



# 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	2	Staff Meeting, 2:45 PM PAC Meeting, 7:00 PM via TEAMS: <a href="#">Click here to join the meeting</a>
	4	Montgomery Middle Virtual Parent Information Night <a href="#">Click here to join the meeting</a>
	5	Earthquake Drill, 2:20 PM
	6	Subway Hot Lunch, 12:05 PM
	13	Sushi Fu Hot Lunch, 12:05 PM
	19	Class Photos and Panorama Photo, 9:00 AM
	20	A&W Hot Lunch, 12:05 PM
	23	Victoria Day, School Not in Session
	26	Connecting to Kindergarten, 9:00 to 10:30 AM <b>*Please Note that current Kindergarten students have a 12:00 PM start on this day.</b>
	27	White Spot Hot Lunch, 12:05 PM
June	3	Sports Day! Pizza Pizza Hot Lunch, 12:05 PM
	6	School Based PD Day, School Not in Session

### Principal's Message

With the spring season well underway, you may start to notice some changes to the upper field garden plot. A huge **thank you to Mr. Jody Colbourne and his Division 1 students for jump-starting the revitalization of this garden and to Ms. Shelley Frick for sourcing the indigenous plantings** for this special project. **Thank you to Ms. Melissa Harkness for her assistance and support as well.** Indigenous plant species have been specifically chosen to ensure suitability for the location and drought tolerance, but we may be looking for some parent volunteers to check in on this project over the summer months. More information to come!

Over the past month, we have been busy at RVP working on the articulation process as we support the transition of our Grade 5 students to Middle School. Since all our students are pre-transitioned to the specific Middle School they will be attending next year, **you will start getting some emails directly from your child's new school** about Parent Nights, Virtual Tours, PAC opportunities, and other important details about the transition process. Please watch for these important communications.

Our Grade 5 parents are working on some special year-end treats for our leaving students and the **school staff is in the midst of planning an in-person year-end leaving ceremony** to mark this important transition. More information to come!

As we prepare to say goodbye to our Grade 5s, we are welcoming over 30 Kindergarten students this coming Fall. **We are very excited to host this year's Connecting to Kindergarten event in person** and we can't wait to meet our new recruits!

As we begin to approach the end of the school year, **we are focusing attention on planning for next year**. The 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. We are continuing to accept new registrations in the coming weeks and months leading up to September, so we are not able to predict how many more students will be arriving before the start of school, and more specifically, which grade levels. We will not know for certain our grade and class configurations, nor what specific grade or grade combinations each teacher will be teaching, until September.

Thank you for supporting our process as we collaborate as a staff on ensuring the best possible placement for all students in the 2021-2022 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**

### **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](mailto:bicardiwithlime@yahoo.ca).

### **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](http://www.sd43summerlearning.ca), email your questions to [summerlearninginfo@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:summerlearninginfo@sd43.bc.ca), or contact the program directly at 604-936-4261.

## **PAC NEWS**

### **PAC Meeting – May 2 at 7:00 PM**

PAC Meetings this year will be held via TEAMS: [Click here to join the meeting](#)

### **PAC Members Needed for 2022-2023 School Year!**

Our PAC has at least 2 executive positions that are vacant for the 2022-23 school year. These jobs are required to be filled in order for our school to receive our annual gaming grant (which helps us pay for great things in our school like new laptops, items for the library and classroom resources). Both parents who are currently volunteering for these positions have exceeded their terms and our treasurer will not have a child at RVP next year. The new school year will be a great opportunity for fresh new ideas and the chance to bring back some fun community activities that we've missed out on during the last 2+ years. If you are interested in taking on one of these important roles, please contact Anita Young ([ayoung@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:ayoung@sd43.bc.ca)) or the current PAC Chair, Jen Bradley Jensen ([jenjenjensen@gmail.com](mailto:jenjenjensen@gmail.com)). Our elections will be held at the June PAC meeting.

## **Vacant Positions**

Treasurer duties include:

- Signing Officer
- Ensures all funds of the PAC are properly accounted for
- Disburses funds as authorized by the membership or executive
- Keeps proper financial records and book of accounts
- Reports on receipts and disbursements at meetings
- Drafts an annual budget with help from the executive
- Submits an annual financial statement at the Annual General Meeting
- Applies for Gaming Grant annually

Chair duties include:

- Runs PAC meetings
- Prepares an agenda
- Appoints committees where authorized by the membership or executive
- Ensures council activities reflect the goals of the constitution

## **PAC Fundraiser Update**

### 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 Fundraiser

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. You can simply drop off your containers at a Return-It Express kiosk without having to sort them. The Express system uses bar code technology to track and record your bags throughout the counting and payment process. The process is simple:

1. Collect containers in transparent (blue or clear) bags.
2. Bring your bagged containers to the nearest Return-It Express location. <https://www.return-it.ca/locations/express/>
3. Print Return-It Express labels at the kiosk using the Riverview Park Elementary School PAC Account #E127761 or phone #604-945-7004. Select the number of bags you are dropping off, print labels, tag each bag with a label and drop off the tagged bags in the designated Express drop-off area.

\*\* If you have any questions, please feel free to contact 057-PAC@sd43.bc.ca. Thank you for your support!

## **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.

Warm regards,

Anita Young  
Principal, Riverview Park Elementary