



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

November	14-30	Gymnastics equipment set up in the gym
	21	<u>Lasermasters</u> - in the library from 3:00-4:30pm
	22,29	Martial Arts (grs. 3-5) in the gym at lunch 12:05-12:45
	22,29	<u>Science Alive</u> from 3-4pm - StrongStart room
	22,29	Fencing - in the gym from 3:00pm-4:00pm
	23,27,30	BOKS (Building our Kids Success) in the mornings in the gym from 8:00am - 8:40am
	26	Omega Gymnastics in the gym at lunch (12:05-12:45)
	26	Lasermasters in the library 3:00-4:30
	27	Martial Arts (K-2) in the gym at lunch 12:05-12:45
	27	<u>Moresports</u> - after school 3:00-4:30 in the gym or outside
December	3	Omega Gymnastics in the gym at lunch (12:05-12:45)
	3	PAC meeting - 7:00pm in the gym
	5	Lasermasters in the library 3:00-4:30
	6	Hot Lunch (PAC Sponsored) - Subway
	6	Fencing - in the gym from 3:00pm-4:00pm
	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
	21	Santa Breakfast - 7:00-9:00am
	21	Last Day of School before the winter break
	Dec. 24-Jan. 4	Winter Break
January	7	School Reopens

The Me to We Movement

Each year, schools are invited to take part in something extraordinary - the ME TO WE movement! WE day has been around for several years (it was founded in 1995) with the goal of making a difference and making the world a better place. We have been invited to attend We Day this Thursday and students, teachers and parents will take part. It is an inspirational day

for all who are able to attend (unfortunately, tickets are limited and we are never given enough to take all the students we'd like to take). It is from this day that many students get ideas about what they can do to contribute to the WE movement. Thank you to our leadership teachers - Mrs. Cox, Mrs. Howell, and Mr. Colbourne - and to those parents who are able to attend. It will be a great day!

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).

Photo Retakes

Please note that photo retake orders are due into the office by Wednesday, Nov. 28th.

Christmas Concert

Yes, it's almost that time of year again. Work is already beginning for this year's concert presentation(s). The process that we will be following is much like that in the past. Concert tickets will be coming home on 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

Soon, our kindergarten elves and I will begin 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! Food item collection will begin in early December. Stay tuned for more information!! (You are also free to place any items in the appropriate boxes that will be 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:

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)

Global Coffee Fundraiser (and Purdy's too)

UPDATE! There was a small issue with the schedule ordering end date. This has now been resolved and ordering is open again until Thursday, November 29th.

The Purdy's fundraiser is done through their own website. Here is the site that will allow you to access it: <https://fundraising.purdys.com/join.aspx/8270908-57582>.

Items from both of these items will make great Christmas gifts for loved ones (or for yourself!).

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>