



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

November	1	PJ Day and Reading Train
	3	Staff Meeting, 3:00 PM in the Library Learning Commons PAC Meeting, 7:00 PM in the Library Learning Commons
	4	Christmas Concert Auditions, 8:45 to 12:00 PM
	10	Remembrance Day Assembly, 11:00 PM in the Gym Hot Lunch (Loz Takos), 12:00 PM
	11	Remembrance Day, School Not in Session
	16	Fire Drill, 9:45 AM
	17	Photo Retakes, 9:00 AM
	25	Hot Lunch (Sushi Fu), 12:00 PM
	28	Lockdown Drill, 11:45 AM

Principal's Message

We had a busy and fun-filled month at RVP with several field trips to the Pumpkin Patch, Gymnastics for all classes all month long in our gym, the Turkey Trott, interim reports and parent-teacher interviews, FSA Administration, Photo Day, and our Halloween Costume Parade. Kicking off the month of November with PJ Day and Reading Train was a fun way to transition to this new month after a busy Halloween night for many families. And as we leave the festivities of October behind, we are gearing up for a busy stretch to the Winter Break.

We are in the midst of planning a Remembrance Day Assembly for students on Thursday, November 10. We will be distributing poppies next week and collecting donations for The Royal Canadian Legion which raises funds to support veterans and their families.

Plans are already underway for our Holiday Concert week, December 6, 7, and 8. We are very excited to be able to offer this type of in-person event this year. **Please read ahead for details and for concert date assignments.**

As the weather gets colder and we head toward winter, we are also heading into cold and flu season. **Please ensure you check your child's health daily to ensure they are symptom-free and able to attend school.** This is a critical part of our continued efforts to keep schools safe and healthy for students and staff.

Warmest regards,

Anita Young

School Photos

The Mountain West Studios school photo gallery is live and ready for viewing!
On Photo Day, your child was provided with a photo flyer containing a QR login code.

1. Use this login code to access your child's personal photo gallery at myorder.mountainwest.ca.
2. ***Any active email address can be used to login.***

ORDER DEADLINE IS: Tuesday, November 8, 2022

1. To find out more about ordering, [Click Here](#) for support.
2. If you do not have your login code, or require assistance, please [chat](#) with us or email us at help@mountainwest.ca.
3. Orders will be shipped directly to your home address.
4. If you are requesting a retake, retakes are scheduled for November 17.
5. Looking to access digital downloads or check on the status of your order? Visit portal.mountainwest.ca

November Traffic Tip! – The Quick Goodbye

As much as possible, when in the drop-off lane during morning drop-off, 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 in the morning. Thank you for your support!

Student and Family Affordability Fund

At the end of August 2022, the Province of British Columbia introduced the creation of a one-time special purpose allocation to public sector schools called the Student and Family Affordability Fund. We received our school allocation at the end of September and wanted to let our community know. The fund is intended to reduce inflationary cost pressures for families and is specifically intended to support families who need assistance with school supplies, food support, fees, and field trips. Please contact me directly via phone at 604-945-7004 or email at ayoung@sd43.bc.ca if you require assistance with any school-related expenses.

PAC News

Please join us for our upcoming PAC Meeting on Monday, November 7 at 7:00 PM in the Library Learning Commons.

Communicable Disease Prevention

Maintaining a healthy and safe environment in our school remains a focus. Families are asked to monitor their health regularly. We will continue to ensure appropriate health and safety protocols at school. Some students may still choose to wear masks. Please refer to the SD43 Communicable Disease Protocols via this link or on our school website:

[Communicable Disease Protocols](#)

Holiday Concert – December 6, 7, and 8

A tradition that we are able to reinstate this year is our annual in-person Holiday Musical Concert! We are very excited to be able to bring our community together in this special way once again.

Living and working through a pandemic has had an impact on how events are organized throughout communities and in schools. As we work to bring back some past traditions, we have had to consider factors that have not been considered as much in the past. One of the considerations going forward, as we continue to bring back large school-wide events, is facility capacity. This became such a focus throughout the pandemic and particularly as we started to bring back larger gatherings.

Fire regulations in our school limit the number of people in our gymnasium to 335 in total. In order to adhere to this regulation, we are changing the format of our Holiday Concert. As well, since our concert is scheduled to occur just prior to Winter Break, and in the middle of cold and flu season, keeping to the maximum capacity of the gym will hopefully help make everyone feel more comfortable about an in-person gathering of this size, from a health and wellness perspective.

This year, we will be running three concert performances instead of two. All performances will be within the school day, starting at approximately 1:30 PM on December 6, 7, and 8. While the format will still be a musical, with a continuous story woven throughout the entire performance, we are not able to have all students in the gym at one time; students will be in their classrooms, under teacher supervision, while they are not performing.

We have over 250 students at RVP and just over 200 families. In order to accommodate these numbers, **we will provide 2 tickets for one performance for each family.** This will ensure that all families will have an opportunity to attend. **Each family has been assigned to a specific concert date** – we need to ensure that we can balance attendance at each event so that we stay within our gym capacity regulations. Please see the list below to find out your concert date.

Concert Date	Attendance by Last Name *2 Tickets Per Family
Tuesday, December 6, 1:30 PM	Abdaland to Ismailov
Wednesday, December 7, 1:30 PM	Jeffrey to Park
Thursday, December 8, 1:30 PM	Paul to Zhu

***Please Note: If the assigned concert date does not work for your family, please find another family who is willing to trade concert dates with you. If you are trading concert dates with a family, you will need to physically trade tickets with the family as we will only print the specific number of tickets required for each performance. Tickets will be colour-coded for each performance to avoid confusion.**

We are thrilled to be given the green light to go ahead with an in-person concert this year!

Winter Weather Ahead!

Schools are not routinely closed due to snow or other inclement weather conditions. All schools in School District 43 (Coquitlam) will remain OPEN, if possible, during winter weather, including snowfall.

However, on occasion, a district-wide or partial-district closure is required due to extreme weather. Partial-district closures affecting individual schools may occur due to the very different geography within our school district. If there is a partial-district closure, affected schools will be identified.

The decision on schools remaining open or needing to be closed, because of extreme weather, occurs before 6:30 AM so that families can plan and make alternate arrangements.

Any district-wide or partial-district closures will be decided and communicated by 6:30 AM via the School District 43 website (www.sd43.bc.ca) and CKNW AM 980 radio, CKWX 1130 radio and CBC (690) radio.

Extreme weather can also impact transit. Transit schedules may face significant changes or cancellations due to the weather conditions. Parents seeking information on transit schedules need to consult the Translink website: <http://www.translink.ca/>

We encourage families to continuously check the School District 43 website for updates and changes: www.sd43.bc.ca.

While the District tries to make the best decision with the information available, the weather does change quickly. Therefore, when schools remain open, decisions to stay at home during challenging weather conditions should be made by each family.

Learn more about SD43's process for emergency and inclement weather status updates at: <http://www.sd43.bc.ca/NewsEvents/Pages/EmergencyInformation.aspx>

Traffic Congestion at Drop-Off and Pick-Up – IMPORTANT Safety Rules!

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.