



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

October	3	Staff Meeting, 3:00 PM PAC Meeting, 7:00 PM in the Library Learning Commons
	10	Thanksgiving
	12	Student Photo Day, 9:00 AM in the Gym
	12	Parent Teacher Interviews, Early Dismissal for Grades 1-5, 1:39 PM
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	14	Hot Lunch, Pizza Pizza, 12:00 PM
	20	ShakeOut BC Earthquake Drill, 1:15 PM
	21	PSA PD Day, School Not in Session for Students
	28	Hot Lunch, Boston Pizza, 12:00 PM
	31	Halloween Activities

Principal's Message

While the weather feels like summer, we are fully into the swing of Fall at RVP. We have been **hard at work implementing our APL (Action Plan for Learning) Goals** for the school year. As we always do at this time of year, **we just completed our school-wide Classroom-Based Literacy Assessments**. As part of this assessment, we read with every single student in the school and assess students' fluency in reading, reading comprehension, and their ability to express themselves in writing. All the data that we collect during this process will inform how we are doing in terms of our Intellectual Goal on our School APL and will help us set the direction going forward. Next week, **we will engage in our Class Review process to help us identify classroom-based goals for the school year**. A huge **thank you to our Student Services Department – Mrs. Leah Donnelly, Mrs. Erin Heinrichs, Mr. Neil Morrison, and Mrs. Jennifer Raptis** – for their work in coordinating and implementing our annual CBA and Class Review process.

In addition, we have also started the school year **working on our Human and Social Development APL Goal**, the aim being to create a sense of community through 'Our Community Fabric' Project. A huge **thank you to Mrs. Georgia Cox for coordinating this special initiative and to our Artist-in-Residence for the project, Ms. Catherine Dumaine**. As well, part of our goal in building school community involves imbedding a common language among our student population to support conflict resolution. **We have been working with our students to use their WITS to 'Keep Problems Small' and to Take Care of Ourselves, Each Other, and this Place.**

We have also been working on our **third and final APL Goal which relates to Indigenous Learners and Indigenous Ways of Learning**. We ended the month by acknowledging National Day for Truth and Reconciliation with a special assembly to dedicate the First Nations Flag that has been gifted to us by the kʷikʷəłəm First Nation. **Special thanks to Mrs. Georgia Cox, Mr. Jody Colbourne, and Mrs. Rosanne Wragg for coordinating the program for our special ceremony.** And a special **thank you to Ms. Sally Sheehan, or Indigenous Education Youth Worker, for guiding our process.**

Please visit the following link for a more complete overview of our school's Action Plan for Learning: [RVP Action Plan for Learning 2022-2023](#).

Warmest regards,
Anita Young

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 of these school-related expenses.

PAC News

Please join us for our upcoming PAC Meeting on Monday, October 3 at 7:00 PM in the Library Learning Commons.

Resident Parent Volunteer Photographer, Mr. Sean Bikadi

I wanted to take this opportunity to welcome back Mr. Sean Bikadi, our resident parent photographer. For those of you who are new to RVP, Mr. Bikadi drops by the school from time-to-time to commemorate some of our RVP events and activities in photos that are then turned into RVP slideshows, a long-standing tradition at the school. Thank you, Mr. Bikadi, for your time and commitment to this ongoing project.

Medical Alerts

If your child has a medical alert or condition, please be sure to complete the required forms via our Parent eForms link on our website under 'Quick Links': [Forms - Riverview Park Elementary School \(sd43.bc.ca\)](https://www.sd43.bc.ca/forms). **This is particularly critical for students who have life-threatening allergies and may require the administration of medication at school.**

Parent-Teacher Interviews

Parent-teacher interviews for students in Grades 1-5 will take place in person this year on Wednesday, October 12 from 2:00 to 5:00 PM and on Thursday, October 13 from 2:00 to 5:00 PM. Students in Grades 1-5 will be dismissed at 1:39 PM on both days so that teachers can be ready for in-person interviews that will begin at 2:00 PM. **A sign-up board will be set up for parents by Tuesday, October 4** at the main entrance of the school. This will allow families to choose their individual interview times for their child(ren).

Please note that interviews will not be scheduled for our Kindergarten students since our K teachers have just completed Welcoming Conversations. There is NO early dismissal for our K students on October 12 and 13.

Interviews will be scheduled for 10 minutes and are intended to be an opportunity for teachers to meet directly with parents to discuss student progress. Students will have an opportunity to participate in Student-Led Conferences in February, but these initial October interviews are intended for parents and teachers only.

Hot Lunch Ordering is Now Open!

