



the ROYAL REVIEW

Riverview School Newsletter

September 1, 2017

Principal's Perspective

It was great to welcome students back to school on Tuesday and also to welcome new staff members. We would like to welcome Allison Enns as our new Kindergarten teacher. Allison has been teaching for the RRDSB for the past five years as an occasional teacher. We would also like to welcome Chelsea Miller and Hillary Hansen-Nordberg to the grade 2/3 class and 4/5 class. Both Ms. Miller and Mrs. Nordberg taught last year at McCrosson-Tovell school. In addition, we are pleased to welcome Mrs. Johanne McInerney who has joined our staff as the new communication assistant. But wait there is more to come . . .

Just last week we said farewell to Mdm. Pavier who transferred to J.W. Walker School. Mr. McInerney has graciously agreed to cover the French/Prep position until we find a permanent replacement. We will also be welcoming a new half time Prep. / Small group instruction teacher once the hiring process is complete. Until that time, Mrs. Cheryl Foster has agreed to take the position. Finally from time to time you may see Mrs. Ruth Haney in the school. She is the Board's new Autism Support Worker. She will be making regular visits to Riverview.

Once again this year I will be making 'good news' calls to families and recognizing students at Monthly Assemblies. Students will be identified by school staff for demonstrating improvement in academic subjects, outstanding performance, excellent citizenship or demonstration of the character trait of the month. Parents and family members are welcome to attend these assemblies. We will send out dates and times on a monthly basis.

I'M HERE

Those two little words are like music to our ears. Allow me to explain. Last year, you may recall that an Ontario wide study indicated that Northern Ontario school boards had the poorest rates of attendance in the province. Last year at Riverview School the 130 students who attended missed a total of 1,870.5 days of school; that is an average of over 14 days per student. While many students were under this average, 18.7% of students missed 20 day or more. That is alarming when you consider that students who miss this many days are at risk of not completing grade 9 should this pattern continue.



Attending school each day is one of the best ways to ensure students are successful in school and end up graduating. That is why Riverview is embarking on the **HERE**, campaign. We would like to see our absence rate fall from an average of 14 absences per student per year to just 10 absences. This would mean that based on our school population of 123 students we would have to miss no more than 1,230 days. That is a substantial change, but if we all work together, we can make this a reality.

Upcoming Events:

Labour Day (no school for students)	Sept. 4th
Open House/BBQ/Bookfair	Sept. 19th
Terry Fox Walk	Sept. 15th
PD Day (no school for students)	Sept. 29th
Picture Days	Oct. 2nd
Thanksgiving Day	Oct. 9th
PD Day (no school for students)	Oct. 27th

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Thank You! A special thanks to our caretakers Bill Arnold, Claudette Scott, Clint Jenson and student worker Asher Chorney who have worked throughout the summer to clean, paint and maintain our school. We appreciate your work!

Breakfast Program

Once again this year we will be offering the Breakfast Program starting on September 13th. The free breakfast will be offered Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday mornings.

As with any program it takes dedicated people to make it happen. If you would be willing to volunteer to help out please let Mr. Olsen know. Many thanks.

Microwaves

Each classroom has one microwave for students to heat or reheat lunch items. We would ask that parents do not give students full microwavable meals that take more than 3 minutes to cook as it does not allow time for everyone to use the microwave. It should be used for short duration, only.

Safe Welcome

The Safe Welcome Program supports a welcoming learning environment by ensuring that parents and other authorized visitors can access elementary schools while keeping students and staff safe.

The aim of the Safe Welcome Program is to increase safety for both staff and students by locking the front door of the school during the day. Visitors will be required to press a buzzer to request access. Staff in the main office will be able to see and speak to the visitor, and release the door lock to provide access. We continue to ask visitors to sign in at the school's office. We recognize that many parents come to pick up their children at the end of the day so the door will be unlocked at 3:00 p.m. in anticipation of 3:15 dismissal.

As always, parents are welcome in our school any time. Thank you for your continued support for the safety and wellbeing of all students and staff in our school. **Doors will be locked between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

No Fish, Peanuts & All Nut Products School

Riverview is a fish, nut and peanut-restricted school. Please do not send peanut butter or any other nut products to school with your child. Check labels of all food items.

Hot Lunch

Our Hot Lunch program will start in October. More information will follow. Milk will be sold every day starting Monday, September 12th. Cost is \$8.00 for 10 milk—white or chocolate. We would appreciate it if you could pay on line. Otherwise please send exact change with your child. We have cards of milk left over from last school year. The office will send home a note with your child who still has milk coming. Thank you.

Three Little Reminders

#1 The road between the high school and the elementary school is for **busses only**. Please do not use this lane as it endangers students and staff.

#2 The school day begins at 8:45 am. Please make every effort to have students here on time. Supervision begins at 8:20 am. Please ensure that students do not arrive before that time as there is no one responsible for supervision of students before that time.

#3 Student verification forms went home this week. Please ensure that the information on these sheets is accurate and that they are returned to the school by Tuesday, September 5th. Thank you:)

The School Day

8:40	Warning Bell to Come In
8:45	Classes start 1st block
10:25	Start 1st Nutrition Break
10:40	Bell to go outside
11:05	Bell to come in
11:10	Classes Begin Second Block
12:50	Start 2nd Nutrition Break
1:05	Ring to go outside – 2nd break
1:30	Ring to come in
1:35	Classes begin 3rd block
3:15	Dismissal

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Dress Code - Modesty is the BEST Policy!

Students still need to dress appropriately for school when the weather turns warmer. Modesty is the best policy. Shorts/skirts should be mid-thigh length; when hands are at your side, the length should come down to your finger tips. Shirts that have no sleeves need to have a substantial shoulder; a hand-width is a good measure. Students are not allowed to wear clothing that advertises alcohol, tobacco, drugs or has a sexual reference that is offensive in any way. Students will be asked to either change into something more suitable or to call a parent to bring a change of clothes.

Student Accident Insurance

Rainy River District School Board has purchased accident insurance for all full-time students. This insurance covers all school sanctioned events.

This insurance covers the requirement under the Field Trip Policy for student accident insurance and is effective September 1, 2017 to August 31, 2018 for all school-sanctioned activities. The information is posted on the Board's website under Parents, with a link to the insurance company on How To Make A Claim.

School/Home Communication

We believe that communication between home and school is critical to children's success. Phone calls, notes, school work samples, school website (<http://riv.rrdsb.com>), Seesaw, report cards, meetings and newsletters are important tools to help you understand your children's education.

The school newsletter will be sent home at the beginning of each month with the youngest student in your household. Watch for your copy - please check your child's backpack. It will also be posted on our website: (<http://jws.rrdsb.com>)

Open House, Barbeque & Book Fair

You are invited to join us

Tuesday, September 19th

4:30—6:30 pm

Riverview School

Come meet the staff, enjoy a great meal and browse the huge selection of books and novelties

September 2017 Riverview School Newsletter Draw

My/our child(ren) (please list childrens' names)

_____, _____, _____, brought home this newsletter.

1. How many days of school did Riverview students miss last year? _____
2. What is the HERE attendance goal for Riverview School for this year? _____
3. What is the date for the Open House, Book Fair and Barbeque? _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Please cut off the bottom and return to the office by Friday, September 8th to be eligible for the draw.

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