



# Riverview Park Elementary

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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

<b>October</b>	23,26,30	BOKS (Building our Kids Success) in the mornings in the gym from 8:00am - 8:40am
	23,30	<u>Moresports</u> - after school 3:00-4:30 in the gym or outside; registration open on school website <a href="http://www.sd43.bc.ca/riverviewpark">www.sd43.bc.ca/riverviewpark</a> (for students in grs. 1-5)
	24	<u>Lasermasters</u> - CANCELLED
	24	<u>3 o'clock theatre</u> from 3:00-4:00pm in the gym ( <u>PLEASE</u>
	25	HOT LUNCH (PAC Sponsored) - Ming and Sing Chinese Food
	25	<u>Science Alive</u> from 3-4pm - StrongStart room
	29	Omega Gymnastics in the gym at lunch (12:05-12:45)
	30	3 o'clock theatre performance (finale) at 11:00pm in the gym
	30	Martial Arts (K-2) in the gym at lunch 12:05-12:45
	31	Halloween - 1:00pm parade and activities
	31	<u>Lasermasters</u> - in the library from 3:00-4:30pm
<b>November</b>	1	PJ Day
	1	HOT LUNCH (PAC Sponsored) - Montana's
	1,8,15,22,29	Martial Arts (grs. 3-5) in the gym at lunch 12:05-12:45
	1,8,15,22,29	<u>Science Alive</u> from 3-4pm - StrongStart room
	2,6,13,16,20,23,27,30	BOKS (Building our Kids Success) in the mornings in the gym from 8:00am - 8:40am
	4	Daylight Savings Time ends - clocks set back one hour
	5,19,26	Omega Gymnastics in the gym at lunch (12:05-12:45)
	6,13,20,27	Martial Arts (K-2) in the gym at lunch 12:05-12:45
	6,13,20,	<u>Moresports</u> - after school 3:00-4:30 in the gym or outside; registration open on school website <a href="http://www.sd43.bc.ca/riverviewpark">www.sd43.bc.ca/riverviewpark</a> (for students in grs. 1-5)
	7,14,21	<u>Lasermasters</u> - in the library from 3:00-4:30pm
	8	Remembrance Day Assembly 11:00am in the gym
	9	Ministry Curricular Implementation Day - no school
	11	Remembrance Day
	12	Remembrance Day holiday

## **Principal's Message - some Halloween safety tips**

1. Decorate costumes and bags with reflective tape or stickers and, if possible, choose light colors. Since masks can sometimes obstruct a child's vision, try non-toxic face paint and makeup whenever possible.
2. Have kids use glow sticks or flashlights to help them see and be seen by drivers.
3. Children under the age of 12 should not be alone at night without adult supervision. If kids are mature enough to be out without supervision, remind them to stick to familiar areas that are well lit and trick-or-treat in groups.
4. Popular trick-or-treating hours are 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. so be especially alert for kids during those hours.
5. When selecting a costume make sure it is the right size to prevent trips and falls.

## **Walk Safely**

1. Cross the street at corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks.
2. Look left, right and left again when crossing and keep looking as you cross.
3. Put electronic devices down and keep heads up and walk, don't run, across the street.
4. Teach children to make eye contact with drivers before crossing in front of them.
5. Always walk on sidewalks or paths. If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic as far to the left as possible. Children should walk on direct routes with the fewest street crossings.
6. Watch for cars that are turning or backing up. Teach children to never dart out into the street or cross between parked cars.

## **Trick or Treat With an Adult**

1. Children under the age of 12 should not be alone at night without adult supervision. If kids are mature enough to be out without supervision, they should stick to familiar areas that are well lit and trick-or-treat in groups.

## **Keep Costumes Both Creative and Safe**

1. Decorate costumes and bags with reflective tape or stickers and, if possible, choose light colors.
2. Choose face paint and makeup whenever possible instead of masks, which can obstruct a child's vision.
3. Have kids carry glow sticks or flashlights to help them see and be seen by drivers.
4. When selecting a costume, make sure it is the right size to prevent trips and falls.

## **Drive Extra Safely on Halloween**

1. Slow down and be especially alert in residential neighborhoods. Children are excited on Halloween and may move in unpredictable ways.
2. Take extra time to look for kids at intersections, on medians and on curbs.

