



RIVERSIDE SECONDARY SCHOOL

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JUNE NEWSLETTER

Principal's Message

It's hard to believe that another school year is coming to an end. While staff and students ramp up the pace for final exams and the completion of courses, the end of the year is commemorated by several acknowledgements of achievements. This month will of course recognize the completion of 13 years of education of our grade twelve students. As parents, you have much for which to be proud. Your children have worked hard to come this far and although they may have had their hiccups along the way, they have successfully come to the end of a long, committed journey. On June 20th, we will celebrate this achievement with their Commencement Ceremony. As the name implies, this ceremony signals the beginning of a new learning experience. It is an experience that will integrate opportunities for employment, travel, family, further education, and defining moments. My hope for our graduates is that they have been able to find a passion that they will continue to pursue. For those still unsure about what the future may have in store, I urge them to recognize and develop their strengths, interests, and passions, and find a way to make those a part of their life purpose. There is no greater fulfillment than this. We wish the Graduates of 2011 the very best in these new endeavours.

We feel that it is important to recognize those students who have excelled or made outstanding commitments to their studies, school community, and personal health. We will celebrate the achievements of these students through a variety of events. Our Scholars' Breakfast on June 9th will recognize the grade twelve students who have been awarded scholarships this year amounting to over a half a million dollars to date! The Awards Ceremony on June 27th will honour students who have excelled in their courses and provided significant leadership to the school and community. Our Athletics Banquet on June 15th will acknowledge athletes who have demonstrated incredible athleticism and sportsmanship. This year's District Aboriginal Honouring Ceremony on June 22nd will distinguish our Aboriginal students who have excelled in school and the community. While not every student in the school gets formally recognized at these events, it's the day to day gratitude and recognition from staff and parents that truly help your children persevere and give their best effort. We are proud of our students and their accomplishments. Well done Riverside learners!

As the year comes to a close, we will unfortunately be saying farewell to a few staff members who have been a part of the Riverside community. While good-byes are difficult for us, they sometimes signal new beginnings and opportunities for those leaving. Mr. Secunda, our drama teacher, will be retiring in June. As many of you know, we have been fortunate to provide our school and community with exceptional theatrical productions. The organization, coordination, and skill required to pull together a major production is no simple task. Mr. Secunda has provided our students with many opportunities to develop and showcase their theatrical talent and we extend our gratitude and best wishes to him as he too begins a new journey in his life. Mr. Rao, one of our math teachers, will be leaving us to begin his new role as Vice Principal at Charles Best Secondary School. We will certainly miss Mr. Rao's compassionate and gentle style, expertise, and commitment to our school. We know he will do well in his new role and we wish him the very best. Mr. Ahmelich, one of our Counsellors has accepted a position with our District's Customized Learning Centre. I know that Mr. Ahmelich has enjoyed his stay at Riverside and we have really appreciated his sense of care and connections with our staff and students. We know he will be a wonderful addition to CLC. We will also be saying good-bye to some of our newer additions who have either been with us on temporary contracts or for 1-3 years. We will be wishing farewells to Ms. Minhas, Mr. Davies, Ms. Weir, Mr. Thies, Ms. Lucas, Mr. Barrington, Ms. Kadhim, Mr. Schellenberg, Ms. Langford, Ms. Chiu, Ms. Edstrom, and Ms. Argenal. Thank you to these teachers and support staff for the incredible work they

Important Dates

JUNE

10 th	Grad Dinner/Dance
13 th	Professional Day (School-based)
15 th	Athletic Awards
17 th	Commencement Rehearsal
20 th	Grad Commencement Ceremony
	Last Day of regular classes
21 st – 29 th	Provincial Exams
21 st	PAC Meeting
27 th	Awards Ceremony
29 th	Report Cards Distributed in Advisory
30 th	Schools close

have done while at Riverside. It's difficult to walk into a new building, establish relationships with 100 staff, 1400 students and their parents, understand the inner workings of the school, and become a part of the fabric of the school's culture in a short period of time. For newer staff to make this transition look so seamless, it is a reflection on their skills and on the support of the existing staff and students in the building.

