



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

February	1	PD Day, School Not in Session
	5	Cross-Catchment Application Process OPENS at 9:00 AM
	8	Staff Meeting, 3:00 PM PAC Meeting, 7:00 PM via Zoom
	10	Cross-Catchment Application Process CLOSES at 4:00 PM
	11	Early Dismissal, Student Led Conferences Cohort A (Divisions 1-5) 1:33 PM Dismissal Cohort B (Divisions 6-11) 1:48 PM Dismissal
	12	February Spirit Day – Wear Red, White, and Pink for Valentine’s Day and Lunar New Year Day!
	15	Family Day Holiday
	23	Earthquake Drill, 11:15 AM
	24	Pink Shirt Day/Anti-Bullying Day
	26	District PD Day – School Not in Session

Principal’s Message

Dear Families,

As we begin the month of February, we are quickly hitting the half-way mark of the school year! Thank you so much for your continued support during these challenging times. Many of us will also be celebrating the Lunar New Year, the Year of the Ox. The ox is the second animal of the Chinese Zodiac and is said to ‘denote the hard work, positivity, and honesty that will be manifested in all of us in the coming 12 months.’ How fitting as I believe we all need to continue to be positive going forward into the second half of the school year.

In the upcoming month, we plan to continue with an RVP tradition and celebrate the theme of kindness. We have a couple of Spirit Days planned. Students are encouraged to wear Red, White, or Pink on February 12 to mark St. Valentine’s Day and the start of the Lunar New Year. As well, we will participate in the annual Pink Shirt/Anti-Bullying Day on February 24 and meet for a Virtual Assembly to mark the occasion. Be sure to watch for decorated windows celebrating the themes of love and kindness.

It is love, caring, and kindness that has gotten us through these difficult days, so it is only fitting to mark the half-way point of the school year acknowledging the importance of these themes in our lives.

Warmest regards,

Anita Young

INFORMATION ITEMS

Student Led Conferences

While we are not able to run our Student Led Conferences as in past years at school, teachers are going to try to replicate the process for the home context. On or around February 11, students will be sent home with specific work they have completed that reflects their learning. Students will be asked to share their learning activities with you in a home-based student led conference.

Please note that we have scheduled a 1-hour early dismissal for all students on February 11 as time in lieu for teachers for the work involved in preparing this new format of conference. Divisions 1-5 will be dismissed at 1:33 PM and Divisions 6-11 will be dismissed at 1:48 PM.

Valentine's Day

Teachers have already started on some Valentine's Day crafts with students to mark this upcoming occasion. Just a reminder, however, that we are not permitted to have students exchange Valentine's Cards and treats with classmates; Public Health Orders still advise that we not have students bring items from home to share with other students. Thank you for your support and understanding.

Mask Donation

Thank you to Mr. Woo Tae Ji and Ms. Mi Ran Park for donating 200 child-sized masks to RVP. The masks are individually wrapped and sealed and have been handled with COVID safety protocols. If you are in need of some child-sized masks and would like to receive some of these donated masks, please let me know. Thank you again, Mr. Woo and Ms. Park, for your very generous donation to the school!

Kindergarten Registration

Children who are five years old on or before December 31, 2021 may enter school in September 2021. Kindergarten registration will be held between January 27 and February 4, 2021 via online forms. These online forms are now available on our school website.

Cross Catchment

Parents sometimes wish for their children to attend a school that is not their catchment school. In such cases, a Cross Catchment Application is required after registering at their catchment school. School District 43 uses a random draw process for Cross Catchment applications (using in-district priority, then out-of-district).

Cross Catchment application forms can be accessed online at www.sd43.bc.ca between Friday, February 5, 2021, 9 AM to Wednesday, February 10, 2021, 4 PM. Please note that the Cross Catchment deadline is firm.

