



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

September	6	First Day of School! Grades 1 to 5 Attend, 9:00 to 9:30 AM No School for Kindergarten
	7	First Full Day of School for Students in Grades 1 to 5, 8:45 AM to 2:39 PM Kindergarten Students Attend with Parents in Group Assignments
	8	Regular School Day for Grades 1 to 5, 8:45 AM to 2:39 PM Kindergarten Students Attend in Group Assignments (no parents)
	9	Classes Organized for Grades 1 to 5 School Picnic, 12:00 to 1:00 PM – Bring Bowl and Spoon for Treat Welcome Back Assembly, 1:05 to 1:35 PM in the Gym (Students Only) Early Dismissal, 1:35 PM
	12	PAC Meeting, 7:00 PM in the Library Learning Commons
	19	First Full Day of School for Kindergarten!
	22	Terry Fox Run
	23	District Professional Development Day
	29	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Assembly, 11:00 AM
	30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Statutory Holiday

Principal's Message

I hope everyone has had a fabulous summer! I have enjoyed reconnecting with parents, staff, and students over the past 2 weeks as we get ready for another school year. The school practically sparkles due to the hard work of custodians Mr. Ralph Mueco and Ms. Wendy Naso. Thank you so much for your hard work and dedication throughout the summer.

We have had a number of new families move into our school community over the summer, so classes will be very, very full right from the start of the year. We look forward to welcoming all our new families in person! If you are planning to move out of Riverview Park, please let us know as soon as possible. If your child will be missing school for the first few days due to holidays, please contact the main office to let us know that your child will be away. It is very important for us to have an accurate enrollment count this first week of school.

I hope families are able to join us for our annual School Picnic on Friday, September 9. It has been a couple of years since we have been able to host this traditional welcome, so we are looking forward to an opportunity to connect with families in person once again.

I know we are all looking forward to a fabulous school year ahead. As always, please reach out if you have any questions or need any support.

Warmest regards,

Anita Young

Welcome to our New Staff!

We have a number of new staff joining our Riverview Park Family for the upcoming school year. I am pleased to welcome the following staff:

Mr. John Colbourne, Intermediate Teacher
Ms. Jaclyn Delachoux, Counsellor
Ms. Danielle Greben, Education Assistant
Ms. Anita Jaswal, Speech Pathologist
Mr. Jeff Lynch, Primary Teacher
Mr. Ralph Mueco, Evening Custodian
Ms. Kristin O'Brien, Primary Teacher
Ms. Jennifer Raptis, Student Services Teacher
Ms. Makenna Smith, Education Assistant

We are very much looking forward to working with our new staff!

PAC News – First PAC Meeting

Our first PAC Meeting of the year will be held in our Library Learning Commons on Monday, September 12 from 7:00 to 8:30 PM.

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 \(sd43.bc.ca\)](http://Home - Riverview Park Elementary School (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.

School Supplies and Planners

As a school, we purchase all the school supplies and planners that will be needed for students in all grades. Once all the supplies have come in, we will determine the cost and let you know what it will be. We have used this process for a number of years now, in an effort to reduce the cost of supplies and to ensure all students have the required supplies. Please watch for a School Cash Online notification in the coming weeks that will allow you to pay for your child's supplies and planner through the School Cash Online system.

Student Verification Form

We anticipate that the annual Student Verification Form will be completed by families via the online Family Portal. Most families should still be able to access the MyEd Family Portal using the same username and password from June. If you have forgotten your password, click on the link – 'I forgot my password' – and the system will prompt you to create a new password. For our new families, we will be sending out your username and password shortly. If you need assistance accessing the portal, please contact the main office.

Student Identification Emergency Release Form

Please watch for the Emergency Release Form that will go home during the first week of school, likely on the first Friday. The form will be yellow in colour. 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.

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!

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 will be 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 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.