On a final note, I'd like to personally thank you for making my first five months at Riverside feel magical. It has been a pleasure getting to know many of you and I have felt so welcomed into this school community. The talents your children possess inspire me on a daily basis and it is their excitement, enthusiasm, and willingness to take risks that make me realize there is no problem too big or challenge insurmountable. While the learning process is an ever evolving one that emerges with new technologies, economic and political climates, and world needs, I can tell you that my observations of the commitment and dedication amongst this staff is second to none. Great things cannot happen without great people and this school certainly has no shortage of talent. I look forward to many more years here at Riverside. On behalf of our staff, we wish you an enjoyable, relaxing, and well deserved summer.

Anthony Ciolfitto

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Each year at Commencement, the scholarship and bursary awards won by your son or daughter are read out as he or she crosses the stage. These awards are also acknowledged in the Commencement program and at the Scholars' Breakfast in June. If your child has won a scholarship or bursary please inform Mrs. Simpson as soon as possible so that appropriate recognition is made.

GRADE 12 MARKS AND POST-SECONDARY ADMISSIONS

The Ministry sends official copies of student's final marks in July to post-secondary institutions in order to complete the admissions process. The Ministry can send marks information only if a student has given them permission to do so. Students are required to complete the "Post-Secondary Institution Choice Form" (PSI) on-line on the Ministry website. Many students have done this already. For those who have not, counsellors will provide instructions to students and parents but instructions are available on the counselling department web site as well. Students must make sure that they have completed this process prior to June 30th. Only students applying for a September 2011 entry need to complete the on-line PSI form.

AFTER GRADUATION

Your Dogwood (Graduation) Certificate will be sent directly to the school during summer and they will be mailed to you. Dogwoods and transcripts are issued in your "legal" name by the Ministry.

Transcripts: one copy is mailed to the school for retention with your records, and one directly to your home. You should keep your official copy for yourself; do not give it to any post-secondary institutions you are applying to, instead have them make a photocopy of it. As well, the school will provide a copy on your request.

It is very important that your mailing address, contact, and phone information is up-to-date at school not only while attending but also afterwards so that documents can be mailed to the correct address. It is particularly important for International Students and any students leaving the country or province to leave a forwarding address with International Education and/or the school office.

SCHEDULES FOR 2011/2012

Grade 9 students will be given their schedules on September 2nd at the Grade 9 Preview Day. All other students will get their schedules in RAP on the first day of school. There will be an opportunity to request course changes in the first week of September. More details will be available at school start-up.

CPF HOSTS GRADE 12 LEAVING CEREMONY

On May 31st, 2011 CPF Tri-Cities & Riverside Secondary hosted the Gr. 12 Leaving Ceremony for the French Immersion students. Parents, teachers and guests were able to celebrate the accomplishments and successes of the Riverside students. Pitt River Middle School students in Gr. 6 & 7 joined this event and delighted all with a couple of songs and quotes which brought back many memories. Some of the Riverside students presented one of their mini-opéras. A big thank you goes to Mrs. Grant, Veronica D. and Callum B. for their heartfelt speeches with encouragement and insights for the younger students. In attendance were also Mrs. Russell, Assistant Superintendent of SD43, and Mr. Rothon, Executive Director of CPF BC & Yukon. However let's not forget Mr. Ciolfitto, who took the time to learn some French and incorporated it in his speech, as well as Mme Tang, the MC. She did a wonderful job!

CPF Tri-Cities really appreciated the assistance given by Riverside's staff and students: Mr. Haselhan for looking after the audio equipment, Mr. Romani for letting us borrow the helium, the custodians for the set up and clean up as well as Courtney, Colleen and Sarah R. for helping with the balloons! And of course, the event was put together by the meticulous and tireless work of Christine Intile, CPF member and proud French Immersion parent! We are looking forward to next year's celebration!

WANTED – SMALL ENGINE DEVICES

The Technology Education Department is looking for donations of old lawnmowers, weed-wackers, or other small engine devices. The motors will be used by the Power Technology classes to learn about engine design & repair. Donations can be left in the automotive compound at the South end of the building by the large Auto Shop bay doors; the gate is usually open school days 8am-4pm. If you have other donations such as scrap metal, vehicles, wood, paint, computer servers, or building materials please contact the Tech. Ed. department about them in advance. In some cases tax receipts can be issued for larger value items.