If you have not already done so, please take a few minutes to sign up for Hot Lunch as soon as possible. **You will be receiving a notification to let you know that ordering is open for the Fall Hot Lunch orders. The ordering deadline for Fall Hot Lunch is Wednesday, October 5.**

Some families prefer not to participate in Hot Lunch. This is totally fine as participation is entirely voluntary and not required. However, the PAC sends out other communications to families via the Hot Lunch website, **so it is important for all families to set up an account, whether or not you wish to participate in ordering Hot Lunch.** Even if you have set up an account in past years, you still need to set up a new account for the start of this school year.

Here is what you need to do to set up your Hot Lunch Account:

- 1) Go to rvp.hotlunches.net
- 2) Click on "Register" tab near the top of the website
- 3) Enter the Access Code **RVPHL**
- 4) Complete the rest of the registration form. Be sure to include your email address as this will ensure you receive reminder emails about hot lunch order deadlines, and your child's hot lunch order for the upcoming week.
- 5) Click the "**Register Now**" button at the bottom

6) Once you are logged in, BE SURE TO ADD EACH OF YOUR CHILDREN who attend RVP. Once they are added you can place orders for each child.

The Hot Lunch online order system requires a small amount of setup time at the beginning as you must register each child you have attending our school prior to ordering through Hot lunch.

If you have any questions at all or need help completing the registration process, please email rvp@hotlunches.net.

School Supplies and Planners

Just a reminder that notifications have gone out through School Cash Online requesting payment for school supplies and planners. If you have not yet set up a School Cash Online Account, please do so (instructions below). If you require financial assistance for the purchase of school supplies or planners, please let me know (ayoung@sd43.bc.ca).

School Cash Online

As in previous years, we wish to be able to have all fee collection throughout the school year done through our on-line system, School Cash Online (i. e., planners, school supplies, field trips, etc.).

For returning students, you would already have an existing account from previous years. For new students, you must create an account. The process is as follows:

1. Go to <https://sd43.schoolcashionline.com>
2. Click on 'Register'
3. Create your account as follows:
 - Enter first and last name (must be your child's legal name), email address
 - Create a password
 - Choose a security question
 - Click 'yes' to receiving e-mail notifications for updated school information

Thank you for taking the time to create an account!

Student Identification Emergency Release Form

If you haven't already done so, please return the yellow Emergency Release Form that was sent home mid-September. This is an important annual form that provides us with critical information that we will require in the event of an evacuation from the school building during an emergency.

Family Portal

Last school year, Riverview Park Elementary transitioned to the Family Portal for all reporting. Please take some time to reacquaint yourself with the Family Portal by logging in as you did at the end of last school year. You may be prompted to reset your password as updated passwords are required every 3 months.

It is very important for all families to familiarize themselves with MyEd as all reporting is done through this platform.

Individual family accounts have now been created for families who did not already have an account. You should have received a notification via email indicating your Login ID and a temporary password. You will have to create a new password that will allow you ongoing access to the system. If you have not received this email, please check your junk/spam folder and/or check with your spouse.

If you have any trouble accessing your account, please contact me via email at ayoung@sd43.bc.ca.

Student Verification Form

We will no longer be sending home the Student Verification Form you may be familiar with from previous years. Instead, we ask that families check their contact information in MyEd to verify that the information is correct.

You can access your contact information in MyEd by logging into your account and following these steps:

- Click on 'Family' (Top Tab)
- Click on 'Contacts' (Side Tab). A table will appear on your screen.
- Under the 'Priority' column, you can click on the numbered contacts (1, 2, 3, etc.) to check the information for each contact and ensure it is accurate.

If there are errors in the information, please contact Mrs. Carrall Payne via phone (604-945-7004) or email cpayne@sd43.bc.ca.

Outdoor Recess and Lunch, Rain or Shine

Just a reminder that we take students outside each and every recess and lunch regardless of weather, so please ensure your child is prepared for the weather. During these hot days, a hat is always ideal since we have very little shade cover on our play field. As the weather starts to turn, please ensure your child has appropriate clothing to help them stay warm and dry on our rainy West Coast days – rubber boots and a raincoat are a must. Many teachers request indoor shoes for students as well and we ask that all students come to school with a water bottle daily.

Communicable Disease Prevention

In preparation for the return to school, maintaining a healthy and safe environment in our facilities 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: [Home - Riverview Park Elementary School \(sd43.bc.ca\)](#).

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

With the start of the new school year, and with no staggered start or finish, our morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up times are very busy, especially on rainy days. Please do your part to help ease congestion as much as possible by remembering our drop-off and pick-up rules included 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.