



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	8	Staff Meeting, 3:00 PM via Teams PAC Meeting, 7:00 PM via Zoom
	17	Term 2 Report Cards Home School Spirit Day – St. Patrick's Day Theme
	19	Last Day of School Before Spring Break
	22	First Day of Spring Break
April	2	Good Friday Holiday
	5	Easter Monday Holiday
	6	First Day of School After Spring Break

Principal's Message

Spring sure seems to be approaching like a lion this year! There was plenty of excitement in the air this past week with an unexpected hail storm like we've never seen before! We went from beautiful sunshine one moment to a hailstorm that swept across the field like someone drawing a curtain – we actually had to evacuate the field for a few minutes as the hail really started to sting as it hit us! The craziness continued with a snowfall that left RVP covered in a blanket of snow this past Wednesday. The students had so much fun making snow people and competing to see who could make the biggest snowball! With the warmer temperatures that day, however, we were trudging through 3 inches of slush and mush by lunch time and the drains were overflowing with a very rapid melt. I always appreciate the good spirits of the kids at any sign of snow and ice – they don't seem to mind the wet and cold much at all.

Thank you to all our families who were able to support the Me-N-Ed's Pizza fundraiser night on the Family Day Holiday. I think it must have been a busy pizza night across our catchment as the 20% kick-back to the PAC raised \$600 for the school! Thank you so much for participating!

Thank you to all our students who participated in Pink Shirt Day this past week as well. It was a sea of pink as usual at RVP. This year, we hosted a Virtual Kindness Assembly with some messages of kindness via video, story reading, and still photos of some of the kindness-themed art/projects the students have been working on. Thank you to Mrs. Georgia Cox, Mrs. Leah Donnelly, Mr. Neil Morrison, and Mrs. Dana Robb for their work in planning our Virtual Kindness Assembly this past week. While we continue to deal with some technical glitches and band width issues, it was an opportunity to celebrate kindness and the importance of lifting each other up through our kind actions and words.

As we look ahead to March, we are having a St. Patrick's Day Spirit Day on March 17. Students and staff are invited to wear green and/or gold/yellow and any St. Patrick's Day accessories they may have at home. Hopefully, our school spirit that day will keep the pesky little leprechaun tricksters from playing too many tricks on us at RVP!

Warmest regards,

Anita Young

INFORMATION ITEMS

Daily Health Check

Thank you so much for your continued support in completing a morning Daily Health Check prior to sending your child(ren) to school. We have appreciated the tremendous support from our entire school community. Please note that there are translations of the Daily Health Check available on our school and district websites. Please click on the 'School District 43 Updates re: COVID-19 Pandemic Response Banner' on our RVP homepage to view translations of the updated Daily Health Check: [Home - Riverview Park Elementary School \(sd43.bc.ca\)](http://sd43.bc.ca)

PAC NEWS

PAC Meeting – March 8 at 7:00 PM

PAC Meetings this year will be held via Zoom. The March PAC Meeting will be held on Monday, March 8 at 7:00 PM. All parents are welcome! I will send the Zoom link out next week.

PAC Fundraiser Update

Purdy's Chocolates

Riverview Park Elementary PAC is back at it with PURDY'S. After a successful Christmas fundraiser, we decided to give it another go just in time for Easter. Orders will be ready for pick up the week before Spring Break as Easter falls at the end of the break.

If you'd like to support the RVP PAC by purchasing some very sweet Easter gifts for friends, family and yourself, please click the following link: <https://fundraising.purdys.com/1199841-82516>

After you've signed in, you can buy our amazing chocolates or invite others to join and support our Fundraising Campaign.

Big Brother's Fundraiser

If you are packing up outgrown clothing, please consider donating to Big Brothers to raise money for RVP.

What to donate? – Do you have outgrown or no longer needed clothing for men, women, and/or children? Accessories (coats, hats, belts, purses, wallets, etc.), shoes/boots, blankets, bed linens, pillows, curtains, drapes, towels?? Any of these items can be donated!

How to donate? – Place all items in plastic bags and deliver to the Big Brother warehouse located at #221-15 Braid Street in New Westminster. Explain that you are dropping off for 'the school program' and that you are supporting Riverview Park Elementary.

When to donate? – Business hours right now are from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday to Friday (currently, closed on weekends and holidays). There is no time limit for this fundraiser.

How does this earn money for the school? – RVP will receive 20 cents per pound of clothing donated.

Return-It Express Fundraiser

Prior to the Winter Break, the PAC announced this ongoing fundraiser that makes it easy to return empty beverage containers to a local bottle depot. There is no timeline on this fundraiser. You can simply drop off your containers at a Return-It Express kiosk without having to sort them. The Express system uses bar code technology to track and record your bags throughout the counting and payment process. The process is simple:

1. Collect containers in transparent (blue or clear) bags.

2. Bring your bagged containers to the nearest Return-It Express location. <https://www.return-it.ca/locations/express/>

3. Print Return-It Express labels at the kiosk using the Riverview Park Elementary School PAC Account #E127761 or phone #604-945-7004. Select the number of bags you are dropping off, print labels, tag each bag with a label and drop off the tagged bags in the designated Express drop-off area.

** If you have any questions, please feel free to contact 057-PAC@sd43.bc.ca. Thank you for your support!

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.

3. **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.