Ms. Weir (Power Tech/Auto) bweir@sd43.bc.ca

Mr. Romani (Industrial Design) dromani@sd43.bc.ca

Mr. Mietzker (Wood/Computer Networking) omietzker@sd43.bc.ca

RIVERSIDE MATH STUDENTS TO WRITE FINAL EXAMS WITHIN 2 WEEKS

Parents are reminded that math students will write final exams in June. These exams are worth 20% of the students' final mark in grades 9, 11 and 12. The Math 10 Provincial Exam is also worth 20% of the student's final mark and must be written to receive credit for the course. Teachers have provided review packages for grades 9, 10, 11 and 12 about two weeks prior to the exams and parents are encouraged to monitor their completion.

Principles of Mathematics 12 students have been given a "Blue Print to Success". This is a five week plan to prepare for the in school final and the Provincial Exam for those students that choose to write the Provincial.

Parents are reminded that Math 9 Support Class is scheduled from 8:10 to 8:45 every morning and students will also be doing final exam preparation. Please be sure your child is attending on time and taking full advantage of this class.

If you have any questions concerning your child's progress, please contact his/her math teacher.

MATH CONTEST AWARDS CELEBRATION

The Riverside Math Department will host the first annual **Math Contest Awards Celebration** to recognize the participation and achievements of our students. The celebration will be held **on June 23rd, 2011** from 4:30 – 5:30 pm. At this time, we will award the annual plaques for highest achievement and certificates of distinction for students scoring in the top quartile in the nation. Light refreshments will be provided following the presentation. We look forward to celebrating and recognizing our exceptional math students with you. Please RSVP by email to cmuro@sd43.bc.ca if your son/daughter has taken part in any of the extra-curricular mathematics competitions.

RIVERSIDE'S BEAT THE RHYTHM KOREAN DRUMMERS

The drummers have been very busy for the past two months. This group of 13 students has performed for the City of Port Coquitlam at their *May Day Show Case* on May 7th, and at the opening of their Farmer's Market on May 26th at Leigh Square. On Saturday, June 4th, five students performed at Coquitlam's *Walk for Life* to help raise money for Cancer research. They performed 3 times and were taped by Shaw TV. They also attended a presentation at Port Coquitlam's Royal Canadian Legion to receive a cheque for \$750.00 to help the club with its costs. On Saturday, June 18th, at 6:15 p.m., the club will perform at the Legion for their celebration honouring the role fathers play in their family's lives. On that day they will perform alongside Riverside's Black Belts who are members of the *Triumph Taekwon-Do School*, under Instructor Kevin Reinelt. The last performance will be at Rocky Point, to help Korea's distant cousins celebrate *National Aboriginal Day* on Tuesday, June 21st, 2011. They will play at 6:30 p.m. We hope to see you there and look forward to meeting our new members arriving in September.

SCIENCE 10 "ED-VENTURE"

"A set of hairless men in blue makeup?!"
A team of cobblers working on 250 pairs of shoes daily?!"
A scientist who daily measures hormones in 2 litres feces?!"
A beverage so requested that people stand in line for 3 hours for just one?!"
A trip in an electric car with no wheels and no hand brake?!"
A sunny day where your clothing gets soaked just because of where you sit?!"
A card that allows you to cut the line even though hundreds have been waiting hours?!"
A house that has been built upside down on purpose!?"

Can you believe it? These are all a part of the 2012 Orlando Science EDventure Trip!!
If you are a grade 10 next year you won't want to miss this trip of a lifetime.
See Mr. Brown, Mr. Haselhan or Mr. Horton for an application.

HOST FAMILIES REQUIRED!!

This September, students from Kundmannngasse School, our sister school in Vienna, Austria will be visiting Port Coquitlam and the Lower Mainland for their annual cultural and educational exchange. We are looking for families willing to host a student from Thursday, September 15th – Monday, September 26th 2011. Hosting involves providing visiting students with meals and a place to sleep. Host families would have visiting students in their homes for two separate weekends where some level of entertainment might be expected, however, a mid-week itinerary is planned with tour guides and transportation arranged. Host families would be required to drop off and pick-up visiting students from Riverside on a daily basis, like they would their own child. Carpooling among families involved and public transportation would not be uncommon.

Riverside exchanges have been extremely successful over the years and host families from our school have been very generous to open their homes to European students. In exchange, Riverside students have visited Vienna, Austria and been billeted by Austrian students and their families. Because of the connections made through this program, former Riverside students have made numerous return visits to their host families, when visiting Europe. Though your child might not be planning an exchange trip to Austria in the next year, the connection and friendship made by hosting an Austrian student may provide them with the opportunity to visit Vienna at a later time.