Middle Years Development Instrument (MDI)

SD43 has partnered with the Human Early Learning Partnership (HELP) at the University of British Columbia to measure and promote children's social and emotional development, health, well-being, and assets through the Middle Years Development Instrument (MDI). The Middle Years Development Instrument (MDI) is a self-report questionnaire that asks children in middle childhood about their thoughts, feelings, and experiences.

The MDI was administered to students in Grade 5 at RVP this past week. Thank you so much to Mr. Jody Colbourne, Ms. Michelle Lange, and Mr. Brad Ross for assisting with the survey administration.

Student Learning Survey

This annual Ministry of Education Survey was completed by Grade 4 students this past week. Parents are also invited to complete the survey through the following link: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/student-learning-survey>

The intent of the survey is to gather feedback from students, parents, and staff regarding your experiences with the BC education system. The survey provides feedback on the implementation of curriculum changes, learning environment, student wellness and satisfaction, student belonging and engagement, and career preparation. All information gathered is anonymous and the parent survey is available in 16 languages.

Thank you to our intermediate team of teachers for assisting in the administration of the survey with our Grade 4 RVP students this past week.

Grade 4 Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA)

The Grade 4 Foundation Skills Assessment will now be administered between February 15 and March 12 across the Province. This assessment typically takes place in the first term of the school year but was deferred to Term 2 to give students time to settle into our new learning context. While originally re-scheduled to begin in January, it has been deferred again until this coming month.

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 first half of the school year. Please don't hesitate to contact me directly if you have any questions or concerns.

KidsCAN Theatre

Please see the attached information on a virtual KidsCAN Theatre opportunity scheduled to start in February, the 'DOT.com Theatre Program'. Registration is now open and you can register on line at:

www.kidscantheatre.com

PAC NEWS

PAC Meeting – February 8 at 7:00 PM

PAC Meetings this year will be held via Zoom. The February PAC Meeting will be held on Monday, February 8 at 7:00 PM. All parents are welcome! I will send the Zoom link out next week.

PAC Fundraiser Update

Purdy's Chocolates

Riverview Park Elementary PAC is back at it with PURDY'S. After a successful Christmas fundraiser, we decided to give it another go just in time for Easter. Orders will be ready for pick up the week before Spring Break as Easter falls at the end of the break.

If you'd like to support the RVP PAC by purchasing some very sweet Easter gifts for friends, family and yourself, please click the following link: <https://fundraising.purdys.com/1199841-82516>

After you've signed in you can buy our amazing chocolates or invite others to join and support our Fundraising Campaign.

Big Brother's Fundraiser

If you are packing up outgrown clothing, please consider donating to Big Brothers to raise money for RVP.

What to donate? – Do you have outgrown or no longer needed clothing for men, women, and/or children? Accessories (coats, hats, belts, purses, wallets, etc.), shoes/boots, blankets, bed linens, pillows, curtains, drapes, towels?? Any of these items can be donated!

How to donate? – Place all items in plastic bags and deliver to the Big Brother warehouse located at #221-15 Braid Street in New Westminster. Explain that you are dropping off for ‘the school program’ and that you are supporting Riverview Park Elementary.

When to donate? – Business hours right now are from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday to Friday (currently, closed on weekends and holidays). There is no time limit for this fundraiser.

How does this earn money for the school? – RVP will receive 20 cents per pound of clothing donated.

Return-It Express

Prior to the Winter Break, the PAC announced this ongoing fundraiser that makes it easy to return empty beverage containers to a local bottle depot. There is no timeline on this fundraiser. Please see the attached information memo. Thank you for your support!

Webinars for Parents

Please see the attached flyer for information on parent webinar opportunities presented by Occupational Therapist and Sleep Coach, Sarah Fenrich:

- Promoting Independence and Responsibility: How to make your daily family routines easier involving your child(ren)
- How to manage your child’s challenging behaviors and teach emotion regulation

WINTER WEATHER COMING!

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 closure 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

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

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

3. **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.

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 pick-up and drop-off.