



Riverview Park Elementary

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Be careful - it's slippery outside.

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

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

December	6	Hot Lunch (PAC Sponsored) - Subway
	6	Fencing - in the gym from 3:00pm-4:00pm; this is the last day for fencing this term
	7	First Term reports home
	12	Christmas Concert Dress Rehearsal - 1:00pm
	13	Popcorn at recess (sponsored by our PAC)
	13	Christmas Concert performances - 1:00pm and 7:00pm
	14	Pajama (PJ) day
	21	Santa Breakfast - 7:45-9:00am (PLEASE NOTE THE TIME CHANGE)
	21	Last Day of School before the winter break
	Dec. 24-Jan. 4	Winter Break
January	7	School Reopens

After school programs - end date list

Omega gymnastics (lunch; Mondays) - finished for the term
 Lasermasters (after school; Monday) - finished for the term
 Lasermasters (after school; Wednesday) - finished for the term
 Personal Best (lunch K-2; Tuesdays) - finished for the term
 Personal Best (lunch 3-5; Thursdays) - finished for the term
 Moresports (after school; Tuesdays) - finished for the term
 BOKS (mornings 8-8:35; Tuesdays, Fridays) - finished for the term
 Science Alive (after school; Thursdays) - finished for the term
 Fencing (after school; Thursdays) - finished Dec. 6

Principal's Message

While there is just three weeks left until the Winter Break, there are a lot of things that are happening at RVP. Please be sure to read through the newsletter and to check out the various attachments that are included with the newsletter.

The Middle Years Development Instrument (MDI)

Grade four students will be bringing home information about a survey they will be completing in January called the Middle Years Development Index (MDI). The purpose of the MDI is to learn about the health and well-being of students 9-12 (grade 4 and grade 7 students are asked to take part). If you require any additional information, please email me (dshannon@sd43.bc.ca) for more details. Please note that this survey is voluntary.

Publishing House

There will be a meeting on Thursday (Dec. 6) morning from 9:00-10:00 for any parents interested in helping out with our Publishing House. We would love to see parents of primary students in to take part as this is something we'd like to see become a regular thing we do at RVP. Please email Mr. Colbourne (jocolbourne@sd43.bc.ca) for more details, any clarification or answers to any questions you might have.

School Closure due to Inclement Weather

As the weather begins to get colder, it is important to keep you informed about school closures. As a general expectation, schools will remain open. If extreme weather conditions cause you to be unsure or if local conditions are unsafe, you may keep your child at home or arrange for an early dismissal. If schools are to be closed before morning classes begin, an announcement will be made on local radio stations (CKWX news 1130; CKNW 980) early in the morning. If schools in the district are closed for the day, you will be able to find out on our district webpage (www.sd43.bc.ca) by 7:00am (at the latest).

If there is an accumulation of snow, please remember to dress students in clothing suitable for playing in the snow, to avoid disappointment and cold fingers. Snow pants and boots are always a great idea and don't forget an extra pair of gloves or mitts. Please be sure that even on those wet days (when schools are not closed) that you make sure that your children are dressed appropriately for the weather as we will be outside as often as possible. We want students to come to school prepared for the outdoors in much the same way we expect them to be prepared to learn indoors.

While we do our best to make sure that salt is on the ground on these colder days, please remind your children to be careful in the mornings as it can be very slippery, especially on wood and leaves. Cement can also be misleading, especially at the back of the school, where less sunlight gets through (especially in the early morning hours).

Christmas Concert

We are requiring parent help with make up for our cast members for the afternoon and evening concert performances. Please contact Mrs. Cox (gcox@sd43.bc.ca) if you are able to assist for either performance.

I have also include an attachment with this newsletter about the clothing for students for the concert. Please be sure to have a look so that you know the colours that your child is to wear.

Concert tickets will be coming home this Friday, December 7th. We will take care to ensure that the tickets are secured and in student planners / take home folders. They will be provided via family mail (which means that if you have more than one child at the school, your eldest child will have them).

