



Riverside Ramblings

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year!

I hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday break. It appears that Mother Nature is a little unsettled and is giving us some nasty weather. We are hoping to get back to school regularly and begin enjoying our cross-country skiing and snowshoeing programs. We will be looking for parent volunteers to help with everything from tying boots and strapping on snowshoes to skiing the trails with our students. If you are available to help with this great outdoor program, please contact your child's teacher, Mr. Hefferman, Mr. Padfield or the main office.

We are also preparing to begin our Winter Elective program. Any final details necessary have been sent home after our elective meeting with students held on Monday January 23rd. The

dates for electives are Thursday January 26th, February 2, 9, & 16th with a back up date of the 23rd. Please ensure that your child has everything that he/she needs for their elective each Thursday.

At Riverside we continue to actively involve our students in outdoor educational opportunities. Taking learning outside provides new and authentic experiences to look at the curriculum. Please make sure that your child has appropriate clothing for the weather of the day. Warm hats, mitts, snow pants, boots and extra socks and mittens all help to make sure that the time spent outdoors is even more enjoyable.

Please don't hesitate to stop by the office if you have any questions or concerns.



PARENT COUNCIL

Volunteering is a great way to get to know your child's school plus share your talents and experiences! Join our community of valued Riverside Public School Volunteers! Following is a list of current volunteer opportunities:

Cross-Country Ski Volunteers: Ski with classes, ski race registration, end of day tidy-up/lock up, repairs: bindings, poles, bases.

Breakfast for Learning. For students who need a little extra food to get them going in the morning. Volunteers usually are in the kitchen from about 8:00 to 9:00 a.m..

Help in the School Library: Signing books in and out, tidying shelves, assisting at Book Fairs, pulling books on a certain theme or topic.



Head Lice Inspection: Helping screen students for head lice.

Join Parent Council: If you would like to be involved in events and activities happening at Riverside, the Parent Council is a great place to start!

Please download a current volunteer application form from the website (<http://riv.tlidsb.on.ca>) or pick up a form at the school office.

A police check must be on file at the office in order to volunteer with any school activities.

NEXT PARENT COUNCIL MEETING

—February 13th—6:30 p.m. If you require day-care please contact the main office so that it can be arranged.

- Thank you
- Electives
- Pizza Day change for February only
- French Immersion Information Night for JK families
- Leadership at Riverside
- Electronic Devices
- Cross-Country Skiing
- Snow Day Routines

Dates to Remember:

- Jan 16—Parent Council meeting in the gym at 6:30 p.m.
- Jan 24— Grade 7/8 vaccinations
- January 25— Pizza day gr 1-8(money due January 24th)
- Jan 26—Elective day
- January 27th—Volleyball tournament
- January 31— Ski Race
- February 1— Pizza day gr 1-8
- Feb 2— Elective day
- February 3—PA day
- February 8-Pizza day gr 1-8
- February 9— Elective day
- February 15-Pizza day gr 1-8
- February 16— Elective day
- February 17—report cards home
- February 24-Gr 7 vaccinations



THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO FOR RIVERSIDE!

We would like to extend our appreciation to all Riverside families and friends who attended our Christmas Concerts in December. We had a wonderful turnout. In addition, the many donations of food items collected for the Food Bank showed an overwhelming generosity on the part of our Riverside community. **What an awesome act of kindness!**



WINTER ELECTIVES GRADES 1-8

The Winter Electives program will take place on Thursday afternoons, January 26, February 2, 9 and 16. Be sure your child has all their equipment needed for that day. Extra mitts and socks are always a good idea if they are outside. We are looking for volunteers for various electives. Please call the main office if you are able to help out.

PIZZA DAY CHANGE DUE TO ELECTIVES—GR. 1-8 ONLY

For the last week in January and the first 3 weeks in the month of February, Pizza days for our grade 1 to 8 students will be changed from Thursday to Wednesday due to electives. Please send in money on Tuesday for Wednesday delivery. This will only occur during electives and will return to normal the last week in February.

JK/SK REGISTRATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2017

Registration week for Junior and Senior Kindergarten is being held for the month of January. Please spread the word.

This is also for the French Immersion SK program.

To register your child, please bring with you:

Proof of age for each child (Birth Certificate)
Name of family doctor & doctor's telephone number
Ontario Health Card number & Child's Immunization Record
Residence—Road name and 911 address

Junior Kindergarten students must be 4 years of age by December 31st, 2017. **Senior** Kindergarten students must be 5 years of age by December 31st, 2017.

STOP!

When dropping your children off or picking them up, remember to only use the left side of the parking lot **at all times of the day**. The safety of our students is our primary concern. Please take care when driving near the school and watch for the children.



LEADERSHIP AT RIVERSIDE

The Event Team has been busy at Riverside, organizing things such as Spirit days, helping with Primary and Kindergarten concerts, assisting with the school wide sing-along and organizing the Food Drive. With generous donations from the Riverside community, they put together several boxes of food and helped to stock the shelves at The Table Soup Kitchen. Thank you all for your caring and giving spirit. In the New Year more exciting activities will be planned.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Students are reminded that cell phones are not permitted for calls, photos, music or text messaging during the Riverside school day, without permission of staff. Parents are asked to call the main office if they need to get in contact with their children during the school day. Any electronic devices that are brought to school are done so at the student's own risk. We will not be responsible for any lost or stolen devices.



CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING

Attention Riverside Cross-Country skiers. Skiing is starting, weather permitting, for all Phys. Ed. classes from grade 1 to 8. Be sure that your child is dressed appropriately every day to go outside. It is always a great idea to send extra socks, mitts and pants in case they get wet.

SNOW DAY ROUTINES

When busses are cancelled, the school is still open for students who regularly walk. Parents of bus students who can safely transport their children to and from school are welcome to do so. Please be aware that this is still a meaningful day and that students will be doing some reading, writing and math activities although there may not be regular lessons. Students should commit to being at school for the entire day and should not be using the phone to leave and go home early.

For safety reasons, **parents of our walking students** should call our **safe arrival number @ 705-789-7673** to inform us if your child will not be attending. Please remember to send a lunch for your child on days the busses are cancelled. If bus cancellations happen on Thursdays pizza will not be delivered this day, but will come on the Friday. **Pick up is at 3:15 on these days as well.**

This newsletter is available on the Riverside TLDSB website at <http://riv.tldsb.on.ca>

Stay up-to-date by following us on TWITTER at <http://twitter.com/#!/riversideps>

Call Safe Arrival When Your Child is Late or Absent 705-789-7673