



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

May	3	Staff Meeting, 3:00 PM via Teams PAC Meeting, 7:00 PM via Zoom: https://sd43-bc-ca.zoom.us/j/67988324968
	12	Fire Drill, 1:30 PM
	24	Victoria Day, School Not in Session
June	7	School-Based PD Day, School Not in Session
	29	Last Day of School Before Summer Vacation – 12:00 PM Dismissal

Principal's Message

How did April disappear so quickly? Did you notice a small, but impactful change this past month at RVP? Our Canadian and BC Flags were looking quite tattered and faded, in much need of being replaced. It is lovely to see the national and provincial colours so vividly again on our main entrance flag poles.

Over the past month, we have been busy at RVP working on the articulation process as we support the transition of our Grade 5 students to a number of different Middle Schools, both in and out of district. We had our Monty Virtual Visit earlier this month and we will be having our Hillcrest Virtual Visit this coming week. All our Grade 4/5 students will be participating in this opportunity.

And speaking of students moving to Middle School, our Grade 5 parents will be hearing from Ashley Edgington, Candace McLean, and Jennifer Raptis who are working together to coordinate some surprises for our leaving students. We are also in the midst of planning school-based activities to mark this important transition. More information to come!

As we prepare to say goodbye to our Grade 5s, we are welcoming over 40 Kindergarten students this coming Fall. More information will be shared with our incoming families in the coming weeks. While we are not able to host our usual Welcome to Kindergarten event due to COVID Health and Safety Protocols, we will have an opportunity to meet our new recruits in June.

As we begin to approach the end of the school year, we are focusing attention on planning for next year. The class building process is a very comprehensive endeavour and something that we spend a great deal of time on as a staff each spring. Class building is a collaborative process and every effort is made to ensure we look at each student individually in terms of learning needs, behavioural needs, and social emotional needs. We also consider peer relationships and how effectively students work together so that we can set students up for the most success possible.

As part of the class building process, we must also take into consideration the Supreme Court of Canada legislation on class size and composition, making every effort to balance classes accordingly. We are continuing to accept new registrations in the coming weeks and months leading up to September, so we are not able to predict how many more students will be arriving before the start of school, and more specifically, which grade levels. We will not know for certain our grade and class configurations, nor what specific grade or grade combinations each teacher will be teaching, until September.

Thank you for supporting our process as we collaborate as a staff on ensuring the best possible placement for all students in the 2021-2022 School Year. If you have any questions about our process or would like more information, please don't hesitate to contact me in person, by phone, or via email.

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 \(sd43.bc.ca\)](https://sd43-bc-ca.zoom.us/j/67988324968)

Emergency Preparedness Week, May 2-8

Over the past year, we have worked on updating our emergency classroom bags and relocating all our emergency supplies to a dedicated space in the school, formerly our PE Office. This ensures easy access to supplies in the event of an emergency. As well, we have restocked our emergency food and water supplies for students and staff. In order to help us all prepare for an emergency situation, please review the attached parent information regarding release and evacuation procedures.

Summer Camp Registration

Registration for summer camps at Miller Park, Central, Pitt River and James Park is opening on **Tuesday, May 4, 2021**. Please note that space is limited. Register early! Please see attached for more information.

PAC NEWS

PAC Meeting – May 3 at 7:00 PM

PAC Meetings this year will be held via Zoom: <https://sd43-bc-ca.zoom.us/j/67988324968>

DPAC Update

Please see the attached information on an upcoming Parent Education Presentation by BC Transit & Technology, scheduled for Thursday, May 13 at 7:00 PM via Zoom.

PAC Fundraiser Update

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.

Warm regards,

Anita Young
Principal, Riverview Park Elementary