



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	Lunar New Year – Wear Red!
	1-4	Kindergarten Registration
	4	Cross-Catchment Application Process OPENS at 9:00 AM
	7	Staff Meeting, 3:00 PM PAC Meeting, 7:00 PM via TEAMS Click here to join the meeting
	9	Cross-Catchment Application Process CLOSES at 4:00 PM
	10	Early Dismissal, Student Led Conferences Divisions 1-6, 1:34 PM Dismissal Divisions 7-11, 1:44 PM Dismissal
	14	February Spirit Day – Wear Red, White, and Pink for Valentine’s Day!
	15	Earthquake Drill, 11:00 AM
	21	Family Day Holiday
	23	Pink Shirt Day/Anti-Bullying Day
	25	District PD Day – School Not in Session

Principal’s Message

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 this month, the Year of the Tiger. The tiger is the third animal of the Chinese Zodiac and is said to represent a competitive nature, courage, ambition, and a generous spirit when it comes to helping others. Wishing everyone a Happy Lunar New Year!

In the upcoming month, we plan to continue with an RVP tradition and celebrate the theme of kindness – it is through our kindness that we can take care of ourselves, others, and this place. We have two Spirit Days planned this month to acknowledge the importance of love and kindness. Students are encouraged to wear Red, White, or Pink on February 14 to mark St. Valentine’s Day. As well, we will participate in the annual Pink Shirt/Anti-Bullying Day on February 23, meeting for a Virtual Assembly to mark the occasion.

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

Kindergarten Registration – Please Read Carefully

Children who are five years old on or before December 31, 2022 may enter school in September 2022. Kindergarten registration will be held from February 1 to February 4, 2022 via online forms. These online forms are now available on our school and district websites.

Please note that if we are at capacity for Kindergarten intake, any registration received by February 4 at 4:00 PM will be placed in a random draw for acceptance. Students who are not accepted will be placed in a nearby school with space. Siblings of current Grades K-4 students get first priority in placement before a draw is initiated.

It is imperative that incoming K students with siblings currently in Grades K-4 register before the February 4 deadline. Failure to register by the deadline may mean that space will no longer be available for the incoming sibling.

Families who do not live in the school catchment area but have a child in K-4 attending RVP, please register your incoming Kindergarten student at RVP. You do not need to register at your catchment school based on address and you do not need to complete the online cross catchment form that will be available on February 4. Families who have an older sibling already attending RVP are considered in-catchment, even if you do not live in our catchment.

Children who have been accepted into a Program of Choice must register at the Program of Choice school. There is no need to register at your neighbourhood (English) catchment school.

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).

Any student currently in Grades K-4 who wish to attend another school in SD43 will need to apply for a cross catchment request. The online cross catchment process begins Friday, February 4 at 9:00 AM and ends on Wednesday, February 9 at 4:00 PM.

Please note that the Cross Catchment deadline is firm.

Student Led Conferences

While we are not able to run our Student Led Conferences at school this year, teachers are going to try to replicate the process for the home context. On or around February 10, 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. Parents will receive a parent signature form for Student-Led Conferences – please be sure to sign and return this form after your conference with your child.

Please note that we have scheduled a 1-hour early dismissal for all students on February 10 as time in lieu for teachers for the work involved in preparing this new format of conference. Divisions 1-6 will be dismissed at 1:34 PM and Divisions 7-11 will be dismissed at 1:44 PM.

Valentine's Day

Teachers will be working with students on some Valentine's Day crafts to mark this upcoming occasion. Just a reminder, however, that we will not have students bring Valentine's Cards and treats from home to share with classmates. Thank you for your support and understanding.

MyEd Family Portal

Riverview Park will be transitioning to the Family Portal for the upcoming Term 2 Report Card. This means that paper copies of reports will no longer be sent home; all parents will access report cards through MyEd BC, the platform that we use for all school-related record keeping including attendance, medical alerts, reporting, etc. We are in the process of creating your individual family accounts and will be sending information home via email and school planners in the coming weeks.

Student Learning Survey

This annual Ministry of Education Survey will be administered to students in Grade 4 this spring. 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.

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.

PAC NEWS

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

Winter Weather!

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>

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.