



# 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	7	Staff Meeting at 2:45 PM in the Library Learning Commons PAC Meeting at 7:00 PM in the Library Learning Commons
	8	Afterschool Program – Game Ready, Crazy Sports, 2:35 to 3:35 PM in the Gym
	10	Hot Lunch (Subway) at 12:20 PM PAC Movie Night – <u>Migration</u> – 6:00 PM in the Gym
	15	Afterschool Program – Game Ready, Crazy Sports, 2:35 to 3:35 PM in the Gym
	20	Victoria Day Holiday – School Not in Session
	22	Afterschool Program – Game Ready, Crazy Sports, 2:35 to 3:35 PM in the Gym
	23	Connecting to Kindergarten (September 2024 Kindergarten Students), 9:00 to 10:30 AM in the Gym <i>*Late Start for Current Kindergarten Students ONLY – All Current K Students Arrive at 11:00 AM</i>
	24	District Track and Field Meet – All Day Event at Town Centre Park
	29	Afterschool Program – Game Ready, Crazy Sports, 2:35 to 3:35 PM in the Gym
	30	Hot Lunch (Sushi Fu), 12:20 PM

### Principal's Message

April was a busy and active month for our students at RVP. Students in all grades have been participating in **Jogging Club several times each week**, working hard to collect all the special 'feet' for their necklaces. **A huge thank you to Mrs. Dana Robb for coordinating all the details for this annual school-wide activity.** As well, **Grade 4 and 5 students represented RVP with pride at this year's Como Lake Relays.** We had perfect weather for this annual event and we were so **grateful for all the parent support.** **A huge thank you to our coaches as well, Mrs. Dana Robb, Mrs. Erin Heinrichs, and Mr. John Colbourne, along with Community Coach Ms. Tara Self and her children Makenna and Delaney.** Students in Grades 3, 4, and 5 are also participating in **Track Attack** to prepare for this year's **District Track and Field Meet.** Please read the 'Information Items' section below for more details on this year's Meet.

**Taking care of this place** is an important focus for our school community all year long, but as the weather improves, students have been hard at work tending to our garden beds. Students are learning about transplanting and propagation and have been working on rejuvenating areas of our school grounds that have been eroding or damaged due to human activity. **Thank you to Mr. Jody Colbourne and our intermediate leadership students for modeling the importance of environmental stewardship and sustainability** at our weekly Team Time Assemblies.

As always in the month of May, we turn our focus to **class building**. **If you are planning a move, please be sure to let us know if your child will not be returning to RVP in September 2024.** This is critical information that has an impact on our staffing, so knowing this information as soon as possible is incredibly helpful. The annual 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.

Thank you for supporting our process as we collaborate as a staff on ensuring the best possible placement for all students in the 2024-2025 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**

### **Connecting to Kindergarten**

We are thrilled to be able to welcome our incoming Kindergarten students to our **annual Connecting to Kindergarten event on Thursday, May 23 at 9:00 AM**. In order to make this happen each year, we adjust our instructional time for Kindergarten during the September Gradual Entry Process. This ensures that we have time set aside to accommodate for this extra shortened day for our existing Kindergarten students each May. We recognize that this can be an inconvenience to families, but we truly appreciate your support and understanding as this time to meet our incoming students is critical for our Kindergarten class building. **All current Kindergarten students have a late start on Thursday, May 23 and are asked to arrive to school at 11:00 AM. Please note that this is a regular school day for students in Grades 1 to 5.**

### **District Track and Field Meet**

Our students in Grades 3, 4, and 5 have once again been participating in Track Attack. For those families who don't know or don't remember what Track Attack is, this involves a series of morning fitness sessions where students learn the basics of track and field events. These sessions are facilitated by our intermediate teaching staff. Teachers have been keeping track of times and distances throughout the training sessions, in order to determine which students can meet the required district standards and thereby, be invited to participate in the **Annual District Track and Field Meet on Friday, May 24 held once again at Town Centre Park.**

**RVP staff do not set these minimum standards; these are district standards which help all schools determine who is eligible to compete in this annual event.** We will require parent volunteer drivers and parent volunteers to assist with our RVP Team at the District Meet on Friday, May 24. Once we know which students have met the eligibility criteria to compete, we will be sending out permission forms and recruiting parent volunteers. **If this is something you are interested in supporting, please ensure that all your required volunteer forms are completed in advance of the district meet.** This includes an updated Police Information Check (PIC, formerly a Criminal Record Check). For more information on the required volunteer forms, please contact Mrs. Carrall Payne at the Main Office.