Performance Schedule

- **Wednesday Dec. 12th at 1:00pm** (Dress Rehearsal) - no ticket required
- **Thursday Dec. 13th at 1:00pm** (Afternoon concert) - ticket required
- **Thursday Dec. 13th at 7:00pm** (Evening Concert) - ticket required

Each family will receive four tickets (in total) to the concert - two for the afternoon performance and two for the evening performance. If you would rather have a different combination of tickets you are welcome to trade with other parents or families. Any trades will need to be initiated and done by parents / guardians. If you will not be using all of your tickets, please let other parents know so that they may be redistributed and used by others. While we want to be able to have as many parents attend the concerts as possible, we also have to consider the safety of everyone in attendance (the gym can get really full). Typically, the afternoon performance has fewer people than the evening performance. We encourage parents to attend the dress rehearsal on Wednesday as well. Tickets are not required for this performance.

As in years past, we are asking that you please do not bring strollers to the concert. The gym is already going to be full, and there will be no space for extra items.

Because the school will not be keeping specific track of tickets that have been traded, it is imperative that you bring all tickets with you when you attend either of the performances on December 13th (afternoon and evening). They will be checked at the door and if you do not have them, you will not get in.

As in years past, we will be collecting non-perishable food items for the SHARE Food Bank for both the afternoon and evening performances. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Finally, for the evening concert on Dec. 13, cast members should be at the school by 6:00pm (they will meet in the library) and all other students should be in their classrooms by 6:30pm (classroom doors will be locked until 6:30). Students may wait with their parents in the lineup until the classroom doors are opened.

There will be more information to follow as we get closer to the performances. Information about our Adopt-a-Family program will soon be sent out as well as the plan for the front row of seating. Please note that all money raised goes toward helping other less fortunate families in the Tri-Cities.

Food Donations to SHARE

Our kindergarten elves and I went to all the classrooms on Monday to remind them about our food drive. Starting today (and for the next two weeks) we will be collecting non-perishable food items from each of the classrooms. Once all items have been collected, we will be sorting them. If you wish to donate

food items, please have your children take food items to their classrooms and we will take care of the rest! You are also free to place any items in the appropriate boxes that are in the front hallway.

As mentioned earlier in the newsletter, we will have boxes at the afternoon and evening Christmas concert performances so that if you wish to bring any non-perishable food items with you to the concert, there will be a place to put them.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Have any photos of students?

If you have taken any photos of students either around the school, in their classroom, or on field trips, please download them to the following website: <https://rvp43.smugmug.com/upload/TqWCQ2/rvp2018> (viewing password is: riverview).

A big thank you to Sean Bikadi for taking pictures in and around the school, the photo display in the front foyer, and for doing the various slideshows that we show in the gym as well as on the digital frames in the office. This is a big job and Sean has been instrumental in highlighting all our youngsters in various action poses!

PAC News

PAC meetings are held in the school library and begin at 7:00pm (typically on the first Monday of each month).

Our PAC Meeting Schedule is as follows:

January 14, 2019

February 4, 2019

March 4, 2019

April 8, 2019

May 6, 2019

June 3, 2019 (PAC AGM and Elections)

Santa's Breakfast

Our Santa's breakfast will take place on the last day of school in 2018 (Dec. 21st) from 7:45-9:00am. Information was sent out from our PAC through the hot lunch website. I have included that attachment with this newsletter.

Christmas Raffle and Bake Sale

Please see the attachment (included with this newsletter) for all the details.

Global Coffee Fundraiser

This fundraiser ends tomorrow! Please check out the attachment with the newsletter for information.

Tangled

Registration is open to register for our next winter musical theatre production of Tangled. Thank you to Karen Illman for once again leading our students in this production. Information was emailed out over the weekend about how to register. If you have any questions, you can direct them to: info@kidsentheatre.com.

District / Community News

Please feel free to check out the Publications and Community Listings and links on our district webpage at: <http://www.sd43.bc.ca/Pages/publications.aspx>