3. Enter and exit driveways and alleys slowly and carefully.
4. Eliminate any distractions inside your car so you can concentrate on the road and your surroundings.
5. Drive slowly, anticipate heavy pedestrian traffic and turn your headlights on earlier in the day to spot children from greater distances.
6. Popular trick-or-treating hours are 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. so be especially alert for kids during those hours.

## **Halloween**

Next Wednesday marks the end of another month - wow! We will be having our Halloween parade in the afternoon on Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>. Students may bring their costumes to school. We are asking that they bring them to school because they will be able to change into them at lunch in preparation for the parade (leaving them on all day increases the chance that they may get damaged or dirty). At about 1:00pm, all students will walk through all the classrooms in the school. For parents who wish to see our students in their costumes, we ask that you meet in the gym (as all students will make their way through the gym). We also ask that you leave accessories for the costumes at home as we do not want them to be lost or damaged. This also means leaving any and all weapons at home as well. Please make sure that the costume that your child wears is appropriate (I have included some information about this below and in another attachment). If you're not sure about a costume and feel that it's necessary to ask about it, it's probably best not to have it come to school.

Sometimes students like to act "in character," and may do so at the expense of others. We want to be sure that all our students enjoy this day, and in doing so, please note our expectations:

- Students in costume should be easily recognizable and will identify themselves to any staff members if asked
- Replica weapons of any kind (guns, knives, etc.) are inappropriate for school and are to remain at home
- Students "in character" are to conduct themselves appropriately. Behaviours that intimidate, harass, humiliate, or purposely attempt to scare others, or other behaviours which are inappropriate at the expense of others, do not contribute to a fun, festive, and safe environment

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE THAT THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> WILL BE PAJAMA (PJ) DAY.\*\***

## **Have any photo 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.

## **Pick up reminder(s)**

While dropping off and picking up students have gone reasonably well, I want to remind parents that when you are in the drop off / pick lane, you are to remain at your vehicles. If your child is younger or has their classroom away from the pick up / drop off lane, you need to either make arrangements for your child/ren to meet you, or you need to park in another location. I am seeing more and more people leaving their vehicles to go to their child's classroom. This results in longer line ups and less availability for others. I have let several people know about this and there are signs that indicate this. Please make sure to follow this rule. Thank you.

## **Speaking of picking up...more dog poop**

If you see anyone on the school grounds with dogs and are not picking up after them, please let me know. We are seeing an abundance of dog poop on the school grounds and unfortunately, kids are stepping in it and bringing it into the school. Your help with this would be greatly appreciated.

## **Animals on the School Grounds**

Please note that there have been several sightings of bears in the neighbourhood. Last week, a backpack was left outside after school and later on a bear ran down and picked it up and took it into the bushes (this happened later into the evening, while a soccer practice was happening on the gravel field). Please make sure that you do not leave any food lying around and that you make sure to not leave backpacks lying around either. We do not want to have bears comfortable around the school. Please be careful around the school, particularly in the early morning and evenings.

## **Individual photos**

If you wish to have retakes done, these will take place on Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>. Also worth noting is that if you have more than two children, there is a family discount available to you (as long as the same photography company, Mountain West, is at each school (if your children are at different levels). I have asked both Hillcrest and Monty if they use Mountain West and will let you know if they do (and whether you may receive a discount).

If this applies to you, if you pay the full price for two children, any additional children get a free order of the same or lesser value (this offer does not apply to preschool children). If you have three (or more) children that attend RVP, congratulations, this offer applies to you!

## **PAC News**

Please remember to take part in our PAC meetings. As parents of children who attend RVP, this is a great opportunity to meet your PAC team and other parent volunteers. Meetings are held in the school library and begin at 7:00pm.

Our PAC Meeting Schedule is as follows:

November 5, 2018

December 3, 2018

January 14, 2019

February 4, 2019

March 4, 2019

April 8, 2019

May 6, 2019

June 3, 2019 (PAC AGM and Elections)

## **District and / or 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>

Please refer to the two attachments that have been included with this newsletter regarding appropriate Halloween costumes and fireworks safety