## PAC Updates

### **PAC Meeting – May 7 at 7:00 PM**

**PAC Movie Night** – The PAC will be hosting another PAC Movie Night on Friday, May 10 showing the feature film, Migration. Please see attached for more information.

**PAC Annual General Meeting – June 4 at 7:00 PM.** Elections for the PAC Executive will take place at the upcoming AGM. For those parents who may be interested in participating as a member of the PAC Executive in the upcoming school year, please plan to attend the AGM in June. More details to follow.

### **DWUL Afterschool Program – Game Ready, Crazy Sports**

We are hosting one more after school program through DWUL and Game Ready this Spring Season. There are still a few seats available for this program which **begins this coming Wednesday, May 8 right up until Wednesday, June 19**. Classes run from 2:35 to 3:35 each Wednesday. Here is the link to the registration page: [Riverview Park \(Wed\) Game Ready Crazy Sports - DWUL](#). If you have difficulty accessing the program through this link, you can simply enter a Google Search on DWUL and the program will come up as an option.

### **Sports Day – Hat Parade**

Planning for our Annual Sports Day at Riverview Park is already underway! All parents, grandparents, siblings, and other family members are more than welcome to join us if the weather allows for an outdoor day. Students will travel with their classroom teacher to a variety of activity stations, and each class will be divided into four colour teams (blue, green, red and white). Students are asked to wear as much of their team colour as possible, and to dress appropriately for the weather. **Please note that Sports Day will take place RAIN OR SHINE on Friday, June 7.** Alternate indoor activities will be planned if we need to move inside for the day. Unfortunately, if we do need to have our activities inside, we will be limited to students and staff only.

**This year, Sports Day will once again include a Hat Parade to encourage school and team spirit.** Students are encouraged to wear a hat that displays their team colour and is decorated with WHATEVER miscellaneous items they want to include (feathers, ribbons, etc). These hats will be displayed by students during our morning assembly in the gym, and then worn outside to keep the sun off students. Students are encouraged to get creative in their decoration choices! Last year, some students got very, very creative with their hats. If you go over-the-top and make something really special that can't be worn for long periods of time, please ensure your child has an alternate hat to wear for outdoor time if the weather is hot and sunny.

### **Summer Camps**

Looking for local Summer Camps for Kids? Please see the attached information for details on SD43 Summer Camps for students aged Grade 1 (September 2024) to Grade 5 (September 2024).

### **Traffic Congestion at Drop-Off and Pick-Up – IMPORTANT Safety Reminders!**

Our morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up has been very busy, especially on rainy days. **The traffic congestion has been challenging and, in some cases, unsafe for children.** Please do your part to help ease congestion as much as possible by remembering our drop-off and pick-up rules included in this update below.

### **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. Drop-Off/Pick-Up Lane:** Please remain at your vehicle at all times during drop-off and pick-up and when in the drop-off/pick-up 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.

4. **The Quick Goodbye:** As much as possible, when in the drop-off lane, ensure your child is ready to go and can exit the vehicle without your assistance. Even the extra minute or two that is required when parents need to exit the vehicle and assist students can really slow things down and add to the congestion.

5. **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.

6. **Delayed Pick-Up:** For families with older children, you may wish to delay your pick-up at the end of the day by a few minutes to allow for congestion to clear. Sometimes, a matter of 5-7 minutes can make a significant difference in reducing traffic congestion.

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 drop-off and pick-up.**

