Jennifer Koe for all the work she did to organize this annual special activity for our whole school.** It was a great week of fun and learning. Please note that we still have a number of families who have not yet paid for the Hip Hop and Tennis lessons. This item is still available for purchase in your School Cash Online Account. **We appreciate your attention to this item as soon as possible as it is past due.** If you require financial assistance, please let me know.

Uzume Taiko Drumming Performance and Workshop

We are excited to host another ArtStarts event at our school this coming week. The Uzume Taiko Drummers will be performing for our entire school on Wednesday, March 6. This performance is completely sponsored by the PAC – thank you for supporting arts initiatives at RVP! As well, the Uzume Taiko Drummers will be back on Thursday, March 7 for a full day of workshops for all divisions. We are thrilled that we are able to offer this opportunity to all students for a **cost of \$5 per student. A School Cash Online Notification has gone home to families. We appreciate your attention to this cost item.** If you require financial assistance to cover the cost of the drumming workshop, please let me know. For more details on the Uzume Taiko Drummers, please see the attached information sheet.

School Supplies and Planner Fees – Overdue

Just a reminder that if you have not already paid for your child's school supplies and planner, these items are available for purchase via School Cash Online and **are now overdue. The total cost of school supplies for the year, per student, is \$45 and the total cost for planners is \$10 per student.** In addition to covering the cost of planners, the fee for school supplies covers the cost of all learning and instructional materials for the entire school year for your child – notebooks, pencils, erasers, scissors, felt markers, crayons, craft paper, craft supplies, glue, rulers, etc. We try to keep supply costs to a minimum through our bulk ordering approach – there are many schools who charge much more for supplies annually.

I am hopeful that all outstanding school supplies and planners fees are paid for as soon as possible. If you require financial assistance to cover some or all the cost of supplies and/or the planner, please contact either myself or your child's teacher directly. As a school, we are required to pay for all the ordered supplies and planners at the time the items are received by the school, which is in the Fall of each school year. Since we have already paid all these fees for all students, there are budget challenges for our school as we try to set aside funds to cover other costs that arise throughout the school year. **Your immediate attention to the issue of outstanding fees is greatly appreciated.** Again, if you require financial assistance, please let me know.

Planning for the 2024-2025 School Year

Plans for the upcoming school year are well underway. Please be sure to let us know if you are planning a moving out of district or to another school in the district. We receive our staffing in April and it is critical that our numbers are as accurate as possible.

PAC News

PAC Meeting – March 5 at 7:00 PM

PAC Movie Night – The PAC will be hosting another PAC Movie Night on Friday, May 10 and they need your help! Please save the date and watch for a volunteer call-out in April.

Drop-Off and Pick-Up Safety Reminders

Please review the following important safety rules and please help us keep all our children safe by following these rules every day, even when you are in a hurry.

1. **Pick-Up/Drop-Off Lane:** Please remain at your vehicle at all times during pick-up and drop-off when in the pick-up/drop-off lane.
2. **Parking and Round-About:** The five parking spots in the round-about are the only places where parking is permitted. At no time are parents permitted to leave their cars in the round-about area and students are not to be taken to the cars that are waiting in this area. When waiting in the round-about, cars are to proceed to the pick-up lane when space becomes available.

3. **Through Lane**: Please do not drop students off or pick students up while stopped for traffic in the through lane. Cars pull out quickly and unexpectedly and this is a concern for student safety.

4. **Street Parking Option**: Avoid the congestion all together and park on one of the streets close to the school and walk the rest of the way.

Thank you very much for your support of these important safety rules during morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up.

If you have a family member picking up your child, please be sure to explain the safety rules associated with pick-up and drop-off.



Image Designed by Mr. Blake Nguyen