



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

April	1	Hot Lunch, Subway
	4	Hillcrest Middle and Montgomery Middle Visits for Grade 5, 11:00 AM Staff Meeting, 3:00 PM PAC Meeting, 7:00 PM via TEAMS Click here to join the meeting
	7	Lockdown Drill, 11:00 AM
	14	Hot Lunch, Sushi Fu
	15	Good Friday Holiday
	18	Easter Monday Holiday
	20	Fire Drill, 11:00 AM
	21	Hillcrest Parent Information Evening, 6:30 – 7:30 PM
	22	District PD Day – School Not in Session
	27	Electronic Waste Collection Initiative, Final Day
	29	Hot Lunch, White Spot

Principal's Message

Welcome back! I hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful Spring Break. It is hard to believe that we are already into the home stretch of the school year. Here's hoping for more spring-like temperatures soon. 😊

With the relaxation of COVID restrictions, we are slowly able to start returning to some of our past practices. Thank you for adjusting to our new, non-staggered schedule. Students are enjoying having a common recess and lunch once again and having the freedom to play with a wide range of peers anywhere in the upper field. We are starting to join classes in some of our larger indoor spaces (e. g., gym classes) and Jogging Club is underway in its traditional school format. We will be looking at some in-person assemblies down the road and possibly some field trips as well. Our annual articulation process for our Grade 5 students kicks off in-person for the first time in 2 years this coming Monday. It has been a long stretch of learning under COVID restrictions, and we certainly feel a great sense of hope as we move forward in a little more of a normal way.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Mrs. Carrall Payne back from leave! Mrs. Payne was on a gradual return this past week and officially starts back full time with us on Monday, April 4. Carrall, it has been a long year without you and with a literally revolving door of replacements; we are so happy to have you back with us.

Please read ahead for some important school and district updates.

Warmest regards,

Anita Young

INFORMATION ITEMS

Electronic Waste Collection Opportunity

In honour of the annual April 22 Earth Day, Riverview Park Elementary will be participating in an Electronic Waste Collection program throughout the month of April. This is a Gleneagle student-initiated project. If you have any old, unwanted, and/or broken eligible electronics, please drop these items off in a box or bag at the main school entrance. We are collecting anything from old computers, phones, wires, parts, gaming consoles, etc. that you may want to donate. Please see the attached information for guidelines on what is accepted. The collection period will be from now until Wednesday April 27. Your donations will be sent off to be recycled, refurbished, and donated to other charities within the country.

Grade 5 Baby Photos

It's that time again! The Grade 5 Leaving Ceremony is just around the corner and that means it's time to dig out your old photos. For those families who are interested in participating, please submit one baby photo and one toddler photo of your grade five child to put into the year-end Grade 5 Leaving Slide Show. Please include your child's name and their teacher's name with the pictures. You can send photos to:

bicardiwithlime@yahoo.ca.

Calendar Amendment, Truth and Reconciliation Day

The provincial government recently announced that K-12 public schools will observe Friday, September 30 as a statutory holiday in recognition of Truth and Reconciliation Day. As a result of this announcement, SD43 will be amending the 2022-2023 School Calendar to include Truth and Reconciliation Day as a non-instructional day. As such, all school district sites will be closed Friday, September 30, 2022. Students and staff will continue to recognize SD43's commitment to truth and reconciliation with school-based activities and learning during that week, including Orange Shirt Day.

Casual Noon Hour Supervisors

School District 43 Coquitlam is looking for Casual Noon Hour Supervisors. This position requires individuals to be available on an on-call basis to supervise students indoors and outdoors during lunch break (one hour per day) at various schools throughout the District in Coquitlam, Port Coquitlam, Port Moody and Anmore. Previous experience working with groups of children is an asset. Successful candidates will be available over the lunch hour Monday – Friday, 5 days per week while school is in session, and be willing to accept callouts to all schools in our District. We offer \$22.30 per hour plus 16% in lieu of benefits.

To apply, please click on the following link and create a user account/profile.

<https://ejp.sd43.bc.ca/postings/Account/Login>. Once you have completed your profile, you will have access to the job postings.

Casual Clerical

Coquitlam School District invites applications from individuals for the position of On-Call Casual Clerical. This on-call position provides administrative support at Elementary, Middle, and Secondary schools as well as other various locations throughout the District of Coquitlam. The successful candidate must have a strong ability to multi-task and interact with students, parents, teachers, support staff and administration. Applicants must be able to type a minimum of 50 wpm. A strong secretarial background is required, and knowledge of bookkeeping and accounting is an asset. Successful candidates will be available Monday – Friday, 5 days per week and be willing to accept callouts to all locations in our District. We offer \$26.09-\$ 27.39 per hour plus 16% in lieu of benefits.

To apply, please click on the following link and create a user account/profile.

<https://ejp.sd43.bc.ca/postings/Account/Login>. Once you have completed your profile, you will have access to the job postings. Please attach a cover letter and resume.

Childhood Immunizations

Please see the attached information from Fraser Health regarding childhood immunizations.

Daily Health Check

Thank you so much for your continued support in completing a morning Daily Health Check prior to sending your child(ren) to school. We have appreciated the tremendous support from our entire school community as everyone's collective efforts have helped us enjoy a healthier building throughout the school year. Please don't hesitate to contact me directly if you have any questions or concerns.

PAC NEWS

PAC Meeting – April 4 at 7:00 PM via TEAMS [Click here to join the meeting](#)

Summer Learning

This upcoming summer, SD43 will once again be offering a full Summer Learning Program at a number of sites throughout the district. For more information, please visit the Summer Learning website at www.sd43summerlearning.ca, email your questions to summerlearninginfo@sd43.bc.ca, or contact the program directly at 604-936-4261. More information is also attached to this newsletter.

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.