If you are interested in hosting an Austrian student please pick up and complete a hosting information form located on the Cultural exchange bulletin board in the main hallway near Rm. 124 or in the main office. Further, forms can be downloaded from the school's share-point site on our school home page. For further details and inquiries, feel free to contact Mr. Luongo at mluongo@sd43.bc.ca.



After Grad Update – It's finally here! Tonight's the Night!



We can't quite believe it but by this time tomorrow – our sons and daughters will have played hard, had fun, hopefully brought home a prize or two, and rapidly walked down the path that signals the end of their time in high school. We hope they have a wonderful time that their celebration is everything they hoped and dreamed for. The After Grad committee would like to give a huge thank you to the people who volunteered to:

- ✚ Create decorations –stars, funky balloon weights & more
- ✚ Phone potential volunteers asking them for money or to get up in the middle night to come supervise our event
- ✚ Canvass businesses for donations
- ✚ Pick up items
- ✚ Plan food to ensure the approximate 300 people don't get hungry
- ✚ Sell tickets
- ✚ Print tickets
- ✚ Organize fundraisers, like the Purdy's chocolates, the pub night, movie tickets, and Kesler jersey (wish I won that)
- ✚ Donate \$ or prizes
- ✚ Print posters (and then more posters when the Decorating Chair kept send more and more poster requests)
- ✚ Offer feedback and suggestions at the planning meetings
- ✚ Conduct the site visit with the vendor
- ✚ And of course, plan, plan, plan, plan

A huge thank you to the Riverside Admin & Staff who have supported us in this incredible planning experience (Mr. Roos, Ms. Weir, Mrs. Hiebert, Mrs. Lee and Mrs. Withenshaw!)

Come out to our last meeting, **Wednesday June 22, at 7:00 pm in the Riverside library**. It will be our chance to have a parent celebration and hopefully we will have recovered by then. See you there!



PLEASE HELP LOOK AFTER OUR SCHOOL THIS SUMMER

Our school is an important place in our neighbourhood. We all want to do everything we can to eliminate vandalism on school grounds this summer. Schools are most at risk during:

- Friday and Saturday evenings during the month of June
- Summer evenings in July and August especially when the weather is hot
- The week before school opens on Tuesday September 6, 2011
- Friday and Saturday evenings during the month of September

What You Can Do

Keep your eyes and ears open for suspicious activities on the school grounds. Signs of trouble include late night trespassers and the gathering of unorganized groups of people.

Everything you see and hear helps. Note the physical characteristics and clothing of individuals. If you see automobiles, jot down license plate numbers.

Report All Suspicious Activities to the Vandal Watch Tip Line

604-927-7600

Call immediately when something raises your suspicions,

Do not wait for the damage to be done.

Your Call is Anonymous and Confidential

No one will ask for your name or phone number. The Tip Line is available 24 hours a day. Security personnel will investigate and will take action or involve the police. Do not get involved in a confrontation yourself.

KEEP THE TIP LINE PHONE NUMBER HANDY. MAKE SURE THE PHONE NUMBER IS GIVEN ONLY TO RESPONSIBLE ADULTS.

KIDSPORT TRI-CITIES SUMMER USED SPORTING GOODS SALE

KidSport Tri-Cities is holding their much anticipated Annual **Summer Used Sporting Goods Sale:**

Saturday, August 13th from 10 am until 2pm - Coquitlam Main Arena

To make this event a huge success KidSport needs equipment! **Families are encouraged to donate and drop off their used sporting goods of any kind from July 29th to August 12th at the following locations:**

Port Coquitlam Rec Centre

Port Moody Rec Centre

Poirier Sport and Leisure Complex

Cyclone Taylor Sports - 562J Clarke Road

Corner Sports - 2276 Elgin Ave. POCO

If you have used equipment taking up space in your garage or basement, this is a great opportunity to free up some space, donate the equipment (including bikes) and make a great contribution to our community. Please remember to also come by the sale for some amazing deals - Blow-out prices after 1:00pm.

This event will only be a success if we have a good selection of equipment, and we need the community's help to ensure we have that equipment.

Since 2006, thanks to the generous support of our sponsors and donors, KidSport Tri-Cities has helped over 1000 youth to participate in organized sport including more than 400 in 2010 alone. Our semi-annual used sporting goods sales are very important for us - putting quality used equipment in the hands of families and raising much needed funds to subsidize sport registration fees for families in need.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

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